



# Breakfast Chatter



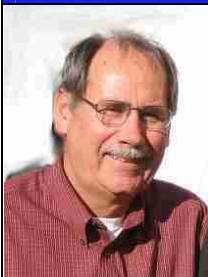
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## Speakers of the Week



### Joint meeting with RC 49er Nevada City California

Former Mid-Towner **Rtn. Larry Meek** and 20 members of his present Rotary Club will be joining us for this Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning meeting at the Shanker Hotel 7:30AM. Dr. Barry Turner, their president, will be telling us about the good work they have been doing over the past year. **Rtn. Pratap Malla** will bring the group up to date on Mid-Town's community service.



While in Nepal Larry and fellow Rotarians will trek and climb a 20,000ft peak as well as conduct a five days dental camp at Chyangba Village. The peak climbing group will be led by Dr. Barry Turner President of Rotary club 49er Nevada city and the trekking group will led by Larry Meek. They will be providing dental care to children who would otherwise not have the opportunity or resources to receive dental care. The camp will be set up in Chyangba School.

## Calendar

Date	Theme
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	No Friday meeting.
Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	United Nations' International Day of Peace
Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday morning 7:30-9:30AM breakfast meeting <b>Hotel Shanker</b> (note change of venue)
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rtn. Jaya Shah</b> (PP RC Jawalakhel) will speak on District Awards and <b>Rtn. Dr. Bibek Pradhan</b> RC of Mansfield (England) will speak on health education in one remote village of Nepal. You all may be familiar with Rtn. Bibhek as he has previously spoken to us his good work with the cancer hospital.
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	Mid-Town in-house seminar by PP Rtn. Ambica
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	No Friday Meeting -- Dashain holiday (24 <sup>th</sup> of Ashwin)
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	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.

## International Day of Peace

## JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

SEPTEMBER 21

The United Nations' International Day of Peace - marked every year on September 21 - is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations, and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace.

Established by U.N. resolution in 1982, "Peace Day" has grown to include millions of people around the world who participate in all kinds of events, large and small. May peace prevail on Earth!

## Mid-Town Gets Confirmation of Lele Drinking Water Project

A big congratulation to Community Service Director Rtn. Pratap and to his team for all of the good work they have done this past year. This hard work has paid off and they now have confirmation that MG grant 66963 for the drinking water supply project for LELE has been approved by Rotary International.



The ground work for this matching grant was laid last year when Rtn. Pratap was in the US for two and a half months on a family visit. He used this time to visit other Rotary Clubs and to twist a few arms. These photos show Rtn. Pratap as he visited clubs in the San Francisco Bay area. The RC of South San Francisco gave US \$ 2,000; RC of Burlingame - US \$ 1,000; RC Half Moon Bay - US \$ 2,500; SHARE - DDF - US \$ 3,750 & RI Award of US \$ 6,750 for a total of US \$ 16,000. As the work on the drinking water project progresses Breakfast Chatter will

continue to keep you informed – stay tuned.

## Turning Scrap Paper into Recognition for a Job Well Done

Shanti Sewa Griha has been involved in a project to turn scrap paper into briquettes. At the request of **PP Rtn. Lekha** who brought this to our attention, many Mid-Towners have donated their scrap paper and have encouraged their offices to do the same. A good example of this is **Rtn. Peter Morris** who has made arrangements for all of the scrap paper from the Australian Embassy to be donated to this good cause.

In April Shanti Sewa Griha applied for the BBC World Challenge 2008 Competition. This is a global competition aimed at identifying projects or small businesses from around the world that have shown enterprise and innovation at a grass-roots level (see [www.worldchallenge.co.uk](http://www.worldchallenge.co.uk) for more information). This week they have been informed that from among the more than 700 applicants, Shanti Sewa Griha has had the honour of being selected as one of only 12 finalists. This in itself is a great achievement! Moreover, the BBC has indicated that the Shanti stands a good chance of winning the competition.

A television programme presenting the 12 projects will be broadcasted in October on the BBC World News Channel. Afterwards the public will get the chance to vote for their favourite project. Winning this competition would be a great honour for Shanti Sewa Griha as it would show appreciation for their continuing and committed good work. Furthermore, the winner will benefit from financial support as well as significant publicity. So, tune-in to this programme and vote for the Shanti! Breakfast Chatter will giving dates and the voting procedure in following issues or see the web page above.

## Mid-Town Rotaracts Celebrate New Generation Month

Mid-Town's active Rotaracts have been hard at work putting into practice the spirit of 'New Generation' month. They provided a mid-day meal for school children and ingeniously used this as an opportunity to promote health and cleanliness by instructing the young children on the importance of washing hands (using soap) before eating. The photo shows Rotaract. Anil Shrestha as he briefed the students of Moti Binayak at Dholahiti.



After the talk the children enjoyed a home cooked dhal bhat mid- day meal. In all, 65 school children of poor family as well as 25 staff and volunteers shared a happy meal together .



Mid-Towners celebrated another aspect of these children's lives by donating books and toys. The books will hopefully go some way to establishing a small library at this school and the toys will bring some joy. The photo shows Rotaract President Amod and



Mid-Town President RR Shrestha as they jointly hand books over to Mr Ram Hari Mahat Chairperson of the school committee.

President Rtn. Ram Raj told Mid-Town how much he enjoyed the event and urged Mid-Towners to take every opportunity to become more involved.





### New Country Added to Rotary Map

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News (adapted)

On 11 August, RI General Secretary Ed Futa, on behalf of the RI Board, approved a charter for the Rotary Club of Kiritimati, Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati, adding another nation to the more than 200 countries and geographical areas on the Rotary map. "Rotary will have an important and positive impact on improving the lives of people in Kiritimati (formerly Christmas Island)," says club president Ruta Uatioa. "Rotary represents leadership, something we are excited to adopt

here."

The 35-member club, along with guest Rotarians from District 9920 and the United States, held its first official club meeting on 23 August, the kickoff to the weeklong festivities. As part of the week's programming, Kiritimati club members visited schools and hospitals to assess potential projects.

Participating in the activities were members of the Rotary Club of Commerce City, Colorado, USA, who led multiple World Community Service (WCS) projects on Kiritimati and were instrumental in introducing Rotary to the islands.

George Maybee, a member of the Commerce City club, has vacationed with his wife, Sharon, on the island for years. During a trip in 2006, Maybee became convinced his club should get involved with helping people there. A year later, the club launched a multiphase WCS project consisting of improved medical care, water quality, and educational opportunities. The club then joined efforts with Past District 9220 Governor Warwick Pleass, who was already working with RI to get a club chartered in Kiribati. Maybee and members from the Rotary Club of Suva East, Fiji, made several trips to Kiritimati to help a provisional club.

### **An Island nation**

Kiribati (pronounced KEER-ah-bhass) consists of 33 islands scattered across 2,400 miles of the Pacific Ocean, with a population of more than 105,000. The three main groupings are the Gilbert Islands, Phoenix Islands, and Line Islands.

In 1995, Kiribati drew international attention when it petitioned to change the International Date Line, which divided the nation into two time zones. The entire nation now lies west of the date line, which zigzags around the easternmost islands. Kiribati gets a large portion of its income from overseas, including fishing licenses, development assistance, and tourism.

"Our people are used to being on the receiving end of help," says Uatioa. "With the first Rotary club here, our members can now be on the giving end."

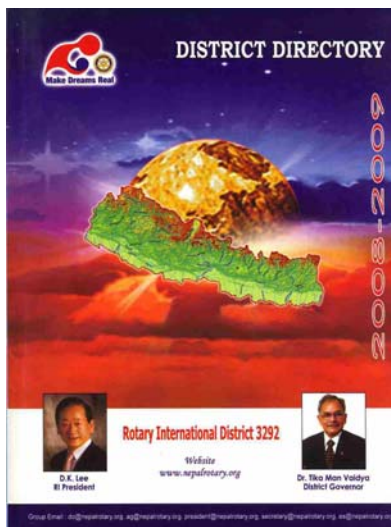
Projects in the works for the Kiritimati club include completion of upgrades to the Banana Village Medical Clinic; construction of working toilets for all six schools on the island; distribution of dictionaries provided by the Rotary Club of Brighton Early, Colorado; and distribution of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"The future is bright; Rotary can surely look forward to a glowing success with the Kiritimati club, as well as an additional club in Kiribati," says Maybee. "I'm very much looking forward to seeing the Kiribati flag at the RI Convention in Birmingham."

## Wheelchairs available

A programme through the RC Kathmandu West will give needy patients free wheelchairs. Please contact AG Rtn. Dr. Anil Shrestha at 9851048737 for more information or contact Community Service Director Rtn. Pratap.

## First Nepal Directory for District 3292



The new District Directory District 3292 for 2008-09 is now available. It is full of valuable and interesting information; it contains not only phone numbers but a Rotary Dictionary, and valuable Rotary background information. Please make sure that you get your copy from Mr. Dahal.

## Mid-Town Humour



*"I still have room for a second opinion."*

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