

Eastern Africa Projects Fair 2019

Countries Unite For The Same Cause

Kenya-Uganda-Tanzania-Eritrea-Ethiopia-South Sudan

Pride – Inn Paradise Hotel, Shanzu, Mombasa

April 30th – May 4th, 2019

A Project Fair

“The main objective of a project fair is to promote global peace and understanding through friendships, and to use the friendships to collaborate on projects that impact local communities in the region. The Eastern Africa Projects Fair is one of ten similar events taking place in different parts of the world. Approved by Rotary International’s ROTA (Reach Out to Africa) initiative, this will be the second edition. This year, the 2nd East Africa Project fair was held in the city of Mombasa, Kenya. In Eastern Africa, there are more than 7,000 Rotarians in and around 7 countries grouped into 2 districts. The fair hosts at least 40 Rotary clubs and international partners. The Eastern Africa Projects Fair (EAPF) is a 3-day event where Rotary clubs offer humanitarian projects for review and funding. Each Rotary Club occupies a fair booth, decorates it to draw attention to its offering and provides well researched project proposals in line with The Rotary Foundation’s funding requirements. International partners visit the project fair, review, select and withdraw proposals, to provide funding through their clubs and/or districts, either alone or through global grants. The process leads to the development of international partnerships and the implementation of humanitarian projects in Eastern Africa, the establishment of lasting relationships and the promotion of international understanding, goodwill and peace. In addition to this, everyone updates their knowledge of The Rotary Foundation during seminary sessions. Also, there are opportunities for tourism of local landmarks & participation in club service activities. International partners also have the opportunity to actively participate in Rotary Club projects in host communities. What a life changing experience!” *excerpt taken from the East African Project 2019 brochure.*

Eastern Africa Projects Fair 2019, observations

Our experiences at the fair and meeting the people of East Africa are quite memorable. These friendly volunteers are full of enthusiasm and passion for helping their communities. The needs are so great, yet the people are full of optimism and excitement for what they can and will do. Attached is a comprehensive list of all of the projects including supporting materials and contact information.



Other Activities

Arrival in Nairobi



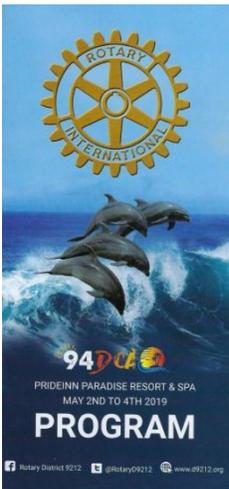
Upon arriving in Nairobi we visited the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage. Such a successful endeavor, baby elephants rescued and nursed and eventually released back to the wild.



Met up with a good friend and dedicated leader in her profession of dentistry, Regina Mutave. Regina was part of the Rotary Vocational Training Team of Kenya Smiles, a global grant 2012-13. Pictured here with Sheila Hurst, leader of the Kenya Smiles project.



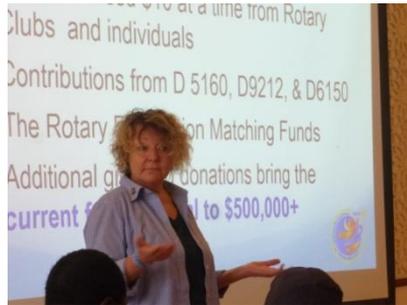
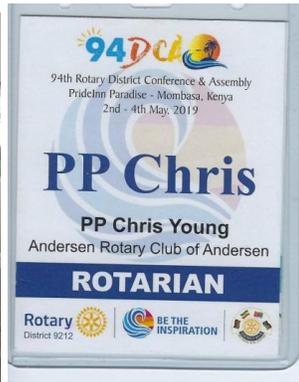
We then took the train to Mombasa. This was a wise decision. We boarded the Madaraka Express with its shiny, bright, clean and safe terminals. For only \$30 US, we traveled to Mombasa by rail and saw the country and were treated to a mini-safari. The Kenyans are very proud of this train and for good reason.



District Conference & Assembly, D9212

The East Africa Projects Fair 2019 was held in conjunction with the D9212 District Conference and Assembly (DCA). We attended both. The DCA included plenary sessions, breakout sessions, delicious meals, awards and celebrations.

As active supporters of HEWRAG, the Health-Education-Wellness Rotarian Action Group, we had an active role in the DCA and were honored that we were invited to present during the plenary session and also host a break out session. Pictured here is Chris Young enjoying an authentic Swahili breakfast and the Swahili women who cooked it. And Sheila Hurst with DG of D9212 Jeff Bamford. Plus, Laura Young, Sheila Hurst and Karl Diekman making presentations at the DC.







BE THE INSPIRATION

Pridelnn Paradise, Mombasa
2nd - 4th May 2019

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 10:30 - 11:15

94TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY - MAY 2ND TO 4TH PRIDEINN MOMBASA

WATER	ENVIRONMENT	POLIO PLUS	HEWRAG	MEMBERSHIP RETENTION & GROWTH
<p>Moderator: PDG Geeta Manek</p> <p>WASH IN SCHOOLS</p> <p>District Rtn Rep: PP Jane Otima or PP Mariam</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S.Sudan Rep</p> <p>UNICEF Rep.</p>	<p>Moderator: DGE Joe Otin</p> <p>ADOPT A RIVER INITIATIVE</p> <p>District Chair Environment- PP Dr Janet Macharia</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S.Sudan Rep</p> <p>UNEP Rep</p>	<p>Moderator: PDG Kaushik Manek</p> <p>OVERVIEW OF POLIO</p> <p>District Polio Chair – PP Dr. Githanga</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S.Sudan Rep</p> <p>HEWRAG Rep.</p>	<p>Moderator: PDG Richard Omwela</p> <p>Early Cancer detection & Prevention</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S.Sudan Rep</p> <p>Sheila Hurst Karl Diekman Benda Kithaka</p>	<p>Moderator: PAG Nabil Adamjee</p> <p>Janet Ngugi Esayas Yeyesuswork</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S. Sudan Rep</p>
<p>THE ROTARY FOUNDATION</p> <p>Moderator: PDG Eric Kimani</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S. Sudan Rep</p>	<p>NEW ROTARIANS & SPOUSE</p> <p>Moderator: DGN Patrick Obath</p> <p>Ethiopia Rep S.Sudan Rep</p>	<p>YOGA</p> <p>Moderator: Country Chair Khilan Shah</p> <p>Healthy lifestyle, physical and emotional well being</p>	<p>MY ROTARY & SOCIAL MEDIA MGT.</p> <p>Moderator: Asst. RPIC: Robert Mills</p> <p>Wanjiku Wairia-Lumula Carole Kimutai</p>	<p>ROTARACTORS CONVERSION</p> <p>Moderator: PP. Ashley Myers</p> <p>David Muiru</p>

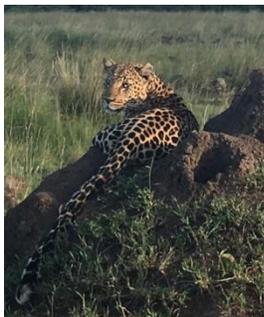
Visit to Kilifi



After the Project Fair and DCA, we took a couple of days to explore Kenya's coast and settled in Kilifi, a town on the Indian Ocean. Here we experienced a few days in the town where we had learned about various Rotary projects in this area. Pictured here is a Kilifi fisherman, returning from fishing at low tide with a spear and snorkel in the Indian Ocean.

Safari

A trip to Kenya would not be complete without going on safari. From Kilifi we left from the Mombasa airport and headed for the Masai Mara. Upon landing on the dirt air strip, we had no idea what kind of adventure was in store for us. And, because of the time of year, there were no crowds and in fact we shared the lodge with only the owner. I (Laura) have been on 4 safaris previously. All were wonderful, but this was like no other. We chose to stay in a Tent Camp, Hammerkop Migration Camp and enjoyed 3 full days of safari, relaxation and getting to know more about this amazing area from the local Masai who know it well.



Attachment

A comprehensive roster of the projects of the Eastern Africa Project Fair, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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