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NEWSLETTER



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# Happy New Year 2021!



TOGETHER, WE

## GROW ROTARY



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See details in this issue on how to become a member



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## JANUARY 2021 Announcements

**12th JANUARY 2021**  
WELCOME BACK FELLOWSHIP

**15th JANUARY 2021**  
WASH KITCHEN HANDOVER  
G.K. Prison's Primary School

**20th JANUARY 2021**  
CLUB SOCIAL  
Joint with RC Athi River IF

**30th JANUARY 2021**  
MEET & GREET  
(with RC Athi River-IF)  
Portland Sports Club

### How to contact us

The Rotary Club of Kitengela meets  
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## Happy New Year!

### Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Here at RC Kitengela, we are hopeful and optimistic about the opportunities that 2021 will present. After the challenging year 2020, we will strive to have an unlimited year of restoration. January happens to be the Rotary Vocational Services month, which is opportune as it is a reminder of why we joined Rotary; to use our professions, expertise and passions to serve community.

We will hit the ground rolling by launching another of our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects next week; a project we have been working on since October. We also look forward to continuing our Education programme by paying school fees for an underprivileged student.

This year we plan to also continue growing Rotary by attracting new members as well as chartering a new club; The Rotary Club of Athi River. As Past RI President Gary CK Huang aptly put it, "...it's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help." Last year, we chartered the youthful Rotaract club of Athi River who are already impacting their community through acts of service.

We are also excited about the District Conference and Assembly (DCA) that will take place from the 8-10 April in Nanyuki, Kenya. Already a quarter of our members have registered to attend and we are eager to meet other Rotarians from our District and exchange notes. Hot on the heels of the DCA will be the annual RI Convention in June that will be held in Taipei Taiwan and we hope to have representatives from our club attend as well.

Having done our elections in November, we are additionally looking forward to training our incoming team for a seamless transition of leadership in July.

We are happy to get back to the work of serving the community after the festive holidays. Our planned projects this year include Education, WASH, Menstrual Hygiene and Economic Empowerment.

Wishing you all a Happy and Service Filled New Year!

*Dr. Patrizia  
Njiru Njiru*

(PhD, MBA, MSc.BSc)  
RCK President 2020/2021



# RCK set to Charter New Rotary Club in Athi River

Rotary exists to enable volunteers to use their expertise to make a difference in their communities. The more Rotarians there are in the world, the more impact of this difference. The Rotary Club of Kitengela has therefore embarked on sponsoring a new club; the Rotary Club of Athi River (In-Formation). This comes a few months after the club chartered the Rotaract Club of Athi River for the youth in October last year.

## Interested in Becoming a Charter (Founding) member of the Rotary Club of Athi River?

- Are you a professional living or working in or around Athi River?
- 30 years old and above?
- Have a passion for serving community
- Committed to attend at least 60% of weekly club meetings
- Willing to pay annual club dues?

Then join the club meeting on Wednesday 6th January 2021 from 7:30-8:30pm online via Zoom Meeting ID: **859 9840 5840**  
Passcode: **361832**

for further details.

You can also contact Rotary Club of Athi River (IF) on:

- Email: [rcathiriver@gmail.com](mailto:rcathiriver@gmail.com)
- Telephone: **Club advisor 0727556056**
- Facebook: [rotaryclubofathiriverIF](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofathiriverIF)
- Instagram: [rotaryclubofathiriverIF](https://www.instagram.com/rotaryclubofathiriverIF)

The calendar lists the following events:

Date	Event	Time	Details
06 JAN	CLUB MEETING	Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	Chartering the Rotary Club of Athi River goes into high gear! (Online Meeting)
13 JAN	CLUB MEETING	Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	Benefits of Rotary - WIRFM (Online Meeting)
20 JAN	JOINT FELLOWSHIP	Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	Joint Fellowship with mother club: Rotary Club of Kitengela (Online Meeting)
30 JAN	MEET & GREET	Saturday: 12pm	Venue: Portland Sports Club, Athi River. (Physical Meeting)

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# 7 REASONS OUR END YEAR PARTY ROCKED!

By Rtn Caroline Njiru

On the 5th of December 2020, the Rotary Clubs of Kitengela (RCK) and Nairobi Industrial Area (RCNIA) chose to end what many may describe as a dreary year with an end year party. With laughs, good cheer and even better 'mbuzi', the Rotarians decked out in their cowboy regalia at the Fred's Ranch in Isinya for a day of socializing as they reflected on their clubs service projects throughout the year.



Here are 7 reasons our party was one for the books!

## 1. JOINT PARTY:

This was a joint party co-hosted by the Rotary Club of Kitengela (RCK) and the Rotary Club of Nairobi Industrial Area (RCNIA) so it was double the fun! Also in attendance were the Rotary Club of Nairobi North as well as Rotaract Club of Athi River and Rotaract Club of Kitengela. RCNIA President Faith Njoroge expressed her club's pleasure in the two clubs collaboration in the true spirit of Rotary.

## 2. Wild Wild West

It was an all cowboy affair! The Rotarians came decked out in their cowboy hats, checked shirts and boots to match. This was in line with the day's theme; Wild Wild West and the dusty Kitengela plains was the perfect backdrop!

## 3. DANCE:

The Rotarians had spent the last couple of months busy with community service projects and so this was the perfect opportunity to let loose and 'break a leg'. And dance they did!

## 4. FOOD

Yum, yum, yum...the barbeque was not only tantalizing and sumptuous but also in plenty! 'Nyama choma', 'Dry Fry', 'Matumbo', 'Soup ya Kichwa', 'Ugali', 'Viazi', African vegetables...need I say more?

## 5. GRATITUDE:

Being a volunteer is not for the faint of heart and RCK Club President Dr. Patrisio Njeru took the opportunity to thank the members for their cooperation and team work in serving the community this far. 'Santa' Patrisio dished out chocolates to all Rotarians and Rotaractors present before gifting members who had got above expectation to give service above self.

## 6. PHFs Awarded:

RCK had 9 members awarded with the Paul Harris Fellow distinction. This was no mean feat for the young club, which had not produced any PHF fellows before. IPP Rogers Obare was at hand to pin the new Paul Harris Fellows. Obare praised the clubs efforts and educated members of ways that they can continue to support the Rotary Foundation.

## 7. ROTARY SPIRIT

Throughout it all, the Rotarians and friends were all keen to continue giving back to change the world. Discussions were rife on how to grow Rotary and create sustainable solutions.



# RCK-Kitengela to handover new kitchen to ECD

*This month, the Rotary Club of Kitengela will be handing over a new kitchen to the G.K Prison's Early Children Development section as part of its Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme. The new kitchen whose construction works begun in October last year, will be replacing a dilapidated one and helping to improve on sanitations standards and subsequently prevention of disease.*



## We look at the club's WASH programmes so far:

- 24 Handwash stations at Noonkopir Primary School.
- Education and awareness on WASH
- Connection of water from high school to primary
- 6 Hand wash stations at Noonkopir ECD school
- 28 Handwash stations at Prison's Primary School
- 2 Water storage tanks at Prison's Primary and ECDE
- Celebration of handwash day;toiletries distribution
- New toilet block for girls at Noonkopir Primary.
- Renovation of boys toilet block at Noonkopir Primary
- Installation of water tank at Noonkopir Primary



Rotary Club of Kitengela has applied for Rotary WASH Star I Certification and will be handing over the new kitchen to the school on **January 15th 2021.**

**HAPPY**  
*Birthdays*  
**January Babies!**



**Paul Sillu:**  
11<sup>th</sup> January



**Kevin Onyango:**  
20<sup>th</sup> January



**Amos Mutunga:**  
30<sup>th</sup> January



**Shadrack Kirui**  
9<sup>th</sup> January



*Coffee*  
Break



The Rotary Club of Kitengela wishes all Rotary members and friends of Rotary a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Spread the love this year by donating your time, expertise and resources to help those in need around you. Join Rotary and make a difference!

Interested in becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Kitengela? Please send us an email on [rckitengela@gmail.com](mailto:rckitengela@gmail.com) or contact our Membership director on **0727556056** for further details.



# Member Appreciation



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DONOR RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Paul Harris Fellows



**Dr. Patrisio Njeru**



**Timothy Kitenge**



**Eng. James Wakaba**



**Bernard Njiru**



**Anastasia Kamande**



**Daniel Musili**



**Daniel Wanjuki**



**Patrick Wanjohi**



**Hon. Daniel Kanchori**

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# 5 Reasons why **you** should attend the **DCA**

By Rtn. Caroline Njiru



The District Conference and Assembly is an annual gathering of Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends from a Rotary district. District 9212 which constitutes all Rotary clubs in Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea and South Sudan will be holding its 96th DCA at the Fairmount Mt. Kenya Safari Club in Nanyuki from 8-10th April 2021.

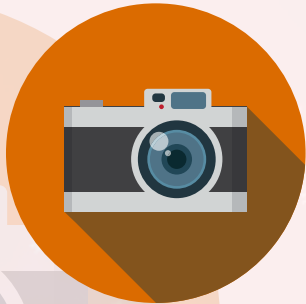
## Here are 5 reasons why you shouldn't miss this spectacular event

- 1. Amazing Speakers:** The DCA is renowned for amazing and world-class speakers and this one will be no different. Come hear from and get to meet motivational and remarkable top-notch leaders and trail blazers.
- 2. Out of Africa Experience Beyond Imagination:** The DCA promises spectacular fun events over the course of the 3 days assembly. There will be themed activities and evening events including an outdoor dinner in the wild!
- 3. Nanyuki:** This year the DCA will be held at the serene Fairmount Mt. Kenya Safari Club in Nanyuki, Kenya. Nanyuki town, located in Laikipia County is prominent as the gateway to Mt. Kenya and presents captivating nature parks, wildlife, safari drives, scenic landmarks including the equator marker.
- 4. Road Trip!** Who doesn't love a good road trip with friends? This will be an opportunity to take a break from the first quarter work schedules and have some fun! Did you know that the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) now has a service to Nanyuki?
- 5. Networking:** Make new friends! This will be a good opportunity to grow your social and professional networks as you mingle with leaders and specialists from across a wide array of professional spheres.



To register for the DCA please visit  
<https://dca2021.rotary9212.org>

# Pictorial



# 2020/2021 Annual Calendar

## JULY 2020

- 4th - Covid Response Food Drive
- 9th - Membership Recruitment Talk
- 15th - Covid Response Hospital PPEs donation
- 21st - Zumba Night
- 28th - Boy Child Talk - How to Raise the Boy Child
- 31st - Newsletter Launch



## AUGUST 2020: MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

- 1st - Rotaract Athi River In-Formation Meet & Greet
- 8th - Fundraiser Hike
- 15th - Club Social
- 29th - Children's Home Visit



## SEPTEMBER 2020: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

- 1st - Club assembly
- 4th - Kyatune water project site visit
- 8th - Parenting during COVID times by George Ikua
- 14th - District Governor's official visit
- 15th - Polycarp Igathe: Corporate Politics- Joint fellowship hosted by RC Ongata Rongai
- 19th - Tree Planting (with RAC Athi River and RAC Kitengela)
- 22nd - Why I joined Rotary by Senator Mutula Kilonzo Jnr
- 29th - Quiz Night



## OCTOBER 2020: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

- 3rd - Mbuzi Fundraiser
- 6th - Investment options 101; Speaker Mbithe Muema
- 7th - WASH Project commences
- 10th - Rotaract Club of Athi River Charter Party
- 13th - Creating Your Personal Brand: Speaker Dr. Wale Akiyemi ( Joint fellowship)
- 27th - Club Social



## NOVEMBER 2020: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- 3rd - Rotary Foundation: PDG Peter Mbui
- 10th - Club Fellowship
- 17th - Reopening of Schools During Covid- Speaker Mutheu Kasanga
- 24th - End of Year Report & Elections



## DECEMBER 2020: DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

- 5th: End Year Party- Fred's Ranch (Theme: Wild Wild West; Cowboy/girl)



## JANUARY 2021: VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

- TBC, Education project
- 12th Welcome back Club fellowship
- 15th WASH Kitchen Handover- GK Prisons's ECD School
- 20th Joint Club Fellowship with RC Athi River In-Formation
- 30th Meet & Greet with RC Athi River In- Formation

## FEBRUARY 2021: PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

- 2nd - Club Assembly
- 9th - Club Meeting
- 16th - Club Social
- 26th - Menstrual Hygiene Donation

## MARCH 2021: WATER & SANITATION MONTH

- 7th March, Rotary Club of Athi River Charter Party

## APRIL 2021: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

- 8th -10th - DCA Convention & Road Trip ( Mount Kenya Safari Club, Nanyuki)

## MAY 2021: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

- New Board Meetings

## JUNE 2021: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- 12-16th - RI Convention Taiwan

