



Breakfast Chatter



Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town
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This week's speaker - Saroj Shrestha, Services Project Chair

Avenues of Service

For years, Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self has been channeled through the four Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of club activity. To get started on a project, think broadly about how your club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

Club Service

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the smooth functioning of Rotary clubs.

Vocational Service

Vocational Service involves club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations, and they inspire others in the process.

Community Service

Community Service is the opportunity Rotary clubs have to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.

International Service

International Service encompasses efforts to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the world and to promote world understanding and peace. It includes everything from contributing to PolioPlus to helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.

Calendar

Date	Theme
July 17, 2009	Induction of new members
July 24, 2009	Club Installation with RI District 3292 District Governor Ratna Man Shakya as Chief Guest. Venue is the Annapurna Hotel
July 31, 2009	Club Assembly

This week's breakfast fellowship



Rotary around the world

Working as a family to meet Rotary's challenge

By Dan Nixon

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Rotary clubs in District 1240 (England) held fundraisers at schools, supermarkets, and railway stations; painted donors' pinkies; and conducted quiz nights during Purple Pinkie Week, garnering US\$28,600 for Rotary's challenge. *Photo courtesy District 1240*
Bottom: Laura Williams (left) and Karoline Steckley (center), former Rotary Youth Exchange students (USA to Belgium), reunited for the first time in 18 years to run the 2009 Paris Marathon in April. They raised US\$5,000 for Rotary's challenge, which was matched by District 7120 (New York, USA) for a total of \$10,000. *Photo courtesy Laura Williams and Karoline Steckley*

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication is drawing broad support from the family of Rotary. The challenge is Rotary's response to the \$355 million in grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary is committed to raising \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Around the world, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Foundation alumni, and others raised about \$78.3 million in cash, District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations, and pledges in the 2008-09 Rotary year as of 15 May. Here is just a sample of their efforts:

- Rotarians in more than 200 cities and villages in Switzerland sold packets of sunflower seeds on 13 September, National Day Against Child Paralysis, raising more than \$669,000 with support from the general public.
- A helicopter golf ball drop/raffle sponsored by District 6990 (Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas; part of Florida, USA) netted \$45,500.
- The Rotary Club of Washago and Area-Centennial, Ontario, Canada, chartered in 2005, is selling End Polio Now car magnets in a project aimed at raising C\$10,000 (about US\$9,000).
- Several districts in Japan and Korea have set the pace in contributing more than 20 percent of their DDF, led by District 2780 (Japan) with a donation of US\$200,000.
- Among contributions made by several Rotary Fellowships, the Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship raised \$15,000 by matching donations of \$100 from the first 75 contributors.
- Foundation alumni have contributed more than \$100,000, including \$6,200 received from the District 3450 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association (Hong Kong; Macau; Mongolia) through its India Night fundraiser.
- The Interact Club of San Mateo, California, USA, raised almost \$8,000 in an overnight campout and walk for PolioPlus that also featured a band, karaoke, movies, and other activities.

- The Rotaract Club of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, sponsored a Fashion Fights Polio show, raising more than US\$4,000.

"Now is our opportunity to capitalize on all these resources and get the job done," said 2008-09 Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe of the family of Rotary's role in helping to eradicate polio worldwide.

"We can't wait until the economic conditions improve to continue our fight. We must move ahead now," he added, urging the creation of "fundraisers that involve the whole community."

August Visitor

Assistant Governor, Prof. Dr. Parthibeshwar P. Timilsina at the Breakfast meeting with some Mid-Townes



Rotaracts in Action

The Mid-Town' Rotractor handover a Multipurpose Hall on July 3, 2009 with the District Governor Rtn. Ratna Man Shakya as the Chief Guest.



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