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# Newsletter

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*Unity in diversity, bringing the world together in Kenya.*

## FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The board of directors resolved to revive a newsletter which will enhance cohesiveness of members through sharing of current information and updating members on important emerging issues. This will be a bimonthly issue beginning may and later in July. I am privileged to launch the first edition of the year 2023 and I hope this trend continue in future. I will encourage members to use this newsletter to advertise their business and personal development to enable own and benefit from the club magazine. Basically it will be a digital magazine found in the website and will not be charged. However only members in good standing will be able to access it since it will be prompting the reader to input his membership number to access it. Our clubs dignity will be ex3mplified by our nature, behavior and participation.

If we don't visit the club frequently, how will we know one another. This newsletter will also enhance our professional contributions to benefit all of us and it's a form for fan and enjoyment when you read it. We welcome members to sponsor a column and write continuously for one month on a topical issue in one or two editions. Any news, articles and subject of interest can be forwarded to the [generalmanager@unitedkenyasclub.com](mailto:generalmanager@unitedkenyasclub.com)

## THE UNITED KENYA CLUB CHAIRMAN SPEECH ON THE WELCOMING OF THE NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB ON THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023

To all life members present tonight, to my fellow Directors, to all staff, invited guest, ladies and gentlemen, Good evening.

I take this opportunity to welcome the new members to The United Kenya club. We expected this **Cohort 1/23** to have 16 members but only 13 turned up for balloting and we hope the other three will be joining in the next welcoming ceremony.

I am happy to observe the growth of The United Kenya club not only by numbers but by the quality of members joining the Club. This group of new members is a true reflection of the 1946 group of founders who consisted of engineers, architects, missionaries, politicians, lawyers, accountants and businessmen.

What is a plus in this group is the number of members who have great wealth and knowledge of the contemporary 21st century skills and that is ICT/ DIGITAL skills. I urge you to come together as now one people, united by your membership in the club and create a new family, new orientations and new friends.

I request you to offer your skills and knowledge to the club and participate in the clubs activity to enjoy the networks and the strength of unity in diversity. I am sure you will enjoy this club and kindly read the copies of memorandum and articles of association and rules and by laws given to you and you will be comfortable with your fellow members, Directors and the staff at large. I will be calling you for a dinner (Chairman's Goat) for just your group to further a discussion on the clubs projects which you can sponsor or participate in as I give an opportunity for more interaction with all Board Members.

To the life members being admitted to the life member's bench tonight, **Congratulations!**

Your admission to the group of life members is a demonstration of loyalty and consistence in the club membership. It should be noted for the benefit of other members that becoming a life member is not just by the virtue of being 70 years and above. It's not the amount you pay at 65 years to accelerate your life membership. It is the continuous membership of good standing for 25 years.



This means you have continuously paid your subscriptions without delay, you have actively contributed to the affairs of the club and if you were a director you served to the completion of your duty and term of service. It is honorary to achieve this level and it is a justifiable level with privileges that other members don't enjoy. So I will call upon the life members in the house to take up the collective responsibility of mentorship and guidance for the club to benefit you and realize perpetuation of values and goodwill for The United Kenya club. Don't get tired of doing good to the club and whether in Nairobi, upcountry or abroad, please be our ambassador and remain a member of the club forever.

### **Ladies and gentlemen!**

Allow me to congratulate a honorable old timer at the club Honorable Jimmy Agwenyi for living as an example to the club. Today, you will realize Honorable Agwenyi's son is being welcomed to the club as proposed by the father senior Jimmy Agwenyi. **Honorable Agwenyi**

### **Thank you very much!**

I wish to ask other members to follow the footsteps of Honorable Agwenyi and refer to us their sons and daughters either as full members of the club or as Junior members. This will enable the club to grow and to continue the legacy of networking and developing one self both professionally and socially.

Finally, I wish to give a few highlights to all members on the club progress and activities scheduled;

1. I wish to thank all members who heeded to our call and have paid their annual subscription which deadline was on 31st of March as stipulated in the Memorandum and articles of association. There those who could not pay within the stipulated time because of one reason or the other, The management is still receiving the subscriptions but please remember the **15% penalty** will apply as stipulated in the rules and by laws and memorandum and articles of the club. However, we have agreed with the management that all penalties and minimum spend charges to be applicable at the beginning of July but members paying subscription can willingly pay the penalties accordingly. In case of further information please see the general manager any time during normal working hours or slightly before 7.00pm Daily.
2. As you remember, the AGM passed a few resolutions for implementations. Besides the most agitating resolution of **minimum spend for town members**, The AGM ratified a development fee of Kenya shillings 20, 000. I wish to thank members for their consideration and payment of the same. Those who are considering payment please do so by the end of **JUNE 30th**. Development levy was gym, improving rooms, snooker, coffee and other facilities. The board has considered contributions so far made of about 18% and we have considered working on the gym first where we have considered improving the current facility as we pursue new construction of the complex which will host other facilities. On this development we will share more in the subsequent activity of today's program. Members are reminded to make it their intention to attend the AGMs since this is the apex of governance for the club. This year the AGM will be held in September 2023.
3. On facilities and services, we have so far renovated 19 rooms and we endeavor to continue with monthly renovations for the accommodation facilities as we work on maintenance activities as per the priorities given from time to time. We just completed procurement of restaurant equipments and staff uniforms which will go a long way in improving the image of the club and quality of services respectively. As far as the coffee centre is concerned, we look forward to have the facilities for special coffees by the end of July since we are currently recruiting staff who can operate the coffee and snack counters as we look around for quotations for quality machines preferably from the UK. This is also dependent on the payment of subscriptions and development levies by members. I urge all members to be our ambassadors and marketers of our accommodation and services so that the sales profits can complement our effort to advance club development projects through subscriptions and development levies.

4. On Board of Directors matter, I wish to report to members that we had a lot to chew in the last few days of our season where we have managed to implement most of the 2022 AGM resolutions as we struggled off the challenges of post COVID season. However, we have lately experienced resignations of our audit committee Chairman CPA Makpkha and one Director Mr ..... both from Audit committee due to their busy schedules outside Nairobi. The Board has accepted their resignation and co-opted CPA Nelson Onyango in this committee. CPA nelson has grown in the club and nostalgically accepted his cooption in service to the Directors Board and so far we have immensely benefited to his guidance on various technical issues. Respectively the committee is now under the Chairmanship of Director Tony Waithaka, deputised by Director John Magambo. All other committees have been performing to their optimum and are ready for making the club greater.
5. In order to quicken the above club development matters as well as achieve efficient administrative results, The Board of Directors considered recruitment of a general manager to compliment the effort always made by the Board of directors and to fill the vacuum that has existed for the last 3 years. As the board and with a lot of consultation and benchmarking on the best practice, having a general manager in a club of our stature will help segregation of duties and responsibilities between governance and management. Whereas governance is supposed to oversee management and make decision, it was exhaustively evident that Directors had gone to a point of performing management day to day duties which was a conflict in itself and unsustainable. At this juncture, allow me to introduce our new GM Dr. Nathan Mugambi Mwamba. As per the Chairman's circular dated **13th March 2023**, Dr. Mwamba brings a wealth of experience in management of hospitality outlets and processes. He previously worked with both private and government institutions where our assessment of his capacity to develop institutions to higher performance levels was evidenced by his work at the WAGON HOTEL Eldoret, KYMCA Hostels Nairobi, KICD, Nairobi and KABARAK UNIVERSITY Nakuru . He is known for his transformational leadership and capacity to develop small and microenterprises in hospitality industry to high turnover institutions. Dr Mwamba has attained a Bsc. in HOTEL AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT FROM Maseno University, he is a MBA in strategic Management from the University of Nairobi and Ph.D in STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT from Kabarak University. He is a member with Good standing at the Kenya Institute of Management. He has consulted for Premier Cornerstone Company limited on business process re-engineering and currently consulting with Scott Christian University for establishment of University business enterprises. He is a lover of music in a green environment and he believes that nothing is permanent and one can successfully remove himself or an institution from one state to another with focus, determination and teamwork. Dr Mwamba has great organization skill and we have seen this in his last few days especially in assisting the Chairman in coordinating and having all the committee of the Board where we have successfully managed to have five committee meetings, two full board meetings and today's event before the end of his two months in service and within one and half months. We appreciate support seen from members to our new GM and we urge you to support him more as he helps us to be aligned to our membership principles and manage staff and processes towards higher performance levels now and in future.

**Ladies and gentlemen!** allow me now to present to you our new manager Dr. Nathan Mugambi for his brief speech and to oversee the remaining part of this program. I leave you with the words of the founder of the club Tom Ask with ***“wars have a way of making people aware of injustices, But when these are related to a way of class or race, the results can be explosive”***

Ladies and gentlemen, Goodnight.

**Prof. Julius Mwakodo Mwabora**

## UNITED KENYA CLUB AT 77 YEARS

BY FELIX O. OKATCH, EBS - MEMBER NO. 3060

**Chairman of HR Committee ff Board**



United Kenya Club was started in 1946 that is about 77 (seventy-seven years) ago. The club was started in order to solve a problem of integration of races during colonial period. This was the spirit of freedom after World War II (1930-1945).

In Kenya, the Europeans, Asians and Africans were not integrated. In social set up, there were different social clubs for differences races.

In those days, the Europeans frequented Norfolk, New Stanley hotels, Nairobi and Muthaiga clubs. The Indians had their exclusive clubs at Pangani, Ngara and Parklands. Some of them joined Gym-Khana, Simba and Premier clubs. As for Africans some of them joined Pumwani social club for social activities like dancing, drinking and socializing after work.



By the 1946, when United Kenya Club (UKC), Mr. Tom Askwith was started, the division of the three races; Europeans, Indians and Africans was distinct. The founder of United Kenya Club (UKC) formed the club in order to bring the then parties to socialize jointly, and then now the club, hence the name United Kenya Club. It was destined to unite the three races.

The first meeting of club founders was held on October 29th 1946. The meeting was held at an old wood and iron building along Whitehouse road (now Haile Selassie Avenue) near railway station. The site is currently The Central Bank of Kenya.

Later on the founders sought contributions for construction of the Club. Ministry of Lands and Mines as the first contributor provided a plot of land along Hospital Hill (now state house road). Second contributor was the colonial government who provided funding of up to £1,100 in 1952.

Third was the Rockefeller Foundation who contributed £1,000. Fourth, other companies including Unga Limited, Esmail Nathoo Trust Limited and Dawood and Company made more donations which brought corporate donations to £376.

Fifth, contributors were the Europeans members of the club who donated £1,194.

The sixth were Asians who gave £2,050 and seventh, the Africans who were less endowed economically and contributed £20.

For further progression of the club and development, Sir Derek Erskine, who later became the fifth chairman of the club, helped the club to facilitate a loan of £6,000 from Barclays Bank. Architect George Vamos a club member, designed the new building and construction of the club started in 1952. The rest is history.

Back to original members of the club, the three categories of Europeans, Indians and African who joined the club and made frequent patronage were;

European who joined included Bill Kirkaldy-Lewis, a medical missionary, Charles Mortimer, a minister and civil servant; Ernest Varsey, another prominent government officer, T.C. Colchester and H. Earnshaw, both employees of Nairobi municipal council, Meredyth Hyde-Clarke, another civil servant; P. Philips, a merchant, and Shirley V. Cooke and Geoffrey Northcotte, both politicians.

The first Asians who joined the club were Hassan Nathoo, a dentist and K.V. Adalja, a medical doctor; Sir Eboo Pirbhai, J. Ahmed, R.G. Dattoo and Kiskin Singh Benarwa all businessmen, A.R. Dhanji, an accountant and R.G. Gautama, a lawyer.

As for Africans they were mainly politicians and trade unionists like Tom Mboya. The other Africans were Walter F. Odede, Francis Khamis, Eliud Mathu, Musa Amalemba and E.K. Binns. Another prominent African member was Bethwell Gecaga who was an attorney and a businessman. Government employees of African origin who joined were John Muchura, Muchoki Gikonyo and Dedan Githegi.

The Africans who later became chairman included Bethwell Gechaga (1949-1950), John Muchura (1956-1957), Hon Charles Njonjo (1963-1964) and Hon. Andrew Ligale (1981-1999). Ligale stands out as the longest serving chairman in the history of the club. He served for 18 years. Second was Prof. Sande, who served for 5 years (2000-2005) and third was Dr. John Ondeko who also served for 5 years (2016-2021). As of year 2023, the club has had a total of 26 past chairmen.

By the end of the year 2022, the club has grown to have about 800 members with their spouses and families. Currently the club offers a wide array of utility to member through available facilities. The facilities at the club include hotel rooms, residential apartments, restaurants and bars. The club has a snooker tables and gym for members. Library and laundry services are also available.

For members and guests in the room, they overlook an expansive evergreen field for events and recreation purposes.

The club has over 100 parking spaces for vehicles. In the parking cars are sandwiched between green vegetation and equatorial flowers. These add to the natural ambiance in an urban city of Nairobi. In the event field, one would witness the vehicles on Express Way going to the left direction of Westland. At the club verandah one cannot fail to view the tall and magnificent university of Nairobi Towers.

UKC is a club of choice. It is unity in diversity and brings the world together in Kenya.

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## A DAWN OF AN ERA, FOR THE UNITED KENYA CLUB

By Dr. Nathan, M. Mwamba (Ph.D)

**General Manager, Secretary, Board of Directors.**



I am delighted for the new role, a privilege to serve as the chief editor of The United Kenya Club Newsletter. Imagine this role may seem unimaginable to other, but to me it's a continuation of my duty as a news editor of my Highschool newsletter back in the years at Chogoria Boys High school. I nostalgically remembered this duty when surprisingly I learnt of this role which was not a preview of my appointment letter and in my second day of work while attending the first committee meeting on membership and governance. I will pause to encourage all that we should not despise duties of the old days.

You may be appointed to be that prefect, that captain or that supervisor you probably negated, a local social club chair or a leader of cattle dip back in the village, a director in a super environment like the United Kenya Club; quite often, they develop ones capacity to serve in a position of higher calling. I am sure those chairpersons of many committees of our club were a somebody somewhere in the early years. It was good to learn that the Current President of Kenya was a captain in high school.

Before I get lost in my nostalgic new duty, I wish to welcome you to this First edition of The United Kenya Club Newsletter of the year 2023. I am much aware that the newsletter used to serve as a platform for information sharing, learning and exchange of ideas for members. Revival of this newsletter is a milestone for the current Board and kudos to the Chairman and his team for the deadline you gave the new Broom in the Club which for sure will sweep clean and deliver a quarterly newsletter for the Club. This is the reason the theme of this newsletter is "A new Dawn for the United Kenya Club".

For sure, it's a new dawn because we have just come from a dreadful season of COVID 19. This post COVID era is new in the sense that things have changed from physical to digital, from touching to waving and from handshakes to gestures. The era has left everybody in a rush to catch up with new lifestyle, digital platforms, new behaviours especially in our cultural set ups and new business frameworks.

Globally, there is a new trend cutting across all aspects of living. Economically, members are contending with the new challenges of inflation facing Kenyan citizens.

The Ukraine Russia war is threatening human livelihood. Somehow every continent is having a representation of strive war and insurgence due to economic frustrations. Politically, Kenya has just come from an election whose aftermath seems congested with uncertainties worries and fear. But we are now happy that environmentally, people are embracing the art of planting trees and some good measure of showers even in the ASALS is quite a relieve and a hope giver. Technologically, we are now rushing to catch up with Artificial Intelligent applications, robotics, Block chains, cryptocurrencies and the desire for humankind to explore the universe including the debate about migration of humankind to planet Mars. Spiritually, I will leave you to discover your newness hoping you have not changed your faith to a new perspective. But the shakahola massacre of Kilifi county in Kenya may make you stick to the faith of Ancient times. Here, I will just encourage you to remain focused onto your faith and renew your mind to be just immersed more and more to your faith since you may find peace and hope in what you believe in.

To come closer home, The United Kenya Club spirit is based in its history. Reading a book on the history of the united Kenya club by Professor, Allan M. Winkler, who we had a virtual meeting with on Wednesday 26th April and his wife, I discovered something that we should leverage on to transform our club to a new United Kenya Club. History has it that the United Kenya club was founded on a need for Unity across all Races, Religion, political affiliations, age, gender and tribe.

I find this a new opportunity to grow our club towards this motto of unity, but now focus on the biggest club ever in the world "The United Kenya Club". I therefore wish to call upon all members to bring on board at least one person **from the family, from a different religion, age, race and political affiliation** into the membership of the club.

This means by the end of this year, one member will bring on board five members of a different orientation from self, except, on the issue of the family. Today I will celebrate Honorable Jimmmy Agwenyi for being a true United Kenya Club for ensuring His son CPA Johnstone Agwenyi is Onboard. I celebrate our Second Vice Chairlady Madam Sarah Karingi for being the honorable members who have brought in most of the new Members being welcomed into the club today the 4th May 2023 as cohort UKC1/2023.

*Pick the challenge. I sign off;*

**Dr. Nathan Mugambi Mwamba,**  
**General Manager, United Kenya Club.**  
**Editor UKC - Newsletter**

## **A COHORT OF NEW MEMBERS, A REFLECTION OF OCTOBER 1946 MEMBERSHIP**

As the day of balloting approached, I kept wondering if all would be admitted to the club and why would some fail to. This was my first ever time in an interview panel where persons of higher rankings in the society were to appear in seeking to be admitted in a private members Club. And they appeared one by one where there credential surprised many as they qualified into membership.

First the balloting committee received member number 3312 Mr Challo Kizito Michael, a refined IT guru a business man proposed by Mr Patrick Kigen and seconded by Mr Simon Kingori. Then Dr. Chris, Wamalwa Wakhungu, member number 3316, an academician, a senior government officer and a former politician from the western region of Kenya proposed by Dr. Edward O. Odondo and Dr. Samson Wanjala. Member number 3317 attended the balloting virtually but his proposer Engineer Stanley Barasa and his Seconder Mr. Okoth Khaluoch attended in person, demonstrating the highest level of support and commitment for a new member. We need such commitment by other members of the club.

Dr Doris Nzomo member number 3318 is a refined researcher proposed by Lilian B. Gakunju and seconded by Gladys W. Kanogo. Member number 3319 engineer Harrison Mwangi also appeared virtually and from a very hot zone. He is proposed to the club by Engineer Alexander Mbugua and Architect E.O Abonyo.

Perminus Kariuki one of the key conference and events supporter seconded member number 3321 Mr Alex Wanjohi. Mr Albert Mwongela Musyoki is a retired Banker who joined the club through our Chairman and seconded by Mr Muteti.

Architect Kariuki Kinyua member number 3326 is a well known hospitality investor through Laikiana Resorts and hospitality schools in Naivasha and Nairobi. He is seconded by our Vice Chairman Sarah Karingi and seconded by Karen Makau. Member number 3327 Rahab Gichohi was proposed by Sarah Karingi and seconded by Mr Norbert Musyoki. Reverend Moses K. Mugambi the only reverend in the cohort was proposed by Prof. Julius M. Mwabora and seconded by Mr Dickson Karani.

I will bring to our reader a special group of members who we should highly applaud for their choice to join the club. I will start with my fellow Njuri Ncheke elder Mr Ruteere Maremi member number 3325. Mr Ruteere is a former member of Railways club and has joined the club at a very advanced age to join his former railways club members especially ardent members of snooker and chess groups in our snooker room. He is an experienced retired banker and a well know person in the government networks. He was proposed by Mr. Collins Muturi Mwai and seconded by Mr Daniel Mwangi Kahoro.



Mr Johnstone Agwenyi is a son to our member Honorable Jimmy Agwenyi. He is a banker and looks forward to perpetuate his father's experience and service to the club. He must be having a good reason to follow his father's footsteps in joining membership of the club. He was proposed by Mr Assa Nyakundi and seconded by his father Jimmy Agwenyi.

Mr. Stephen Kilonzo Muli is the youngest member joining from the Catholic community of St Paul's Chapel. He has experienced good members of the club and due to the good rapport and camaraderie effect he observed over time, he did not hesitate joining the club as a member number 3331 as proposed by Dr. Grace N. Kiringa and seconded by Prof. Julius Mwakondo.

I have labeled this group as Cohort 1/2023 since I can see a new group of members forming a family on the basis of their admission period. I propose to them to keep in touch, come up with common projects, sponsor a milestone project for the club and bring a new spirit in the club. In the future I see the groupings coming together to have lunches, evening drinks for a common purpose. Socially they should extend their togetherness in social events not limiting themselves to club house activities but they can play golf together, travel together and have fun together. These formations will reflect the spirit of togetherness seen at the start of the club in 1946 where members of diverse careers and specializations came together to build and to establish structures and systems that we enjoy to date.

**I WISH THEM AN ENJOYABLE CONSTRUCTIVE TIMES IN THE UNITED Kenya club.**



**Member No. 3312**  
**Name:** Mr. Challo Kizito Michael  
**Proposed by:** Patrick Kigen  
**Seconded by:** Mr. Simon Kingori



**Member No. 3316**  
**Name:** Hon. Dr. Wamalwa Wahungu  
**Proposed by:** Dr. Edward O. Odundo  
**Seconded by:** Dr. Samson Wanjala



**Member No. 3317**  
**Name:** Eng. Raphael Ndolo  
**Proposed by:** Eng. Stanley Barasa  
**Seconded by:** Mr. Okoth Khaluoch



**Member No. 3318**  
**Name:** Dr. Dorris Njomo  
**Proposed by:** Lillian B. Gakunju  
**Seconded by:** Gladys W. Kanogo



**Member No. 3319**  
**Name:** Eng. Harrison Mwangi  
**Proposed by:** Eng. Alexander Mbugua  
**Seconded by:** Arch. E. O. Abonyo



**Member No. 3321**  
**Name:** Mr. Alex Wanjohi  
**Proposed by:** Sarah Karingi  
**Seconded by:** Perminus Kariuki



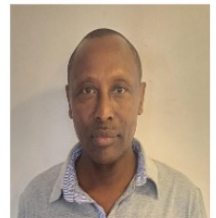
**Member No. 3322**  
**Name:** Mr. Johnstone Angwenyi  
**Proposed by:** Assa Nyakundi  
**Seconded by:** Jimmy Angwenyi



**Member No. 3324**  
**Name:** Mr. Albert Mwangela Musyok  
**Proposed by:** Prof. Julius Mwakondo Mwabora  
**Seconded by:** Dr. Muteti



**Member No. 3325**  
**Name:** Mr. Rutere Maremi  
**Proposed by:** Mr. Collins Muturi Mwai  
**Seconded by:** Daniel Mwangi Kahoro



**Member No. 3326**  
**Name:** Mr. Kariuki Kinyua  
**Proposed by:** Sarah Karingi  
**Seconded by:** Karen Makau



**Member No. 3327**  
**Name:** Rahab Gichohi  
**Proposed by:** Sarah Karingi  
**Seconded by:** Mr. Norbert Musyoki



**Member No. 3331**  
**Name:** Mr. Stephen Kilonzo Muli  
**Proposed by:** Dr. Grace Ndeggi Kiringa  
**Seconded by:** Prof. Julius Mwakondo



**Member No. 3332**  
**Name:** Rev. Moses Karimi Mugambi  
**Proposed by:** Prof. Julius Mwakondo Mwabora  
**Seconded by:** Mr. Dickson G. Karani

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**A place for friends & Professionals**

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## THE ESSENCE OF CLUB COHORTS

Welcome to The United Kenya Club, a place of friends and professionals where unity in diversity is demonstrated in a prestigious dignified manner for all races, religion, political orientations and all humanity from all corners of the world. These are the words well thought and adequate for welcoming new members by management and instilling a sense of curiosity. In addition to this, we have branded the new team of honorable members as UKC 1/23 to identify them as the first Cohort of members into the club in the year 2023.

I know many of the club members have some common identity for the club. Either you joined membership in the same time or you are of the same profession or have similar interest, you form a Cohort. This new Cohort in the club ignited a thought that would enable the club have very vibrant interactive self appointed forums to realise the objective of socializing, networking and professional growth, which is the main reason of joining a private members club. This new cohort of new members can identify their leader and come up with their private club activities like taking lunch in the club together atleast once a week, engaging in social activities together, knowing one another beyond the club, and sponsoring club projects together.

In UKC, You will realize one group of former Chairpersons who faithfully comes together for a drink at least three times in a week.

They will eat together, discuss topical issues together and sponsor club activities either in person or as a group. Am happy to recognize their contributions to the club not only as former chairmen, but as great friends. I recently learnt through one of the members that they have sponsored development of a corner where they mostly sit and branded it a “red corner”. Once they sit, the club enjoys some good income and I am sure they miss one another when a week ends without showing up at the club. In social echelons, one will need to be in a group of persons sharing common attributes, likes and dislikes. In such groups, you will find simplicity in relaxation making life simple after a busy day but as well constructive due to high powered mindset and free engagements.

As the newsletter editor welcomes UKC 1/23 cohort, I implore on them to consider a cohesive way of being in the club and enjoying your entrance fee and subscription by attaching yourself to a group that will have identity, common activity and pursue common interest for both personal and club benefits. I will be talking to different professional groups and the Chairman to have the Cohort 1/23 for a Mbuzi before the end of this month.

**Dr. Natham M. Mugambi**

## A VET AND A LAWYER, FRIENDSHIPS FORGED IN KENYA AT THE UNITED KENYA CLUB



One of the main aspects of a sustainable Club newsletter is sustaining a writers column for at least six months where capable and willing writers sustains a well-researched and reliable column on topical issues on a regular basis. For a start, we will be having a quarterly newsletter where the editor will allow space for members interested to write and sustain writing for at least one year that is precisely 4 articles in a particular issue. The frequency could be reviewed depending on the information available and as per the direction of the Board of Directors.

Our first columnist is Professor and Mrs John Cooper.

The editor met the couple first in March 2023 while visiting the Club from the United Kingdom. The editor came to learn of the couple life membership of the United Kenya Club due to a branded neck tie that Professor John conspicuously displayed on his neck with wonderful logo of the Club. He narrated a lot of history with details of flowers and experiences that made him nostalgic about the Club.

He gladly accepted the editors request to be one of the willing members to write on his experience at the club, his views on Kenya social economic trajectory, Professionalism and advise to members on key issues of importance towards development of self and the club.

I am confident that Prof and Mrs J. Cooper will be informative and enlightening through his articles for this newsletter. The editor and the General manager of the club will definitely benefit a lot in sustaining the newsletter and a lot of business network which the couple has promised to link the Club with.  
Welcome Margaret and John.

### A Vet and a Lawyer, Friendships forged in Kenya at the United Kenya Club.

We are a husband-and-wife team from the United Kingdom.

John trained as a veterinary surgeon and is now a specialist pathologist with particular interests in wildlife and exotic species, tropical diseases and comparative medicine. Margaret is a lawyer who qualified originally as a British solicitor and has made the study of animal and conservation law her special interest.

We have lived and worked in a number of countries.

We first came to East Africa together in 1969, a few months after our marriage. John had previously spent a year (August 1966-September 1967) as a volunteer veterinary officer in Tanzania, on a local salary and issued with a *pikki-pikki* for his work. He was the first veterinary surgeon to serve under the Voluntary Service Overseas (V.S.O.) scheme.

As part of British overseas assistance to a newly independent Kenya, in 1969 John was appointed a VRO (Veterinary Research Officer) at the government veterinary laboratory ("Vet Lab") at Kabete where we had a house that still stands on the campus. In a subsequent article we shall say something about our life then (the early 1970s) and our perspectives on Kenya.

This is the first of a series of short pieces for the UKC (United Kenya Club) website, in which we shall describe Kenya as we knew it in the fifty years ago, briefly recount the changes that we noted when we returned in the early 1980s with our two children - both born in Nairobi - and how, twenty years later, we were introduced to the UKC and became members.

We knew nothing of the UKC when we lived at Kabete from 1969 to 1973 but our personal history and underlying philosophy probably made it inevitable that we would one day be drawn to the club and become members. We were the generation of Brits born at the end of the Second World War who were aware of the Empire but not really part of it.



We knew about the struggle for independence in India and its bloody aftermath and were aware of the negotiations held in Marlborough House, in London (now the headquarters of the Commonwealth), when African and other nations were seeking self-rule or full independence from Britain. One of the first of these was the Gold Coast, which became Ghana in 1957.

As youngsters in the mid-1950s we remembered the sending of British troops to Kenya Colony during the Emergency - The Mau Mau Uprising, the fighting between the Kenya Land and Freedom Army (KLFA) and the British authorities.

We were, however, the new liberal generation who, while not totally critical of colonialism, believed strongly that African nations should rule themselves. As undergraduates at Bristol University, we witnessed the independence of countries such as Uganda 1962, Kenya 1963, Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) 1964 and The Gambia 1965. At universities both African and British students waved flags and commemorative dances and parties were held.

A spirit of optimism was in the air as a new world order began to emerge.

**{To be continued}.**

**John and Margaret Cooper**

**1st May 2023**

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## Notices, Announcements and advertisements for the United Kenya CLUB MEMBERS

This section of the newsletter will be dedicated for all Notices that may be necessary for members of the club. It may be used to give members of the Club to advertise their services but on a prescribed fees. All members are advised to forward important notices to the editor through [manager@unitedkenyaclub.com](mailto:manager@unitedkenyaclub.com)

### 1. Revival of the website and the newsletter

The management has reactivated the United Kenya Club website which will be our main platform of interaction. All members are advised to visit the club's website at least once a week to catch up with the happenings, announcements and necessary notices. Once you are in the website page [www.unitedkenyaclub.com](http://www.unitedkenyaclub.com), get to a menu icon MEMBERS log in your membership number and get to all what is of interest to you. The monthly newsletter will be found there in. The editor who will for now be the GM of the club wishes to invite articles from all members in order to make the newsletter rich in information, fun and features. One can also sponsor a thematic series of articles on a monthly basis.

### 2. SUBSCRIPTION DEADLINES THAT MEMBERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF

Article six of the United Kenya club members prescribes guidelines for fees and levies applicable to members and it states that;

***“Entrance fees, Development levies and annual subscriptions shall be at such rates and payable at such times as the directors shall from time to time prescribe, and until otherwise decided as aforesaid, The same shall become due on the first day of January in respect of the ensuing year. In the case of persons admitted to membership after the 30th day of September in any year, the subscription of that year shall be half of the subscription for a full year. In all other cases, The annual subscription shall be paid in full for the year of admission.”***

Part b of the same reads ***“Revision of rates and subscription fees shall be proposed by the Board of Directors to a General Meeting for which the usual 21 days notice has been given”.***

To implement the article in the memorandum and articles of the association are the by laws. On the same the by laws applicable are found in the United Kenya Club rules and by laws part c, g

***“Annual subscriptions paid by 31st March will not attract penalties. Any payment made after 31st March, and not later than 30th June, will attract a penalty of 15% on the amount outstanding”***

***Further, part c, h “If by 30th June, a member has still not paid subscriptions including the penalty, The member is defaulted and ceases to be a member of the club.”***

***Therefore,***

We wish to notify those members who paid their subscription after March 31st that come 1st June, the system will load to their account KSh 2400 which is equal to 15% of the current subscription fees which is Kenya shillings 16,000 (sixteen thousands).

### 3. Staff member loses a father,

On a very sad note, we condole with the family of James, Mutinda Mutuku our long serving staff at the restaurant for the loss of their father in April. The burial took place on the Friday 28th April 2023 at Kimutwa village, Machakos county. Mr Mutuku can be reached on 0721 405 177.

The late Tony Mutuku was a foods and beverages supervisor in The United Kenya Club between 2004 to 2016. May God Rest His soul in eternal peace. You can reach Mr. James mutuku on 0721405177 to pass a message of condolences in person.

#### **4. Staff Member Weds**

We are pleased to congratulate Mr. Richard Wambua Makato, a UKC staff in-charge of membership, ICT and Marketing whose wedding was solemnized on Saturday 13th May 2023 at St. Jude Satellite Catholic Church. The newly weds Richard and Josephine could be reached on 0711 644 289 to congratulate them.

#### **5. The United Kenya Club Breakfast.**

As you try to beat the morning traffic congestion; if you need an early meeting at the club or you prefer a morning convenience, The United Kenya club breakfast is here ready for you. The club team wishes to open the door for members to consider taking our Buffet Breakfast at the club restaurant between 7:00 am and 9:00 am from Monday to Friday. The breakfast is rich in fruits, beverages, cereals, assorted proteinaceous items and Fresh Juices. For group bookings kindly make your reservations at [reservations@unitedkenyaclub.com](mailto:reservations@unitedkenyaclub.com) or call mobile number **0711239122**.

#### **6. Audit committee cooption;** Following resignation from Directorship of the club by 2 directors, the audit committee has coopted CPA Nelson Onyango to the audit committee. Cpa nelson has been a member of the club since childhood through his parents and has willingly agreed to serve the club through this committee. He brings a wealth of experience in Accounting, auditing and knowledge in system and information applications. We wish to welcome CPA nelson to service of the club. Subsequently the audit committee Chair now is Mr. Tony Waithaka deputized by Dr. John Magambo.

#### **7. Club card system elements to be aware of as a member.**

The club card system commonly known as club master is now fully automated and will only be given two persons to consider human interface with high level authority and rights. To avoid inconveniences, the management wishes to advise members to ensure validity of card on payment of subscriptions and arrears and further ensure your official mobile number is linked and activated to your account. You will only receive SMS alerts when your order is successful. All cards are now configured to a zero negative balance. Kindly ensure a positive balance in your card to enable effective and smooth service. No cash payments will be allowed and all **paybill** payments be clearly marked with your membership number as your account. In case of an error kindly notify the reception through number 0711239122 or the club manager through mobile number 0733137222.

#### **8. MEMBERS VIEWS ON MISSION, VISION AND SLOGAN STATEMENTS FOR THE UNITED KENYA CLUB;** To expand the spirit of involvement in branding The United Kenya Club, management invites members opinion on the following strategic statement which will be occasionally used in branding of the club.

**VISION:** A Prestigious club of Choice Embracing Diversity and Human Dignity.

**MISSION STATEMENT;** To bring together members of different race, gender, social status, religion and political affiliation for a common goal of sharing professional ideas, business networking, socializing and encouraging individual dignity and societal development.

**SLOGAN:** Unity in diversity, bringing the world together in Kenya



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More statements depending on one's experience and knowledge of the united Kenya club can be forwarded for consideration.

**All members of the united Kenya club are encourage to forward all announcements and information that you need to be passed to other members to [manager@unitedkenyaclub.com](mailto:manager@unitedkenyaclub.com)**

## **UKC ACCOMODATION RATES (BED & BREAKFAST)**

<b>MEMBER/GUEST OF A MEMBER</b>		
	<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>DOUBLE</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>
<b>DELUX</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>

<b>NON - MEMBERS</b>		
	<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>DOUBLE</b>
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>4,840.00</b>
<b>DELUX</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>

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