



Breakfast Chatter

Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town
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December 15 th 2009 Weekly Bulletin Vol. 24 of '09/'10	
<i>This week's speaker</i>	
No Breakfast Meeting	
Calendar	
Date	Theme
December 14 th	"Gift of Sight" – Eye Camp with Rotarians from Garden City, Singapore
December 18 th	Dinner – Annapurna in honor of visiting Rotarians from Garden City, Singapore
December 25 th	No Breakfast Meeting
January 2 nd 2010	Club Assembly
Guest speaker, PP Bibhuti Man Singh , Member Disaster Relief zones 9 & 10, member RC Thamel	



News Around Mid-Town	
Date	Theme
December	Happy Birthday – Kul Chandra Gautam
December 7 th	Happy Birthday – Dr. Kali B. Rokaya
December 7 th	Happy Anniversary – Yogendra and Rama Pradhan
December 9 th	Happy Birthday – Yogendra Pradhan
December 10 th	Happy Birthday – Govinda Chipalu
December 10 th	Happy Anniversary – Dr. Chandra Lekha and Anand Tuladar
December 11 th	Happy Birthday – Shradha Chitraker (spouse of Komal Chitraker)
December 11 th	Happy Birthday – Rama Pradhan (spouse of Yogendra Pradhan)



RI News

Hundreds attend chartering of two clubs in New York

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 14 December 2009

More than 65 new Rotarians joined hundreds of others for a ceremony 1 December in New York City to celebrate the chartering of two new clubs.

Kalyan Banerjee, RI president-nominee, joined Ravi Bhooplapur, governor of District 7250, to present charters to the Rotary clubs of Hicksville South and Jericho Sunrise, both on Long Island, during a glittering ceremony at the Garden City Hotel. India's Consul General in New York, Prabhu Dayal, also attended and was made an honorary member of the Hicksville South club.

Speaking to the assembled professionals and business owners, Banerjee called Rotary the world's greatest service organization, noting that it is held in such high esteem that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation did not hesitate to give \$355 million in challenge grants to help in the effort to eradicate polio.

Kamlesh Mehta, a diamond merchant and publisher of the *South Asian Times*, is the president of the 37-member Hicksville South club. Vimi Sikka, an educator and social worker, serves as president of the predominantly female Jericho Sunrise club, which has 30 charter members. The members of both clubs are largely Indian American.

Reflecting on the high number of women in the clubs, Banerjee invoked a saying by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher: "If I want something said, I ask a man to do it. If I want anything done, I always ask a woman."

"The best clubs that I've seen are always run with feminine instincts -- with understanding, with care, with love, with compassion, with passion, with simplicity, with sincerity," he added.

Bhooplapur encouraged the new club members to invite friends and co-workers, and demonstrate that Rotary is open to all. "Rotary offers so many avenues of service," he said. "There is a place for everyone. If you seek a place for Rotary in your life, you will find Rotary shall improve your life."

The national anthems of India and the United States were played at the beginning of the ceremony. Mehta explained how, within weeks of the idea surfacing, a group of like-minded friends began meeting, drawn by Rotary's diverse, nonpolitical, and nonreligious structure.

"Tonight that dream has come true, after all the hard work and toil," he said.

Sikka noted that she drew inspiration from Bhooplapur and his wife, and thanked Mehta for extending his full support in the formation of the Jericho Sunrise club.

District 7250 has brought in about 150 new members since July.

Mid-Town Reflection

Here's a fun and interesting Brain Teaser.

DON'T scroll down too fast- do it slowly and follow the instructions below exactly, do the math in your head as fast as you can. It may help to say the answers aloud quietly.

FOLLOW these instructions one at a time and as QUICKLY as you can!

What is: $2+2$?

$4+4$?

$8+8$?

$16+16$?

Quick! Pick a number between 12 and 5.

Got it? Now scroll down.....

The number you picked was 7. Right!!!! Isn't that weird???

Free will or synaptic wiring? You be the judge.

Check out the following exercise, guaranteed to freak you out.

There's no trick or surprise.

Just follow these instructions, and answer the questions one at a time and as quickly as you can!

Again, as quickly as you can but don't advance until you've done each of them...really.

Now, ARROW down (but not too fast, you might miss something)...

What is:

$1+5$

$2+4$

$3+3$

4+2

5+1

Now repeat saying the number 6 to yourself as fast as you can for 15 seconds.

Then scroll down.

QUICK!!! THINK OF A VEGETABLE!

Then arrow down.

Keep going.

You're thinking of a carrot right? If not, you're among the 2% of the population whose minds are warped enough to think of something else. 98% of people will answer with carrot when given this exercise. Freaky, huh?

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