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BLUE SKIES FOUNDER CELEBRATES HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

FOUNDER'S DAY BIRTHDAYS

On the 7th June, Blue Skies Founder and Chairman Anthony Pile celebrated his 75th birthday. Alongside the birthday events, it was a day for members of Blue Skies to recognise the achievements of Anthony who started the company in 1998. As a business which now employs over 4000 people and makes a huge contribution to local economies, Anthony has built and shaped this company on a foundation of respect and positive intent which continues to inspire and make a positive difference to so many! This year's celebrations were marked in Ghana, with a week's long activities to honour and commemorate Anthony.

A huge happy birthday to you Anthony and congratulations on all that you have created for Blue Skies!

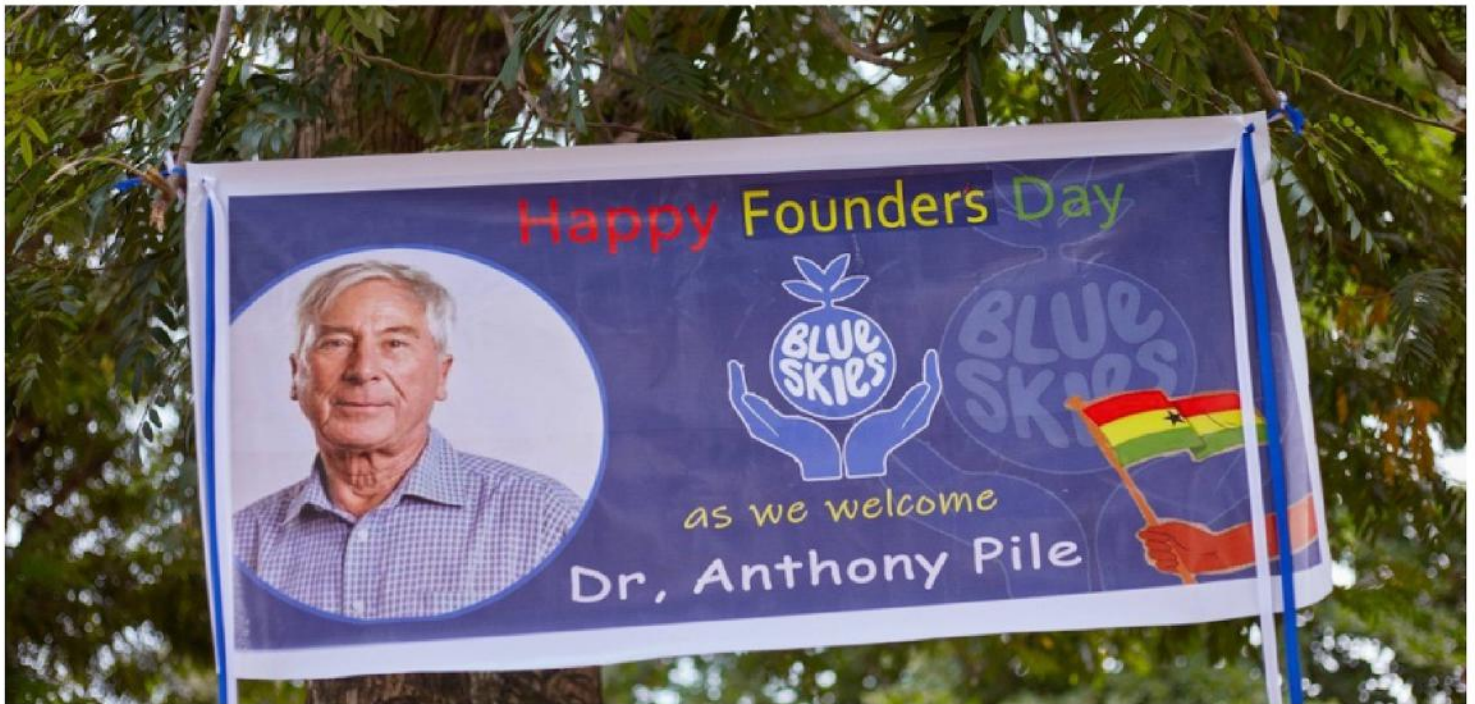


Pictured above is the movements team in Ghana.



Anthony visiting the school in Dobro.

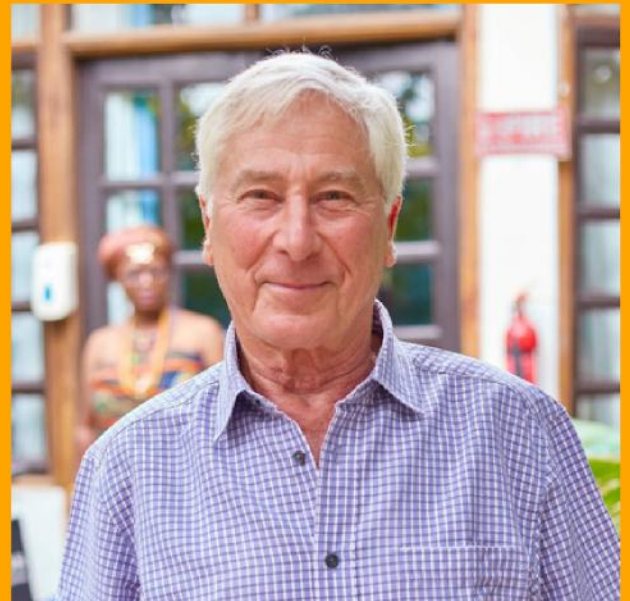
FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



HAPPY FOUNDER'S DAY

FOUNDER'S DAY BIRTHDAY

The Founder's Day which was instituted in 2013 in Ghana celebrates annually the ideals, beliefs and the philosophy of the Founder on his Birthday. This year's celebration which marked his diamond Jubilee, had a week-long fun itinerary to honour and commemorate the birthday of the Chairman and Founder Anthony Pile. The events commenced on 6th June to 12th June which centred on the theme, 'Our Founder, Our Legend'. Activities were planned to involve everybody in the Blue Skies family. Monday saw the launch of the Founder's Day celebration with a lecture delivered by Alistair Djimatey on the Blue Skies Culture. The outfit of the Day was Formal or Official wear.



'From the bottom of a rather emotion battered heart, thank you to all those who made these days so special for me'



A LOOK THROUGH THE WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



Tuesday: We are Blue Skies!

On the 7th June, which marked the birthdate of the Chairman, Staff adorned themselves in Blue Skies branded Shirts and the Blue Skies cloth to celebrate and honour our Founder, the Okunini! (Legend).



Wednesday: Old School Wednesday

The theme for outfit of the day was old school. With the Chairman being a Baby Boomer, why not go back in time?



Thursday: Sporty Thursday

As an avid promoter of good health and exercising, Blue Skies Ghana went sporty on 9th June to honour the Founder and his love for sports.



Friday: Traditional Friday

The Chairman visited the Dobro School built by the Foundation in 2013 to support the cleaning and painting activities carried out in the school by staff. The Founder has been a source of inspiration to the Dobro community in which the factory is sited.



Friday Night: Dinner & Party

A dinner party was held on Friday night to honour the Chairman's 75th Birthday at the guesthouse. Attendees were representatives of all the departments in Blue Skies Ghana, partners, stakeholders and friends. A fun night filled with happiness and merriment.



Saturday: Health Walk and Aerobics

The Founder's Day celebration would not be complete without a session with the Founder's favourite group, Blue Skies Keep Fit Club. A Health walk to honour the Founder was held on Saturday, 11th June, with aerobics and karate, followed later with a cake cutting ceremony. The symbolic cake was adorned with pictures depicting the Chairman's life work across the Blue Skies sites in the last 25 years.

Sunday: Thanksgiving

The weeklong event was crowned with a thanksgiving service at the St John's Parish of the Anglican Church to thank God for the life of the Founder. The mass was attended by a number of staff together with the Chairman for which special prayers were made for him and the business.



A special thanks to the wonderful committee who worked to coordinate all of the activities. Janet, Emily, Alistair, Victoria in Branded and Victoria in The Foundation, Prince, Sampson and the chairperson, Perpetual. Thank you all!

EGYPT CELEBRATE 19 YEARS OF BLUE SKIES

Congratulations to Blue Skies Egypt, who celebrate their 19th year anniversary since it began in 2003! A special mention to the original members, and thank you for your contributions over the years. Here is to more success in the future together!



STEPPING IT UP!

SOME STAFF PHOTOS FROM THE WALKS



FUNDRAISER

Members across our sites in Ghana, Egypt, South Africa, Benin, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Brazil, France, the Netherlands and the UK have been on a mission to collectively walk, run, cycle or swim 30,000 km in 8 weeks - the entire distance between all Blue Skies sites!

So far, the progress has been steady and we've seen some competition across the sites, with many departments supporting the games and documenting their activities!

There's still a few weeks to go to achieve our goal, and we hope to be able to raise some more funds for Tree Aid in their mission to grow millions of trees and protect huge areas of natural habitats across the drylands of Africa. We can do this Blue Skies!

BLUE SKIES ATTEND FPJ FESTIVAL OF FRESH



FRESHPPACT FRESH PRODUCE

On the 8th June, members of the commercial team attended Festival of Fresh - an event hosted at Berry Gardens in Kent to celebrate the best of Fresh Produce in Britain.

FRESHPPACT was represented by our very own Simon Derrick, Head of Sustainability and Dr Ebenezer Laryea of the University of Northampton, where they spoke to a number of fresh produce companies, certifying bodies, university representatives and retailers. Look out for upcoming announcements from FRESHPPACT!

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GREAT GREEN
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BLUE SKIES PITSFORD COMPETE IN HEWITSONS BUSINESS GAMES



PITSFORD GAMES

On the 23rd June, members of the Blue Skies Pitsford team participated in a local business competition 'The Hewitsons Business Games' in association with Northamptonshire Sport. The team went head-to-head against fellow businesses in a variety of games including volleyball, fun athletics, frisbee golf and hobby horse jumping. A big well done to Maria, Kirsty, James, Hella, Denzil and Nick from HCR Law for representing Blue Skies and winning all of their volleyball matches!

BLUE SKIES EGYPT DONATE BLOOD TO CHILDRENS HOSPITAL



EGYPT BLOOD DONATION

Staff members at Blue Skies Egypt recently gave blood at the Blood Donation for a Children Cancer Hospital.

In Egypt, only about 1% of the population donate blood a year.

Well done to all those at Blue Skies Egypt!

CORBY TAKE A TRIP TO THE SEASIDE



The team at Blue Skies Corby had a fantastic time together on their recent trip to the seaside - Hunstanton . Our colleagues and their families enjoyed their day out seeing the cliffs and having a good time at the funfair in the sunshine. Enjoying activities together as a team is a great way to come together and relax. The team are already looking forward to organising another trip to London in September!

ARBOR DAY IN BENIN

BIODIVERSITY



On the 1st June, Blue Skies Benin celebrated Arbor Day. On this day, the team launched a campaign named ONE STAFF, ONE TREE. The idea is to plant a tree and assign each tree to a member of staff. Each person takes responsibility for their tree ensuring it can grow well with regular watering and monitoring. Each year, the team plan to plant new trees with more members in charge.

EGYPT AUDIT

AUDITS



Recently Egypt underwent an audit for a customer which went very successfully with one minor NC.

Thanks to Hella , M Bahgat , technical team, and very well done for all the people who shared, support, and involved in such a big achievement.

HAPPY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 10 years' anniversary to Monika Serocka, Maria Rybska, Lukasz Banas, Maciej Kaglik, Marcin and Klaudia Karelus!

From Kent to Corby, we are grateful for your loyalty and hard work as you are truly the foundation of the Blue Skies UK family.



ACTIVITIES IN BRAZIL



BRAZIL

FOUNDATION

On June 5th, Blue Skies Brazil celebrated World Environment Day and concluded the Blueprint goal of identifying 50% of the native tree species present in their site.

Image 2: In June, we had the election for the new composition of the Labor Relations Committee for the 2022/2023 term, where the 3 most voted employees by the team were elected. In the photo, from left to right, the names of those elected are: Gabriel, Suellen and Robson.

Image 3 and 4: At the end of June, the Brazil Foundation Committee including Flavia, Angelo and Samanta, visited the institutions supported by ABRAC and Maria Mãe do Divino Amor. Abrac is an institution that shelters children and adolescents up to 18 years old, who are without family members and in social vulnerability. Maria Mãe do Divino Amor works with children and adolescents in vulnerable situations with continuing education projects. The purpose of the visits was to monitor the completion of the Maria Mãe do Divino Amor project supported in 2021 and monitor the maintenance and conditions of the improvements made at ABRAC in 2020. Well done to the Foundation team for the work they are doing here!