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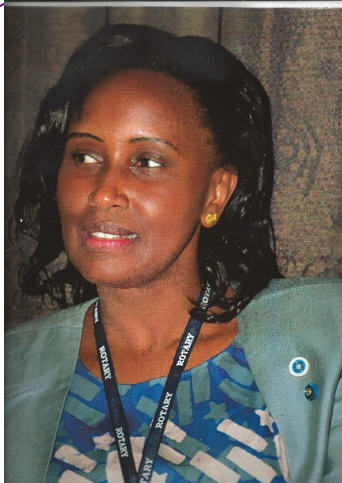
RAINBOW NEWS

"Reach within to embrace humanity"



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President's Desk!



President Sally Gitoho

Greetings,

It has been a lovely two weeks with the successful conclusion of our Rotary Youth for Peace tournament on Sunday 12th February 2012.

The energy and team spirit displayed by the youth at Jericho was admirable and we should use such opportunities to promote peace. The sun was scorching but the turnout soothing to the eye and spirit. The tournament, one of our two World Understanding and Peace month activities was a resounding success. The other activity will be our lunch with the diplomats to be celebrated on 1st March 2012. Both events are focused on the message of peace promotion and celebration.

We celebrated Valentine's Day in style at Furasato Hotel with pomp and an amazing turnout. President Elect Ann Vanlauwe steered the meeting with a spirit befitting of such an occasion and our cake Divas Renate Lotay and Mary Coulson signed off the day with a delicious cake.

Our speakers for the fortnight Dr. Riria on 16th and David Muturi on 23rd were both crowd pullers and delivered their topics with amazing mastery.

Such is Rotary we blend the hard and soft issues and it is fun!



Rotarian Barbara Magoha, flanked by Barack and PE Ann presents the cheque of Kshs. 25,000 donated by Prof. G. Magoha to the **Youth for Peace Football Tournament** winners.



Dr. Mukesh , Mohammed Rahemtulla and his daughter at the fellowship.



Dr. Riria , Mary, Renate, Ann ,Donna and Marie cut the beautiful Valentines Day cake.

16th February 2012: Dr. Jennifer N. Riria.

Dr. Riria is the Group CEO of Kenya Women Finance Trust and also the current Chair of Microfinance Institutions in Kenya. She is a distinguished Microfinance Banker and Practitioner, Researcher and Gender Specialist.



As an institutional builder who focuses on institutions that empower, positions and advocates for the majority, she has served in many leadership roles for which she has been recognized.

From her diverse experience as an advocate for the majority, Dr. Riria shared her views that the country's future is not so bright especially because today's youth is a lost generation due to engaging in drugs, alcohol and hopelessness resulting from lack of jobs and opportunities.

Her call to institutions like Rotary is that we reach out to the youth by supporting innovation, creativity and mentoring them.

We could not agree more as we have this opportunity to mentor our Rotaractors and they in turn and with out guidance mentor the Interactors.

Her initiatives as a leader and a mentor were recognized when she was presented with the 'Distinguished Pure and Natural Woman Award'- March 2011 for a visionary executive whose mentorship has inspired women, her excellent contribution in Kenya, her natural grace and commitment to her life's work; being a pure role model and source of inspiration to Women all over the world.

ABC OF ROTARY Did you Know?

February is World Understanding Month!

The Rotary Club began World Understanding Month as a way to promote peace and international understanding between cultures and countries. All Rotary clubs thus plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace"

"Fear and Hate Must Go! And they will go when nations have goodwill based on understanding.

The Rotary way works! But Rotary has no patent on it, for it is but the Golden Rule in action. Any person, any nation, can apply it by displacing negative hatred and fear with goodwill based upon understanding. Peace among nations is not impossible of attainment; they can find peace if they will." – the world's first Rotarian, Paul P. Harris, Founder and President Emeritus of Rotary International.

"In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember – that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace."

-RI Website

23rd February 2012: Mr. David Muturi

Mr. Muturi is the Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Institute of Management (KIM). He talked about the Company of the year award (COYA) and the Organizational Performance Index (OPI) the tool used to assess Performance.



He has spearheaded the development of the organizational performance index (OPI) as a business excellence model to promote continuous improvement and competitiveness in organizations. His dream is to see this model being applied across Africa.

According to Mr. Muturi, there is need for competitiveness on a global scale if organizations are to excel and survive in a shrinking global village.

Organizations in Africa can use the OPI tool to realize competitiveness even if they do not participate in the COYA process.

The idea for COYA was inspired by the critical need to celebrate the achievements being made and to enhance organizations' management capabilities and performance excellence - to give them the right tools to win in the tough operating environment.

This was in the spirit of KIM's mission to promote excellence and integrity in management practices, in order to increase local competitiveness and performance in an increasingly global world.

The Company of the Year Awards (COYA) is now judged on the basis of the results generated by organizations that have completed the OPI process.

The key areas for assessment ensure that organizations are defining and executing strategies designed to meet the needs of all stakeholders, based on 7 Global Determinants:

- Leadership Management
- Human Resource Focus
- Customer Orientation and Marketing
- Financial Management
- Information, Innovation and Knowledge Management
- Corporate Citizenship and Environmental Focus
- Productivity and Quality

Rotarians who have been away;

We are happy to welcome back Rotarians Krishnan Anantha, Kanu Devani Ramji, Salim Fazal, Michael Burton and Joan Sikand. We are also happy to host Gavin McEwen, formerly of Rotary Club of Nairobi.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We celebrate the work being done by Rotary doctors from Sweden; always a pleasure and honour to host them at our lunch fellowships.

Rotarian Michael from RC Lindau will be participating in our Eye camp in Kisii in March this year.



Michael RC Lindau, Bjorn Aberg Rotary Doctors,

Announcements

The 87th District Conference and Assembly will be held in Nairobi between 19th to 21st April 2012 at the KICC. Have you registered?

Register today at \$130; forms available online and at the desk every Thursday.



We meet every Thursday 12.30 to 2.00pm at the Laico Regency Hotel.

The Rainbow News team appreciates your feedback and kind compliments.

We thank you for visiting us :

16th February 2012

Joyce Waiyaki- RC Nairobi North
Gavin McEwen-RC Aberdeen
Narqis Manji-Salon Naaxcisse
Jennifer Kinyoe-Clarkson Notbutt
Blessing Edokpolo
Christian Ramamonjirisoa-AAIS UK
Nashipae O. Mohamed-APA
Harriet Munch-Katharina Hillar
Sennane Riungu-Education USA
Donna Danahoo

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Leandro Agosta-RC Lang'ata
Michael Thiul-RC Lindau
Stale Berdal-RC Norway
Joyce Waiyaki- RC N. North
Justus Marete-Bethany Kids
Edwin Gichangi-KIM
Alfred Fernandes-KIM
John Masaba-ABC Bank
Michael Kiragu-Business person
Bjorn Aberg-Rotary Doctors
Anne Brit Berolal-Rotary Doctors
Hanne Berdal-Rotary Doctors
Jessica Mutegi-UNDP