



Breakfast Chatter

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<i>This week's speaker</i>	
Rtn. Vijaya Ram Mathema, President Nominee, RC Kathmandu West <i>"Sharing Experience as a Patient"</i>	
Calendar	
Date	Theme
November 6 th	President Eileen Heasely of Rotary Club of Troy /Michigan Canada along with spouse Rtn. John Topic : 6 years experience of knowing Nepal and its people - especially Rotarians and Rotaracts "



President (Subarna Joshi) presenting a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Shenkar Sharma after his presentation

Visiting Rotarian (UK) exchanging flags with President Subarna



Ladies (Rotarians) of Kathmandu Mid-Town at the breakfast fellowship



New MPHF Rtn Komal receiving his PHF pin from Past President Ambica



RI News

Indian businessman to lead Rotary as its 101st president

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Rotary International News -- 28 October 2009

Banerjee will target polio eradication as his top priority

(EVANSTON, Illinois, USA, October 27, 2009) – Kalyan Banerjee, a businessman from Gujarat, India, will become president of Rotary International www.rotary.org – one of the largest humanitarian service organizations in the world – on 1 July 2011. As president, Banerjee will lead a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders from more than 200 countries and geographical regions who, through volunteer service, help meet the needs of communities worldwide.

Banerjee, a member of Rotary since 1972, and the international organization's third president from India said, "I am honored to lead Rotary as its 101st president." Banerjee added that Rotary's strengths include its ability to attract leaders from different vocations around the world, as well as its role in promoting peace. "My goal is for Rotary to become the preferred organization for today's generation to join and participate in, to make the world better, safer and happier," he said.

As president, Banerjee will oversee Rotary's top priority of eradicating polio, a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in Africa and Asia – including India. Since 1985, Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the effort, and Rotary is now working to raise an additional \$200 million to fulfill its commitment for a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Great progress has been made, and the incidence of paralytic polio infection has plunged worldwide from 350,000 cases in 1988 to fewer than 2,000 in 2008.

As one of the four remaining polio endemic countries, which also include Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, India's fight against polio remains strong with the volunteer and financial support of more than \$106 million from Rotary. In addition, Rotary's sustained political, bureaucratic and religious advocacy efforts at national, state and district levels have made a discernible impact on the program in India. As the past chair of the Southeast Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee and member of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, Banerjee spearheaded many of Rotary's novel initiatives, which have given a new push to the polio eradication program in India. To learn more about polio eradication, visit www.rotary.org/endpolio or www.polioeradication.org.

Rotary also sponsors the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world. Since 1947, Rotary has contributed roughly \$500 million to fund a year of study abroad for 38,000 students from 100 countries. These cultural ambassadors use the skills and knowledge they acquire through their time abroad to advance the cause of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Rotary also sponsors seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at eight leading universities in six different countries.

Banerjee is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest Indian agrochemical manufacturer, and the chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a past president of Vapi Industries Association, and former chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Banerjee and his wife, Binota, have two children and four grandchildren.

Past RI Director Finn O. Johannessen dies

Rotary International News -- 26 October 2009

Finn O. Johannessen, who served on the Rotary International Board of Directors in 1998-2000, died on 12 October.

Johannessen, of Trondheim, Norway, joined the Rotary Club of Charlottenlund in 1975. In addition to serving on the RI Board, he was governor of District 2280, an RI president's representative and information counselor, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and International Assembly group discussion leader. He also served as a Group Study Exchange team leader and was a member of several committees and task forces.

Johannessen retired in 1992 as manager of the oil company Norske Fina A/S. He also served as director of the Trondheim Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Oil Spill Contingency Commission and the local committee of the Norwegian Red Cross.

He is survived by his wife, Anne-Mari. Condolences may be sent to the family at Siriusvegen 10A, NO-7037 Trondheim, Norway.

Mid-Town Reflection

10 SIGNS YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH OF THE 90's

10. You try to enter your password on the microwave.
9. You now think of three espressos as "getting wasted."
8. You haven't played solitaire with a real deck of cards in years.
7. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
6. You e-mail your son in his room to tell him that dinner is ready, and he emails you back "What's for dinner?"
5. Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her website.
4. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken to your next door neighbor yet this year.
3. You didn't give your valentine a card this year, but you posted one for your email buddies via a Web page.
2. Your daughter just bought one CD of all the records your college roommate used to play that you most despised.
1. You check the ingredients on a can of chicken noodle soup to see if it contains Echinacea.

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