



# Breakfast Chatter

**Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town**  
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## This week's speakers



Mid-Town's own **Chiemi Shrestha** will talk about her year in the United States as a Rotary Exchange Student.

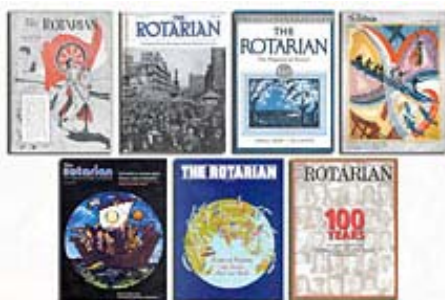


## Calendar

Date	Theme
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mid-Town Board meeting.</b> Please bring any matter that needs to be discussed in the Boards to the attention of Secretary Pramod.
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>AWON Membership Tea</b> in the Waterfall Garden of the Radisson Hotel from 2-5PM. The <b>A</b> ctive <b>W</b> omen <b>o</b> f <b>N</b> epal was started more than 40 years ago and promotes interaction, fellowship, and understanding among women living and working in Nepal. Membership is open to all.
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bishow Karma Puja</b>
Sept-October	<b>Dashain (Vijaya Dashami, Sept - Oct)</b> Dasain is the most auspicious festival of the year. The goddess Durga is celebrated in all her manifestations with innumerable pujas, abundant offerings, and animal sacrifice. The fifteen days of celebration take place during the bright lunar fortnight ending on the day of the full moon. The concluding day of the festival is 'Tika' when elders bestow their blessings on family members 
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>1000<sup>th</sup> meeting of RC Mid-Town.</b> Plans for a festive meeting are under discussion between Club Administration Chairperson, Rtn <b>Govinda</b> , and Rtn. <b>Alex</b> , who has graciously offered to host the event. Details to follow.
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ghatasthapana</b> , the first day of Dashain.

## Rotary, Google join forces

Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of **The Rotarian** available free online.



Full-color, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine from 1959 to 2008 are now available through Google Books. The site is accessible from The Rotarian's page on the RI Web site.

The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide.

"Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable. More than 72,000 pages will be available once Google finishes scanning and uploading all 1,100 issues. The first issue was published in January 1911, when the magazine was called The National Rotarian.

## Annual visit by our district governor



District Governor Ratna Man Sakya (center) presided over the Club Assembly. District Secretary Rtn. Ram Prasad Joshi (right) and our Assistant District Governor Rtn. Prof. Dr. Parthibeshwar Timilsina (left) were also in attendance.

Mid-Town's committee chairs presented their annual plans. Club Administration Chair, Rtn. Govinda; Service Project Chair, Rtn. Saroj; TRF Chair, Rtn. Peter; Membership Development Committee Chair, PP Niranjana; Public Relation Committee Chair, PP Mani.



The DG praised the good work of Mid-Town and urged us on to even greater achievements.



The DG emphasized that this year Rotary is taking on the **'200 Million Dollar Challenge'** to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the *Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries. DG Ratna Man also told of having met Bill Gates earlier this year in San Diego and said how impressed he was that Bill Gates took the time to speak individually to each DG from South Asia.

**What was in the box?** Mid-Town showed its appreciation to the District Governor by offering a small token of appreciation. The beautiful wrapping contained a traditional silver butter lamp.





## Mid-Town fellowship and visitors



Mid-Town is always happy to welcome back visiting **Rotarian Remi of RC Borken, Germany**. Rtn. Remi never comes to Mid-Town empty-handed, see below the gracious generosity of RC Borken.

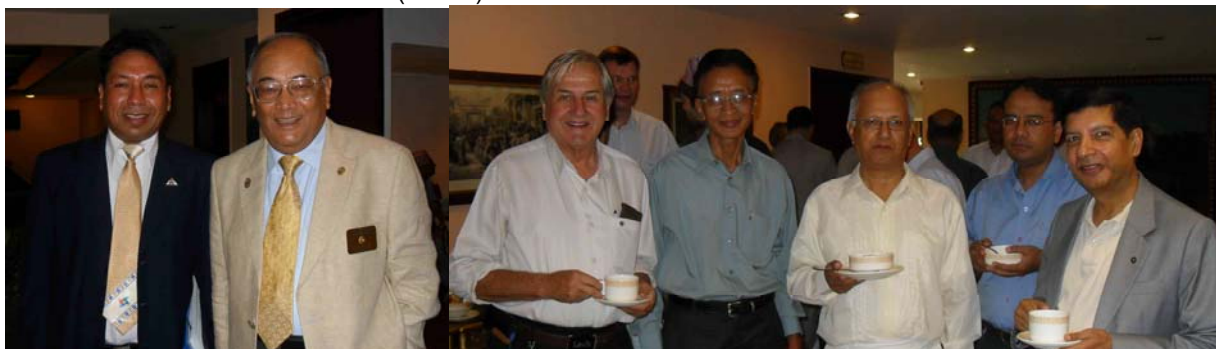


Ambassadorial Scholar **Nicholas Simon** (in Nepali daura suruwal) hails from **RC North Manchester, Indiana** (District 6540). Nicholas has been in Nepal for eight months and will be here for four more before his term is over. He is seen in the photo above with **District 3292 Governor Ratna Man Sakya** (white coat), **Past President Dr. Lekha** (green kurta), **Mid-Town President Subarna** (navy coat) and **Rtn. Dr. Shankar Sharma** Nepal's ambassador designate to the US (grey coat). We hope to be seeing more of Nicholas in the near future and to be hearing the stories of his travels through Nepal. Judging by his attire, Nicholas has integrated very well into Nepali society and should have many colorful anecdotes to share.



Guest **Dr. Pavitra Jung Rayamajhi** is a recently returned Nepali who spent quite a few years in Berlin, Germany. He is now affiliated with Himal Hospital. RC Mid-Town would be very happy to see more of him in future.

Why is Rtn. Isa smiling?? Isa was happy to be in the company of such nice young Rotaracts – on this day of her birthday she was feeling quite young again in this youthful company. Rotaract President Anil Shrestha (far right) and Rotaract Past President Prashant Sharma (far left).



## *Itzhak Perlman concert to benefit polio eradication*

Rotary International News -- 2 September 2009 (adapted)

Itzhak Perlman will perform with the New York Philharmonic on 2 December to help End Polio Now. Photo by A. Kinoshita

In a one-night-only performance, violinist and polio survivor **Itzhak Perlman** will perform with the New York Philharmonic at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City on Wednesday, 2 December, 7:30 p.m. Stricken with polio at the age of four, Perlman overcame great physical challenges to become one of the world's most celebrated musicians. Now, he'll help Rotary meet its greatest challenge -- to eradicate polio.

Tickets are expected to go quickly. All proceeds benefit Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. If you can't attend the concert, donate online now to help eradicate polio. Help promote this special event by placing an ad in your club or district newsletter or on the Web site.



## Interact News



## *Interactors take a shot*

Interactors, here's your chance to be a director. Enter the first **Interact video contest** for a chance to have your video highlighted in Interactive .

Simply create a video, three minutes or less, about what

Interact means to you. Join the 2009 Interact Video Contest group, and follow the instructions to upload and submit your video. The deadline for submitting a video is **1 October**.

Entries will be judged by a panel of Interact staff. The grand-prize-winning video will be featured in the November issue of Interactive to coincide with World Interact Week. Two first-place videos will be featured on YouTube.

All Interact club and sponsor Rotary club members are eligible to enter.

Videos can be of any style -- fiction, documentary, animated, experimental, or live action -- and must be in English or have English subtitles. They must be at least 30 seconds long but no longer than three minutes. Read the complete contest rules.

"The contest is a great way for Interactors to showcase the great work that they do locally as well as internationally, and to show the world how Interact impacts their lives and those around them," says Annahita Ghaboussi, RI Youth Activities coordinator. "Interactors are a young, energetic, and technologically advanced group who will have fun making these videos. We are confident they will prove their creativity while expressing what Interact means to them."

So grab your camera and start filming today. Show the world what Interact means to you!

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14-18. Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting but are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. There are more than 250,000 Interactors in more than 130 countries and geographical areas.



### *Mission of Service -- Hands on*

Rotaracts and volunteers continued their hard work – last Saturday they met to prepare 'prevention packets' for dispatch to Jajarkot and areas west. Our intrepid Rotaracts worked from 10.00AM till 4.00PM to prepare 2000 'prevention packets'

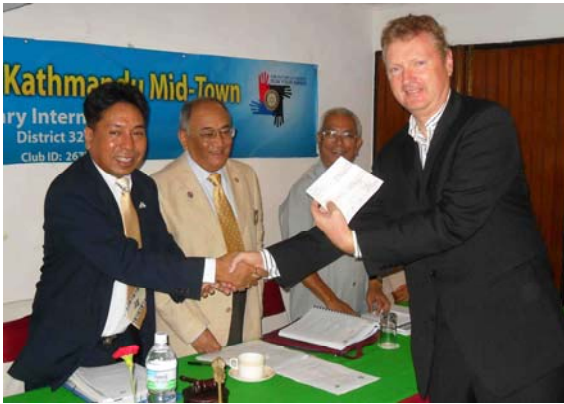
Is this a commercial for Lifebuoy soap? No! it's a photo that shows life is not only all hard work – a great good time was had and camaraderie was enjoyed by all of our Rotaracts and volunteers who participated in the packet preparation.



***What was in the packets??*** Each packet contains 4 lifebuoy soaps +1 nailcutter + 1 Piyush vial of disinfectant.



## *From RC Borken*



Rtn. Remi (join to PP Ambica) brought greetings and gifts from his Rotary Club of Borken, Germany. He is shown in the photo presenting two checks to President Subarna. One check for 600€ for scholarships in Ramkot and Humla and one check for 5500€ for a computer room in Ramkot. Mid-Towners responded by giving him a warm round of applause and a heartfelt 'thank you'.

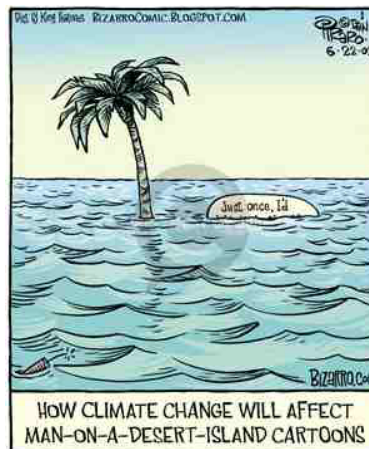
Rtn. Remi, together with some other Borken Rotarians and friends will be in Kathmandu again in February 2010. Let us plan an activity together and give them a hearty Kathmandu welcome.

## *Bhimratharohan ~ A Celebration of Life*



A hearty congratulations once again to our dear **PP Ambica** on this happy occasion of her **Bhimratharohan**. Mid-Towners sincerely appreciated her gracious hospitality and extend their very best wishes.

## *Mid-Town Humor*



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