



Breakfast Chatter



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Speakers of the Week



Rtn. Jaya Shah (PP RC Jawalakhel -- sorry, this was the only photo available) will speak on District Awards and **Rtn. Dr. Bibek Pradhan** RC of Mansfield (England -- sorry, no photo) will speak on health education in one remote village of Nepal. You all may be familiar with Rtn. Bibek as he has previously spoken to us his good work with the cancer hospital.

Calendar

| Date | Theme |
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| Sept. 26 th | Rtn. Jaya Shah (PP RC Jawalakhel) and Rtn. Dr. Bibek Pradhan RC of Mansfield (England) |
| Sept. 26 th | RC New Road City with the help of District 3292 is hosting a "Grand Rotary Mega Musical Nite" at Hotel Yak & Yeti (please book your tickets with Mr. Dahal) |
| Oct. 3 rd | Mid-Town in-house seminar by PP Rtn. Ambica |
| Oct. 10 th | No Friday Meeting -- Dashain holiday (24 th of Ashwin) |
| Oct. 17 th | Rtn. Eileen and John Heasley, of the Rotary Club of Troy Michigan, (District #: 6380) under TRF Volunteer Service Grant will tell of their recent work with water projects. |

The Rotary Foundation

Did you Know??



The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

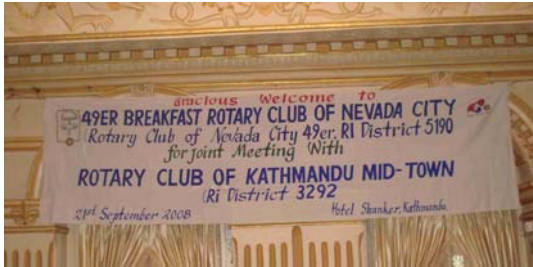
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world.

This photo shows Rotarians and partner together on National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India. *Photo by Rotary Images.*

Mid-Town Holds Joint Breakfast Meeting with 49ers

A good time was had by all last Sunday September 21st as Mid-Town held a joint breakfast meeting with the 49ers Breakfast Rotary Club of Nevada City (the home club of former Mid-Towner Rtn. Larry Meek).



Secretary Rtn. Som gave the vote of thanks.

Rtn. Pratap told of Mid-Town's Community Service.



Club Administration director Rtn. Jo distributed kattas, the traditional Buddhist welcome to all of the visitors.



Rotaracts Hold Professional Development Seminar

On the 16th of September RC Mid-Town and Rotaracts organized a **Professional development seminar** at DECC, World Trade Center/Tripureswar. The program was conducted in order to help give young people some orientation on what to expect as they leave their campuses and enter the corporate world. **PP Rtn. Anand Tuladhar** was the chief resource person and the 30 participants first listened carefully and then were full of pertinent questions. **In total** 19 Rotaracts, 8 youth guests and 3 Rotarians participated. President RR Shrestha, PP Dr. Chandra Lekha and PP Anand Tuladhar sponsored the event and the high tea. President RR Shrestha handed out Certificates of Participation to the young people who attended.



Rotary leadership



RI President Dong Kurn Lee, his wife, Young (at right), and their family. *Photo by M. Lee.*

Rotary is a grassroots organization, and most of its humanitarian efforts are carried out at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them increase service efforts in their communities and abroad. The Rotary year begins 1 July. At this time, the new RI president and a new Rotary Foundation trustee chair begin their one-year terms.

Massive India flood strands millions

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News (adapted)



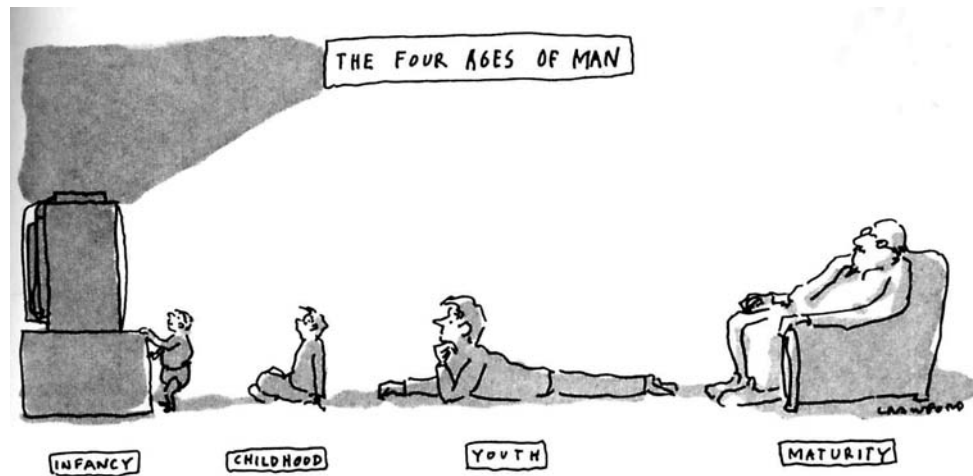
Past RI President Saboo (left) listens to residents affected by the massive August flooding in Bihar, India. At right; flood victims make their way to refugee relief camps. *Photos courtesy of Saboo*

Past RI President Saboo (middle) listens to residents affected by the massive August flooding in Bihar, India. At bottom; flood victims make their way to refugee relief camps. Photos courtesy of Saboo Past RI President Rajendra Saboo visited the Saharsa District of Bihar, India, last week to survey the devastation caused by August's massive floods. The Kosi River in Bihar, one of India's poorest states, overflowed its banks in August after torrential rainfall from heavy monsoons caused a dam to burst in southern Nepal, setting off the worst flooding in 50 years. Millions of people have been displaced, and hundreds of villages are under water in northeast India.

"These are unprecedented conditions. Bihar presented a deadly picture of devastation," says Saboo, a resident in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. "We saw the human spirit fight for survival." During a two-day visit to the region, Saboo, accompanied by Past Governor Ranjit Bhatia of District 3080 (India), met Governor Lal Bahadur Singh of District 3250 (India) to tour affected areas and assess Rotary's response so far. "I'm happy to see how Rotary clubs and districts from all over the country are responding," says Saboo. "Rotarians are doing a good job during the intermediate relief stage. As the rehabilitation stage nears, I believe Rotary has tremendous potential of doing good, as we have in many other natural disasters."

Relief aid trucks have been coming in from districts throughout the country. Districts 3131 and 3140 have already sent trucks full of medicine, food, clothes, and blankets. Two doctors from District 3100 arrived to provide medical care. Because areas in Bihar are so ravaged by the flood and conditions are still too dangerous to return, nearly half of the 1.2 million people left homeless are in government and relief agency camps. Homecoming kits The Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar plans to send 3,500 ghar wapasi -- or homecoming -- kits, each of which provides comprehensive shelter relief for a family of four, including two roof tarps, a kerosene stove, cooking supplies, 500 chlorine tablets, toothpaste, a mosquito net, and other consumables.

Under the guidance of RI Director Ashok M. Mahajan, funds collected by Rotary in India will be leveraged with support of the RI community and The Rotary Foundation. Saboo admits to being moved by the spirit and determination of those affected by the flood. "One thing that hit me hard was the realization and the appreciation of the power and strength of these people." "Rotary's compassion and action will make the difference for victims," says Saboo. "This is the time when the sincerity of purpose will bring a sense of tremendous satisfaction far more than any recognition or credit."



Quote of the week:

Ability can take you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

Zig Ziglar

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