



# RCN BULLETIN

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## Jikos Project

# Rotary helps Schools buy Environment Friendly Jikos!



*A Lady cooks with a Rocket jiko at her home, which is fuel efficient. Though different from above, RCN is helping different schools in Kenya to buy energy saving jikos for their use.*

Rotary Club of Nairobi is helping to provide 4 Energy Saving Jikos with capacity of 300 litre each with stainless steel cooking pots to different schools in Kenya. Each of this Jikos has a warranty of 3years. Some of the beneficiaries schools are:

- Dr. Livingstone Sec. School with 680 students
- Dr. Kraft Sec. School with 665 students
- St Patrick Sec School with 405 students
- Mathare North School with 1,532 students
- North Highridge School with 345 students

**Total no. of students 3,627**

### IS THIS A GOOD PROJECT?

It is now a known fact that children go to school if they know there is something to eat.

All these schools are unable to cook on a regular basis in spite of the fact that

they are provided with food by Feed the Children Programme and children miss a lot of school days. It is a big challenge to cook on three stone jikos for hundreds of children on a daily basis.

Their budget for firewood is between Kshs. 15,000 -18,000 per month which they are unable to meet. Where we have provided the jiko, their firewood expenses are reduced to Kshs. 4,000 per month. So there is positive impact on environment and reduces tree cutting.

- Other benefits are cooking in smoke free kitchens.
- All these schools are provided with food by Feed the Children but are unable to cook efficiently and cannot afford firewood. But this jikos are easy to execute and benefits are immediate.
- We will get 5 jikos for a price of 4. Each of these Jikos cost Shs. 100,000 making the total expense at Kshs. 400,000.

## Rotary Month

December 2008 -  
Rotary "Foundation"  
Month.

## RCN Website

We are on the Web:  
[www.rotarynairobi.org](http://www.rotarynairobi.org)  
[www.rotary9200.org](http://www.rotary9200.org)

## Attendance Update

**M = Thursday Fellowships**

Nov. 13th '08 62%

Nov. 20th '08 53%

Nov. 27th '08 57%

Dec. 4th '08 73%

Dec. 11th '08

Dec. 18th '08

## Next Meetings...

**Thursday,  
Dec 11th, 18th 2008  
@ 12.30p.m.**

**Club Meeting Venue:  
Laico Regency**

**All are Welcome.**



*A lady carries water, which she has to do several times a day from a river several kilometers away. Rotary is helping by building water tanks, which eliminate the need for such long and hard treks.*



**ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI**

Founded Sept. 11, 1930  
Club No. 17261  
P.O. Box 41181-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya

**Our Vision:**

To remain the leading Rotary Club in Kenya and beyond, where dynamic members enjoy bringing great benefit to their community.

**Our Mission:**

To implement high impact service projects in education, in health, with youth and elsewhere, while members enjoy each others' fellowship.

**Our values:**

- Commitment
- Care
- Humility
- Friendliness
- Trustworthiness
- Responsiveness

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**Guests of Rotarians, 13th Nov 2008**

Rtn. Romy Madan's guest were our guest speaker Mr. Andre Simone and Mr. Ewart Salins from Kestrel Capital, Rtn. Iyadi Omurembe's guest was Mr. Gilbert Miya from Solvo Chem (K) Ltd and PDG Mohamed Abdullah's guest were Mr. Henry Migoya from RCC Mathare and Mr. Satoshi from Japan NRD University.



*President Ashok Shah*

**Rotarians Welcome Back**

Rtn. Kauli Mwembe, Rtn. Dan Poenaru, Rtn. Halima Shaiyah, Rtn. Freeman Constance, Rtn. Carmello Cocuzza and Rtn. Dorcas Otieno.

Rtn. Praful Lakhani was the Sergeant at Arms and raised Kshs 6500/-

**Guests of Rotarians - Nov. 27th. 2008**

Rtn's Kimberly McKinney and Sylvia Michler from RC N.B Sunrise New Port

Beach California.

**Rotarians welcomed back**

Rtn. Krishnan Anantha, Rtn. Rita Rogers and Rtn. Constance Freeman.

Rtn. Sylvia Mwachuli was the Sergeant at Arms and raised Kshs 3100/-

**'Partnerships for a HIV-Free Generation'**



**R**otarian Marion Bunch (left) accompanied by President Ashok, is the Founder and CEO of the Rotarians for Fighting AIDS Action Group. She spoke on the launch of the 'Partnerships for an HIV-Free Generation'. This a Partner between Rotary and various organisations, which are raising funds to battle the AIDS scourge, which has ravaged many communities around Kenya and indeed the world. Rtn. Bunch has the hope that AIDS will one day be wiped out, thanks to such partnerships. She stressed the need for proper education among Women and the youth so that they make the right choices as far as HIV & AIDS is concerned. Too many people are getting infected with HIV due to sheer ignorance. To this end, we should all join in and help attain this noble goals of wiping out AIDS.

**“We want the youth to be more proactive on issues affecting them.” - Ababu**



*Hon. Ababu Namwamba, the Member of Parliament for Budalangi Constituency, receives a gift from Pres. Ashok. Hon Namwamba spoke to RCN members on a number of issues touching on the current political state of affairs in our country. He talked about how the current Government came into being, the vision he has for youth and his constituents. We wish the Hon. Member of Parliament all the best and hope he may assist Kenya to be a better place to live in.*

*For Your  
Diary...*

**Thursday, 11 December 2008**

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, 11th December 2008, where we will elect the 2010-11 Rotary Club of Nairobi President and Club Officials.

**Thursday, 18 December 2008**

The 2008 fellowships climax on Thursday, 18th December 2008 with Ms. Megan McDonald at the rostrum. Megan is from the USA and is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar currently undertaking her Masters Degree in Development Studies at the University of Nairobi. She will speak on her experiences.

**Thursday, 8 January 2008**

We recommence on Thursday, 8th January 2009 and the speaker's details will be sent soon.

*Yours in Service,*

*Atia Yahya  
Programme Officer*

## Message from the District Governor - 2009 District Conference and Assembly

Greetings to you in Rotary!

I am glad to note that I am nearing the completion of my official visits to the Clubs. During the visits all Club members have promised me that they will attend the 84th District Conference & Assembly in large numbers, going by the 4 Way Test.

It is my pleasure to officially announce that the venue of the 84th District Conference & Assembly has been changed from the Kenyatta International

Conference Center (KICC) to the ultra modern facilities of the United Nations Complex in Nairobi.

Please note that all the registration fees will remain unaffected. The District Conference Committee has stepped up the gear in the preparations. In due course you will be receiving finer details and related announcements on the Conference from the Conference Chairman James Gachui and his Committee.

I would like to remind all Rotarians

and Guests to take advantage of the early registration deadline to register before 31st December 2008 to enjoy the discounted rates. I look forward to hosting you all to a memorable District Conference and Assembly from 13th to 16th May 2009.

Best regards and God Bless,

DG Kaushik Manek

# Say it with Pictures!



Rtn. Kimberly McKinney of RC Sunrise New Port beach, California exchanges banners with Rtn. Ashok as Rtn Kamal looks on.



President Ashok chats with invited guests at our weekly lunch fellowship.



Rtn. Waiyaki in deep conversation with Rtn. Konchella and Rtn. Mwangi upon arrival for the fellowship meeting.



Rotarians and guests listen to Rtn. Bunch as she explains what Partnerships for HIV-Free Generation, is all about.

*All Rotarians are invited for the annual Rotary Christmas party to be held at our usual lunch meeting on Thursday 18th Dec. 2008. The party is intended to continue into the late afternoon, so please start looking for good excuses to your superiors as to why you can't go back to the office!!!!. Let's all attend and make it a Merry good time!  
All are welcome.*

Enjoy Early Booking Discounts  
**Register Now!**

"I personally invite all Rotarians to attend the 84th Rotary District 9200 Conference & Assembly on May 13-16, 2009 at the UN Conference Centre Gigiri, Nairobi"

- DG Kaushik Manek

A portrait of a man in a dark suit and glasses (DG Kaushik Manek) is shown next to the Rotary District 9200 logo. The logo features a gear with a wheel in the center, surrounded by flags of various countries, and the text "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" and "DISTRICT 9200".