



# Breakfast Chatter



**Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town**  
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## This Week's Speaker







### Dr. Keshab Mangal Joshi

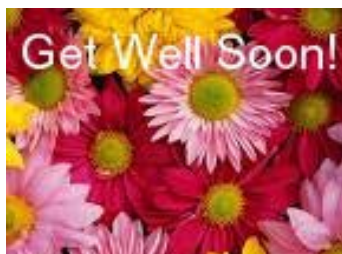
The stars and planets have always inspired a sense of wonder. Many cultures look skyward and see the face of the divine there. There's a cosmic dance on the grand scale, and one on the intimate scale, going on for each of us. Astrology is the study of patterns and relationships -- of planets in motion, our birth chart, the make-up of elements -- and using that knowledge as a tool to find meaning. Kathmandu's renown astrologer shares his insights on the coming year. Come and bring your questions for him!



## Calendar

Date	Theme
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	 The Spring Festival, <b>Holi</b> - is a festival of colors. it was meant to welcome the spring and win the blessings of Gods for good harvests and fertility of the land. Holi is a festival of fun and frolic and has been associated with the immortal love of Krishna and Radha.
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dr. Keshab Mangal Koshi</b> (see above)
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> celebrates Saint Patrick (circa 385–461 AD), one of the patron saints of Ireland, and is the national holiday of Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day celebrations are generally themed around all things Irish and, by association, the colour green. The secular version of the holiday is celebrated by wearing green, eating Irish food and/or green foods, imbibing Irish drink (Guinness, Jameson Irish Whiskey or Bailey's)!
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Naveen Mangal Joshi</b> , a water resources engineer who has 30 years working experience in the field with talk about this past summer's Koshi barage.
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	 First District Conference of Rotary International District 3292, Nepal, Venue: Nepal Academy, Kamladi
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation by GSE team.
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>Easter</b> is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. Many cultural elements, such as the Easter Bunny and Eggs, are part of the holiday's modern tradition, celebrated by Christians and non-Christians alike.
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Neeva will talk on "Stress Management & the Art of Living".

## Get Well Soon



Mid-Town sends its best wishes  
for a speedy recovery to  
District Governor Rtn. Dr. Tikaman Vaidya.  
You are in our thoughts and in our prayers.



## RC Borken's gift to Ramkot



Last Friday our intrepid Rotarians, led by Community Service Director Rtn Pratap headed to Ramkot to visit the school. There they were

welcomed by Head Master Mr. Bhattarai. Rtn Pratap followed-up by briefing on the program breakdown. RC Mid-Town donated Rs. 12,000 to the Jayanti Youth Club to run the games competition. RC Mid-Town President RR did the honors.

After the school tour, Mid-Towners were on hand to inaugurate the Water Supply Project. This was a joint undertaking with the Jayanti Youth Club. Mid-Towners also visited the Jayanti Youth Club to observe the Adult Women's Basic Education programme in action. A good time was had by all.





## *They Have a Dream!*



They have a dream, a song to sing  
To help them cope with anything  
If you see the wonder of a fairy tale  
You can take the future even if you fail  
They believe in angels  
Something good in everything they see  
They believe in angels  
When they know the time is right for them  
They'll cross the stream - They have a dream

They have a dream, a fantasy  
To help them through reality  
And their destination makes it worth the while  
Pushing through the darkness still another mile  
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Last Friday we celebrate Rotract achievements for 2008-09. Rotract President Amod Acharya acknowledge his fellow Rotaracts and RC Mid-Town for its support. Together all Rotaracts and Rotarains gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to 'Rotar-ama' PP Lekha for all of her hard work with Rotaracts. A well-deserved acknowledgement!

Roataracts, keep up the good work!

## *Dolly Parton and Rotary partner to promote reading*

By Ryan Hyland (adapted)

New collaboration urges local Rotary clubs to support Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, providing free books to youngsters from birth to kindergarten. Photo by Paul Natkin On 6 March, country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading.



Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five. Local Rotary club participation could include promoting the program within the community, helping to identify and register the children, and paying for the books and mailings. Citing its impressive role in the polio eradication effort, Parton is proud to have Rotary on her foundation's side, she says.

"This partnership is a marriage made in heaven," says Parton. "Rotary does such good work around the world. This is a big deal for us. We feel proud and honored to be working with such a prestigious organization." In a public ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ joined Parton onstage to make the announcement in front of more than 500 people.

"Our partnership with Parton's foundation will bring tremendous improvement in children's literacy," says Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Dolly is the perfect spokeswoman for promoting early childhood reading."

Parton's impoverished childhood and her father's illiteracy inspired the country singer to create a literacy program in 1996 for preschool children in her native Sevier County, Tennessee.

The Imagination Library spread quickly. Today, it serves 47 states, along with parts of Canada and the United Kingdom, and has provided children with more than 15 million books.

"I love books. Anytime I have spare time, I'm reading a book," says Parton. "My father lived long enough to see this program become a success and was so proud people called me 'the Book Lady.'"

According to the Dollywood Foundation, research shows that preschoolers exposed to reading are more likely to look forward to starting school, do well in class, read at or above grade level, finish high school, and go on to college.

"It's great to start the children when they're little, when they're most impressionable, to teach them how to read, teach them how to learn to love books just as much as I do," says Parton.

The program also helps strengthen families by encouraging positive interaction between parents and children through shared reading.

"Let's face it, when a little child gets a book with their name on it, they're going to run to the nearest family member and badger them until they sit down and read it," says Parton.

The Imagination Library is especially valuable for children in underprivileged families, who may find books to be an unaffordable luxury in today's economic slowdown.

For an annual cost of \$28 per child, the Dollywood Foundation sends children registered for the program one book a month, beginning with *The Little Engine That Could*. The books are age appropriate and range from life lessons to bedtime stories. About 115 Rotary clubs already participate, and that number will triple with the addition of all 203 clubs in Georgia, the first to sign on under the new agreement. The clubs will work through the Georgia-based First Foundation for Childhood Literacy, with the goal of extending the Imagination Library to all 159 counties in the state.

"For decades, Rotary clubs worldwide have supported literacy programs for children and adults," says Germ. "This collaborative relationship with the Dollywood Foundation will help lift our literacy effort to the next level by promoting early childhood reading."



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