



# Breakfast Chatter



**Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town**  
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## Speakers of the Week



Visiting Rtn. **Hans Martin Scheuch** and President **Karlheinz Nothnagel** of **Darmstadt-BergstraÙe District 1860** will give a short talk on the MG 63246 Ghorka-Lamjung Girl Child Education Project.

## Calendar

Date	Theme
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Visiting Rtn. Hans Martin Scheuch and President Karlheinz Nothnagel of RC Darmstadt-Bergstrasse District 1860, Germany, will be the Mid-Town speaker of the week.
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	In-house seminar on Mid-Town ANM Project by PP Rtn. <b>CK Golchha</b> . Visit by the Rotary Club of Virum, District 1470, Denmark. Rtn. Dr. Torben Boesen, who is heading this group of 14 visiting Rotarians and spouses, will give Mid-Town a short recap on work they have been involved with in donating hearing aids to Nepal.
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Club Assembly
Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	No meeting on Friday, Charter Night to be celebrated the following day.
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mid-Town Charter Night. Details to follow.
Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December	TRF Seminar hosted by RC Patan. Details to follow.
December	Rotary Stewardship Seminar hosted by RC Durbar Square. President and TRF Chair kindly requested to attend. Details to follow.
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas break - no meeting.
Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	International Day for Biological Diversity
January	Mid-Town Family Pot Luck Cook-off Contest. Details to follow.

## Rotary International News

### ProjectLink



*ProjectLINK is a searchable database that lists Rotary club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and/or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, and completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices. For additional project details, contact [programs@rotary.org](mailto:programs@rotary.org) or the local Rotarian or club listed.*

## Mid-Town Speaker



Our speaker this past week was Richard Ragan, the UN World Food Program Representative to Nepal. He has held the same position on two other occasions, in Zambia during the Great Southern Africa drought of 2002 and 2003 and in North Korea which at the time was the largest food emergency in the world. Prior to joining the UN, he worked in the US Congress, for the US Secretary of Defense, as a Senior Official in USAID, and as the Director Democracy and Human Rights on the National Security Council in the Clinton White House. He spoke to Mid-Town on the role of the UN in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Finally, and most importantly, Richard's Father, Grandfathers and Uncle are all life-long Rotarians in the US states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

### What is the World Food Programme?



The World Food Programme (WFP) is the food aid branch of the United Nations, and the world's largest humanitarian agency. WFP provides food, on average, to 90 million people per year, 58 million of whom are children. WFP works to help people who are unable to produce or obtain enough food for themselves and their families.

The World Food Programme is the United Nations' frontline agency in combating world hunger. It was formed in 1963 and has the practical role of supplying food during natural and political disasters.

## Nepal Rotary News

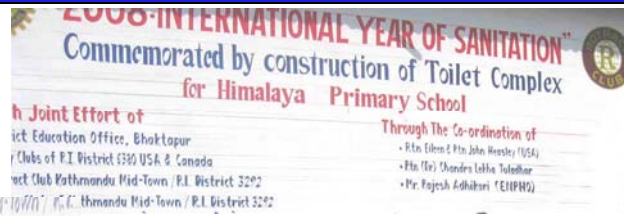
### Hetauda Inaugurates Eye Hospital in November



Rotarian PP Siddhi Lal Shrestha told Mid-Town of the upcoming eye camp and inauguration of the Hetauda Eye Hospital. PP Siddhi was accompanied by Rtn. Promod Shrestha and Rtn. Uttam Sharma of the Rotary Club of Hetauda. The eye camp will run Nov. 19-21 and the inauguration will take place Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Rtn. Siddhi can be reached at [siddhi523717@yahoo.com](mailto:siddhi523717@yahoo.com)

Mid-Town has been involved with this eye camp for many years and seeing the hospital completed will be a dream come true-- it would be super if we could be there in force for the inauguration. Questions on travel and accommodation logistics can be addressed to PP Rtn. Mani at [mani@enet.com.np](mailto:mani@enet.com.np).

## Mid-Town Celebrates International Year of Sanitation



To commemorate the International Year of Sanitation a toilet complex was built for the children of Himalaya Primary school at Necosera Village, Thimi. The many groups involved in this joint effort include: The Rotary Clubs of RI District 6380 USA & Canada, the District Education Office/Bhaktapur, and Rotarians and Rotaracts of Kathmandu Mid-Town, District 3292. The project was

coordinated by PE Rtn. Eileen and Rtn. John Heasley of the RC of Troy Michigan, District 6380 and Mid-Town's own PP Dr. Chandra Lekha Tuladhar and also by Mr. Rajesh Adhikari of ENPHO. This is the second toilet project that Mid-Town Rotaracts have been involved with in this Year of Sanitation. **DG Rtn. Tika Man Vidya** and visiting Rotarians **Eileen and John Heasley** were on hand on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> for the inauguration and the Necosera village children provided the colorful local dance and cultural programme (see below).



The new toilet complex replaces the old single toilet that drained directly into the river. The new facility includes a septic tank and a soak pit also has water which is accessed by a power pump (see photo).



TOILET BEFORE & TOILET AFTER

## What is ENPHO?

ENPHO is an autonomous, non-profit, service-oriented, scientific NGO established in 1990. ENPHO envisages contributing to sustainable community development by combining research and action through its integrated environment and public health programmes. ENPHO is one of the first NGOs in Nepal to have a functional well-equipped laboratory for environmental monitoring and analysis. ENPHO's vision is to develop and promote appropriate technologies and practices for an eco-friendly society. See their web page at: <http://www.enpho.org>.





### UN chief to visit Nepal

The United Nations (UN) has confirmed that UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will visit Nepal this coming week during his travel to four Asian nations, nepalnews.com reported on Saturday. According to the UN News Center, Ban Ki-moon's tour itinerary includes stops in the Philippines, India, Nepal and Bangladesh. The UN said Ban Ki-moon will meet with Nepali President Ram Baran Yadav, Prime Minister Dahal and members of the Constituent Assembly. He is also scheduled to visit Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

The Secretary-General received his invitation to visit Nepal from PM Dahal while the Nepali PM was in New York to address the General Assembly of the UN. The contribution of the United Nations to Nepal is immense. The UN is involved in Nepal's peace process. It is also responsible for the supervision of Nepal's arms and armies along with the Maoists. The visit of the UN Chief will be very significant one for Nepal, which has undergone much of political upheaval in last couple of years.



## Happy Trails Sports News

### 14th Asian Mountain Bike Championship

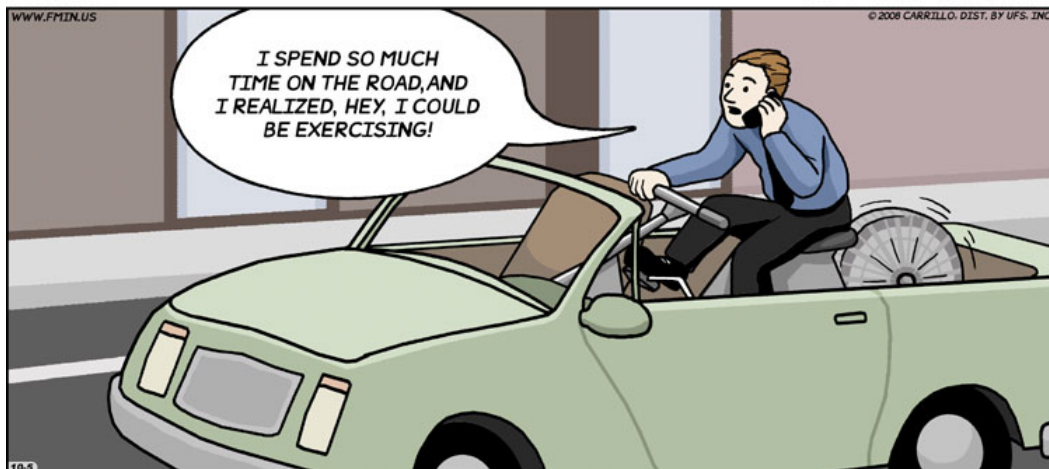
Nepal Mountain Bike Association (NMBA) is going to hold 14th Asian Mountain Bike Championship in Nepal from November 8-9 in Chovar. The president of NMBA Chimi Urken Gurung informed the media that they have almost completed their preparations for the championship. So far, 137 bikers from 15 countries have registered their name for the championship. Will there be any Mid-Towners in the group?? Questions can be addressed to PP Rtn. Gopal.



## Mid-Town Humour

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