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Speakers of the Week



Mid-Town in-house seminar by **PP Rtn. Ambica** (photo left).

Prof. **Anil Jha** from the NMCTH and Rtn. **Dr. Guenter Burg** (RC Zurich Mid-Town) who is Prof. & Chairm. Emer. in Dermatology, Former Vice-Dean (1998-2000) and Dean (2000-2004) (photo right), University of Zurich will speak for a few minutes about why they are in Kathmandu and what work they are planning in Nepal.



Calendar

Date	Theme
Oct. 1 st	Food Festival and Cultural Program by Inner Wheel of RC Dillibazar. Proceed will support to the construction of toilets in the Padmakanya School. Venue: Rotary Club Hall, Thapathali. Cost: 1000 Nrs. Inquiries: P.P Timilsina at pgtim@wlink.com.np
Oct. 3 rd	Mid-Town in-house seminar by PP Rtn. Ambica.
Oct. 4 th	Inter-district Meet with 200 Rotarians from Bangladesh and 60 Rotarians from Kolkata and Asam; hosted by RC Patan West. Venue: Everest Hotel, 3 PM. Queries to: Kirti Nath Maskey, President, RC. Patan West. Spouses welcomed and encouraged to attend.
Oct. 10 th	No Friday Meeting --Happy Dashain! (24 th of Ashwin)
Oct. 16 th	World Food Day
Oct. 17 th	Oct 17 th International Day of Eradication of Poverty
Oct. 17 th	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.
Oct. 25 th	TRF Seminar hosted by RC Patan (details to follow)
Oct. 26 th	Rotary Stewardship Seminar hosted by RC Durbar Square. President and TRF Chair kindly requested to attend. Details to follow.

Mid-Towner News



Happy Birthday and a Hearty Vote of Thanks

Charter President, Dr. Roop Jyoti, whose birthday is Sept. 21st, has again this year very generously donated USD \$1000 + Nrs. 10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Rtn. Roop has made it a habit to donate this amount to TRF on his birthday every year for the past many years. Congratulations from all of us at Mid-Town – we wish you 'many happy returns of the day' and best wished for a very long life indeed!

Canada boosts global commitment to end polio

The Canadian government has announced it is contributing C\$30 million (US\$28 million) toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa. The funding follows C\$60 million (US\$56 million) earmarked in June to help end the disease in Afghanistan. "Canada's contribution will ensure that millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa and Afghanistan are protected against polio," said Beverley J. Oda, minister of international cooperation, on 4 September. "Our innovative partnership with Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, will help ensure that we move toward destroying this crippling disease."

Canada's latest contribution will help launch national immunization campaigns in sub-Saharan Africa, and at least C\$15 million (US\$13.9 million) will support disease surveillance and training for medical professionals in Nigeria. The funding comes at a critical time for Nigeria, according to WHO. A polio outbreak in the northern part of the country is putting the sub-Saharan region at risk, and stepped-up immunization activities are essential to prevent the disease from spreading.

So far, Canada has contributed almost C\$331 million (US\$308 million) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, making it one of the top five government donors. "Canada has led the way in the fight to eradicate polio from the face of the world," said Past RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "As chair of Rotary's polio eradication advocacy for Canada, I congratulate the government for its generosity to polio-endemic countries in the world."



The photo shows Past RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (left) and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott join Beverley J. Oda, Canada's minister of international cooperation, in Ottawa, where Oda announced Canada's C\$30 million contribution to help end polio in sub-Saharan Africa. *Photo courtesy Canadian International Development Agency*

Mid-Town Meeting News

Rt. Ishwar Man Pradan (Past President of RC Patan West) (photo left) was at Mid-Town this week standing in for Rtn. Bibhek Pradan (RC Mansfield) who was indisposed. Rtn. Ishwar told Mid-Town of plans for a joint project which will bring together 7-8 Rotary Clubs from Nepal together with Rotary Clubs in England (District 12200). The project will target Remote Health Education. As Rtn. Bibhek so concisely puts it, 'Good health is everyone's birthright'. The project will unfold in the 2009-2010 timeframe and will aim to educate people in remote areas of simple things such as good hygiene, vaccinations, sanitation, as powerful tools in the war to eradicate many preventable diseases.

District Awards Committee Chair **Rtn. Jaya Shah** (PP RC Jawalakhel) (photo right) was at Mid-Town this week to talk about the importance of applying for Rotary Awards and of how to apply correctly in order to increase chances of success. More importantly, for a 'mature' club such as Mid-Town Rt. Jaya



reminded us that there is no reason not to aim for not only district awards but also Rotary International awards. Clubs in Nepal do much good, needed work and now that Nepal has its own District this should really be recognised internationally; so, please do remember to apply for international awards also. The District Awards Committee Chair also made it a point to emphasize the need to encourage Rotaracts as they are the future for Rotary. She will be forwarding relevant materials to President RR and entreated us to do our best to apply and to send all materials in a timely manner. She offered the help of her committee to any group who would need it.

Mid-Town's Wheelchair Donation

By Dr. Chandra Lekha Tuladhar



On Monday Sept. 22nd, Mid-Town distributed wheelchairs to children victims of Cerebral Palsy at the Self Help Group of Cerebral Palsy Children (SGCP) in Dhapakhel and on Tuesday Sept. 23rd and to physically challenged children and adults at Shati Sewa Griha in Gaushala.

In all, 24 wheelchairs were donated to the children in Dhapakhel and 12 in Gaushala. The wheelchairs were acquired through the Wheel Chair Foundation USA via District 5050 and RC Kathmandu West. The donation was made possible through the joint efforts of PP Rtn. **Dr Chandra Lekha** and AG Rtn. **Dr Anil Shrestha**. Rotarians and Rotaracts bonded on this event that helped to underscored service to the young generation of physically challenged children



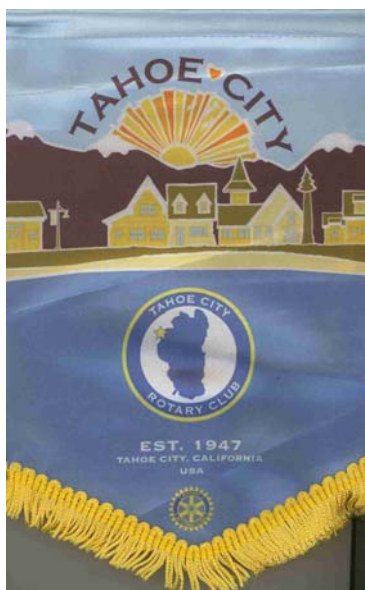
Rotary Fellowship in September

After their excursion to distribute wheelchairs the 24 delegates enjoyed fellowship and warm Nepali hospitality graciously offered at the home of PPs Rtn. Anand and Rtn. Lekha. The group included Mid-Town and KTM West Rotarians and Rotaracts, and International PDG, PP, and members of District 5050. The special guests were the Ambassador of Israel, His Excellency **Mr. Dan Satv**, and visiting former DG John from District 5050.



Mid-Town Fellowship with RC Tahoe City and 49ers Breakfast Club on Sunday Sept.21, 2008

How did the 49ers get there name? The 49ers take their name from the appellation given 19th century miners who came to look for gold in the interior of California. Although gold was actually discovered in 1848, it wasn't until 1849 that the flood of gold seekers arrived in San Francisco.





Water for Life!

On Sept 20th, 20 children from 12 schools around the Kathmandu Valley participated in a drawing competition in which the theme was “**Water for Life**”. The schools included: 1.)Adinath, 2)Baghbhariab, 3) Balkumari, 4)Gorakhnath, 5)Indrayani 6)Jana Sewa, 7)Kirtipur, 8)Mangal, 9)Navajyoti, 10)Narayanjan, 11)Tandahal Rastriya, and 12)Viswa Rastriya.



The function was attended by Chief Guest **DG Tika Man Vidya**,m and District officials, **DS Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha** and **PP Ishwar Man Pradhan**. Mid-Town Rotarians, Rotaracts



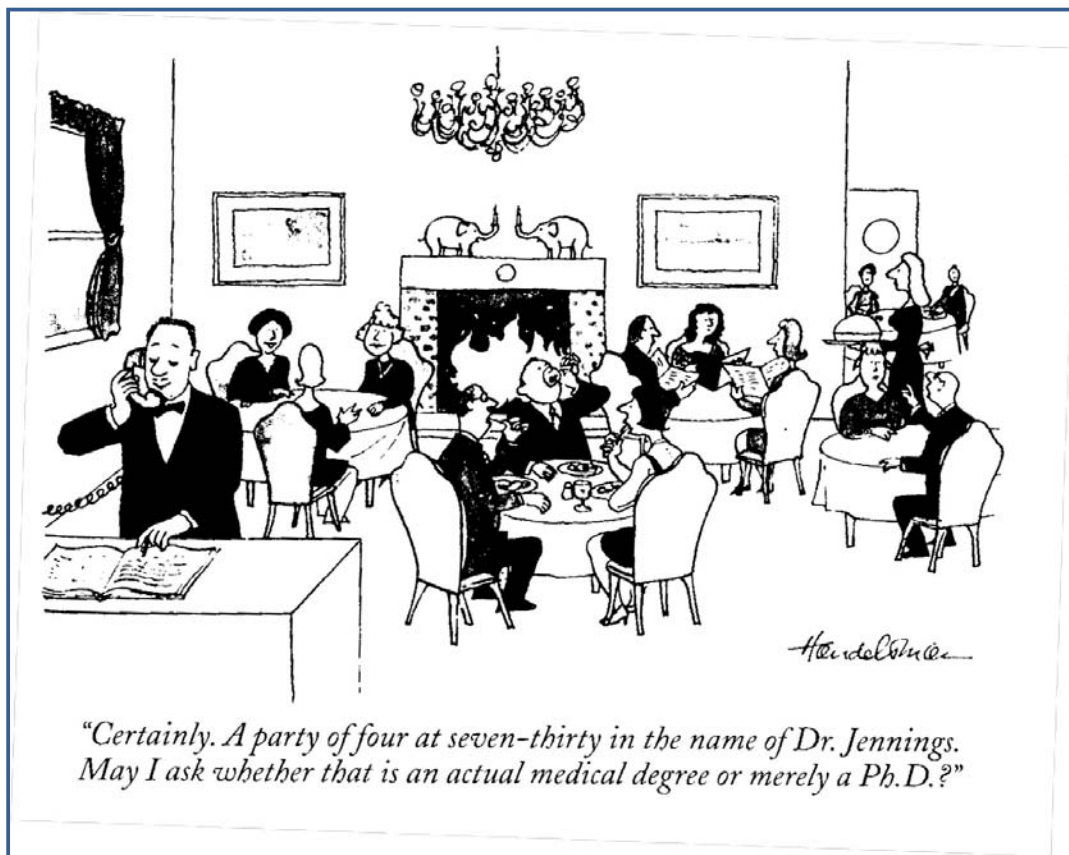
and Interacts helped to celebrate the occasion. Teachers of participating schools were also on hand to cheer on their students. **Artist Ann Sharda Chitrakar** gave a motivating talk and wished the students all the best.

Prizes were awarded by DG Dr Tika Man Vaidya, as follows: 1st Prize :Parwati Shrestha Grade VI of Kirtipur School; 2nd prize Ridesh Shrestha Grade VI of Mangal School, 3rd prize to Rabin Adhikari Grade VI of

Baghbhairab School. Consolation prize to Sanju Lama Grade V of Mangal School. Every students who attended was a winner that day and the happy smiles on their faces as they applauded their fellow students told us what a good time they all had.

Meanwhile, outside, not a moment was wasted by Mid-Town's intrepid Rotaracts and Interacts who used the waiting time to clear unwanted shrubs and weeds.





Quotes of the Week

History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes.
MARK TWAIN

History repeats itself; that's one of the things that's wrong with history.
CLARENCE DARROW

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