

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF KATHMANDU MID-TOWN

Chartered 8 November 1989; Club ID: 26776, RI District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan; Zone 5 (Asia)  
Friday mornings at 7:30 AM, Hotel de l'Annapurna. Meetings are conducted in English.



## Celebrating 30 Years in Rotary



*Rotary is built on connections. . . , we have at our disposal countless ways to form friendships and networks, most of which Paul Harris never dreamed. Yet Rotary's ability to connect us remains unique — and unrivaled.*

*Daniel Maloney  
Rotary International President 2019-2020*

# ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD — our projects

**Started in 2019: Early years Education Support Project, Sindhupalchok, Nepal,** (Global Grant 1979704) in collaboration with **RC Ellon, District 1010, Scotland.** Schools in Sindhupalchok and Nuwakot areas of rural Nepal will be supported to improve learning in 13 classrooms in selected schools. The grant will support upgrading the standard of the schools in terms of physical environment, teaching and the quality of education. The project is implemented through our partners at First Steps Himalaya. First Steps Himalaya—Giving children a childhood in the rural Himalaya



## **GG Closed in 2019: Preventing Hearing Loss Among Nepalese Children (GG1637950)**

This year with the help of the **Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda, RID 7620, USA,** we helped to preventing hearing loss among Nepalese children by providing auditory screening and surgical equipment, by screening children for correctable ear problems, by providing ear surgery for children and by promoting increased awareness and prevention.

## **Recently handed over to the community: Simpani Gairigaon Lift Water Supply for Drinking and Sanitation (GG1754006)**

in collaboration with **Masan-East Rotary Club (S. Korea).** These villagers lost their water supply when natural springs dried up because of the 2015 earthquake.

More than 30 families in the village of Simpani

(Dhading) are now benefiting from this new water system. This project has helped to keep the community together by redirecting water to their village so that they do not need to relocate.



**Ongoing Yearly Project: The Gift of Sight Eye Camp** is an ongoing project conducted every year with the help of the **Rotary Club of Singapore Garden City, Singapore** in collaboration with the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology in Hetauda. This project annually brings a few hundred villagers from remote areas to the eye hospital for cataract surgery and eye care. To date, thousands of poor people have received the 'gift of sight' thanks to this generous donation.

**Post-Earthquake reconstruction at the Parbati School, Dhunghadka, Kavre** includes reconstruction of classrooms in the primary section and a toilet complex. This project, uses funds donated by international Rotary Clubs: RC Gillingham, Kent, UK, RC Enghien- Les- Bains, France, RC Leytonstone & Woodford London, UK, RC Belleville, Ontario, Canada, RC Santa Monica, California, USA, RC North Merced, California, USA, RC Epsom, Surrey, UK, and RC Hameln, Germany.



## **Ongoing: Women's Expanded Coffee and Vegetable Production, and Marketing for Post Disaster Livelihood Project**

This project, used funds from our Earthquake Fund and the **Rotary Club of Singapore,** helps to develop opportunities for improved livelihood and food security

of communities in Nuwakot District. These earthquake affected communities are learning: organic vegetable production; seed preservation; and enterprise development. Women's groups will learn now to grow winter crops particularly of organic vegetables and will develop the entrepreneurial and technical skills to successfully grow, harvest, process and market coffee.



## **Partnering with RID 3292 in the Earthquake Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Program (ERRRP)**

RID 3292 Nepal-Bhutan received a generous donation from Rotary International for rebuilding after the devastating 2015 earthquake. RID 3292 allots these funds through a matching program whereby donations to a Club for primary schools affected by earthquake are matched through the ERRRP. Our Club teamed with the Rotary Club of Nanimo Daybreak RID 5020 (Canada) and received matching funds from RID3292 for reconstruction of a primary level class room block at the Tri-Ratna Co-Operative School in Bungamati (just south of Kathmandu).



## **NEW: Looking for Funding**

**Snakebite Prevention and Awareness Project** Snakebite is one of the most neglected public health issues in rural Nepal. Over the past several years we have made some initial efforts to alleviate suffering in this area by increasing awareness and an on-going campaign to distribute much-needed first-aid and prevention information. Our vision is of a Nepal where no one dies from snakebites.



## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD — our visitors



Every year we are privileged to have visitors from around the world, even from even far flung places such as Iceland and Lebanon and from professions ranging from veterinary science, law, cycling, and others too numerous to mention.

## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD — EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION

Our recently completed and ongoing earthquake-related projects have received assistance from our Earthquake Fund that received funds from Clubs around the world.

Our recently completed and ongoing earthquake-related projects include the following:

- **Parbati School, Dhunghadka, Kavre** – reconstruction of classrooms in the primary section and a toilet complex.
- **NavaKiran Helpless and Orphaned Children Society** – refurbishing of an orphanage where our main international partner was the Rotary Club of Livermore, USA.
- **Shree Amarpur Om Prasad Gautam Higher Secondary School in Gulmi** – reconstructing three+1 new, safe, child-friendly classrooms, a multipurpose covered hall and terrace for student activities and teachers' use, and a sanitary toilet block.
- **Shitaldanda Basic School, Ajirkot-3, Hansapur, Gorkha School** – toilet construction as part of a larger reconstruction effort.
- **Tistung Janata Primary School School** – a water supply project to replace the one damaged during the earthquake.
- **Phulchowki HS School, Thaiba** – a small project to plaster the roof to reinforce it.
- **Tri Ratna School, Bungamati** – a \$60K with our main partner, RC Nanimo Daybreak, RID 5020, Canada, and the ERRRP of RID 3292.



## THE EARTHQUAKE FUND

Over the past four years we have received funding from 51 Rotary Clubs around the world to provide earthquake relief assistance. Some funds were initially used to supply tarps and corrugated iron sheets in the immediately aftermath of the earthquake. Now we continue to follow-up with long-term reconstruction of schoolrooms, toilets, and alternative livelihoods options. Please see detailed information in our reports at our web page <http://rotarymidtown.org.np/>



## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD — our youth force



Our Interact Clubs are our hope for the future, our Rotarians in training. They are young students who have been able to distinguish themselves by making creative use of their after-school time and their small pocket money. This year, with the help of friends from the UN, the Interacts learned about the Sustainable Development Goals.

Rotractors have been involved in numerous noteworthy projects and have received many RID 3292 and Rotary International accolades for their work. This year, in collaboration with our Charter President Dr Roop Jyoti, who is an Arch Klumph Society Member's Circle, 10 of our Rotractors became Paul Harris Fellows in April 2019.



## A MESSAGE FROM RC KTM MID-TOWN PRESIDENT NEEVA MATHEMA PRADHAN



"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us..." said John Lennon, alluding to human connections and creating a one world family.

To me, human connection is an integral part of happiness, having a sense of belonging, finding a deeper purpose in life, and experiencing an expansion of the mind. When I sense this connection, that is when I feel responsibility towards the other and this inspires positive action. Rotary's slogan of "Service Above Self" is exactly this deep sense of responsibility as a result of belonging and connection with the world. Let us begin by connecting the Rotary to our family, friends, other Rotarians and our community.

How can we create better opportunities to connect and belong? How can we use this amazing platform to be happier humans and have a greater impact around us? We will hone in on meaningful and sustainable projects to bring positive change in our society.

Let us take responsibility to enrich ourselves with vibrant fellowships and creative partnerships. This year, in our Club's 30 years anniversary, let us be aware of the interconnected nature of our existence and celebrate our journey together.

*"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly" – Martin Luther King Jr.*

## MEET THE BOARD 2019-2020



**Back row (left to right):** Public Relations Chair William Ma, Club Administration Chair Walter Diller, Secretary R R Shrestha, IPP Jo Logghe, TRF Chair Dr Isa C B Khadka, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lisa Choegyal, Service Projects Chair Paras Rana, Joint Secretary Arun Man Sherchand.

**Front row (left to right):** 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ganesh Gurung, President Neeva Mathema Pradhan, and Treasurer Ajay Staphit.

**Not in the photo:** Sergeant-at-Arms Shyam Thapaliya, Membership Chair Mani D Joshi, and Youth Service Chair Dr C. Lekha Tuladhar.

## CLUB PROFILE

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town was chartered on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 1989 with 26 members, three of whom were women – a landmark accomplishment on the very first year that Rotary International opened up its membership to women. Mid-Town was also the first 'breakfast' Club in Nepal. Everyone in the newly formed Club agreed to support the Rotary Foundation by becoming Paul Harris fellows; we have been recognized by Rotary International as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfKathmanduMidtown/>



Our Club has 45 members, 10 of which are women. Many members are outstanding, but a few deserve special mention: Past President **Rtn Ambica Shrestha** was the first woman in Nepal to become a Rotary President and she is also a 'Service Above Self' award winner. Our Past President **Yogendra Man Pradhan** was District Governor for RID3292 (2012-13). Two of our Past Presidents are Major Donors (PP Ambica Shrestha and PP Gopal Kakshapati). In 2016, our Charter President **Dr Roop Jyoti** helped us to score another 'first' when he became the first **Arch C. Klumph Society** member in our District. He has now donated more than \$500,000 USD and is recognised as Member of the Chair's Circle. See our web page for more details at: <http://rotarymidtown.org.np>

The Rotary Foundation: RC KTM Mid-Town has received the Rotary International recognition as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Our Club has 14 Multiple Paul Harris Fellows and 3 Major Donors and an Arch C. Klumph Society Member. Total all time giving to TRF \$USD 644,089 (as of June 2019).