



breakfast chat



Weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town
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thi week's speaker



Long-time Kathmandu resident and well-known artist, Jan Salter, has recently been awarded the Humane Society International's Award for *Extraordinary Commitment and Achievement*.



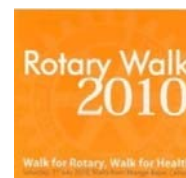
This week Jan will be talking to us on how the difficult dog problem of managing the street dog population can be humanely addressed by implementing Animal Birth Control and Anti-rabies programmes, creating a rabies-free dog-friendly city.

recap

Walk for Rotary ~ Walk for Health





On Saturday, 3 July 2010 Kathmandu Rotarians celebrated the start of Rotary year 2010-2011 with a 4 kilometre walk. More than 700 participants walked through the inner streets of the twin cities wearing aprons, brandishing umbrellas, and displaying banners printed with **4 Way Test** and the **Rotary logo**. The Rotary messages were visibly displayed in the procession which was led by traditional musical bands and cheered by thousands of residents along the way. The Walk was inaugurated by culture expert Mr. Satyamohan Joshi who released hundreds of balloons bearing the Rotary symbol. The DG and IPDG were welcomed by the Panchakanya and the Immediate Past Kumari of Kathmandu who cut the ribbon on the specially erected gate at Basantpur. Participants, residents



and the Nepali media all deemed the event a great success.

Thanks again to **PP Komal** who took the lead in organising this event.

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date	theme
17 July	Ek Shrawan
18 July	The United Nations has declared 18 July " Nelson Mandela International Day " in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom. 
18 July	Mid-Town Rotract programm at Budnath Stupa – free diabetes testing of local residents and information sharing on detection and treatment of disbetes
20 July	 Guru Rinpoche's birthday Padmasambhava, an emanation of the Buddha Amitaba, brought Buddhism to Tibet in the eighth century and is affectionately called Guru Rinpoche
21 July	Thulo Ekadashi
22 July	Visit of RC KTM Mid-Town to Lele - Chief Guest DG Tirtha Man Shakya 7:45 AM meeting at Hotel Annapurna – 8 AM departure. The visit will start at the Saraswoti Higher Secondary School, a visit to the computer room, inauguration of toilets, giving scholarships to 20 deserving students, etc... If you plan to attend please drop a note to Rtn. Amar (pantaamar@hotmail.com) who will arrange the logistics.
22 July	1st Board Meeting (Board - please let Yo know if you will be attending.)
23 July	Guest Speaker Jan Salter (see above)
6 Aug.	1st Club Assembly of the year (please note Rotarians only)
24 Sept.	Visit of DG Tirtha Man Shakya to RC KTM Mid-Town



नएवइ फ्रिल rotary international



2009-10 RI President John Kenny thanks the cast of the world-renowned performance troupe Cirque du Soleil at the closing plenary session of the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on 23 June. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*



Triple Bottom Line Approach resonates with many Mid-Towners

Mr. Buddha Laishram, Vice President of Marketing for Surya Nepal, spoke to Mid-Town on the benefits of corporate social responsibility. He explained how his parent company (ITC) has successfully used the concept of the triple bottom line approach in India to bring not only financial benefits to shareholders but to incorporate the concepts of environmental and social responsibility in

a win-win scenario for all. Mr. Laishram will be looking to help do much the same in Nepal.



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Mid-Towner bids for top UN job

From The KATHMANDU POST, JUL 17, 2010 (adapted)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday dispatched letters to all of its 32 diplomatic missions and Nepal's Permanent Mission to the United Nations urging them to start a strong diplomatic lobbying for Kul Chandra Gautam, Nepal's presidential candidate for the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

"We will register Nepal's candidacy in the UN by early next week," said a senior Foreign Ministry official. "Although it is a preliminary exercise to seek UN members' support for Gautam, other diplomatic manoeuvres are in offing", said the sources.

"The government has decided to pick Gautam, former UN Assistant Secretary General, as Nepal's presidential candidate for the UNGA's 66th session." But added the official added that, "Previous practices show that the candidate would be selected through negotiations within the Asian group." Nepal will have to compete with Qatar, which has already announced its Permanent Representative to the UN as the candidate and requested Nepal for support. Nepal had filed its nomination one year ahead of Qatar. "Although the country's turn will count, the UN takes into consideration the proposed candidate's profile and stature while selecting the candidate," the official said.



Three cheers for **Rtn. Kul Chandra**! Mid-Town wishes you all the best!



Mid-Town bags 15 Rotaract awards for 2009-2010.

The Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town won 15 awards at the Rotaract District Awards Ceremony held on 10th July 2010 at the DAV School, Jawalakhel.

The awards are:

1. 1st Position in projects with other organizations
2. 1st Position in projects with Rotary Club
3. 1st Position in projects with Interact club
4. 1st Position on Career Development
5. 1st Position on HR/Personality Development
6. 1st Position in projects on environment
7. 1st Position in own club projects in SAP(Special Area Project)
8. 2nd Position in projects on Health
9. 2nd Position in Rotaract Promotion
10. 3rd Position in projects for Senior Citizens
11. 3rd Position in participating in district Activities
12. Best Club in SAP (Special Area Project)
13. Best Club in Partner in Service
14. Outstanding Project for Mega Diabetes Camp at various places of Kathmandu
15. Recognition for Hosting First Presidents and Secretaries Meet



The Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town held its first general meeting of Rotaract Year 2010-11 on 11th July 2010



at Spectra Optical, Blue Star Complex, Thapathali where they proudly displayed their many trophies to Pres. Pratap Malla.

Rotaract Pres. **Anil Chaudhary** used this occasion to present his team and to outline his plans for the coming year.

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Prabina Makai wins 6 years scholarship!

From the humble background of Panga Kirtipur *this student of Jan Sewa Higher Secondary School**, has won a 6 years full scholarship to study Liberal Arts at the Asian Women's College in Bangladesh

Her story:

Prabina Makai, lived with her parents and two sisters in a small rented room in Kirtipur. Her mother, who is the sole breadwinner, could only barely sustain the family with her meagre earning from a humble fruit shop. It was from this very modest situation Prabina was admitted at Jana Sewa School (Paanga) in 2008. From the very beginning it was obvious that Prabina was not only intelligent but was also a very sincere, diligent, and promising student who showed signs of being able to go far provided she had the support.

The Principal of the School, Mrs. Nanda Kumari Maharjan, brought Prabina to the attention of the Chairman of the School Committee Mr. Madhab Lal Maharjan who then saw to it that her education was sponsored. But, the School did more than that, the Chairman and the Principal regularly visited the family at their residence to offer guidance and counselling and they encouraged Prabina to develop self-confidence and motivation and to strive even harder for academic excellence.

The School's efforts paid off and Prabina topped in class (scoring 68%) in the Higher Secondary Board Examination (HSEB) at the end of final year of the first year of Class XI and she again topped in Class XII scoring 68% in the board examination. Prabina was the top student in the Education faculty of the Jana Sewa school.

While continuing her studies at Kathmandu Model College in Humanities and Social Science specializing in English and Social Development she applied to study Liberal Arts at the Asian Women's College in Bangladesh. Many students competed for this scholarship but Prabina was successful in securing admission with full scholarship for 6 years (up to the completion of a Masters degree).

Prabina will leave in August 2010 to pursue her studies at Bangladesh. Everyone who knows her is confident that she will do well and make everyone who has helped her along the way very proud of her. Mid-Town wishes Prabina every success.

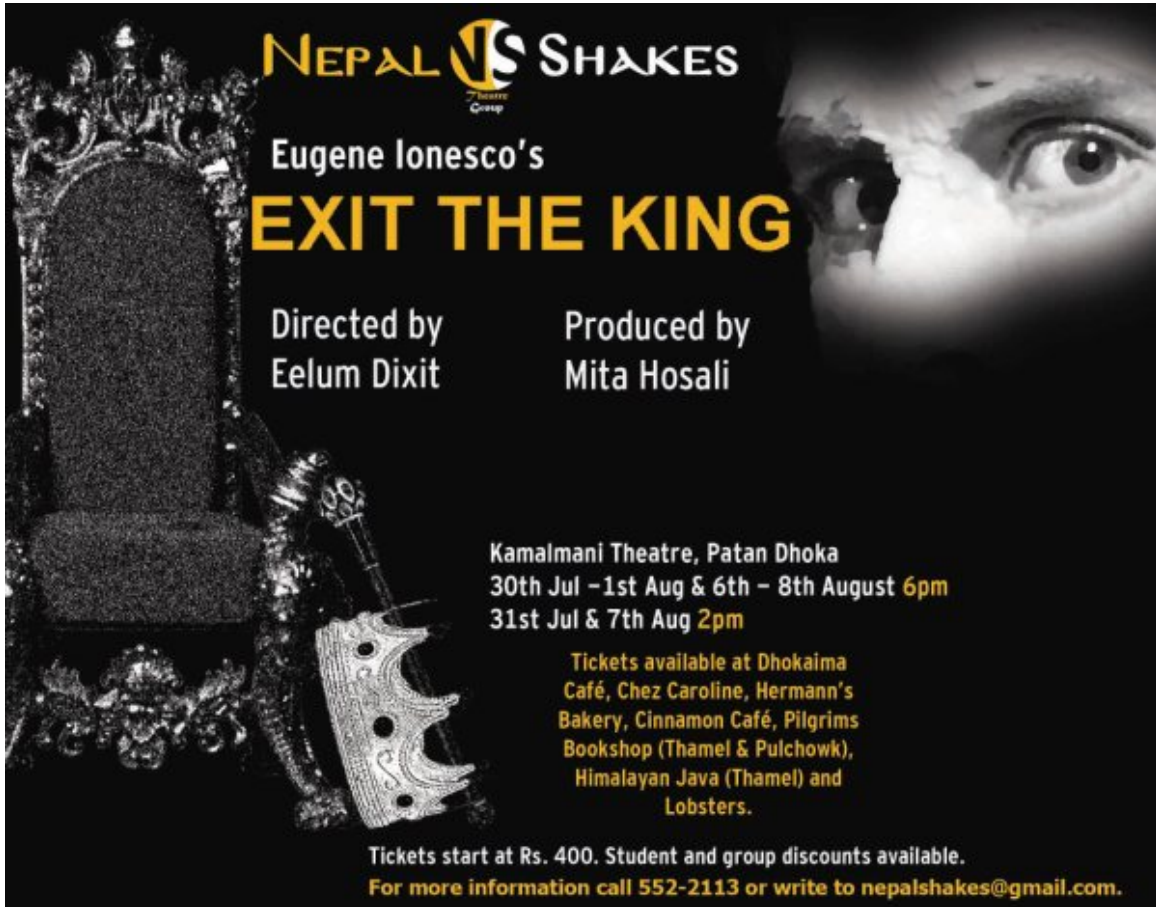
Mid-Town wishes to recognise the important role that the school Principal, Mrs. Nanda Kumari Maharjan, and Chairman, Mr. Madhab Lal Maharjan, played in looking beyond her humble beginnings to spot a real star in the making.

*Jana Sewa School in Panga Kirtipur is the school 'adopted' by Mid-Town Rotaracts as a 'special project area'. Over many years, our Rotaracts have completed numerous service projects and short trainings at this school.

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(reserved for non-Rotary information sharing)

Please contact Rtn. Isa for tickets (isa@mos.com.np).



NEPAL SHAKES
Theatre Group

Eugene Ionesco's
EXIT THE KING

Directed by
Eelum Dixit

Produced by
Mita Hosali

Kamalmani Theatre, Patan Dhoka
30th Jul - 1st Aug & 6th - 8th August 6pm
31st Jul & 7th Aug 2pm

Tickets available at Dhokaima
Café, Chez Caroline, Hermann's
Bakery, Cinnamon Café, Pilgrims
Bookshop (Thamel & Pulchowk),
Himalayan Java (Thamel) and
Lobsters.

Tickets start at Rs. 400. Student and group discounts available.
For more information call 552-2113 or write to nepalshakes@gmail.com.

"Varsha" 2067 B.S.

Women Art Exhibition

***Nepal Academy of Fine Arts, Folk Art Department cordially request your gracious presence
in the inauguration ceremony***

Date & Time: 2010 July 23 Friday at 3 p.m.

Venue: Artniko Gallery, Nepal Academy of Fine Arts, Sita Bhawan, Naxal, Kathmandu

Exhibition Duration: 2010 July 23 to August 7, Contact : 44111729, 4430251

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on the lighter side

"Any idiot can face a crisis. It's the day-to-day living that can wear you out."

Anton Pavlovich Chekhov Russian writer and playwright 1860 – 1904

mid-town humor

