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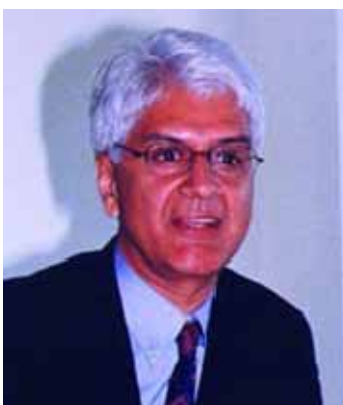


Weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town  
District 3292, Club 26776, Chartered 8 Nov. 1989; 'Best Club' in Nepal 2009/2010

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## This week's speaker









The inside scoop on smokeless stoves and biogas

Journalist and author **Kunda Dixit** well-known advocate for alternative energy has written articles such as, 'GOBAR! Now we know why cow dung is holy' and, 'Hurrah, Nepal's future is in the dung heap' will speak to Mid-Town on the potential for biogas and smokeless stoves in Nepal.

JUNE 2011

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

5 June		<b>WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY</b> <b>FORESTS: NATURE AT YOUR SERVICE</b> <p>World Environment Day (WED) is an annual event that is aimed at being the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental action.</p>
10 June	<p>Journalist and author <b>Kunda Dixit</b> will speak to Mid-Town on the potential for biogas and smokeless stoves in Nepal. (see above)</p>	

17 June	  <p>Mr. A dam Levene, Acting Ambassador of Israel to Nepal, will give a short presentation on the activities in Nepal.</p>
18 June	 <p>Nepal Rotary District A wards</p> <p>Mid-Town is a host Club – please make a special effort to attend Venue: Soaltee Hotel with dinner 1500Npr. Please contact PP. William if you are interested</p>
24 June	<p><b>Dr. Wilma Mohr</b> will give a short overview about her work and her life in Hetauda and the private projects she is supporting here (the homepage gives a short overview:<a href="http://Aktivinnepal.tumblr.com">Aktivinnepal.tumblr.com</a>). The overall view will be from a women about the situation of women in Nepal. At the end she will gige some observations on how things could be better from her perspective.</p> 
August	<p><b>AUGUST is</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; EXTENSION MONTH</b></p> <p>Emphasize the importance of exciting and effective service projects to help attract new members and retain existing ones.</p>
06-09 May 2012	<p>The 103rd Convention of Rotary International <b>Bangkok, Thailand 06-09 May 2012</b></p> <p><b>Sign up now to get early-bird rates (only \$160 USD)</b> <b>Please see Cofferece Coordination Chair PP Rtn. CK for more details.</b></p> 

last week's speaker



**FOR EMERGENCY  
CALL: 102**

**Nepal Ambulance Service**  
नेपाल एम्बुलेन्स सेवा  
*Saving lives along the way*



**Ben Kelley** has served as the Operational Manager for Nepal Ambulance Service since October 2010. Ben hails from Palo Alto, California, where he is also a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). On this occasion he gave a general overview of the **Nepal Ambulance Service** that is a non-profit initiative dedicated to the establishment of an emergency medical response system (EMS) in the greater Kathmandu and Patan municipalities, later to be expanded nationwide.

NAS is the first initiative in Nepal to provide a comprehensive pre-hospital Emergency Medical Response System (EMS). Ben reviewed the challenges that NAS continues to face in this effort as well as the current systems of operation; he also presented a brief epidemiology of the medical care that our service has provided since launching on April 14th, 2011.

Mid-Towner, **Ranjit Acharya**, gave additional background and also explained that by donating 1,0000 Nrs per month one could become a patron of the NAS. Interested persons please contact Ranjit at: [info@nepalambulanceservice.org](mailto:info@nepalambulanceservice.org). For more information: [www.nepalambulanceservice.org](http://www.nepalambulanceservice.org)

## fellowship

### June is Rotary Fellowship Month

The month of June is considered as Rotary Fellowship Month in the Rotary calendar. There is a misconception among Rotarians on what aspect of the RI programs is being celebrated for this month of June. Let us clarify the issue. When we talk about "Rotary Fellowships", we actually refer to the groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together to: 1.) Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.); 2.) Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession 3.) Make new friends around the world; 4.) Explore new opportunities

for service; and 5.) Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary.



**Rtn. Lisa** shares a happy moment with **PE Rt. Som** and visitors from New Zealand, **Rt. Roger Goodman** (RC Parnell, Auckland NZ) and **Hilary Carlile** (niece of Sir Edmund Hillary).

Mid-Town has been missing **Rtn. Ranjit Acharya** (far right) but he has been working with great success to raise funds for the Nepal Ambulance Service.







**PP Rtn. Ambica** briefed Mid-Town on the good news that **RC Borken** has committed to donate 3,000€ for computers at Ramkot – **Rtn. Rabi** will help with the technical decisions on the computers.





Mid-Towners share breakfast with visitors **Hans Christiansen** of DANIDA (far left) and **John Rees Evans**, Country Manager for Etihad Airways (second from right).





## News from Rotary International

### Eradicating polio will take renewed resolve, says Gates

By Ryan Hyland RI News -- 24 May 2011 (adapted)

**Bill Gates** addressed Rotarians during the third plenary session of the 2011 RI Convention 24 May.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, praised Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio, but cautioned that Rotarians will need to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading - and threatening hundreds of thousands of children.

Gates, the keynote speaker at the third plenary session of the 2011 RI Convention, 24 May in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, said that because of Rotary, there are many places in the world where polio is no longer considered a threat.

"That's a blessing and a curse," said Gates. "The blessing is that in many places, polio is a disease of the past. The curse is that it is now harder for us to raise awareness that, in some places, polio is also a disease of the present. If we fail to help leaders around the world understand this, polio is certain to be a disease of the future."

Download the speech, watch highlights of the plenary, or view the entire speech on the Gates Foundation website.

Gates praised Rotary for reducing the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent worldwide since 1988.

"Your work has brought us so far," he said. "I'm so proud to be a partner in the work that Rotary has been doing to eradicate polio."

Gates noted that only one case of polio had been reported in India this year, as of March.

"India is approaching zero cases," said Gates. "None of this would have been remotely achievable had it not been for Rotary. We would not be where we are without you. Nor can we get to where we're going without you."



Gates said that he and his wife, Melinda, have made eradicating polio their foundation's top priority. With the world on the threshold of eradication, the hard work really begins, he said.

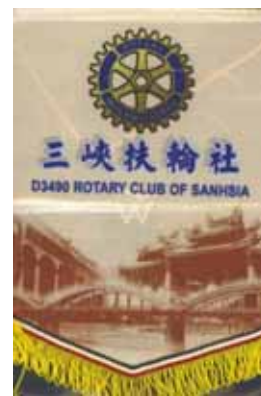
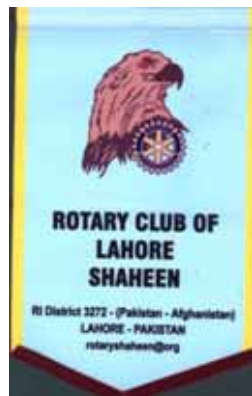




## Mid-town news



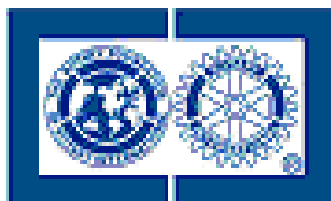
Mid-Town welcomed back **PP Rtn. CK** who attended the Rotary International convention in New Orleans. He was happy to share his experience with Mid-Town and brought back flags from fellow Rotarian he met there. The flags from the Rotary Clubs of: **RC of Sanhsia D 3490, RC Taipei Nanya, RC Taipei Hwa An, RC Lu Chou Taiwan R.O.C., RC Tamatave, Madagascar and RC Lahore Shaheen.**







## News from Rotary International



### Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

Interested candidates must apply for Rotary Peace Fellowships through their local Rotary club. Use the [Club Locator](#) to find Rotary club contact information. If your hometown doesn't have a Rotary club, try entering the names of nearby cities. You also can try searching for Rotary club websites. If you have difficulty finding or contacting a Rotary club in your area, contact [Rotary Peace Centers staff](#) for assistance.

#### Fellowship types

Applicants can choose from two Rotary Peace Fellowship options:

Master's degree	Professional development certificate
Six centers, seven universities	One center, one university
15- to 24-month course	3-month course
Study timelines differ according to each university's schedule	Two sessions per year (January-April and June-August)
Up to 10 new fellows at each center each year; up to 60 fellows per year	Up to 25 new fellows in each session; up to 50 fellows per year
Two- to three-month practical internship during summer break	Two to three weeks of field study incorporated into curriculum
Building the leaders of tomorrow	Strengthening the leaders of today

#### Eligibility criteria

- A strong commitment to international understanding and peace demonstrated through professional and academic achievements and personal and community service activities
- A bachelor's degree or commensurate experience as a minimum, with strong academic achievement
- A minimum of three years' combined paid or unpaid full-time relevant work experience (master's degree) or five years' relevant work experience with

- current full-time employment in a mid- to upper-level position (professional development certificate)
- Proficiency in a second language (master's degree) or in English (professional development certificate)
- Strong leadership skills

Individuals applying immediately after obtaining an undergraduate degree are generally not strong candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships. People with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Individuals who previously participated in the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, or were Peace Fellows in the professional development program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, are required to wait a minimum of three full years before applying for a master's degree fellowship.

Individuals who participated in the Rotary Peace Centers master's degree program are not eligible for the professional development program at Chulalongkorn University.

**The following people are ineligible for master's degree Rotary Peace Fellowships but may apply for the professional development certificate on an exception basis:**

- Active and honorary Rotarians
- Employees of a Rotary club, RI district, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity
- Spouses, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parents or grandparents by blood) of any living person in the categories above
- Former Rotarians and their relatives as described above (within 36 months of resignation)

#### **Application process**

The fellowship application and selection process consists of three levels: club, district, and world. There is no limit to the number of qualified candidates a club and/or district may submit to the world competition.

**Interested Mid-Towners please contact PP. Rtn. Mani**



## Rotaract news

### Rotractors want your old clothes!



Tired of wearing that same old outfit? Why not recycle it with the Rotractors who will find a good home for it with some of Kathmandu's most needy. Bring the clothes you want to recycle in a bag to the breakfast meetings for the next few weeks. If you can't come then drop a line to Rtr. Pres. Anil and he will arrange a pick-up. Rotractors will also take toys, magazines and other items – please check with Rtr. Anil first (aton\_anil@yahoo.com).





## Mid-town news



Mid-Town sends its best wishes to Rtn. Amar.



### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

-Aristotle, philosopher (384-322 BC)

### A THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW:

The liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe anyone else. -George Bernard Shaw, writer, Nobel laureate (1856-1950)

## On the lighter side

### Ambulances around the world



The world's longest ambulance is 18 meters long!



Equine emergency – ambulance for horses!



Rural ambulance.

Pease send information/suggestions/photos for the next volume to:

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