

THE BREAKFAST CHATTER

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DEAR MIDTOWNERS ► FRIENDS IN **ROTARY**

Last week we had three anniversaries. This time **Arun & Spouse, Gopal & Spouse, and myself & Rachana**. We wish to all the best and hope that they will have the opportunity to enjoy their togetherness for years to come and to continue to grow together. Our sunshine reached altogether NRs **5000**, not bad for one session.

Last Friday we had our last **club assembly** for this year and **AG Shiva** took the reign for this one. What had been reported by Saroj and myself in the last club assembly was updated and then enriched by the reports of the project coordinators Hartmut, CK and Peter. Club Service Director and Vocational Director didn't show up. If you want to read more, RR minutes are the right place to look at. **PP Lekha** expressed the desire to bind in our Rotaract and Interact juniors more in Future. Even though Rotaracts presented their activities in our club this year for the first time in many (or ever?), a further strengthening of ties in the next Rotary year should be a good idea. The experience of elders and the energetic drive of youngster gives a surrounding, where life becomes more interesting. No doubt!

What we have missed this year is fun. Fun was rare with "ordinary" club members (inclusive PP), but to some extend also with board members. Recreational fun was rare, as even at various dinner meetings few members showed their faces. Our picnic this year stood under a star of hope, which never materialized.

Non recreational fellowships were few and we will see hopefully more of them in future.

Mani expressed his enchantment by the fun he had experienced in another club, which is lively. Yeah there all the members are active and guys (and ladies) if you want to have a feeling of satisfaction, put in your own energy and encourage others to do the same. That's how the story goes.

This time our Rotary International chapter is focused on Rotary fellowships around the world and may be this is a chance to enrich our ideas on what kind of fellowships we can start in coming years.

This time we have also put the plan for the rest of the year. It's tentative as usual. But Rabi, sorry for you and me, the lady we were looking for is now in hiding.

Hope you'll enjoy reading. Until next time,
Walter

SPEAKERS OF THE WEEK ► BIRENDRA RAJKARNIKAR

THEME

On coming Friday, 12th May our speaker will be **Birendra Rajkarnikar**, founder and MD of **House of Rajkarnikar**, the first enterprise, which brought to this country the exhibition business. His topic will be the importance and chances of fairs in Nepal.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS ► PREVIEW

DATE	SPEAKER	THEME
19th May	R. Naidu, GM HGI	The Insurance sector in Nepal, importance and developments
26 th May	DVSSV Prasad, CEO Everest Bank	The banking sector in the actual environment
2 nd June	Ram Prasad Humagai, dep chief editor Gorkhapatra	The role of the state owned Media in the present surrounding
11 th June	Meeting with Rajdani, Sunday Morning in Radisson	Topic to be fixed. Eventual "How to advance Rotary"

THE MIDTOWN CLUB ► NEWS AS THE COME IN

Rtn. Navyo and Lekha came back

Rtn. Navyo returned from his Italy tour, visibly he must have enjoyed good cuisine while Rtn. Lotti returned from Switzerland, where she enjoyed fresh snow over the landscape! Happy landing back in Kathmandu.

Tilganga Eye Centre, Kathmandu

formal ceremony was held at the Hospital auditorium on 4 May 2006. The equipment included two Haag Streit Slip Lamps. The meeting was attended by 8 Rotarians from Midtown.

Rotary World Peace Fellowship candidates for 2007-09

Please begin the process of selecting Rotary World Peace Fellowship candidates for Class VI (2007-09). Submission of applications for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship should be forwarded to Evanston by July 1, 2006. It is targeted to get overall a pool of 500 applications which will enable the Rotary Centers Committee to select the top 60 applicants with superior qualifications.

For more information please refer to the Rotary Centers website for a timeline:

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/application/timeline.html

Ramkot Clinic Visit: kindly check the Ramkot Roster for your turn.

If you have any question, contact Rtn. Dr Rabindra Shrestha (4469063, email: drrs@wlink.com.np)

The doctor is Dr. Khagendra Gurung. Mobile No : 98510- 83044 Phone: 4287899

If you have any question, kindly let our fellow Ramkot Coordinator Rtn. Rabindra know.

Doctor is Khagendra Gurung mobile: 98510-83044 phone: 4287899 call him Friday latest.

A WORD ON ROTARY ► WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Fellowships

last Friday we all had the feeling that we missed fellowship in KTM Midtown, but nothing holds us to enjoy worldwide Rotary Fellowships. It seems it gets time to become active instead of staying receptive.

Well I suppose that you all know how fellowships are defined. But for those who have forgotten it, it is a group of Rotarians who unite themselves to pursue a specific worthwhile activity, which advances the Object of Rotary, including, but not limited to educational, health, vocational, environmental and recreational activities.

Fellowships may not be used to promote religious beliefs, political issues, or other organizations. Clubs and districts are encouraged to promote Fellowships. Governors are encouraged to promote Fellowship activities in monthly letters and to report at the district assembly or district conference on progress in Fellowship activities for the year. Each Fellowship is encouraged to maintain a website to promote and inform its membership.

Effective 1 July 2006, all existing and future fellowship groups with a service-oriented focus will be reclassified under Rotarian Action Groups, while existing and future fellowship groups focusing on fellowship of a recreational or vocational nature will remain under the designation of Rotary Fellowships.

Global Networking Groups currently comprise more than 90 independent Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. They are resources for all Rotarians to develop new friendships and to advance opportunities for service.

The new category of Global Networking Groups does not affect the activities of Rotary Fellowships or Rotarian Action Groups. Structured Programs are defined as "organized activities recommended by the RI Board for clubs and districts that include a recommended framework and guidelines." Since

fellowships are not based on a club or district-level structure, but are comprised of individuals from many different clubs and districts, they do not meet this definition. The new category of Global Networking Groups provides a specific niche for both group categories and is defined as "groups of individual Rotarians organized to focus on shared topics of interest on an international basis"

Now have a look at some fellowships which may be of interest. There are a lot more and we will continue this next time.

Bridge	<p><u>International Fellowship of Bridge Playing Rotarians</u> www.ifbpr.org</p> <p>established 1997 in Honolulu and moved to Milano, Italy in 2002. The fellowship is mainly organised via the internet. The main appeal of the Bridge Fellowship is the possibility to interact with like-minded Rotarians, their Spouses, Rotaractors and Friends, to play bridge both in traditional tournaments and on Internet, wherever they live. R.I. Conventions have become the meeting point of members, friends and visitors and many new members were acquired via this way. A large "Bridge Tournament of Rotarian Friendship" is organised during Conventions with active support of local Rotarian friends.</p>
Chess	<p><u>International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians</u> Website www3.sympatico.ca /brian.clark/icfr/index.htm <u>You can request to play chess via email, the email addresses you'll find on the website.</u></p>
Computers	<p><u>International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians</u> www.icufr.org/</p> <p>ICUFR was formed 1991 and has now several 100 members. Purpose is to encourage use of internet (chatting) to further goals of Rotary. Meetings are held via Internet. A real world <u>annual conference</u> is held, in different places around the world,</p>
Engineers & Applied Sciences	<p><u>Vocational Fellowship of Engineering and Applied Sciences</u> web.tiscali.it/rotaryeas</p> <p>International Rotary fellowship of about 200 engineers and scientists from 30 countries. It was launched during Rotary Year 1989/90 Members benefit from the fellowship by taking the initiative in contacting fellow members through the mails, fax or by email. Such contacts could lead to lasting friendships as well as the sharing of professional knowledge in their respective fields of specialties. Members also share their personal hobbies, travel plans and meet during R.I. conventions. The principal objectives of RRVF-EAS are: ==To promote friendship and develop acquaintance among its members ==To share technical and professional knowledge, expertise and experience; ==To motivate members to use their vocations for service to others ==To assist all Rotarians visiting the own Country for business and leisure Target is now to exchange via Internet Co-operation among the members and, in the future, a system will be installed to exchange the knowledge of the members including each activity, scope of business, and the possibility to be the terminal for any queries from other Rotarians. In addition, one of the scopes to be member of EAS, is the contact with colleagues during their visit in the Country for business or pleasure travelling.</p>

Environment	<p><u>Environment Fellowship of Rotarians</u> www.environment-rotary-fellowship.org unites Rotarians and Rotaractors who are very interested and/or have a vocation in Environment. Their interest can be general or specialized, as well as, in particular, also in proactively contributing towards building an Environment of Peace and Sustainable Development. They meet locally, regionally as well as every year at the Rotary International Conventions and they are also united through this website and our discussion list rotary-environment@yahoogroups.com.</p>
Fine Arts & Antiques	<p><u>Fine Arts and Antiques Vocational Fellowship</u> www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/gng_directory.pdf Encourages the development and exchange of information on fine arts and antiques.</p>
Fishing	<p><u>International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians</u> promotes friendship between Rotarians who enjoy recreational fishing. It encourages social activities among its members and supports interaction between Rotarians and the youth of their respective communities so that young men and women may learn more about Rotary, sport fishing, and the value of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the world.</p>
Genealogy & Heraldry	<p><u>International Genealogy and Heraldry Fellowship of Rotarians</u> www.rotary-royalforestofdean.org.uk/ighfr.html Are you interested in trying to trace your family tree? If you are a beginner, even a 'not-yet-started', or already involved, why not join in with other Rotarians who share your interest? The IGHFR is a world wide Rotary Fellowship of members who are interested in this hobby. The RIBI Branch aims to put its members in touch with other Rotarians who may be able to help with enquiries in their locality. The IGHFR publishes a quarterly newsletter with articles, helpful advice and members requests for information, or answers to such requests. The newsletter is sent out by e-mail and there is no charge The next issue will be in September.</p>
Gourmets	<p><u>World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets</u> www.rotarygourmet.com/main.html Created January 1990 by 4 Rotarians and their spouses, from two neighboring clubs, which were interested in the formation of a Gourmet Fellowship. This fellowship was intended to comprise Rotarians with a common love to try preparing dishes from various countries through trial and error. A year later in April 1991 with twenty members, from 7 Rotary Clubs in the District, the World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets was officially approved. The WFRGs went International in January 1997 with the formation of Chapter 5 in Everett, Washington U.S. followed by Chapter 6, on March 26, 1997 in Liurieton NSW, Australia. To date there are 7 Chapters in 6 Districts in 4 countries.</p>



Chapter 2 Maitr'D Bruce & Lois Dalrymple

OBJECTIVES

- == To foster among Rotarians and their spouses mutual appreciation and awareness of cooking, and enjoying, the fine foods of all countries.
- == To encourage and foster among Rotarians and their spouses a better understanding and appreciation of good wines of all countries as they apply to the enjoyment of fine foods.
- == To assist in the relief of hunger in times of distress among all people of the world through the donation of food to such needy countries.
- == To promote among Rotarians and their friends the exchange of recipes
- == To enhance the enjoyment of dining through an awareness and knowledge of decoration and presentation of fine foods.

Home Exchange

International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rotaryhomeexchange.com/>

Rotary HomeExchange is the unique vacation experience where you visit another country or state and live in the home of a fellow exchanger while they stay in yours.

Wouldn't you like to spend your next holiday for free at a beach house, a mountain getaway, an apartment in Paris or London, a country home in Ireland, a ranch in Texas or a home in Australia or New Zealand from which to explore the country.

This arrangement saves each party a lot of money in vacation expenses (no hotel bills, and reduced food costs), and provides opportunities which would not otherwise be available to a regular tourist. Such as meeting their friends and neighbors, shopping in the local markets, participating in the life of the community, getting immersed in the local culture etc.

And home exchange is one of the best ways to travel with children. They often get to meet kids of their age, and the home often is equipped with books and toys because your exchange partner probably has children also. Thousands of Members have exchanged their homes over the years. Typical comments:

Holiday home exchanging is a wonderful way of truly getting the "feel" of a country and of meeting the "locals" which, as a two week tourist, one could never achieve.

Thousands of Members have been home exchanging for many years, with never a report of malicious damage or theft. People who home exchange are like you, open, adventurous, respectable, professional, most with families like yours. And because they know you are in their house while they are in yours, there is a natural mutual trust

NOW READY FOR A HEALTY LAUGHTER?

Hymie Goldberg was in the middle of a lengthy religious discussion with his psychiatrist.

"Now, do I understand correctly," said the shrink, "that it was your wife who introduced you to religion?"

"Yes, that's correct," said Hymie. "I did not really believe there was a hell until I married her."

"Did you hear that Dennis Thatcher died?"

"No, what were his last words?"

"He did not have any, his wife was with him to the end."

Two robbers broke into a bank in a small town. "All right," said the bigger man, "line up! We are gonna rob all the men and rape all the women."

"Wait a second," snapped his partner. "Let's just grab the money and beat it."

"Shut up, and mind your own business," said a little old lady from the back. "The big fellow knows what he is doing."

Hymie Goldberg thought he had the perfect marriage, until he moved from New York to California and discovered he still had the same milkman.

Banducci, Sullivan and Piwalski, traveling together in Mexico, got drunk and killed a Mexican. All three were sentenced to the electric chair.

First they sat Banducci down and asked him if he had any last words. "I am a dentist," said the Italian, "and I will care for everyone in the village for twenty-five years if you will let me go."

The authorities refused and the executioner proceeded to carry out the sentence. He pulled the switch and nothing happened.

"By law," said the executioner, "the Italian is a free man, because the electric chair did not work."

Then the Irishman sat down. The same question was asked. "I am a doctor," said Sullivan, "and I would care for the villagers for twenty-five years in exchange for my freedom." Again the answer was no. The switch was pulled and nothing happened. He went free.

Then Piwalski sat down. He was asked if he had any last words.

"I am a graduate in electrical engineering from Texas A & M," said the Polack, "and if you put that white wire in that hole, and the red wire in that hole..."

In Poland, disorder -- or what is known as the Polish mess -- is referred to by Poles as Polski balagan.

It is said that Jimmy Carter, Leonid Brezhnev, and Polish party chief Edward Gierek met God. He allowed them one question each.

"Is it true," asked Jimmy Carter, "America will go communist? "

"Yes," answered the Lord, "but not in your lifetime."

"Will the Chinese take over Moscow?" asked Brezhnev.

"Yes," replied the Almighty, "but not in your lifetime."

"Will disciplined labor ever replace Polski balagan?" asked Gierek.

"Yes," answered God, "but not in my lifetime!"

That's for today and see or hear from you soon. **Walter** and **Navyo**

SEE YOU ALL **COMING FRIDAY ►** YOURS IN ROTARY - CSD RTN. **WALTER** DILLER

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