



Breakfast Chatter

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Mid-Town celebrates 1000 meetings!



Mid-Town celebrates meeting number 1000 – the first millennium!
Our thousandth will be celebrated in grand style with a Greek dinner kindly offered by Rtn. Alex and wife Eleni.

Rt. Govinda has planned some fun and games for the evening -- including **TRAVEL TALES** or **TALL TALES**. Contestant will have 3 minutes to tell a memorable trip tale. The winner will receive a surprise gift. So, hone up your story telling skills and prepare to share your favourite tale. (No, Simon Cowell will not be judging.)

Calendar

Date	Theme
September 18 th	Mid-Town celebrates its 1000th meeting (see above)
September 25 th	Fulpati is the seventh day of Dashain is the beginning of 6 days of the high holydays. On fulpati , the royal kalash is filled with holy water. Government officials put on a fulpati parade and the Nepalese Army fires its guns to honour the fulpati. By the time the function ends, the royal fulpati is taken inside the Dashain ghar in Hanuman Dhoka Palace. With this the Dashain feasting starts.
September 25 th	NO ROTARY MEETING ON THIS DAY
September 28 th	Dashain Festival Tika



Fellowship around town



Kalyan Banerjee (RI Past Director/ Past Rotary Foundation Trustee) was the special guest speaker at the regular meeting of RC Patan this week. Kalyan Banerjee (highlighted in Breakfast Chatter #7) is presently Chair of the Southeast Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee and he is the Nominating Committee's choice for RI President in 2011-12. This photo, taken during RC Patan fellowship fellowship, also shows our own **PP Dr. Lekha**, PP Jaya Shah (RC Jawalakhel) and Rtn. Siba Bhakta Rajbhandari Chair of District RI program committee.

This week's speaker

Chiemi returns from travels abroad



Our own **Chiemi Shrestha** (niece to PP Jyotsna) spent this past year as a Rotary Exchange Student. She was hosted by the **Rotary Club of Wallkill Valley** in New Jersey

in Rotary District 7470, New Jersey, USA.

Chiemi entertained us with a colourful PowerPoint presentation of her year abroad and of her travels. Her stories were full of the kindness and good will shown to her by the very many Rotary Clubs who hosted her and the other international students who were on the same exchange program. She travelled not only within New Jersey but also as far a field as Washington DC and New York City. When she left Kathmandu more than one year ago she was a typical shy teenager and



she has returned to us well-spoken and composed. Most touching was Chemi's retelling of her good-bye party – a 'surprise' event attended by all of her friends and her host families. She still gets a little teary-eyed in the retelling - Chiemi was obviously well-loved and appreciated by her host families – she learnt a lot during her year abroad and has done Mid-Town proud. Congratulation!

Anita remembers her time in Germany



Also present at this week's meeting was our past Rotary Exchange student **Anita**. Three years ago Anita spent a year abroad in Germany as Mid-Town's Rotary exchange student. While there, she also had a chance to learn to speak German and visit a number of other European countries like Italy, Spain Greece and others. Anita has very fond memories of her time abroad and told us that it was really a life altering experience and that she will always cherish the memories of her year abroad.

Anita is wrapping up a bachelors degree in social sciences here in Kathmandu. 'Uncle' **Werner** can be very proud of this now very self-confident, accomplished, and worldly young woman.

A Gift from the Rotary Club of Launceston

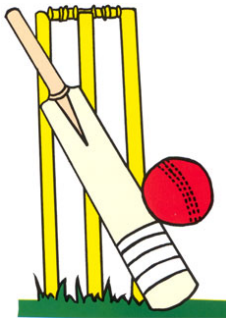


The ancient market town **Launceston** was once the capital of old Cornwall, and has very interesting castle ruins (right); it is also home to the **Rotary Club of Launceston**. On



his travels through the UK **PP Gopal** visited this Club and they graciously donated US\$400 for the cause of

'blind cricket' in Nepal. Mid-Towners responded by almost matching this amount and donated 13,000Nrs. The photo above shows **Capt. Pawan Ghimire**, Chair of the **Cricket Association of the Blind, Nepal** receiving the check (for a total of 43,800Nrs) from President Subarna at this week's meeting.



What is blind cricket??

Blind Cricket has been played in England and Wales since the 1940's. The sport offers camaraderie and a chance to compete on equal terms for blind and partially sighted people. All players are registered blind or partially sighted. The main difference between standard Cricket and Blind Cricket is size of the ball. A size three football is used in UK Blind Cricket to help the partially sighted players to see it and it is filled with a quantity of ball bearings to allow the totally blind players to hear it.



Mid-Town Fellowship and guests



The photo shows our guests from the **Cricket Association of the Blind, Nepal**.

PP Giri was in full form when he reminded Mid-Town of the **Rotary Cricket match** to be played with Rotarians from the Rotary Calcutta District #3291. The tournament will be played on the grounds of Tribhuvan University



on 21-22 September. The 'average' age will be 30-50 years – Mid-Towners are looking for a few youngsters to help them make up the age balance. Any takers? please call PP Giri.

Our guest this week was guest **Lt. Gen.**

(Rtd.) **Amar Panta** (photo center). Welcome back HE Rtn. Verena and Rtn. Onuora.



Mid-Town Interacts made history last week when for the first time two Interact Clubs held a joint installation function. The Chief Guest for the function was **DGE Thirta Man Shakya**. Mid-Town's own **PP Dr. Lekha** was also in attendance. One of these Clubs was established in 1997 and the other in 2005. Our Interacts have taken on the project of maintain a clean environment on the school premises – and it is a pleasure to see what a great job they have done. Each Interact is assigned a flower pot to maintain--and note the inscription! Our Rotaracts have been working with this new generation and have been doing their utmost to guide, train and work with them. The photo at the left shows the principal of the Jana Sewa Higher Secondary school congratulating the presidents of the two Interact Clubs.



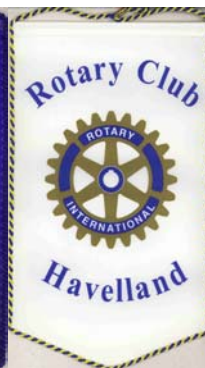
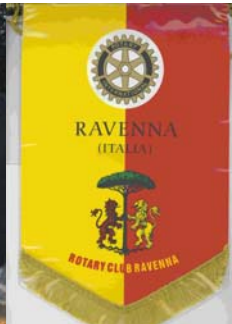
September, the 'New Generation Month', began with a bang as Mid-Town inducted 10 new Rotaract members (photo right). They were also on hand to help deliver a refrigerator to help the single women who run the cafeteria.



Mid-Towners abroad



Our President Elect **Rtn. Pratap** at the Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay (left), RC San Francisco Industrial City (center) and with the Rotary Club of Pres. John Ross of RC San Francisco Airport (right). Rtn. Pratap and wife Nabena below at RC Ravenna, Italy – and what a tasty dinner it was!



Welcome back to HE **Rtn. Verena** who visited her home-town Club in Erbach-Michelstadt, Germany as well as RC Havelland and RC Berlin Kurfürstendamm. A hearty welcome back also to **Rtn. Onuora** who visited RC St. Catherine, Ontario (where his son is in school) and Denville NJ.

Old is Gold



Rotary International allows members whose **combined age plus years of membership totals at least 85 years** to be excused from attendance. This request must be approved by the Board.

The week the Mid-Town Board approved the motion and these members can now be excluded from attendance figures.

Is there anyone we have missed?? RC Mid-Town will be 20 years old this November – so, if you are a charter member and at least 65 years or older you are eligible! - please mention it to our Mr. Dahal.

Mid-Town Humor



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