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# Lake Naivasha Community News

**W**orth Noting  
*Deb Snell, Editor*

Dear Friends,

*I think I'll design a t-shirt that says "I Survived the Dust". The Kenyan dust seems to be the primary topic of conversation, particularly in Green Park. I travel up and down that 11 km road to the junction to Naivasha at least 4 days a week and the big lorries and dump trucks carrying dirt makes me feel as though I'm in the middle of a tornado, but I'm not in Kansas! There is absolutely NO sense in washing my car. We all are waiting for the rains, but I wonder if they come what the road will be like. Probably can't win either way! The finished tarmac road ("it's just coming"... ) will be a welcome relief for our cars and our bodies and our blood pressure. In the meantime, please drive courteously and turn your lights on when in the midst of a dust storm, and if you stop because you can't see, put your foot on the brake so someone from behind doesn't hit you.*

*June Shaw send me a note that the e-mail server Wananchi is going out of business at the end of March.*

*I was made aware recently of a new apparent happening in Naivasha town. The City Council parking people (in the yellow coats) are seemingly much harder to find when you park your car. A couple of people have had their cars clamped after looking in vain for one. So **MAKE SURE** you pay for parking and display the proof on your windscreen or you might have to spend 2 hours at the police station and part with the 80 KES plus 1,000!*

*I want to thank Peter Low of the North Lake for visiting St. Andrews Tarabete Secondary School that serves the children of Kasarani. In January a new Girls Boarding Dormitory was opened for 100 girls, and because of the severe drought the school was desperate for water. The only water there is what is harvested from the roofs of the classrooms, and the tank was completely drained. A 100,000 Litre tank was constructed for the dormitory, however, there had been no rain to fill it.*

*Peter invited the farming community to help by ensuring that the school receives a supply of good water. Loldia Ltd. have generously availed their bowser filled with quality borehole water every 3 days and the farms have taken it in turns to deliver with a tractor. So a very big thank you to Bilashaka, Shalimar, Loldia Ntulele Ltd., Maradju Ltd., Ruby Ranch and Loldia Leshau Ltd.*

*This is what "our community care" is all about—pulling together to help each other. I am sure there are many similar stories out there—so please, send them with pictures if possible to me and I will be happy to let our readers know. See inside for other "Our Community Cares" stories.*

*And as a closing note, please send me your stories, pictures, and information you would like to share. There are several sections missing this time! Remember—I'm supposed to be your EDITOR, not the writer/contributor! Have a great couple of months.*

*It's c.o.m.i.n.g! Can't wait for that Malindi Machiatto at the Buffalo Mall!*



*Deb*

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Newsletter distribution bi-monthly; **May 1 deadline is April 15.** Inquiries, requests and information to [snelldeb@gmail.com](mailto:snelldeb@gmail.com)

A reminder that I include what I hope is interesting, informative or useful information for readers, but I mostly rely on things submitted by YOU. If you would like to see notices of events, calendar items or things you think others would enjoy or need to read through this newsletter, please send them with a note "FOR THE LNC NEWSLETTER" or they will not be published.



## Ladies Golf Events

*Gilly Fraser, Lady Golf Captain*

At the beginning of the year, I took over as Lady Captain from **Anna Hern**, who again we must thank for the brilliant job she did, and hope she can enjoy her golf now

with no pressures.

So far things have been fairly quiet. We have had two qualifying competitions, which we hold every second Wednesday of the month. Also our Ladies Golf mornings on Tuesday continue with coffee afterwards and lots of chattering.

On Tuesday 17th February, we held our **Ladies Invitation**. Unfortunately a lot of our members were unable to play so the entry was quite small but it was all very pleasant. We invited the men to play and it was all great fun. The competition was won by **Eleanor Stevens** of Hootenany fame (lead singer), the runner up was our own member **Shaira Adamali**, and again our own members, **Penny Samdys-Lumsdaine** and **Wanja Arentz** won prizes for the best nines. Well done girls, but next time I expect you to be in the winners enclosure!!

The Great Rift Valley Lodge sponsored our lunch and put a tent near the 9th tee. It was a beautiful setting, and the lunch was outstanding. A huge thank you to all the staff for making this day so special for me, and big thanks to my vice-captain **Kate Fjastad**, and committee members **Penny Samdys-Lumsdaine**, who bought beautiful prizes from Kitengela Glass, **Jan Strevens**, who did all the administration, and not forgetting **Inske Dendulk**, who in spite of being so far away in Curaçao, designed the poster and sent all the notices.

**EDITORS APOLOGY!!!! I took the photos at the Ladies Invitation event and have lost them in cyberspace. They were somehow deleted from the camera chip. I AM SO SORRY—I took some really good ones! Trust me, if you weren't there you missed a GREAT EVENT!**

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## LADIES OPEN GREAT RIFT VALLEY GOLF CLUB



**18 Holes Medal Full Handicap.  
1500/- inclusive lunch, ball pool  
and courtesy of the course on  
Friday 20th 2015**

Open to all ladies with Congu Handicap 35 and below, Silver and Bronze division.

Prizes: Best gross, Runner up gross, best Nett. Runner up Nett, all in Silver as well as in Bronze. Best first nine and Best second nine overall. Closest to the pin on all par threes, except hole 15. BEST DRESSED LADY! No player may win more than two prizes.

Lateness on the tee by 5 minutes: 2 strokes penalty. After 15 minutes: disqualification.

Entries close on Monday 16th.

Competition Committee: G. Fraser, K. Fjastad, P. Samdys-Lumsdaine, G. Scott

Lady Captain: Gilly Fraser, cell phone 0722825325, email: frasers@africaonline.co.ke

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Horticulture Society

*Anna Hern, Chair*

Our February meeting was held at the lovely home of John Blackwell. John's wife Kay was a member of the Horticulture Society and we so enjoyed our visit to see Kay's gardens. John was most hospitable in showing us round and keeping us in tea and coffee.



As a special treat, we presented John with a cake, as it was his birthday! Thank you, John for your hospitality as we gathered to honour a much missed Kay.



## Naivasha International Fellowship

Naivasha International Fellowship shared a wonderful picnic together on the grounds of Helping Hands in Naivasha following a Sunday service filled with returning missionaries and guests, families, lots of children, visitors and our "regulars". Everyone brought something to share "potluck" style. Great food, lovely conversation and even animal balloons for the kids courtesy of Bethany, a volunteer at Helping Hands. The Sunday services are from 10:30 to 12:00 noon.



NIF also holds a ladies coffee morning on Wednesdays that includes a Bible Study, as well as a Men's Saturday breakfast morning.

If you would like more information about NIF and our programs, please contact Bernie or Celia Mascher at

[bcmasch@gmail.com](mailto:bcmasch@gmail.com)



*- Beauty by Joey -*

**Joey Richard is a professional Hair and Make-up artist who has years of experience in Nairobi and beyond.**

Joey will be in Gilgil on  
**Saturday the 7th &  
Sunday the 8th of March**

Her garden salon will be under a canopy on the lawn at the  
Tattons on Ridgemount.

**Trim ~ 1500/-**

**Restyle cut ~ 2000/-**

**Deep Conditioning treatment ~ 2000/-**

**Roots Colour ~ 4000/-**

**Full Hair Colour ~ 5000/-**

**Highlights ~ 6000/-**

**Blue Rinse ~ 3000/-**

**Blow-dry ~ 1500/-**

**Eyebrows Shaping ~ 300/-**

**Upper Lip Threading ~ 300/-**

Tea, Coffee, Wine, Beer, Cake and Biscuits will be available all day, with the proceeds going to the KSPCA, Naivasha Branch.

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Lunch will be available for those with mid-day appointments  
~ kindly book your lunch in advance.

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To make a booking, or for more information,  
call **0717842661** or email **mhairitatton@gmail.com**

**50% Deposit required to confirm your appointment**



## Our Community Cares



### Art workshop at St. Andrews Ingrid Zuurbier-Molder

Did you know that there is real talent to be found at North Lake Road?

We (Marcelle, Yvonne, Margreet and myself) found out that there is some real artistic talent to be found

in young people from Kasarani. We went to St. Andrews Secondary School to introduce the students to arts and crafts.



Marcelle is an artist based in Holland. She brought paint, brushes and canvasses from Holland and together with drawing paper and pencils the students got to work on their first piece of art. Most of the students have never worked with paint before so we were really surprised to see the quality of the work they made.

In total there were 20 students who took part in the workshop. The students were divided into two groups. Each workshop lasted for about two hours. In these two hours Marcelle told the children about composition, use of colours and most importantly use of their imagination.

The aim is to continue with these workshops on a monthly base. We want to learn the students more about colours, drawing with perspective and maybe even some art history.

If you want to join in one of the coming workshops or if you have art material which we can use, please send me an e-mail. Your help will be appreciated. Please send an e-mail to [ingrid.molder@gmail.com](mailto:ingrid.molder@gmail.com).

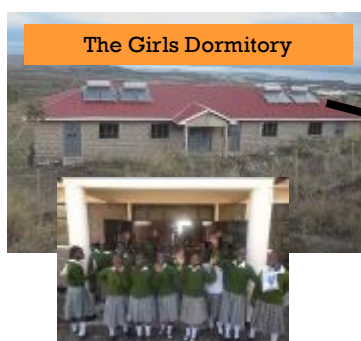


### Loldia Primary School Submitted by Joan Dickie

The funding raised through Reach for the Stars has enabled Loldia Primary School to build a much needed new block of toilets for the younger pupils aged 6 to 10. The project was begun in early December and completed just before the pupils' return in January. This photo shows a group of 5 girls proudly standing in front of the varnished doors (an experiment as doors have been painted up until now). There are 5 more toilets for boys at the back of the block.



The new Girls Toilet Block



The Girls Dormitory

### St. Andrews Secondary School Submitted by Peter Ngugi

Faculty housing was the priority project that Reach for the Stars helped us complete—just in time for the new girls dormitory was to open in the new year. We are grateful for the support of our community which demonstrates their concern for education. We now have rooms for 5 teachers to stay on campus. It is a very big help for those who are from Kasarani not to have to travel every day and also it meets the requirements of the Ministry of Education.



New Faculty Housing

## Our Community Cares



### *Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly*

Eagles Wings in Green Park was the host for 12 people coming together to discuss and brainstorm ideas for involving more community people and companies in their effort to support our North Lake schools. These people are flower farm owners, human resource personnel, resort/lodge managers, doctors, non-profit health organizations, donors, educators, and board of management representatives. They are also a microcosm of nationalities!

It was a lively discussion with much enthusiasm and passion for often marginalized children living in poor families who have a right to education and hope for their future.

A new initiative was launched at the Reach for the Stars Benefit last October. The new Great Rift Valley Lodge

will be the site of a Donor Recognition window, a beautiful stained glass art piece by Nani Croze of Kitengela Galleries. **An informational meeting and tea will be held at the home of Diana and Peter Low on the North Lake Road at Loldia on Saturday, 18 April at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Diana Low at 0722 756261 or [diana@karurutuu.com](mailto:diana@karurutuu.com)**



### **East Africa Women's League (EAWL)—Naivasha Branch** *Deb Snell, Chair*

The East Africa Women's League Naivasha Branch held its Annual General Meeting in February. One of the purposes of the League is to support and care for African women and children, as well as looking after our own members when they are in need. At our January meeting we invited several organizations and local projects to make a presentation of their work and share their vision and need. As a result of the votes of our membership, we were able to give financial donations to 11 different projects! But one of the things I am cognizant of is that it is not always about money. Our presence as

volunteers, our donations of in-kind services and needed items is also important. It changes lives when you give of yourself, and a child's face becomes real—not just a picture on a page or a statistic. One of my personal goals is to involve our members in the community, and we are well on our way. Over 1/3 of our members have volunteered for leadership positions in the Branch. These excerpts are from a letter from Kym Arensen, a member whose picture is at the top right. Her words bring to life the meaning of partnerships and cases where 1+1 =3!

*"I love the connections we have been able to make through making new friends at EAWL meetings. It was there that I learned more about the Safe House, the Naivasha Children's Shelter and Saidia Children's Home. At the last meeting, Miriam Smith of Eden Environmental Association (which I develop curriculum for and volunteer with), was making a presentation and heard Donna Cox, a volunteer at the Safe House, making her presentation who talked about her dream of a playground for the children. Long story short...Anne, the Safe House director was contacted and Rosslyn students at the invitation of Eden rose to the occasion and together with the kids and staff made simple playground equipment out of tires. Now there are 2 brightly painted rockers, a couple of swings and dome climbing structure!*

*And to think that ideas and relationships that were sparked to make the day a success were birthed at the EAWL! Sometimes, we think that because we are a charity organization we need to raise lots of money for different groups—but we learned through this experience that often times serving others doesn't cost a lot of money—it is just the coming together of a group of like-minded people and having fun together. I love the friends I have made at EAWL and value each woman's dreams and I love when we can join hands together to make a difference."*

**The next EAWL meeting is THURSDAY, 12 MARCH at Frannie Simpson's home on the road near Delamere. We begin at 10:30 with coffee, followed by a brief meeting, guest speaker and lunch! We will also see her art studio and some beautiful silver jewelry from her artistic son! If you have not been to a Naivasha Branch meeting, I would like to invite you as my guest. Contact me at [snelldeb@gmail.com](mailto:snelldeb@gmail.com) if you would like to attend or need a ride—we have folks from Gilgil, Naivasha town, Green Park and the South Lake.**

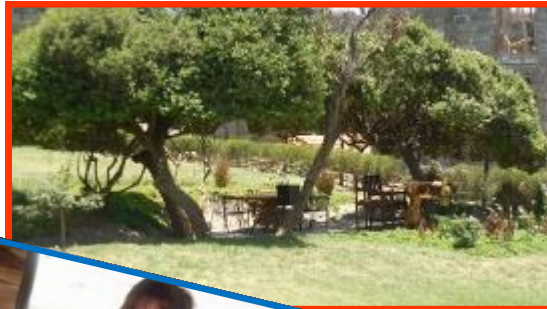
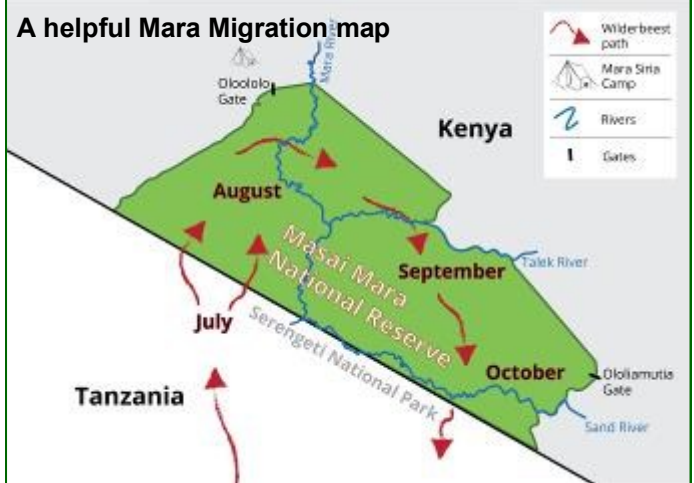


## Climbing Mt. Kenya?

A new route from Naro Moru to climb the peaks of Mt Kenya through Kamweti has been established which will shorten the usual distance by some 10 kms. It is seen as a very good addition to the tourist facilities in Kirinyaga, to include trout fishing and game watching.

## New Local Naivasha Eatery!

Deb Snell, Mary Ellen Davis and Julie Roffey visited the **Rocky Resort Restaurant** at the junction of the Naivasha-Mahi Mahiu Rd and South Lake Rd. for lunch and were delightfully surprised! Mary Ellen thought it was the best hamburger she had had in Kenya, and the fresh salads are wonderful with nice salad greens and fresh vegetables. The Grilled Veggie salad was a treat. The service was friendly and good—our food arrived in about 25 minutes. The grounds and restaurant are beautifully designed with hand-carved furniture that is very artistically done, the ladies/gents rooms are clean and the carved woodwork is throughout. The landscaping is amazing and outside tables under shady trees are a welcome addition. Inside there is a bar, and a formal dining area. The big surprise though is the breakfast menu! They serve pancakes and French toast with maple syrup as well as more typical fare—omelets, sausage, bacon and fresh juices. Deb enjoyed her glass of iced tea! Definitely worth a stop!



And while you are at it, visit the furniture display room right next door.



## House in the Wild

"The House in the Wild is set on the banks of the Mara River. Naretui is a privately owned 1000 acre electrically fenced piece of heaven that once was an arable farm and has now been returned to its natural wild state, with wildlife, dams and streams and is attached to its own private wildlife conservancy – the 9000 acre Enonkishu Conservancy.

At the moment there are two two-bedroom cottages and two luxury tents. The latter overlook the river. You can self-cater or enjoy full board catering from the competent cook Purity. Contact Lippa and Tarquin Wood for full details: +254 728 484 665, [lippa@noretui.com](mailto:lippa@noretui.com), or google House in the Wild. They offer house sites for sale on Noretui where you can build your dream home too!"





## Weather Watch

*Margery Barnes*

The weather for January and February is our normal dry and sunny time--- why else do all our friends and relatives from colder climes flock to visit us just now?!

However one has to say that it has been rather hotter than some years, over 82 or so on our verandah some afternoons. Also because of the very poor showing of the short rains in November last year, it has been verging on drought conditions, especially for many farmers in the Rift valley and Eastern. At the time of writing we have had some good showers here on Green Park, expected during February to damp things down and lay the dust, though in January there was less than 4mms.

We can not expect more rain until mid or end March, when the dry north winds change back to blowing from the south. so dont go rushing to plant seeds yet!

February is a month of fires and dust, often combining to create a haze in the atmosphere. Whirlwinds have been known to lift the roofs off stores and garages But the night skies---! Clear and cloudless, the stars are brilliant in the sky as the whole heavens are pricked with silver--- truly a wonder to behold.

It might be of interest to look at annual rainfall for the last ten years. (My records all in inches, so divide by approximately 4 for mms).

Total for 2014: 22.85 inches

Total for 2013: 45.10 "

As can be seen there is a big difference here, and this is repeated going back to about year 2005.

For instance, in 2010, 2011, 12, and 13 we had over 45 inches each year-- how lucky we were! Water tanks were full, trees, gardens and crops burgeoned!

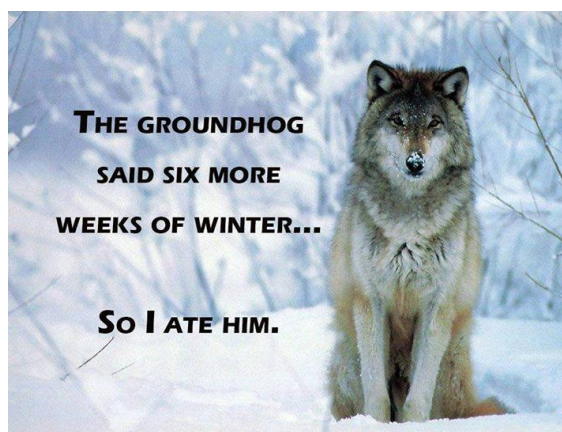
2008 and 2009 both saw what is emerging as an average annual total of just over 22 inches, while going back 2004 to 2007 showed totals of between 25, 30, and 45. All very variable and always unpredictable.

I would mention here that in 1999 our annual rainfall was a miserable 16,10, and even worse my minimum recorded here of 13.42 inches only, in year 2000, spread fairly evenly over the year.

So all we can do is hope for reasonable rains this year!

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And meanwhile in Minnesota where my (editor) kids live...



## PROPERTY FOR SALE

### Offers for 5 acre property with 2 houses in Green Park

Green Park phase one, 5 acre plot bought under a company name. Is divided into two completely separate residential areas.

3.3 acre with two bedroom house, enclosed verandah, fully developed garden, concrete horse stables (easily convertible), horse arena, carports for three cars, 4 servants quarters with amenities. Rain water storage under house. Storage space and back dhobi room. Living area and Dining Room. Reasonably sized kitchen. Fully tiled throughout. Master bedroom with large ensuite bathroom with dressing room, bath, toilet and shower. Second bedroom with ensuite bathroom.

1.7 acres with three bedroomed house, large kitchen, large living dining area. Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom with shower. Two other bedrooms in separate area with bathroom ,toilet and bath off hall/office area. Large verandah with underground rain water storage. Two extra large rain water tanks. Solar water heaters both side of house. 20foot container converted into storage space, Garden sheds, carport for two cars. Workshop with car pit. Separate fencing around house - suitable for animals. Fully developed garden, fish pond and fenced kitchen garden off caged dhobi room. Two servants quarters with shower, toilet, and kitchen area.

Beautiful views of Mt. Longonot and Lake Naivasha. Can be used as house and large guest house or two completely separately fenced properties, or rentals.

Great Rift Valley Golf Complex and Resort minutes away with beautiful pool, tennis courts, and restaurants.

Tarmac road from main Naivasha-Nakuru road is under construction to main gates of Green Park. Erection of Green Park perimeter electric fence expected in near future.

Offers or enquires to [longonot.view@gmail.com](mailto:longonot.view@gmail.com)

### WANTED

**Second hand clothes and household things (not electric) for Mitumba garage sales—reasonable quality please and no underwear. Proceeds to KSPCA Naivasha**

**Contact Margery Barnes, Green Park**

**0727-307745**

### FREE

**Good, ready chicken manure. Just bring your gardener with a spade and sacks.**

**Contact Margery Barnes, Green Park**

**0727-307745**

### TREES FOR SALE!

Its time to start preparing tree holes, ready for the long rains due some time in late March. (Use my chicken manure to mix in he holes!)

I have Milletia and other trees for sale, ready to plant. Milletia are a very attractive leafy, fast growing forest indigenous tree, with mauve flowers the colour of jacarandas. All are seedlings from my garden, nurtured and now sold by my gardener Kimathi. 200 KSH each. Lets all help to re-forest Green Park!

Contact Margery Barnes—0727-307745

### Advertising Rates:

Up to 40 words—no pictures— no charge

Business card: 500 KShs

1/4 page: 1000 KShs

1/2 page: 1500 KShs

Full page: 2000 KShs

Rates include logos/graphics and photographs, reproduced in full color. To publish in black and white (gray scale), reduce each rate by 500 Kshs. These rates apply for fundraising event posters as well.

If you would like to place an ad or an event poster, please contact Deb Snell: [snelldeb@gmail.com](mailto:snelldeb@gmail.com) Mobile: 0720-743625. Payment may be made by MPesa to the mobile number above. Please send an e-mail with details of your advert and notification of your payment.