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Installation of 2008-09 RC Mid-Town Board



19th Installation Ceremony of the

ROTARY CLUB of
KATHMANDU-MIDTOWN
(RI District 3292, Club Id 26776)

Friday 1st, August 2008

Chief Guest: Rtn Dr. Tika Man Vaidya,
District Governor, RI District 3292

Venue: Hotel Shankar, Lazimpat
Time: 18:00 hrs

Walter Diller
President (2007-08)

R.R. Shrestha
President (2008-09)

The program followed by cocktail dinner.

Meet the Board 2008-09





Insights on Rotary from the new Board members

On-the-spot interviews with new Board members asked what Rotary meant to them. Here are a few of the responses:

President: RR Shrestha tells the Breakfast Chatter that Rotary is, "...all about service to the community." **Vice President:** Govinda Chepalu says that. "Rotary is a place to have fun and enjoy fellowship while helping those less fortunate". **President Elect:** Subarna Joshi, was very succinct and said quite simply that Rotary is the right place to do social work. **Secretary:** Som Pudasaini said that the Rotary moto 'service above self' accurately captures the spirit of it; and that fellowship is the bonus – this makes life more exciting. **Membership Committee:** Chair PP Ajay Sthapit told that fellowship begins between ones own club members but then extends to the greater Rotary global community. **Club Administration Committee:** Chair Jo Logghe told that Rotary gave her the energy to go on – just to see how many good people were willing to give of their time and resources to actively help others reaffirmed her belief in humankind. **Service Projects**

Committee: Chair Pratap –Malla told that there comes a time in ones life, when one feels one should give something back. Working alone is NOT possible but with a concerted effort through Rotary, with its world-wide organization, there is every possibility to achieve this, through - Service before Self to "Make Dreams Real." **The Rotary Foundation Committee:** Chair Saroj Shrestha told BC that he found real satisfaction in working to help the less fortunate. **Events Management Committee:** Chair PP Komal Chitracar appreciated the leadership development aspect of Rotary and said that Rotary had helped him to develop so that he could better help others. **Treasurer** and Charter President Roop Jyoti said, '...its all about fellowship and service'. **Immediate Past Prtesident:** Walter Diller said that Rotary is a type of 'token of love' to mankind. **Club Public Relations Committee:** Chair Navyo Eller was out of town. **Sargent at arms:** Werner Blaser told us the he gets a real lift from seeing people fulfil their dreams. **Executive Secretary** Mr. Dahal, who is not a Rotarian but is a Paul Harris Fellow, told the BC that Rotarians are the cream of society and that Rotary simply acts to bring them together to do the good work that they do.

Past President Rtn Giri told BC that Rotary is an opportunity to serve the people who have done do much for him and that doing so simply makes life worthwhile.

Calendar	
Date	Theme
Aug. 1 st	Installation of Mid-Town Board for 2008-09. Shanker Hotel 6PM With Chief Guest Dr. Tika Man Vidya. Family members welcomed to join in this annual celebration!
Aug. 2 nd	District Membership Seminar 2008 <u>Venue:</u> Lalitpur Party Palace, Lalitpur Bishal Bazar, Pulchowk, Lalitpur <u>Registration:</u> Rs.500/- per person (inclusive of breakfast and lunch) <u>Time:</u> Registration and breakfast 8:30 am - 9:00 am at the venue <u>Plenary and discussion sessions :</u> 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (+tea break) <u>Lunch:</u> 1:00 pm <u>Host Clubs:</u> RC Mahabouddha and RC Patan Durbar Square
Aug. 8 th	Rtn. Kedar Bhakta Shrestha , former Nepalese Ambassador to USA and Canada, was instrumental in promoting our appeal for District 3292 with RI.
Aug. 15 th	Short talk by Rotary Exchange Student Chiemi Shrestha who will be heading to New Jersey by the end of August.
Sept. 19 th	No Friday meeting.
Sept. 21 st	Brunch meeting. Former Mid-Towner Rtn. Larry Meek and 20 members of his present Rotary Club will be in Nepal. Let us plan to welcome them with typical Nepali hospitality! (details to follow)

DID YOU KNOW?

What is Inner Wheel?

International Rotary Inner Wheel is most probably the largest women's Voluntary Service Organisation in the world. The name Inner Wheel was chosen because of the strong connection with Rotary; its membership is open to female relatives of Rotarians, and Rotaract. Inner Wheel operates in 100 countries with over 90,000 members in total. Inner Wheel aims to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service and to foster international understanding. Members achieve this through the club's social events which mix fundraising, service, friendship, and fun.

Professional / Vocational Development

The Nepal Youth Business Forum of FNCCI is offering support up to Rs. 50,000 for skill and development training for young entrepreneurs. Any interested Club can take advantage of this generous offer. Contact: PP Rtn. William.



Speaker Rtn. Gen. Phatte B. Limbu (left), PP RC Kathamandap was District Co-ordinator for RYLA during 2007-08. Rtn. Phatte is retired from Nepalese Army where he was Lt. General. He trained at Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, UK, and went on to have a very active and colourful career in England, India and Germany as well as with the UN in Lebanon. Most recently he was ADC to HE King Ganendra. Before his serious discussion on Ryla Rtn. Phatte entertained Mid-Town with a series of humorous vignettes of his life as a young man in Europe during the 1960s and '70s – including one night that he spent as a guest in a Danish prison when no other lodging could be found



Rtn Phatte, was accompanied by his club member Dr. Umed Pun (right) who runs a nursery business in Godavari, and who has also recently been very active in the organisation of RYLA. Both Rt. Phatte and Rtn.Umed were very enthusiastic about the beneficial aspects of RYLA for young people – in spite of the rather Herculean task it is to organise they persist with their good work. Mid-Town congratulates them for their good work and wishes them every success in the future.



On the 19th July the **Inner Wheel Club of New Road City** invited **PP Rtn. Dr. Chandra Lekha Tuladhar** to speak at their regular meeting. The session uplifted their spirits and gave them great confidence in their ability as Inner Wheel members to "Make Dreams a Real" as they learnt of the many simple ways of being involved in making a difference.



A picture taken in LELE VDC during the DG's visit on 21 Sept. 2007. The DG is shown here presenting a wheel chair to physically impaired Bindu Dhillon (age 5yrs.) with IPP Walter & CSD Rtn Pratap , while the Head Master of Saroswoti HS and another a RCC member look on.

Prevention is Better than Cure

On the right PP **Dr Chandra Lekha Tuladhar** conducts training for 15 volunteers from Ramkot /Rotaracts of KTM Mid-Town and Rotaracts of Patan West at the Eye Clinic in Tripureswar (21st July '08).

Below, a Mid-Town Rotractor shows that he has learnt the lesson well!



After their training, Anjana Manandhar coordinated the visit of volunteers from Ramkot and the Rotaract club of Patan West and Mid-Town to conducted vision screening at Shree Ratna Rajya Higher Secondary School, Ramkot.

The objective of the visit was twofold: 1.) to generate awareness among children, teachers and parents about early detection of visual problem and to emphasis that "Prevention is better than cure" and 2.) to assess the vision of children attending the school.



Drive to end polio gets huge boost from WHO

By Jenny Llakmani , Rotary International News -- 18 June 2008

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan told cheering Rotarians at the RI Convention: "I am making polio eradication the organization's top operational priority on a most urgent, if not an emergency, basis."

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The drive to eradicate polio will have the full operational power of the World Health Organization behind it, WHO Director-General Margaret Chan announced at the RI Convention in Los Angeles on Tuesday. Rotarians in the plenary hall cheered as Chan continued: "I am making polio eradication the organization's top operational priority on a most urgent, if not an emergency, basis."

In a historic moment, Chan was joined at the plenary session by the heads of the other spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative: Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ann Veneman, executive director of UNICEF; and Robert S. Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees and Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. It was the first time leaders of all four partners have appeared together on stage and given a joint address.

US\$100 Million Challenge, a three-year fundraising effort to match a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Calling the Gates Foundation grant a "tremendous honor," he asked each Rotary club to commit to an annual donation of \$1,000 for the next three years. "I heard of one club yesterday that's going to give \$10,000 a year," he said. "That's what we need!"

Why 1,313 is more than a number

Gerberding described Rotary as an extraordinary pillar of a dream partnership that brings out the best in all four organizations. Stating that 1,313 children were infected with polio in 2007, she called on Rotarians to take that number and turn it into something positive.

"Those children aren't just numbers," she said. "They're sentinels of responsibility. We have not just a health responsibility, but a moral responsibility to protect future generations from this disease."

Gerberding asked those who can to contribute \$1,313 to the eradication initiative. "If you can't contribute money," she continued, "then contribute 1,313 minutes of your time to volunteer in the effort to eradicate polio. If you don't have time, give 1,313 words to motivate others and help inspire the commitment we need to get this job done."

All three of the global health leaders stressed Rotarians' unique part in the eradication initiative. Veneman praised Rotary for playing a crucial role in the immunizations of two billion children since 1988. "UNICEF is proud to be your partner," she said.

Rotarians urged to continue the fight

Chan noted that Rotary is famous in polio circles for its steadfast commitment and determination. Through the respect and trust they have earned, she said, "Rotarians can open doors at the highest political levels, and you can open the doors of homes at the grassroots level."

Stressing that polio is in retreat, Chan assured Rotarians of her personal commitment to eradication, and urged them to continue the fight. To wild applause, she said, "I ask those of you representing Rotary in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan to do even more. You have been the engines of polio eradication in your countries, and I thank you. But I need you to do more. I challenge you to raise the political stakes even higher, as I am doing with heads of state and political leaders. Political leaders must be mobilized and held fully accountable."

Chan ended her passionate address by thanking Rotarians for "your steadfast commitment to ridding the world of an ancient disease that has destroyed so many childhoods and broken so many hearts. Together," she said, "we will bring this to an end, forever."

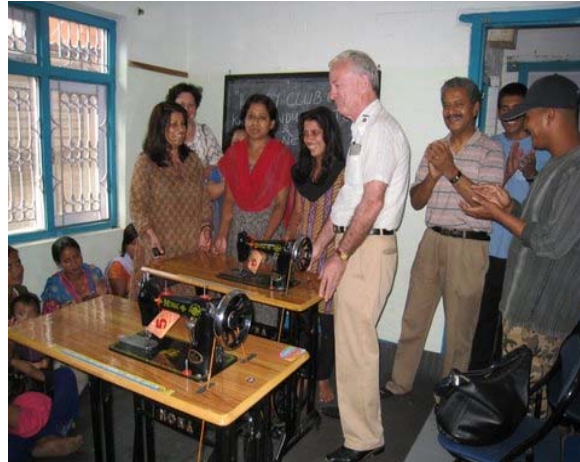


Mid-Town visits the Pashupati shelter



The supporting activity in favour of street children was organized by RC Kathmandu Mid-Town, along with Rtn. Sharmila and HELP/Nepal who is currently managing in Pashupati shelter, education, food and health for 40 street children.

Mid-Town, provided stationery to the children at the shelter and Rtn. Pratap, through his factory, Nepal Tent & Tarpaulin Pvt. Ltd. provided 40 school bags. Two sewing machines were donated to help the women develop craft skills for improved self-sufficiency.



Mid-Town Humour



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