

Monthly Newsletter - January 2023

# Spreading Christmas Cheer the Rotary Way

What other better way to end 2022 than spending a weekend doing some good in Kirinyaga? See what Rotarians were up to.

Happy reading! PR Team



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# St. Mary's Home for the Aged Visit

On 10th – 12th December 2022, the Rotary clubs of Karen, Karengata and Kirinyaga joined hands in celebrating Christmas in Kirinyaga.

The eventful weekend kicked off with a visit to St. Mary's Home for the Aged in Kirinyaga – a home for abandoned, elderly and incapacitated women. The home was founded in 1974 by Father James Chiomio as a response to the needs of blind, deaf and aged women in the community. Realising that many women in the area were neglected by their families, wandering the streets or abandoned in hospitals, Father James was prompted to start a place where the needs of these women could be catered for.



The home currently has 40 women who are provided with food, clothing, medical attention and companionship amongst their peers. It is worth noting that most of the women hosted at this home have intellectual and physical challenges.

It was a humbling experience for Rotarians to have lunch, dance, laugh and share gifts with the elderly women. We donated blankets, foodstuffs and a shaving machine. But the highlight of the visit has to be how Rotarians from Karen, Karengata and Kirinyaga came together to bid for a Kiondo hand-crafted by 84-year-old Salome Muthoni and raised KES 15,570 to buy a kitchen table.





Sister Roselyn who is part of the team that manages the home had this to say, "Visiting every year is helpful. Sharing a meal with them and listening to them cheers them up and improves the family atmosphere here."













Kudos to the Rotary Club of Kirinyaga who have been supporting the home for over 8 years, truly inspiring!

# The Afterparty...

The Rotary Club of Kirinyaga played a good host and indulged us in an evening hangout of fun and games for what was slotted as the weekend social.

# The Christmas Party...

PDG Harry Mugo and his family hosted us at their Kirinyaga residence for a Christmas party. With over 50 people in attendance from the RC Karen, RC Karengata, RC Kirinyaga, RC Karatina and RC Muthaura, we were able to close up the year on a high note with a lot of merrymaking and deliberation on how the year 2022 had been at Rotary. More friendship exchanges between clubs were encouraged with everyone's efforts for partnerships being lauded.

























## Fashion on the Road Initiative

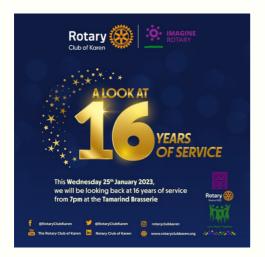
We all have clothes that we don't wear anymore but still hold onto them because we are either sentimental or just not sure what to do with them. Carole Kinoti, a leading creator of unique made-in-Kenya pieces invited us to partner with them in their Fashion on the Road initiative where we supported them in collecting donations of clothes and fabric for the less fortunate at Tamarind Brasserie.





# A Highlight of January's Fellowships

#### We turned 17 years!



The last week of January is always a special one, and it was no different this year. We celebrated the club's 16th anniversary on 30th January and spent time looking back at the incredible years of service that we've had.

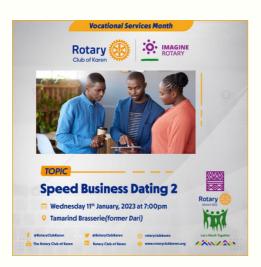
What has been your highlight as a Rotarian?

#### Q & A Session



The 18th January fellowship was dedicated to engaging and responding to members' questions about the Rotary Club of Karen. This was a great way of providing clarity and addressing concerns.

### **Business Speed Dating 2**



We are passionate about building an interconnected community that can help each other grow professionally. If you missed this month's business speed dating be sure to catch the next one.

## **Quick Updates for You**

#### Family of Rotary Fun Day - 4th February 2023

Join us at the upcoming family fun day happening on 4th February at the Nairobi Academy.



#### DCA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 11th - 14th May

2023 is fast approaching and we'd like you to accompany us to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the upcoming 98th District Conference Assembly 2023 happening from 11 – 14th May 2023. <u>Click here</u> for more details.



# **December & January Babies**

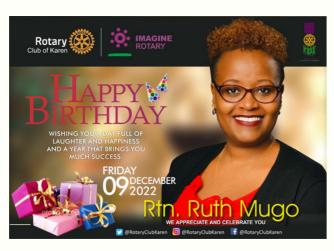
A big happy birthday wish goes out to all our December & January babies. We hope all your birthday wishes come true!

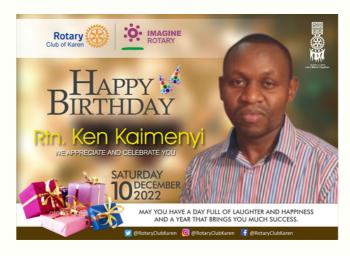












Happy birthday to you too Rtn. Evelyne Wangui (21st January) and Rtn. Moses Kemibaro (3rd January)!

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