



# Breakfast chatter



Weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-T own  
District 3292, Club 26776, Chartered 8 Nov. 1989; 'Best Club' in Nepal 2009/2010

March 11<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> 2011

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## Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>



Ret. Gen. Krishna Narayan Singh Thapa

Will be our speaker for Friday March 18th, 2011.



from Rotary International



Individual Rotary clubs belong to Rotary International. Individual members, or Rotarians, belong to a club. The club is where most of Rotarians' meaningful service work is carried out. Clubs can be engaged not only in their communities, but also

internationally. Rotary International is also present in most social networking sites. What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it.




### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

"Anthropology is the science which tells us that people are the same the whole world over – except when they are different."

-Nancy Banks Smith, British writer and critic

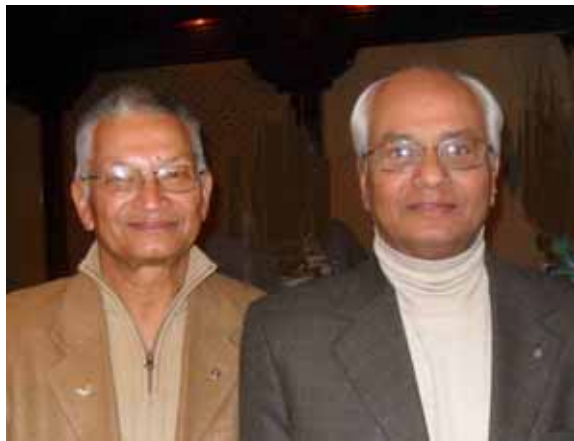
# calendar

date	theme
<h2>March – Literacy Month</h2> <p>“Literacy arouses hopes, not only in society as a whole but also in the individual who is striving for fulfilment, happiness and personal benefit by learning how to read and write. Literacy... means far more than learning how to read and write... The aim is to transmit... knowledge and promote social participation.” - UNESCO Institute for Education, Hamburg, Germany</p>	
11-13 March	 <p><b>'Gift of Sight'</b> eye camp in Hetauda. This 14<sup>th</sup> annual eye camp is held with the support of the RC Garden City Singapore.</p> 
13-24 March	<b>Mega Health Camp in Bandipur</b>
19 March	 <p><b>Chunga Choepa</b> The day of the first full moon of the lunar year. Although Losar itself is a three-day festival, festivities often continue until Chunga Choepa, the Butter Lamp Festival. Chunga Choepa is held 15 days after Losar. Sculpting yak butter is a sacred art in Tibet, and monks perform purification rituals before crafting brightly colored, elaborate works of art that are put on display in monasteries.</p>
19 March	<p><b>Holi</b> is an ancient Hindu festival, it is allegedly named after the mythical demoness Holika, it is a day when the feast of colours is celebrated. The festival is of a week. However it's only the last day that is observed by all with colours. People can be seen wandering through the streets either on foot or on some vehicle, with a variety of colours smeared over them.</p> 
22 March	 <p><b>World Water Day 2011</b> is to focus international attention on the impact of rapid urban population growth, industrialization and uncertainties caused by climate change, conflicts and natural disasters on urban water systems. This year theme, <i>Water for cities: responding to the urban challenge</i>, aims to spotlight and encourage governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to actively engage in addressing the def of urban water management.</p>

23 March	<b>World Meteorological Day 2011</b> <b>Climate for you</b> Each year, on 23 March, the World Meteorological Organization, its 189 Members and the worldwide meteorological community celebrate World Meteorological Day around a chosen theme. This day commemorates the entry into force, on that date in 1950, of the WMO Convention creating the Organization. Subsequently, in 1951, WMO was designated a specialized agency of the United Nations System. This year, the theme is “ <b>Climate for you</b> ”.	
26 March	<b>National Day of Bangladesh</b> This day is celebrated as the Independence Day in Bangladesh. This commemorates the declaration of independence and the start of Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. The day is a national holiday in Bangladesh, and is celebrated with parades, and paying of respect at Jatiyo Smriti Soudho, the national memorial at Savar.	
April 8-11	<div data-bbox="418 825 581 968">  </div> <div data-bbox="607 863 1349 951"> <b>Rotary District Conference District 3292 Nepal</b>  <b>Theme:</b> Commitment to Serve  <b>Venue:</b> Nepal Army Officer's Club, Tundikhel, Kathmandu, NEPAL         </div>	



## District news



**Rtn. Kedar Bhakta Shrestha** and **Rtn. Siba Bhakta Rajbhandary** from RC Patan visited Mid-Town this week and made a personal appeal to all Mid-Towners to attend the upcoming District Conference 2011 April 8-11, 2011. They also explained how a number of Nepal's most notable artists have been commissioned to produce original paintings that will be assembled into a beautiful coffee table book in honor of the occasion – please make sure that you reserve your copy of this limited edition souvenir.

The theme for this third District Conference is "*Sankalpa: Commitment to Serve*" and in the words of our own District Governor, **Tirta Man Sakya**, "If you feel that you have made a difference, be proud of it, because you are an integral part of our Sankalpa- Commitment to Serve."

## The ladies of Mid-Town celebrate International Women's Day



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### Rotary Peace Conference in Lumbini



The Rotary Peace Conference in Lumbini was a good success and everyone felt peaceful and blessed after the meeting.

Mid-Town was involved in the Conference as one of the organising clubs and we contributed Rs 10000. Our club members **Pres. Pratap, PP Ajaya, PE Som, PP Ambica** were members of receiving committee. **PE Som, PP Komal PP RR PP Ambica and DGN PP Yogendra** participate and the DGN also chaired one Plenary Session.

Our club contributed: two papers. **PP Ambica** spoke on Peace and Rotary and **Rt. PE. Som** spoke on Conflict Resolution and Peace Building: Global, South Asian and Nepali Experiences.





## Last week's speaker

### Mid-T own celebrates its Rotaracts



Mid-Town Rotaract President Anil Chaudhary gave a delightful PowerPoint presentation highlighting all of the good work that our Rotaracts have done over the past year on the occasion of 'World Rotaract Week'. President Pratap congratulated Rtr. Anil and all of the Rotaractors.

The Rotaracts proudly displayed the photos that had won them first prize.



#### World Rotaract Week

Every year, World Rotaract Week honors the chartering of the first club in 1968. World Rotaract Week is a time for Rotaractors and Rotarians around the world to come together to celebrate the success and importance of the Rotaract program



## Fellowship







PP Lehka shares a happy moment with visiting Rotarian Peter Colgan of RC Bedford Mass. USA. Rtn. Peter has just returned from a short trip to Solu where his Club would like to help out with a school project.

Mid-Town was very pleased this week to have as its guest **Dr. – Ing. Ernst Preyer** (far right) who is the 'Comandante' of the City of Bolzano (Italy) Permanent Core of Fire Fighters (Corpo permanente vigili del fuoco).





## Mid-town news

### Mid-T own thanks Greek Medical Camp volunteers

This week Mid-Town was pleased to extend an official thanks to all those who volunteered and gave so much of their valuable time to making the Greek Medical Camp in Nawal Parasi a real success.

**Rtn. Gen Amar** (right) was presented a token by Rtn. Lotti, **Dr. Saurabh Pradhan** (below) was presented a token by Rtn. Yo, **Rtn. Sharmila** was presented by PP Dr. Lekha and **VP Rtn. Alex** was presented by PP Ambica.







## District news

### Rotarians brief President of Nepal on Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital Plans



On March 3rd our Rotarians met Hon'ble President of Nepal, Ram Baran Yadav, **DG Rtn. Tirtha Man Sakya** set the scene and briefed the Presidents on the aim of constructing a new building for the **Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital**. **PP Gopal** gave the background and showed a collection of sketches which outlined the project as a joint venture with the **Rotary Club of Mansfield – UK** with **Rtn. Dr. Bibek Pradhan**. **Rt. Nugal** our architect Swaroop elaborated the technicalities.

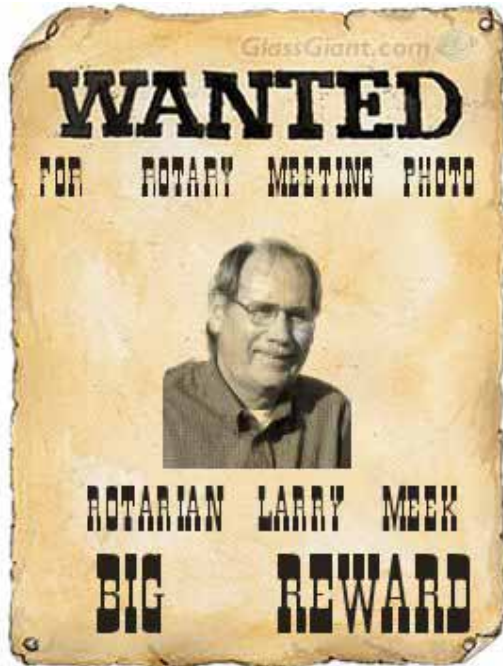


Our own **Pres. Pratap** took the opportunity to discuss Mid-Town's joint project with the Autonomous Province of Bolzano- Italy for a new **Fire Brigade** engines for the Metropolitan City of Kathmandu.

The President took a keen interest in the presentations and offered his very positive comments. This was followed by tea and group photo before dispersing.

Congratulations to everyone who was involved - your hard work and determination is highly appreciated.

## News from former members



Former member **Larry Meek** writes:

*Hi Isabella,*

*Hope this finds all of you doing well. The reason I'm writing is because I'm going to be our Club's (49er Breakfast Club of Nevada City) President beginning July 1, 2011, and I'm hoping that some of the members may have some photos of my induction, administering polio drops, socials, etc. I'd like to share with my Club during one of my first meetings. Of course, a current photo of all of the club members would be good to have.*

*I think William Ma may have taken some at the induction.*

*Our club will be involved in a major dental project in Papua New Guinea next October, and I'm leaving April 4 to do a reconnaissance trip to the island of West New Britain. I'd love to collaborate on a matching grant during my term, if the club is interested and my international avenue agrees to do so. We had one in Tistung in 06-07, which I'm sure could use some help.*

*Pamela and I are going to the **RI Convention in New Orleans**; is anyone attending from the club, it would be fun to meet.*

*Thanks for your help,*

*Sincerely,*

*Larry [nepallar@gmail.com]*

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### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

In matters of conscience the law of majority has no place.  
-Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948)

## On the lighter side



"In return for an increase in my allowance, I can offer you free in-house computer tech support."

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