



## Breakfast Chatter



### THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF KATHMANDU MID-TOWN CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF ROTARY

**January is Vocational Service Month**

#### WEEKLY MEETINGS AND PROGRAMMES:

Date	Speaker	Program/Topics of Presentation
20 January	Ms. Lina Regmi	Talking on demonetisation in India. Demonetisation is an economic term which is used to mean the 'scrapping' of old currency notes and stripping them off their status of legal tender, usually when a new currency note or currency is being introduced in the economy of the country. This is a standard practice followed by all major economies of the world for different reasons. Ms Regmi holds a Completed B.S in Business Finance from Liberty University, USA in 2011 and a Master's in Business Administration, Liberty University, USA in 2013. She decided to move back to Nepal in November 2016, and is currently working at Leapfrog Technology, Kathmandu as a Project Manager managing teams through all areas of software lifecycle.
13 January	Our Guest speaker is PE Bhairaja Pandey	Bhairaja started his adult life in Kathmandu in early 70s as a student activist, a sports coach and a social activist before proceeding on to become a lawyer and a law lecturer in Tribhuvan University.  He will talk on the world order after election of Donald Trump as US President

#### CLUB NEWS

PE Bhairaja opened his talk with an introduction to the basics of international law,

The incoming US president has absolute powers but the system has check and balance. The world

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stating that it is basically a form of communication, some are supported by powers & made into law and other are just wishes and only morally binding.

As a result of After World War I, huge amounts of people moved across countries, this movement called for a legal order to manage and organise the displacements. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, the newly established UN adopted a row of fundamental principles including that the world should not discriminate against any religion, ethnic groups, class and beliefs.

Bhairaja was deeply concerned about the fact that all the above principles seem to have been abandoned by US with the of Election of Donald Trump.

President Elect Trump has tried to become saviour of humanity, he has made enemies of Muslims, Mexicans & Chinese.

Internationally its unacceptable to target people based on religion, race & ethnicity.

democracy is at danger and it is an extremely difficult time for the UN to maintain work order. The main issue is the signal being sent out by Trump and it signifies the lack of knowledge US citizens have about the outside world.

## OTHER CLUB NEWS

A South Asia literacy conference is taking place in Pokhara from 3-5<sup>th</sup> March, interested Rotarians can register now.

PP Gopal informed about the registration of the district conference. The conference has been shifted to Kathmandu. He requested interested members to register timely. Over 1800 have already registered for it from Nepal & Bhutan.

### **Visiting Rotarian**

Rotractors Past DRR Sameer, PP Saugat, PE Anushree.

For More Information Contact Rtn. Diwakar Rajkarnikar

Chair District Vocational Award sub committee

Deadline for Award Submission: January 25, 2017



The current world is at a serious juncture.

We see a big economic rise of both in China and in India, there may be wars on economic & territory issues between China and the Western world.

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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### 2017-18 RI PRESIDENT IAN H.S. RISELEY ANNOUNCES HIS PRESIDENTIAL THEME, *ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE*

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Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

#### **We want to hear your vision of Rotary's future! Your input is essential to Rotary's success**

On behalf of all the members of the Strategic Planning Committee, Dr. Stephanie Urchick Chair, Rotary International Strategic Planning Committee is sending a reminder about this important initiative for Rotary's future.

Please help us evaluate where Rotary is today [and](#) understand what Rotary needs to do to thrive throughout its second century.

Working with Rotary's Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees, the Strategic Planning Committee seeks your feedback to build the plans for Rotary's future. Which causes are most important to you? In your opinion, where is Rotary's greatest potential and where is Rotary lacking? What types of programs and activities do you prefer? What would you like to see Rotary accomplish?

Please complete this survey within the next two weeks.

To take the survey, click on the following link:

[Your Vision for Rotary's Future](#)

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## CALENDAR AND EVENTS IN KATHMANDU

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15-21 January — [International Assembly](#), San Diego, California, USA

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

1 March — [Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award](#) nominations (from district governors only) are due

13-19 March — World Rotaract Week

15 March — [Significant Achievement Award](#) nominations (from district governors only) are due

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for [Rotary International Convention](#)

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### KATHMANDU EVENTS

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14 Jan	Sat	Maghi Parwa / Maghe Sankranti
28 Jan	Sat	Sonam Losar (Tamang New Year)
29 Jan	Sun	Martyr's Memorial Day
18 Feb	Sat	Democracy Day (Rastraya Prajatantra Dibas)

10 Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Nepal Wood International Expo, Brikuti Mandap, 10am to 5 am.

14 Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> International Women Trade Expo, Tribhuwan Army Officers Club, 10am

18 Feb Women of the World Festival, Staff Collage 11am to 8 pm. British Council

**Maghe Sankranti** is a [Nepalese](#) festival observed on the first of [Magh](#) in the [Vikram Sambat \(B.S\)](#) calendar (about 14 January) bringing an end to the ill-omened month of [Poush](#) when all religious ceremonies are forbidden in [Mithila](#) and [Tharuhat](#) plains of [Madhesh](#). On this day, the sun is believed to leave its

southernmost position and begin its northward journey. Maghe Sankranti is similar to [solstice](#) festivals in other religious traditions.

Observant [Hindus](#) take ritual baths during this festival, notably at auspicious river locations. These include Sankhamul on the [Bagmati](#) near [Patan](#); In the [Gandaki/Narayani](#) river basin at Triveni, [Devghat](#) near [Chitwan Valley](#) and Ridi <sup>[2]</sup> on the Kaligandaki; and in the [Koshi River](#) basin at Dolalghat on the Sun Koshi. Festive foods like [laddoo](#), [ghee](#) and [sweet potatoes](#) are distributed. The mother of each household wishes good health to all family members.

The legend states that a successful businessman was curious as to why his supply of sesame seed seemed to be never ending. When he inspected the bag he found an idol of Lord Vishnu, the preserver.

According to [Mahabharata](#), king [Bhishma](#), who had the power to control his own death, happened to choose to die on the day of Maghe Sankranti. Therefore, it is believed that one to die on this day might achieve [Moksha](#), a release from rebirth cycle.

As per [Kirat](#), [Maithil](#) (Nepali origin [Madhesi](#)) and [Tharu](#) community of [Nepal](#), this festival is celebrated as a start of a new year which is called *Yele Dhung*.<sup>[4]</sup> Based on the rical evidence Kirat calendar was started when King [Yalamber](#) conquered [Kathmandu](#) valley.

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#### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR 'MY ROTARY' ACCOUNT

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First go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Then **click on My Rotary**. And then **Click on Sign In/Register**.

If you are a first-time user, click on **Create account**.

Fill in the Account registration information **and click on Continue**.

You will be informed that an e-mail has been sent to you.

Check your email for the address you provided in the step above. You will receive a message from Rotary. Click on the blue link in the mail to finalize the process.

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#### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

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A leader these days needs to be a host -- one who convenes diversity; who  
convenes all viewpoints in creative processes where our mutual intelligence  
can come forth.

\*\*\* Margaret J. Wheatley Speaker, Writer, Consultant & President of The  
Berkana Institute

NB: Send any information/photos that may be of interest to the Club or Rotarians in general to

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Venue: Fridays at 7:30AM, Hotel de l'Annapurna, Kathmandu, NEPAL