 **6 Mar 2015** **The Weekly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town** **bc-34/3.015**

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**MARCH IS THE LITERACY MONTH**

**“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope” Kofi Annan**

Club’s Weekly Meeting # 1268 Friday, 27 February:



Extracts of the Meeting Minutes :

“1. The Meeting #1268 was called to order.

“2. A special moment of silence in remembrance of late PP Giri.

“6. Rtn Gen KNS Thapa introduced guest speaker Tulasi Diwasa and mentioned that they both hail

from the district of Dhankuta. Mr Diwasa talked about 'Culture in the context of present day

Nepal'. He expounded on the theme of the 'man of culture' vs the 'cultured man' With the former

meaning someone who knew how to perform rituals whereas the latter is usually reserved to

mean someone who understands the origin of rituals and why they are performed. The vote of

thanks was given by Rtn Govinda..

Mr Diwasa is also President of the Nepali Folklore Society, he asked that anyone who is interested in participating in

any way please contact him at: tdiwasa@gmail.com.

”7. Information sharing:

> 7th District Conference of RI District 3292 on 27th, 28th Feb and 1st Mar, 2015 at Chitwan.District Conference

Committee has been working hard to put together a terrific program that will be informative that will promote “Enjoy

Rotary".

> RC Ktm Mid-Town pot-luck dinner Saturday March 28 at the home of Rtn Sheri who has a lovely huge home and

garden – perfect to host the event. Looking for raffle prizes – please contact Rtn Bhairaja...

> Pres Kul shared information sent by Iswar Man Pradhan (Past President, RC Patan West) requesting Mid-Town to

participate in an inter-city meet on the topic of the Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital with RC Kasthamandap, RC Kantipur

and RC Patan West. Pres Kul asked who had information of the early days of the BCH. Club members informed that

PP Mani was the contact. PP Mani please follow up.

> Rtn Pabitra reported that the 'Biogas Project' is now 30% complete.

> A walk to Chitan on Saturday March 7 – please contact PP Komal if you are interested in joining.

“9. Statistics of the meeting: Members present: 22”.

# Weekly Meetings and Programs :

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| Date | Program/ Speaker | Topic of Presentation |
| 6 March | Dr. Viquar Qurashi | Setting up an artificial limb workshop and training people how to make orthotics |
| 13 March | Rotaract week/  Late PP Giri’s memorial | First part: celebration of Rotaract Week  Second part: a memorial for late PP Giri |
| 20 March | Dr Rup Khadka |  |

Weekly Meeting on Friday, 6 March:



Our speaker Dr. Viquar Qurashi is a British based Pakistani trauma and orthopaedic

surgeon who with his charity, the Naya Qadam Trust, has been taking low cost

prosthetics to some of the poorest parts of the world. He has perfected a technique

of making artificial legs out of plastic drainpipe.

This pioneering surgeon helping bomb blast victims walk again - thanks to prosthetic limbs

made from drainpipes and tyres.

He has created 114 false legs for amputees;

He uses his spare time to create the prostheses made from melted drainpipes;

He then fashions artificial feet using recycled rubber taken from car tyres;

He is in Nepal visiting a few hospital in Kathmandu. He is interested in setting up an artificial limb workshop and training people how to make orthotics.

**Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town**

Potluck Dinner on Saturday, 28 March 2015

It’s a potluck party and we should have a lot of fun.

The organizers are asking each participant to bring in something, big or small,

so that everyone gets a prize.

Rtn Isabella is currently helping to print the raffle tickets.

Whatever you would like to put it in the prize-pool, it would be better if you notify her

so that she could incorporate it in the raffle ticket.

If you have not yet decided as to what you would be providing,

simply send your entry without mentioning the item.

It would add more fun.

The prize winner will be in suspense as to what is it he/she’s getting!

**Women in Rotary Make it Happen**



Celia Cruz de Giay

- Celia Cruz de Giay, 2014-15 Rotary vice president

How the idea of service modeled for me since my childhood through my Rotarian father, and

then through my Rotarian husband, Luis, led to this day, and I recognize that Rotary was always

part of my life. That is why I am a Rotarian committed to serve.

I have been involved in service all my life, whether through preparing a grant to help the hospital

in my town, or organizing vocational education classes for youth, or vaccinating children against

polio, or organizing fundraisers for scholarship associations, and so on

I believe Rotary’s challenge today and in the future is to engage more women and

more young people into our organization to allow them to grow as leaders, so we

can together contribute to bringing about social justice, peace, and understanding.

………More in Annex…….. *Source: RI News*

**Pakistan: Anti-vaccine Parents Arrested** **!**

Hundreds of parents in northwestern Pakistan were arrested and jailed on charges of endangering public security after refusing to allow their children to be vaccinated for polio, officials said Monday. The spokesman for the district administration in Peshawar said 471 people had been jailed starting over the weekend in the city and surrounding villages. Pakistan is one of three countries where polio is endemic, and last year it accounted for the vast majority of reported cases. Some Pakistanis fear vaccinations will make their children sterile, and the Taliban have attacked medical workers.

*Source: Internet News*

**International Women's Day - 8 March**

**2015 Theme: *MAKE IT HAPPEN***

**"When we unleash the power of women, we can secure the future for all," says UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his message for International Women’s Day 2015.**

All around the world, International Women's Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.

Each year International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. Thousands of events occur to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day. Various organisations identify their own International Women's Day theme, specific to their local context and interests. Many charities, NGOs and Governments also adopt a relevant theme or campaign to mark the day.

So make a difference, think globally and act locally !! Make everyday International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

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On Lighter Side:

**A diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way**

**that you actually look forward to the trip !**

**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:**

**[One of the basic differences between God and human is,](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/baruchspin101666.html" \o "view quote)**

**[God gives, gives and forgives.](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/baruchspin101666.html" \o "view quote)**

**[But human gets, gets, gets and forgets.](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/baruchspin101666.html" \o "view quote)**

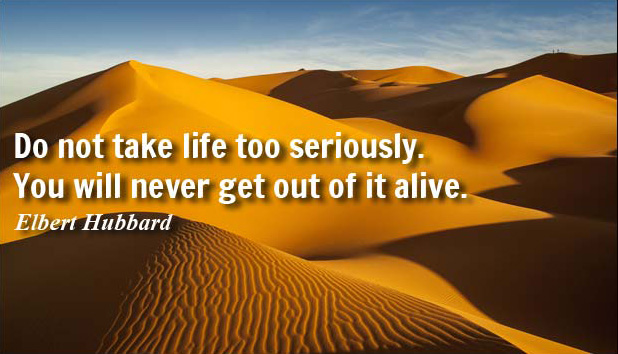
**[Be thankful in life!](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/baruchspin101666.html" \o "view quote)**

Travel / Tourism



Travelling is a great fun.







Share your Rotary stories. Tell them to your friends, on social media, and through

Rotary.org. Our Rotary stories are what inspire us, and what encourage others to join us;

they help light up our service, as we work to Light Up Rotary ?

**RI President GARY C.K. HUANG**

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Annex

Women in Rotary make it happen



By Celia Cruz de Giay, 2014-15 Rotary vice president

If anyone had told me that I would be writing a blog post today as vice president of Rotary International extolling the impact of women, I would have thought that person was dreaming. But when I think about it a little longer, I can see how the idea of service modeled for me since my childhood through my Rotarian father, and then through my Rotarian husband, Luis, led to this day, and I recognize that Rotary was always part of my life. That is why I am a Rotarian committed to serve.

I joined Rotary 21 years ago. But I have been involved in service all my life, whether through preparing a grant to help the hospital in my town, or organizing vocational education classes for youth, or vaccinating children against polio, or organizing fundraisers for scholarship associations, and so on.

The most important lesson I have learned by serving is that to truly lead, we need to be in touch with the people we serve. Anyone can become a community leader, but to truly achieve something as a leader, we must be immersed in their agonies and inspired by their causes. True leadership is a commitment to help others reach their full potential.

As the world’s oldest service organization, Rotary has come a long way. Today we have more than 1.2 million men and women working to improve the lives of people in their communities and around the world. Around 250,000 of them are women, who bring a different perspective to the way we look at challenges and opportunities. These women are from diverse ethnic and religious background; they employ teamwork, persistence, determination, creativity, enthusiasm, generosity, self-confidence, and compassion; and they advocate for education and new opportunities for children, youth, and young adults.

I believe Rotary’s challenge today and in the future is to engage more women and more young people into our organization to allow them to grow as leaders, so we can together contribute to bringing about social justice, peace, and understanding.

Many times I have told myself that my legacy to my family, and to future generations, should be to leave the world better than I found it. So I will continue serving through Rotary and putting my heart into all I do, hoping to inspire Rotary members in my club, district, and worldwide to do our best to leave the world a better place than we found it. Because if we can dream we can do this, we can make it possible!!