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# **WORD FROM THE EDITOR**



Dr. Nathan, M. Mwamba (Ph.D) General Manager, Secretary, Board of Directors.

The second edition of the United Kenya Club newsletter comes at a time when the Club is increasingly fighting off the challenges brought about by the aftermaths of COVID 19 and boldly facing the emerging economic changes of the new government. The Club is operating in a very dynamic environment like any other business set up in the world today, but the main question is how should we position our Club in order to be the preferred Club of choice in Kenya and the whole globe. Am excited to welcome you to this second edition of the Clubs newsletter which will be informative, entertaining and insightful.

The 2023 cohort continues to grow with twenty-three (23) new members joining the Club. The strategic planning atmosphere is setting in where the steering committee is working hard to deliver a 5-year strategic plan to members in the forthcoming AGM. The staff and Club management continues to work hard towards improved service delivery to members. The Board experienced some changes upon resignation of two directors. These are some of the issues that will be featured in this 2nd edition of The United Kenya Club 2023.

I wish to welcome my new member of the editorial team Mr Liyai who has brought in his prowess in magazines and newsletter management, a very active member of the Club. Mr Liyai has come in in such a time that we need a more regular publications of the newsletter but more so in helping the Club with information management, dispensation and custody. He will also be helpful in library upgrading and digitization. We still have one more slot of a volunteer members who will help management to deliver a world class magazine widely read by members and non-members with appropriate archiving for the future generation. Besides this envisaged team, I wish to welcome all members to contribute your articles by sending them to the manager@unitedkenyaClub.com

Our columnist Prof Cooper (member number 2818) is unwell and nursing his leg upon a successful knee replacement surgery. His column on his story with UKC may resume in the next edition. His wife too underwent a successful cataract removal. We wish Professor and Mrs. John Cooper quick recovery. Mr. Felix O. Okatch, EBS Member number 3060 continues with his column on the Club history but in this edition he brings out the most important and salient role of "The United Kenya Club" to our society during colonial times and its significance in today's world against discrimination. This column is a must read since it compares how other countries slid to the unfortunate apartheid while Kenya remained United and free of apartheid due to The United Kenya Club spirit.

Finally, we have opened an advertising space for The United Kenya Club member's business advertisement in this newsletter. This has been considered since the editor has noted with great concern that Club members have businesses that benefits other people in the community and globally but fellow members are not aware of what other members do. This has diluted the essence of being a Club member and with this move, we will have a good platform of networking and a wonderful moment of telling other members confidently what you do and make it easy to access one another. Am also happy that this move will help in sustaining this newsletter related cost. Our advertising rates will be published in this newsletter subsequent pages.

# **COHORT 2/2023 GROWS WITH 21 MORE MEMBERS**

The balloting committee confirmed 21 new members to the united Kenya Club membership. This now makes the 2023 cohort one of the largest membership groups which is growing at a very high rate. In our last edition, we expounded on the essence of cohort membership and we agreed that this will be the best networking approach of The United Kenya Club members where persons joining the Club in the same year will form a group and will be branded a cohort of that year.

The group will subsequently be left to organize themselves and have a common approach towards community service through the Club. They can change their identity as they chose to and also serve the Club as a group. The management will be taking reference of the group common and diverse interest through their group leader and any opportunity arising from the group will be advantageous to all Club members. Once we form this culture, the groupings will be able to enhance Club programs and management will be able to raise development issues with the group.

The new members are as follows:



Member No: 3127 Name: Mr. Mbogo George Mwangi Proposed by: Dr. Salome N. Chiira Seconded by: Sarah Karingi



Member No: 3202 Name: Mr. Nicholas Obuya K. Oriko Proposed by: Prof. Nicholas Oguge Seconded by: Prof. William 0. Ogara



Member No: 3244 Name: Mr. George Kaburu Proposed by: Mr. Peter M. Karanja Seconded by: Mr. Patrick Kigen



Member No: 3262 Name: Mr. Ayaya Zephania Ashira Proposed by: Mr. Peters O. Awuondo Seconded by: Prof. Julius Mwabora



Member No: 3268 Name: Mr. Echara Mark Okura Proposed by: Mr. Bonaventure A. 0. Seconded by: Mr. Simiyu A. Wasike



Member No: 3214 Name: Mr. Ezekiel Lokara Proposed by: Mr. Perminus W. K. Seconded by: Karen Mueni Makau



Member No: 3303 Name: Prof. Reuben Oyoo Masi Proposed by: Prof. William 0. Ogara Seconded by: Prof. Adrian W. Mukhebi



Member No: 3315 Name: Hon. Silvanus O. Osoro Proposed by: Hon. Jimmy Agwenyi Seconded by: Danstan O. Mogaka



Member No:3333 Name: Dr. Wafula Aggrey Wakhngu Proposed by: Dr.Daniel Munyi Kiura Seconded by: Mr. Were Christopher



Member No: 3335 Name: Vincent Otieno Oluoch Proposed by: Dr. Joseph N. Kosure Seconded by: Julius Erick O. Ogony



Member No: 3336 Name: Mr. Richard L Lesiyampe Proposed by: Dr. Hon. Simeon L. S. Seconded by: Mr. Makanga Ngorongo



Member No: 3339 Name: Prof. Ronald Wasike Wamalwa Proposed by: Prof. Julius M. Mwabora Seconded by: Mr. Dickson G. Karani



Member No: 3340 Name: Dr. John Otieno Abaya Proposed by: Dr. Grace N. Kiringa Seconded by: Ms. Jennifer M. Kilonzo



Member No: 3344 Name: Mrs. Jackline Memusi Proposed by: Noah Onsomu Nyakundi Seconded by: Dr. Moses M. Obimbo



Member No: 3334 Name: Mr Godfrey Akumali Atiel Proposed by: Dr. Daniel M. Kiura Seconded by: Mr Were Christopher



Member No: 3342 Name: Simeon Timothy Kahata Proposed by: Dr. Joseph Nyonje Kosure Seconded by: Dr. Moses M. Obimbo



Member No: 3346 Name: Mr Koroti Mumia Proposed by: Prof Julius M. Mwabora Seconded by: Mr Dickson G. Karani



Member No: 3349 Name: Mr. Kimani Ngwiri Proposed by: Mr Patrick Kigen Seconded by: Mr. Simon Kingori Kuraihu



Member No 3350 Name: Mr. Anthony Kinoti Mugambi Proposed by: Prof. Julius M. Mwabora Seconded by: Prof. Kerubo Leonidah



Member No 3296 Name: Mr Bernard Mkhabela Proposed by: Mr Dickson G. Karani Seconded by: Prof. Julius M. Mwabora

On behalf of the board of directors, the management and staff of the united Kenya Club we wish to welcome all the new members to The United Kenya Club.



# Two directors resign Leading to cooption of CPA Isaac Newton Onyango is member number 2927



Prof. Robert Oboko



CPA Makhoha Wanjala

We wish to bring to the attention of all members that Prof Robert omboko and CPA makhoha wanjala resigned from the directorship of the Club with effect from April 2023. Professor Robert was a member of finance and procurement committee while CPA makhoha Wanjala was the Chair audit and risk committee. Both directors cited emerging personal busy schedules that could not allow them serve the Club effectively. In view of the above, the Board of Directors subsequently coopted CPA Isaac Newton Onyango to the Audit committee.

CPA Isaac has over 24 years' experience in Audit, Advisory and Training work seven of which were obtained at KPMG in Kenya and South Africa. Isaac has also worked as a Senior Manager at Deloitte & Touche, Enterprise Risk Services. His countries of experience include Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, South Africa and

Botswana. Isaac holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science (First Class Honors) and is a CPA(K). He is also a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA – World highest score, 2001) and a former Vice Chairman of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). Isaac is a certified Business Edge



**CPA Isaac Newton Onyango** 

trainer under the IFC SME program and has worked as a consultant for the World Bank. He has served as a Member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Nairobi Securities Exchange and is a former Director of the Kenya Airports Authority. He has served as a Director for Deacons East Africa Limited and serves on the Audit Committee of Norwich Union Properties. He is also a member of the NSE's Trading, Technical and Innovations committee reporting to the Board. So far Isaac has contributed a lot in the audit committee towards completion of the external audit and improvement of internal control systems. He has been a member of the Club since his childhood through his parents and later became a full member of good standing to date. We look forward to his valuable contribution in the Audit and risk committee.

# THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS



By Prof. Julius M. Mwabora Club Chairman

The United Kenya Club strategic plan process kicked off on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 with the members of the steering committee convening for mapping the process in a high spirited meeting. The convener of the steering committee Mr. Job Makanga (OGW) Honorable treasurer elaborated the need for strategic planning for the Club citing focus and intent being the key driver for development of a private member's Club. Considering the volatility of ideas due to the very dynamic Board of Directors tenure, the Club requires a five year strategic plan since Those who fail to plan, Plan to fail.

This Blue print will be a practical solution to very many historical challenges that have faced the Club over time

including stagnated Club Growth, threats of auction for failure to plan on compliance, threat of staff claims due to irregular staff contract terminations, lost opportunities and lack of intentional funding for members programs. The current Board has really struggled with post COVID 19 debts, staff debts and statutory arrears which are reducing in a very encouraging rate. The Board has not only faced the mountain of challenges practically but have deeply staged a strategic maneuvers to avoid, control and mitigate any visible or invisible threats in a very volatile and turbulent business environment.

The Club Chairman therefore appointed a 5 member steering committee team led by Mr. Job Makanga (OGW) who is the Club Honorable treasurer, a refined strategy and policy professional with a wide management experience for private and public institutions. Other members of the strategic plan includes Mr. Noah Onsomu representing the executive and the legal aspects, Mr. Dixon Karani Chairman membership and governance committee, Mr. Felix Okatch Chairman human resource committee, Dr. Grace Kiringa Chairlady hospitality committee and Mr. Patrick Kigen, Chairman development and environment committee. Dr. Nathan Mugambi the Club General Manager serves as the head of the steering committee secretariat.

The team have agreed on three main strategic pillars namely membership, business growth and product development, leadership, governance and management as the main pillars which will help in realization of Clubs Vision and mission. The Club Chairman wishes to call upon all members to support the team with candid and visionary proposals during the stakeholder engagement stage. After the final document, The Board will consider it and members will be called upon to finance priority projects there in through membership development levy a matter that will be discussed in this year's Annual General Meeting.



"The UKC Strategic Plan 2024- 2028 will not only transform the physical facility of the Club but also create that intentional and focused path towards building a contemporary Club with superior member experience".

Mr. Job B. Makanga (OGW)

# PEARL BNI CHAPTER SPONSORS THE UNITED KENYA Club IN A NEW STYLE OF PARTNERSHIP

In the new challenging business environment, sponsorship, donations and promotion has taken a new twist in order to keep the small and medium enterprises afloat while impacting the communities around and along their lines of operations. Our Club members in other business networks have come up with a winning idea of pooling their resources to mount an exhibition during our member's night of Friday 1st September 2023. This is a good example set in our Club especially where the economy is accommodative of such partnership since the bigger brothers have opted for other community service programs.

Some of the exciting sponsors includes companies formed by young entrepreneurs for petty messagerial works like banking cheques, letter deliveries, dedicated rider services and small luggage deliveries trading as "the delivery guy". Others includes small sized land companies selling plots in Konza directed by The United Kenya Club member Mr. Kamau Kimenju.

I wish to call upon members not to shy away from sponsoring the UKC mbuzi night coming soon every Wednesdays to enable effective networking and Club vibrance. This weekly member's night will provide opportunities for business-to-business networks and discussion forums to make best use of the only Club at the heart of Nairobi Central Business District.

# NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE UNITED KENYA Club MEMBERS

### **NOTICES**

This section of the newsletter is available for all announcements that may be necessary to the members of the Club.

### PRICE RATE CHANGES

We want to bring to your attention the review and subsequent changes on the price rates of both the Accommodation rooms and The United Kenya Club apartments by the United Kenya Club management.

All members are advised to familiarize themselves with the new rates as indicated in the table below.

### **NEW APARTMENT RATES**

APARTMENT NUMBER	APT SIZE SQ FEET	MONTHLY RATE PRICE IN KSH	DAILY RATE BED ONLY (PRICE IN KSH)	DAILY RATE BED & BREAKFAST (PRICE IN KSH)
1-9	529.8042	75,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
10-12	670.8741	95,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
13- 15	647.8905	95,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
16-18	546. 16122	80,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00

# **NEW ACCOMMODATION RATES PRICE IN (KSH)**

ROOMS	MEMBERS, MEMBERS GUEST AND RECIPROCATING RATE SINGLES B&B (PRICE IN KSH)	NON MEMBERS RATE SINGLES B&B (PRICE IN KSH)	MEMBERS AND RECIPROCATING RATE DOUBLES B&B (PRICE IN KSH)	MEMBERS AND RECIPROCATING RATE DOUBLES B&B (PRICE IN KSH)
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36	4,000.00	4,500.00	5,500.00	6,000.00

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19, 20, 22	4,750.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00
23	3,750.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,500.00
24,25,26	3,750.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,000.00

# **RATES PRICE IN (USD)**

ROOMS	MEMBERS, MEMBERS GUEST AND RECIPROCATING RATE SINGLES B&B (PRICE IN USD)	NON MEMBERS RATE SINGLE S B&B(PR ICE IN USD)	MEMBERS AND RECIPROCATING RATE DOUBLES B&B (PRICE IN USD)	MEMBERS AND RECIPROCATING RATE DOUBLES B&B (PRICE IN USD)
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$50
27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$50

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24, 25, 26	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$50

# **The United Kenya Club Breakfast**

The hotel rooms are conveniently packaged for bed & breakfast at a very reasonable rate. Being the first most important meal of the day, The Club breakfast is thematic, elaborate and adequate to make your day a success. We now feature a Swahili Breakfast every Wednesday among other thematic meals. Apartments are packaged in a way that one can use the apartment for selfcare or with breakfast on room service order. No extra charges are applicable for room service.



# **FAMILY FUN DAY**

The United Kenya Club now has a program dubbed Family Funday every Sunday from 2pm to 6pm. We Welcome you to a great day of fun, games, and excitement at our family fun day. This event is perfect for families with children of all ages and is sure to provide hours of entertainment. We have a spacious play area for the kids as the family enjoys an array of meals featuring "LIVE GRILLING". A children's menu is also available. There is music to entertain all with a live DJ. Make your Sunday afternoon enjoyable with your family at The united Kenya Club



# **ADVERTISEMENTS**

To advertise your services & products in the Club newsletter please find the rates here below:

PAGE	NON-MEMBER (RATE) KSH	MEMBER (25% DISCOUNT) KSH
(FULL PAGE) BACK FRONT INSIDE	20,000 30,000 18,000	15,000 22,500 13,500
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½ PAGE	10,000	7,500
1/8 PAGE	7,500	5,625
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# **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (RATES)**

Type of Membership	Entrance Fees	Subscriptions	Development Levy	Deposit	Total
Honorary Membership		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Town Members	Kshs: 79,000.00 Payable in two installments in a period of 3 months	Payable at once or in 2 installments in a period of 3 months Kshs: 16,000.00	Kshs: 20,000.00 payments in 1 or 2 installments	Kshs: 5,000.00 paid once	Kshs: 120,000.00 paid in two installments
Country Members	Kshs: 80,000.00 Payable in two installments in a period of 3 months	Kshs: 11,500.00	Kshs: 20,000.00 Payments in 1 or 2 installments	Kshs: 5,000.00	Kshs: 116,500.00
Oversees Members	Kshs: 40,000.00 Payable in two installments in a period of 3 months	Kshs: 11,500.00	Kshs: 20,000.00 Payments in 1 or 2 installments	Kshs: 5,000.00	Kshs: 76,500.00
Life Members		Kshs: 80,000.00 5 times the annual subscription depending on your category. Must be over 65 years and have been a member for 20 years.			
Corporate Membership	Kshs: 295,000.00	Kshs: 80,000.00 With a max of 5 People.	Kshs: 100,000.00	Kshs: 25,000.00	Kshs: 500,000.00
Junior Membership	20% of the Membership fees	20% of the relevant sub	N/A	N/A	Kshs: 20,000.00

NB: THE ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT LEVY AND DEPOSIT SHOULD BE FULLY PAID BEFORE ATTENDING THE BALLOTING & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This section features the companies that have sponsored the UKC members night

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Tel: 070544103/0725880964 Thedeliveryguy0@gmail.com

Or reach the "delivery guy"

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Twitter: @TheDeliveryGuy6







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**Tel**: 0719276227

Email: goodllifetours7@gmail.com Office: Limuru road, Village Market

P. O. box: 666 Karuri

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# **EQA Build Architects**

### Product/services offered

- Architecture,
- Interior Design
- Visualization

For any inquiries contact **EQA Build Architects** on: 0727962242



# Club CHARGES

The United Kenya Club offers one-bedroom fully furnished and serviced apartments for both members & non-members. The Apartment rates at the Club are as indicated below.



at a very reasonable price. The apartments are also available for hire by commercial community for office purposes.

### **Facilities**

- 1. Parking available for 1 car per apartment
- 2. Free Wifi
- 3. 24 Hrs CCTV surveillance
- 4. 24 Hrs Security Guards
- 5. Terms and conditions apply.

NB: Each apartment accommodates a maximum of 2 persons

# Lifestyle CApartments

The United Kenya Club State House Road, Adjucent to YMCA Kenya **Opposite St, Pauls Chapel** 

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5	529.8042	75,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
6	529.8042	75,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
7	529.8042	75,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
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9	529.8042	75,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
10	670.8741	95,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
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×13	647.8905	95,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00
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# Price inclusive of all government taxes

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# **ACCOMMODATION ROOM RATES**

At The United Kenya Club, we offer bed and breakfast accommodation for both members and non-members at a reasonable price. Attached are the rates.

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27,28,29,30,31,32, 33,34,35,36	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$50	
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Enjoy our elaborate live breakfast everyday from 7.00am - 10.00am featuring a swahili breakfast every Wednesday

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# BUILT ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING THE UNITED KENYA Club A CHALLENGE TO Club MEMBERS

s we usher in the strategic planning of the Club, I am delighted to take members around the Club discussing the built environment. Thank God the express highway is now functional and can tell one a lot about The united Kenya Club. Starting with our neighbor the University of Nairobi towers, the sky starts to be dotted with wonderful skyscrapers to the west where beautiful NBO house is very visible from afar. We used to be excited by the night lights of Kenyatta international conference Centre, but today look at the west of The United Club, several lights will be emanating from the buildings populating the westlands skies.

Come to our neighboring view park towers, anniversary towers, kemu towers, I and M towers, one will realize competition for advertising space for both building

owners like KEMU University and other multinationals like coca cola beating the advertising firms with high and wide bill boards. As you slow down to descend for the Club from the express way, you will actually "look down upon" the rusty roof, the dark roof, plain roof of the united Kenya Club. But guess what, soon this will become a lit roof, an advertising space and an economic zone for the Club.

The power of futuristic planning brings out the potential of a place with a UKC sky scrapper a parking silo, Club offices, conference rooms, accommodation rooms, a coffee Centre and a sports bar with variety of sports for bringing unity in diversity more in the United Kenya Club.



Anniversary/ Kemu / View Park Towers



**UON Towers** 



Westlands



Teleposta Towers in Nairobi, Kenya





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.



Mr. Tom Askwith

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. Datoo and Kisken 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 thelongest 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.

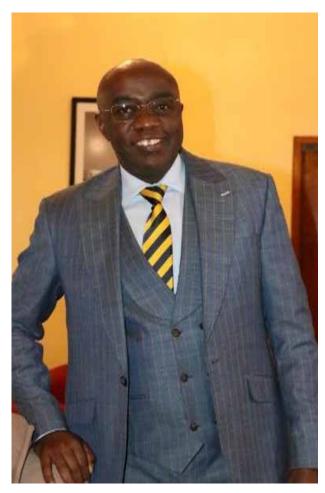
For members and guests in the room, they overlook an expansive evergreen field for events and recreation purposes.

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 HAVEN OF TRANQUILITY



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Not even the Expressway could break the serenity of this 77-year-old Club. Yet, some of us were apprehensive during its construction, as we watched it hover a few meters from the Club, and imagined that it would interfere with the privacy we had enjoyed over the years. Even the dozens of university students who troop up and down State House Road, engaged in hearty conversations, cannot deny a Club member the peace of mind that he enjoys in the lounge.

Nestled between a church, a youth center and two busy roads; and located literally a stone-throw away from the hustle and bustle of the City of Nairobi, the United Kenya Club is as tranquil as a resort hidden deep in a forest.

Some of us have come to embrace the Club's serene environment and turned it into our favorite venue for business meetings. The Club's close proximity to the city makes it rather conducive for both social and formal meetings; and with the headache of getting parking in the city (with the attendant agony of vandalization of parked vehicles), the safe parking lot at the Club gives both members and visitors comfort and peace of mind.

First-time visitors to the Club are pleasantly surprised to discover it. Most taxi drivers know the St. Paul's Chapel, which is right opposite the Club; yet when one gives them directions to the Club, or when Google Maps direct them towards the Club, they get doubtful. Are you talking about YMCA?

One wondered, when I gave him clear directions on how to access the Club. Upon arrival, the guest he was bringing immediately wanted to know the process of joining the Club. A few years back, he had studied at the University of Nairobi and daily used State House Road as he traversed between Main Campus and the students' halls of residence.

Later after college, he had twice attended weddings at St. Paul's Chapel, and a couple of services at St. Andrews church, yet just like his taxi driver, he never knew that a members' Club existed, almost next to the university hostels he had used for four years. He was really impressed by the Club's privacy and tranquility.

Being a resident of Nairobi, I have never enjoyed the accommodation side of the Club, but going by the glimpse I got about three years ago, I can confidently vouch for the Club's apartments. Like most people all over the world, I got immersed in virtual meetings in 2020,

during the time of Covid-19. One day I had a scheduled meeting that I thought I could attend while relaxing in the Club's lounge, but it happened that there were two groups holding in-person meetings at the same lounge, hence a virtual one would not have worked well. I requested the General Manager to give me a private place to conduct the meeting, and he was gracious enough to take me to one of the apartments for the one-hour session. To say that I was amazed is an understatement. The facility, complete with a mini-lounge, a kitchenette and a sizeable bed silently invited me to book it for a night, a challenge which I am still eager to accomplish!

It's a shame that despite being an enthusiast of the Club's gym for a couple of years, I have not been there since Covid. Even though I signed up elsewhere as soon as the rules of social distancing were eased, it's high time I bounced back (pun intended). What I liked about it is its homely nature. Owing to the fact that it's small, the patrons are also few, and we got to know each other, even challenging one another every time one missed a session. The relationship with the trainer was also personal, which matters a lot in personal fitness.

A word about the staff. Most are long-serving, certainly owing to their loyalty, dedication and good customer service. It is always heartwarming to be welcomed with a smile, and to be greeted by one's name by the staff serving you. It gives one a sense of belonging and confidence that one would be well taken care of. Personalized service, if you may. I have interacted with some foreigners who are loyal patrons of the Club whenever they are in the country, and one of them is always asking about the wellbeing of a waiter he is used to, as he gladly engages

the rest in hearty Kiswahili conversations. Just the kind of bonhomie that tells you he is at ease.

I am glad that the Board saw it fit to bring in a new General Manager, to provide strategic leadership and propel the Club to greater heights. Going by the recent changes I have observed, I am certain that the Club is on the route towards competing favorably with others in the city, its vicinity and beyond. The refurbishments are giving the Club a touch of modernity, while still maintaining its rustic feel.

Perhaps these refurbishments should give birth to construction of new facilities such as a swimming pool, which would add value to the already existing recreational facilities at the Club. With such new facilities, the aspect of family would be taken care of, and both children and adults would have health and recreational facilities to warrant another visit to the Club.

The library, yet another quiet environment for both academic and leisure reading, could do with more reading materials. Maybe I should throw this challenge unto myself, since as a book publisher I should ensure availability of relevant general reading materials at my Club. I will take up this challenge. Soon.

And ... wait a minute ... I'm celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a member. I'm happy to propose a toast. Anytime.



# CELEBRATING 77TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A SNOOKER TOURNAMENT 27TH TO 29TH OCTOBER 2023

The Clubs 77th anniversary fall on Sunday 29th October 2023. The snooker lovers of The United Kenya Club will be facing other participating Clubs and individuals in a hot paced tournament dubbed "The United Kenya Club National Snooker tournament" This event will kick off on Friday 27th and the winner will be known on Sunday afternoon. Snooker game for all.

"The United Kenya Club National Snooker tournament"



# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI ALLUMNI AND UNITED KENAYA Club JOINT MEMBERSHIP NIGHT



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