



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

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Club Assembly on April 1st



(sorry, no visitors on this occasion)



last week's speaker



SHANTI LEPRAHILFE
DORTMUND e.V.






It all started 30 years ago. This was when **Marianne Grosspietsch** founded the Shanti Leprahilfe Dortmund e. V., charity and the first station to be erected in Kathmandu was the Shanti Sewa Griha (Peace Service Station). Today Shanti is home to 1600 men, women and children. Not all of them suffer from leprosy; other people with physical impairments are also accepted. It is often the case that the children are healthy but their parents suffer from leprosy.


Mrs Grosspietsch said, "For us, it is important that the people earn their living themselves. This means that they are then normal customers in the stores in the city and have a purchasing power which no store owner can ignore. This means that we achieve a small amount of integration."

Check out their web page at: <http://www.shanti-leprahilfe.de>



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.” <i>- UNESCO Institute for Education, Hamburg, Germany</i></p>	
29 March	<div>  <h3>Orientation Meeting</h3> <p>All Rotarians and friends who intend to go to the Rotary International Meeting in New Orleans in May please attend a brief orientation session with PP Rtn. CK Golchha at Hotel de l'Annapurna on Tuesday 5-7 PM.</p>  </div>
29 March	<div>  <h3>Literacy month –Program at Sita Ram HS School - RAMKOT ;</h3> <p>Presentation of Scholarship check from RC Borken (Germany) one encyclopaedia, (joint contribution from RC Metro). Anyone wishing to attend please inform Pres. Pratap.</p> </div>
1 April	<div>  <h3>Mid-Town Club Assembly</h3> <p>All Chairs please prepare a short report on your activities.</p> </div>
3 April	<div>  <h3>Ghode Jatra</h3> <p>Place: Bhadrakali, Tundikhel Legend has it that centuries ago, a demon named Tundi brought terror and destruction to the villagers who finally crusaded together and slayed him on the very ground where the showground of Tundikhel lies today. The Newar villagers then rejoiced their victory by dancing on the demon's body and crushing his remains with their horses.</p> <p>Locals believe that the demon - or whatever remains of him - is still buried in the same place and if not trampled by horses every year, he would regain his powers and bring his vengeance on them again. To commemorate their bravery and to prevent the rise of the evil, Ghode Jatra (= horse carnival) is celebrated every year.</p> <p>This special carnival begins in the presence of the head of the nation, chief of the army and other dignitaries as well as foreign guests. While main attractions include different horse-riding stunts, motorbike stunts, firing of canons and guns, acrobat, and special parades by the Nepalese Army, people also enjoy the music, dance and tasty foods.</p> </div>

7 April		<p>World Health Day – 7 April 2011</p> <p>Antimicrobial resistance and its global spread</p> <p><u>Antimicrobial resistance: no action today no cure tomorrow</u> We live in an era of medical breakthroughs with new wonder drugs available to treat conditions that a few decades ago, or even a few years ago in the case of HIV/AIDS, would have proved fatal. For World Health Day 2011, WHO will launch a worldwide campaign to safeguard these medicines for future generations. Antimicrobial resistance and its global spread threaten the continued effectiveness of many medicines used today to treat the sick, while at the same time it risks jeopardizing important advances being made against major infectious killers.</p>
8 April	<p>Presentation by visiting GSE team (Host PP Gopal)</p> <p>The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.</p>	
8-11 April		<p>Rotary District Conference District 3292 Nepal Theme: Commitment to Serve Venue: Nepal Army Officer's Club, Tundikhel, Kathmandu, NEPAL</p>
14 April 1 Baisakh 2068		<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2068</p> 
15 April		<p>The guest speaker will be Fulbright scholar Mark Arnoldy</p>

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

If you shut your door to all errors truth will be shut out.

-Rabindranath Tagore, poet, philosopher, author, songwriter, painter, educator, composer, Nobel laureate (1861-1941)

A THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW:

When you drink the water, remember who dug the well.

- Chinese proverb

Fellowship









Mid-town news

Mid-T own remembers the children



**SHANTI LEPRAHILFE
DORTMUND e.V.**

In recognition of their good work Mid-Town donated **10,000Nrs.** for the children of Shanti Leprahilfe. The donation was presented by **PP Ambica** who is a long time friend and well-wisher of founder **Marianne Grosspietsch** and the **Shanti** family.





Kathmandu's Walk for Water was a 6 km walk, starting from the stadium to Khula Munch. Rotaracts and young-at-heart Mid-Towners were out in full force.



About World Water Day 2011

This is the first time in human history that **most of the world's population live in cities: 3.3 billion people** ...and the urban landscape continues to grow. **38% of the growth** is represented by expanding **slums**, while the city populations are increasing faster than city infrastructure can adapt.

The objective of World Water Day 2011 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, *Water for cities: responding to the urban challenge*, aims to spotlight and encourage governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to actively engage in addressing the challenges of urban water management.



Mid-town sunshine



The **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay** has recently presented its **Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2011**. Instituted originally during the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the institute in 1983, the Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honour the institute bestows on its alumni. This year the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay honoured four of its own leaders in academia, social sector and entrepreneurship. It is a true reflection of the diversity of fields in which IIT Bombay alumni continue to work and leave their mark.

CP Rtn. Dr. Roop Jyoti (B.Tech., Chemical Eng.), Vice-Chairman, Jyoti Group of Business, Nepal, received the award in recognition of his outstanding achievements as entrepreneur and contributions to public service. **CP Rtn. Dr. Roop** was happy to share some sunshine with Mid-Town on this happy occasion.



rotaract sunshine



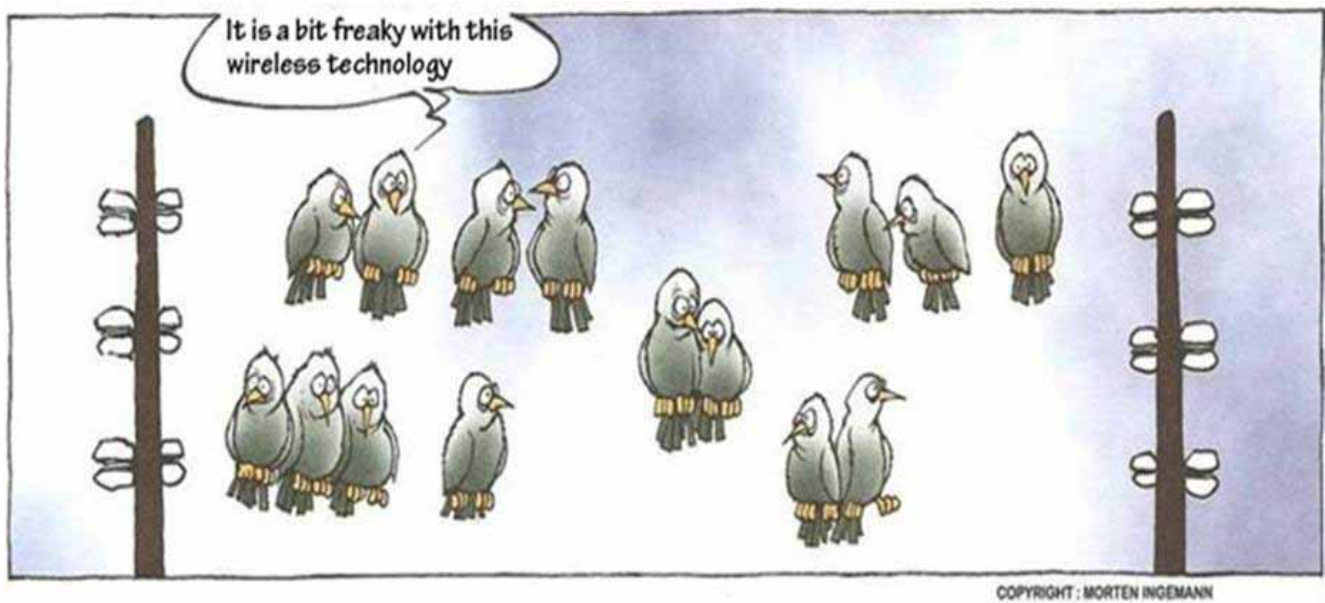
Our Hanumans appreciated

Mid-Towner **Rt. Navyo Eller** presented a personal check for 10,000Nrs to the Rotaract Club of Kathmandu in recognition of their good work and their dedication.

Rtn. Navyo said how he had been very favourably impressed by the good work accomplished throughout the year by our Hanumans that he felt they deserved to be appreciated. He made this personal contribution to the Rotaracts and said the he left it to their discretion as to how to spend the funds. Rotaract President **Rtr. Anil Chaudhary** accepted the contribution on behalf of the Rotaracts.



On the lighter side



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