 **28 Nov 2014** **The Weekly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town** **bc-21/11.014**

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**NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATIO N MONTH**

The **Mission** of The Rotary Foundation is

to enable Rotarians to advance**world understanding, goodwill, and peace** through

the **improvement of health,** the **support of education,** and the **alleviation of poverty.**

Club’s Regular Weekly Meeting : Friday, 21 November :

Extracts of the Meeting Minutes are given below:

“1. Meeting No.1255 was called to order at 8:00 AM by VP HE Peter Bodde (Acting President)

“7. A few remarks by VP Peter who said how much the international community appreciated the role of the Nepal Army in helping to integrate the forces after the insurgency.

“8. Short talk by Lt General (Ret’d) Bala Nanda Sharma who was in charge of integrating the Maoist forces. He currently, he teaches in Master level program on Conflict, Peace and Developmental Studies of the TU. Also, he is the Principal of Institute of Crisis Management Studies; another Master level program. After retiring from the Army he worked as a 'coordinator' of the secretariat under the Special Committee that was constituted for the supervision, integration and rehabilitation of ex-combatants of Maoist Army. He led the Secretariat of the Special Committee and played an important role in the implementation of the integration-plan. The introduction was given by Rtn Sheri and the Vote of Thanks was made by PP Arun who commented a quote from the Buddha that '...*no war is ever good and no peace is ever bad...'*.

“9. Information sharing:

> Friday 28 November has been set aside to discuss Club Affairs.

> PE Paras informed that two clubs had visited (RC Zurich and eClub 2000) and he presented their flags.

They will give a very short presentation on the good work that their clubs are doing in Nepal.

> A nice account of our Charter Day Celebration and press coverage in Nepali media on our Facebook

page. Thanks to Rtn Ranjit for arranging.

> Anyone still needing to clear the bill for guests and friends who attended the Charter Day dinner please

remit to Dr Dahal at your earliest convenience.

> A CD of all photos taken by a professional photographer on the occasion of our 25th Charter Day

Celebration is on sale now (for 300 Nrs). See Mr Dahal.

> Trip to Rara – site visit on the occasion of the closing of the ANM Project. Please see PP CK for details.

Proposed dates Dec 12-14 – leaving right after the meeting on Dec 12th. Cost approx 20,000Nrs.

> Mid-Town would like to thank Dr Brendan Thomson, editor of the Official Calendar of the Vatican

Observatory, has kindly donated copies of the 2015 Vatican Observatory Calendar to Mid-Town (through

Dr Buddha Basnyat). Copies are available from Mr Dahal for a small donation.

> Remember that November is the "The Rotary Foundation Month". Please consider donating.

> Inter City Meeting "Light UP Rotary" on 23 February 2015.

“10. Statistics of the meeting: Members present: 30”.

# Weekly Meetings and Programs :

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| Date | Program/Speaker | Topic of Presentation |
| 28 November | PDG Basu Dev Golyan | Rotary Foundation |
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**RI Convention : Sao Paulo**

**Registration fees**

Deadline 1: 15 Dec 014 Deadline 2: 31 Mar 015 After 31 March

Convention registration

Rotarian, spouse, guest or RC employee $ 325 $ 375 $ 425

Rotaractor or guest $ 70 $ 100 $ 130

Interactor, guest age 5-18 $ 10 $ 10 $ 10

*Source: Rotary International*

**The Rotary Foundation’s Continued Growth**

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"This clearly shows our members recognize the ***unparalleled value of giving to their Foundation***," says John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary. " They know that by giving to the Foundation their dollars have a much greater impact. And friends of Rotary respect that the Foundation puts their gift to great use."

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For more read the text given in Annex ‘A’

*Source: Rotary International*

**Committee Chairs’ Column:** *(This column is for use by chairpersons of 5 permanent committees: Club Administration, Membership, Public Relations, Service Projects, and the Rotary Foundation)*

**Members’ Corner:** *(This column is for Club members to express anything they would like in matter of Club activities, Club administration, Club issues or on Breakfast Chatter, or on anything else that would be of interest to fellow members.)*

**Nepalese Mobile App Developers Are Now Millionaire**

**Thanks To 60 Hrs Loadshedding.**

Two Nepali developers who made ‘Nepali Loadshedding Schedule’ android app are now millionaire after selling the popular app to Shrian Technologies for NRs 2 Million.

Chandraman Shrestha and Eliza Shrestha created the popular app which has been downloaded more than half a million times. Moreover, the couple developers will also get 10% profit from the app for next 10 years.

*Source: Internet News*

**Nepalese Bus Driver : Deputy Mayor In Greater London**

Bishnu Bahadur Gurung, a 56-year-old from Gorkha Nepal is now a Deputy Mayor in the London Borough of Hounslow. Born in Malaysia, where his late father Dhan Bahadur Gurung was serving in the British Army, but grew up in the Nepalese village of Punchok.

He was in the Army himself from 1976 to 1995, rising to the rank of staff sergeant in the Queen’s Gurkha Signals. He served in Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore. The father-of-three later worked as an engineer for a bus company in Hong Kong, before moving to the UK in 2005

Mr Gurung who works as a bus driver for TFL (Transport for London), the popular red London buses, has been actively involved in local politics since 2006 when he took general membership of Labour party. He was elected as Labour councilor for Hanwroth Park in May 2014 before being named Deputy Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow. London is made up of 32 boroughs, each borough having its own local government.

He is also chairman of ‘Gurkha Nepalese Community Hounslow’. This is the first time ever any Nepali has been elected in the post by Greater London Council. The first Nepali to be elected in the UK was Mr Jagnnath Sharma as deputy mayor of North Yorkshire Colburn Town Council.

*Source: Internet News*

**International Day for**

**the Elimination of Violence against Women :** 25 November

"Everyone has a responsibility to prevent and end violence against women and girls, starting by challenging the culture of discrimination that allows it to continue." - *Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon*

From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world.

**Why This International Day?**

> Violence against women is a human rights violation;

> Violence against women is a consequence of discrimination against women, in law and also in practice, and of persisting inequalities between men and women;

> Violence against women impacts on, and impedes, progress in many areas, including poverty eradication, combating HIV/AIDS, and peace and security;

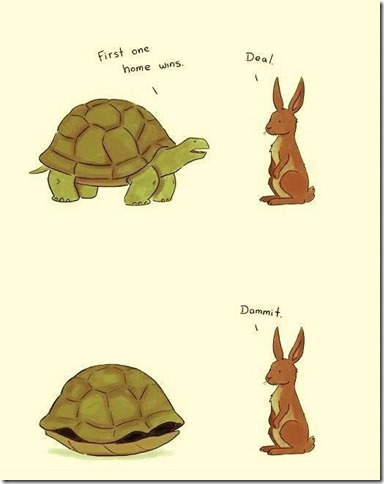
> Violence against women and girls is not inevitable. Prevention is possible and essential;

> Violence against women continues to be a global pandemic.

The date of 25 November was chosen to commemorate the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic, who were brutally assassinated in 1960 during the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship (1930-1961).

*Source: Internet*

On Lighter Side :



*Courtesy: Rtn Isabella Khadka*

[](http://www.mazapoint.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/attitude-quotes.jpg)



**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:**

**Use the talents you possess,**

**for the woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except the best.**

 - Henry van Dyke, poet (1852-1933)

*Courtesy: Rtn Isabella Khadka*



In Rotary, our diversity – of culture, language, expertise, gender, and age – is our strength.

**RI President GARY C.K. HUANG**

Please send information on club activities, progress reviews on service projects, relevant photos etc to:

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*Annex ‘A’*

**The Rotary Foundation Rises On Expert List Of Top Nonprofits**

- Arnold R. Grahl

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The Foundation recently earned a [4-star rating](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/node/66246) from [Charity Navigator](http://www.charitynavigator.org/), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded $23.5 million in district grants and $47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

Together with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has led the effort to eradicate polio, contributing more than $1.3 billion to the initiative since its outset. When an outbreak of polio threatened the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in 2013, Rotary provided emergency funds, including a $500,000 rapid-response grant for Somalia and a $500,000 grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover operational costs in the Middle East. As a result, the outbreak in the Horn of Africa slowed, and Syria reported only one case of polio in the first half of 2014.

Rotary is also at the forefront of efforts to fight other diseases. According to WHO, indoor air pollution causes 4.3 million deaths per year worldwide. To combat it, members of the Rotary Club of Taos-Milagro, New Mexico, USA, mobilized Rotary clubs in several countries to support the Himalayan Stove Project, which has installed more than 3,000 clean-burning stoves in Nepal.

In Tamil Nadu, India, Rotary clubs partnered with clubs in Maryland, USA, to use a Foundation global grant to purchase a large van and outfit it with X-ray equipment to screen women for breast cancer in hard-to-reach communities. The "mammobus" has conducted more than 2,500 free breast cancer screenings and detected and treated early-stage cancer in six women. Rotary members in Malindi, Kenya, teamed up with members in Maryland and Idaho, USA, to work with the Genesis World Mission in creating a rainwater catchment system to provide clean drinking water, irrigate crops, and establish fish farms in Burangi, Kenya.

In Seattle, Washington, USA, Rotary members are diverting millions of pounds of fruit and vegetables from the waste stream and into the hands of those who need it through Rotary First Harvest, a program of District 5030.