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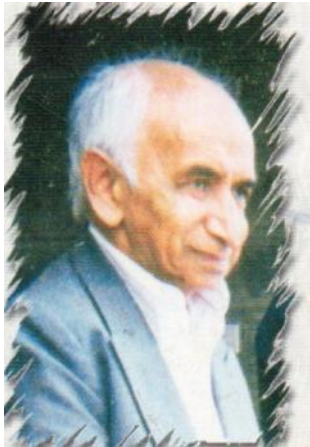
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BLESSING & INAUGURATION OF JASANI AUDITORIUM

This issue of Don Bosco Oysterbay News is dedicated to Mzee Jasani & to the Sterling Trust



The beautiful auditorium sponsored by the Sterling Trust founded by the late Mzee Jasani was blessed by Rev. Fr. Simon Asira SDB, the Salesian Provincial of Eastern Africa in the presence of Mr. Shashi Shah, the Trustee of the Sterling Trust and many Salesians, the neighbouring communities, students of St. Joseph Cathedral Secondary School besides some of our staff and students.

Mr. Shashi Shah then officially inaugurated the auditorium

by cutting the ribbon. Together with Fr. Provincial he unveiled the plaque to commemorate the occasion.

We had several speeches and items to entertain the guests. Fr. Babu while welcoming the guests of honour and other guests took time to thank the late Mzee Jasani for his vision. He dealt on the various virtues and values he cultivated. Mzee Jasani had all the ailments we can think of with regard to his heart, kidneys, and lungs. But instead of bemoaning about his ailments and poor health he used the great intelligence with which he was blessed especially in doing business to help the less fortunate in the field of education and health.

The Trustees of the Sterling Trust, Mr. Bharat Thaker and Mr. Shashi Shah were specially thanked by Fr. Babu on behalf of Don Bosco Oysterbay community for keeping up the vision of Mzee Jasani. Ms. Gisela Hubling and Ms.

Patrice Good who are responsible for the finances of the Trust too were thanked for their promptness.

Fr. Provincial thanked the Sterling Trust for their generosity so that the facilities could be used for the whole-round formation of the young people.

Mr. Shah who spoke last assured the continued support of the Sterling Trust and expressed his hope that Mzee Jasani would continue to bless from above. He congratulated the Don Bosco Fraternity for the good relationship that we have with the Government of Tanzania which has helped Don Bosco to assist thousands of needy young people last year.

The celebration of the day ended with refreshments for everyone and a basketball match between Don Bosco V.T.C. and the Oratory which the VTC team won comfortably.

LONG LIVE MZEE JASANI!



THE PERPETUAL PROFESSION



On 27th June 2019, three

Salesians, Bros. Felix Wagi, George Jackson and Josephat Maleli pronounced their vows to live in perpetuity in front of Rev. Fr. Simon Asira SDB, the Salesian Provincial of Eastern Africa. Many Salesians, Rev. Fr. Alister Makubi, the Parish Priest of St. Peter's Oysterbay, the neighbouring Religious

communities and the families of the Brothers who made the perpetual profession were present.

The entire programme was held in Jasani Auditorium which was inaugurated few days earlier on 22nd June 2019. This was the first major function in Jasani Auditorium.

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THE YOUNG PRIESTS' MEETING

The Salesian young priests had their annual seminar at Don Bosco Oysterbay from 23rd to 25th June 2019. 20 Salesian priests and a Brother took part in the Seminar which was animated by Rev. Fr. Chris Saldhana SDB, a former Provincial

and an experienced "Formator" of the Salesians.

Rev. Fr. Simon Asira, the Provincial of Eastern Africa and Fr. Eric Mairura, the Provincial Economist too assisted Fr. Chris.

All the participants were very happy with the seminar and for the arrangements made. The seminar was held after the retreat which was organized at Mbagala Spirituality Centre.



THE VISIT OF BLOCK FOUNDATION

On 3rd July 2019 we were privileged to welcome Mr. Philipp Block, the son of the founder of Block Foundation (Mr. Eugene Block of Germany) and Mr. Thomas Naber, the CEO of the Block Foundation. They were accompanied by Fr. Eric Mairura SDB, the Provincial Economist and Fr. Frederick Swai SDB, the Executive Director of DB Don -Nairobi. The guests visited our workshops and other facilities and were very much impressed by the work being done at Don Bosco Oysterbay. Later Ms. Rosemary of DBNet presented

to the visitors our plans for Bunju and they were very appreciative of that presentation as well. Finally they visited the plot of Bunju and it is our hope that something tangible will come out of this visit. We are very grateful to the Mission Office of Bonn-Germany for arranging this trip and to Fr. Eric and Fr. Swai for facilitating this meeting at Oysterbay. Everyone was so impressed by the simplicity and humility of Mr. Block and Mr. Naber.



Mr. Tarimo explaining the various works.

A.T.C II (2019-20)

With all the hurdles cleared now we are eagerly awaiting the official announcement from the Government of Tanzania for the official beginning of Apprenticeship Training Course (A.T.C.). Unlike the first ATC Programme this time we will be having the course lasting just six months followed by three months of industrial attachment. The course will be running from Monday to Saturday as well. We will be collaborating with other organizations

who assist young people in regions where the Salesians are not present.

The course will be able to touch the life of over 7000 young people in this second programme. In the first batch the targeted young people were 3440 in Don Bosco Centres alone. We appreciate the initiative of the Government of Tanzania and for the courage shown by the Salesians to take up this initiative of such magnitude!





THE FEAST OF MARY, OUR HELP

The feast of Mary Help of Christians was celebrated with due solemnity on Friday, 24th May 2019 at Don Bosco Oysterbay. It was the first function in the new Jasani Auditorium which had just the roof put for the occasion. Though the days around the feast we had rains but on the feast day we did not have rain which could have upset our celebration.

The celebration began with the Marian competition organized by Fr. Babu. It was followed by the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Michael Muya, the Director of Don Bosco Upanga. In his homily Fr. Michael explained to everyone how Mary intervened in the history of the Church and continues to do so even today. The lunch which was sponsored by some of

the family members of Fr. Babu to honour their parents who are celebrating their 75th wedding followed the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Michael also blessed the newly constructed Don Bosco Bakery which is sponsored by *Via Don Bosco*.



Finally the celebration ended with various matches among Houses and among Teaching and Non-Teaching staff. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to make this feast an enjoyable one.



DON BOSCO BAKERY



Finally the Don Bosco Bakery sponsored by Via Don Bosco began functioning on 24th May 2019.

Fr. Michael Muya, the Director of Don Bosco Upanga blessed the bakery on that day in the presence of the entire



school.

community of Don Bosco Oysterbay.

The Bakery was officially inaugurated by Mr. Steven de Craen, the country coordinator of *via Don Bosco* on 3rd June 2019 in the presence of the entire

We are very grateful to all the officials of Via Don Bosco for sponsoring this project which is an Income Generating Activity of the school.



PLANTING TREES AT BUNJU

Several students joined hands with the idea of Bro. Jose to plant teak trees at Bunju. The rains of May were very helpful. We planted close to 500 trees. Close to 40 boys and girls volunteered for this exercise on 18th May. Everyone worked really hard and it was very touching to see the spirit of volunteerism among young people. Everyone comes to volunteer by using their own bus fare to and fro.



Sr. Emiliana expressed the appreciation of the 3rd years on their behalf.

GOOD BYE: The 3rd year Secretarial students said good bye to the school as they are in the field attachment from June to October.

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THE ACTIVITIES OF JUNE-JULY IN PICTURES

Don Bosco at 7-7 Exhibition

Like last year, this year too we joined the 7-7 (Saba-Saba) Exhibition of 2019. As these lines are typed the Exhibition is going on at Saba Saba grounds. This year we have exhibited three machines made in our school. We made the soap making machine, the writing chalk making machine and manual charcoal making machine. We took the 3rd position in the Youth Innovation category.



We have also exhibited different

types of furniture in metal and wood, dresses and other items such as liquid soap, shambo and other cosmetic items. This year several prominent persons visited our stand in the last few days.

The regular volunteers were awarded with a free trip to the Exhibition on 6th July.

We thank the Via Don Bosco for sponsoring the stand through PDO and for the



hard work put in by our staff and students.



The volunteer students at Saba-Saba Show grounds on 6th July 2019.