



Breakfast chatter



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This week's speaker



AMOD MANI DIXIT

Nepal is a country of high seismic hazard, the National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET) was constituted by concerned Nepalese professionals of various discipline in order to help reduce the impact of future earthquakes; to raise awareness amongst the people on the possibilities of earthquake disaster reduction; to contribute to the development of science and technology related to earthquake disaster mitigation and implementation of earthquake resistant measures in construction. Founder member and executive director, **Amod Dixit**, will share his thoughts with us.

Last week's speaker



Ubuntu* comes to Mid-Town

Mid-Towner **Rtn Rabi** enticed us to this lecture by saying, "I know we do not have a shortage of technophobes in our midst who cringe at the thought of sitting for a good part of the hour listening to a geek talk endlessly about the nitty gritty of computer systems. I will talk from the user's perspective in a language that we all understand. No technical jargon, will shed some light on what is available freely out there in place of proprietary software and systems that charge users heavy licensing fees. I will also demonstrate a free Linux-based operating system called Ubuntu that is gaining wide popularity in place of Microsoft's

Windows. So if you are tired of fending off computer viruses and other malicious software, be there or be square."

*Ubuntu is a Nguni word which has no direct translation into English, but is used to describe a particular African worldview in which people can only find fulfilment through interacting with other people. Thus it represents a spirit of kinship across both race and creed which united mankind to a common purpose.

calendar	
date	theme
<p align="center">April – Magazine Month</p> <p>April is Magazine Month, a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians.</p>	
3 May	 <p align="center">World Press Freedom Day 2011</p> 
May 6	<p>Our speaker will be Amod Mani Dixit, Executive Director the National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET) (see above)</p>
May 7	<div> <div> <p>3:30 and 6:00 pm The British School Auditorium Jhamsikhel, Patan</p> <p><i>Admission Free Donations taken for Charity</i></p>  </div> <div> <p><i>Do you hear the people sing?</i></p> </div> </div>
May 9	 <p>Europe Day of the European Union</p> <p>On the 9th of May 1950, Robert Schuman presented his proposal on the creation of an organised Europe, indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations. This proposal, known as the "Schuman declaration", is considered to be the beginning of the creation of what is now the European Union.</p> <p>Today, the 9th of May has become a European symbol (Europe Day) which, along with the flag, the anthem, the motto and the single currency (the euro), identifies the political entity of the European Union. Europe Day is the occasion for activities and festivities that bring Europe closer to its citizens and peoples of the Union closer to one another.</p>
May 15	<p>The International Day of Families is an occasion to celebrate the importance of families to people, societies and cultures around the world. International Day of Families promotes the importance of a healthy and well-balanced family.</p>
21-25 May	 <p align="center">Tweet the RI Convention!</p> <p>Rotary International will be tweeting from the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, from 21 to 25 May, using the hashtag #ric2011. Follow Rotary on Twitter to find out the latest.</p> <p>Rotary International Convention in New Orleans Remember to let PP CK know if you will be attending.</p>

Fellowship

Mid-Town was happy to welcome our old friend, **Rtn Jörg Bahr of the German Rotary Volunteer Doctors** (Districts 1800-1900 and 1930-1950). Rtn Jörg Bahr has been coming to Nepal for more than a dozen years and during this time he and his untiring team of volunteer doctors have, established hospitals and clinics and have performed many needed medical interventions. Congratulations on a job well done and look forward to seeing you on your visit through Kathmandu again next year!



Mid-Town was also happy to welcome back long-time Mid-Towner **Rtn. Dr. Robert McNair Scott** who was on a short visit to Kathmandu.





Mid-Town was happy to welcome one of the younger generation! Ms. Suesha, daughter **PP Ajay** .



Community Service Director **Rtn Amar** gave the highlights of the **Fire Brigade Project** – the Nepali team will travel to Italy in May -- all systems are 'go' on the Bolzano side and on the Nepal side the travel visas are being prepared.



On Rtn Amar's left **Mr. Deepak Bajracharya** – a frequent guest to Mid-Town – we all wished him well on his upcoming three month trip to Pakistan.

Get Well Soon

Mid-Town's own Executive Secretary **Mr SK Dahal** had cataract surgery last week. The procedure took place at the Nepal Eye Hospital under the watchful eye of **PP Dr. Lekha**. The Mid-Town Board was happy to contribute and everything worked out very well indeed. The photos show Mr. Dahal immediately after the surgery and here below already hard at work only a few days after the operation. Sincere good wishes from all of us for a very speedy complete recovery.





District news



On a rainy Saturday morning Rotarians met up at the Park Village Hotel for a District Assembly – this gathering gave Rotarians a chance to meet their counterparts from other Clubs around the Valley and around the country. In spite of the cool and rainy weather – a warm and convivial atmosphere reigned.

President Elect Rtn. Som and **Rtn. Sharmila** (incoming Public Relations Chair), **Rtn Lisa** (incoming Membership Chair) and **Rtn. Isa** (incoming Vice President) were also there. Also present but not in photos was **Rtn Amar** (incoming TRF Chair). Hardworking Rotaracts from the **RCs Budhanilkantha, Thamel, Tripureswor and Nagarjun** who were the host Clubs.



Rotaract News

"Leadership and Business Etiquette Training"

On April 24th our Rotaracts organised a short seminar on **Leadership and Business Etiquette** Training at the Bridge Water International College, Sinamangal with an objective to develop leadership qualities and learn skills of good leadership along with communication skills and motivational skills. Altogether 22 participants from the Rotaract Clubs of: Kathmandu Mid-Town, Kathmandu Medical College, Reliance College, Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal Modern College and Valley College of Technical Science.

The resource persons were **Rtn. Laishram Buddha Singh**, and **PP Rtn. Anand Tuldhara**.

The training was interactive and informative. The resource persons gave presentations on qualities of leadership and practical approaches of NGOs and business organizations.



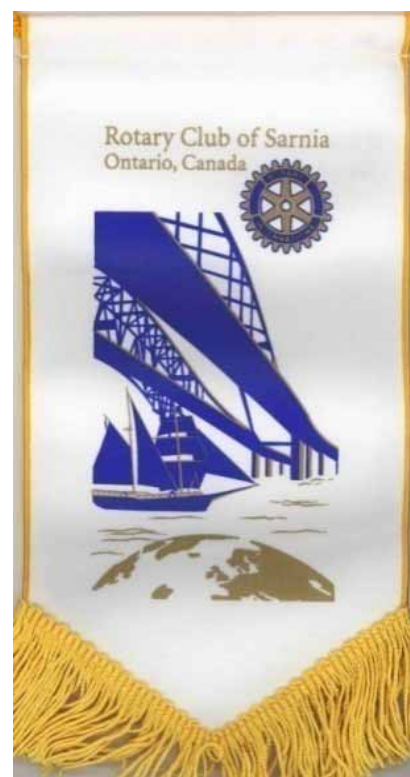


More Rotaract news

An act of kindness from Sarnia, Ontario, Canada



Past District Governor Tanya Wolff, (RC Sarnia, Ontario Canada, District 6330) accompanied **PP Dr. Lekha** and our **Mid-Town Rotaracts** on a visit to the CBR Godavari. There she and her Club helped by donating two wheelchairs to the children who had outgrown theirs. The photo above shows PDG Tanya Wolff exchanging Rotary flags.





Rotaract Fellowship

Rotaracts trekking fellowship

Naya Naikap- Indrathan- Daha Chowk-T hankot

Mid-Town Rotaracts teamed up with the **Rotaract Club of Saibu Bhainsepati** to organise a day of trekking. In all, more than 48 Rotractors from five Rotaract Clubs participants and thoroughly enjoyed the hiking. The trek was a wonderful platform for the fellowship and interaction with a large group. The hiking started at 8 o'clock at "*Naya Naikap*" where **Rtr Pres Anil Chaudhary** gave a short briefing on logistics for the day. After trekking the entire day the participants reunited at



Tribhuvan Park, Thankot where they enjoyed more fellowship and snacks – apparently they still had enough energy to also take part in some lively singing and dancing. A formal vote of thanks was given by **Rtr Dawa Tkshing Sherpa**, Vice President of Rotaract Club of Saibu Bhainsepati on the behalf of the organizers. Also present was the young-at-heart **PDG Rtn Tanya Wolff** from RID 6330, RC Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.



On the lighter side

Playing with the moon



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