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##### The Weekly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town Celebrating 26 Years of Rotary

##### March is Water and Sanitation Month

# Weekly Meetings and Programmes:

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| Date | Speaker | Program/Topics of Presentation |
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| 18 March | PDG Tirtha Man Sayka | Reconstruction efforts by RI District 3292 |
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| C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\IMG_0794.JPG Guest speaker PDG Tirtha Man Sakya receives a token of appreciation from President Paras Rana after his inspiring report on Rotary’s earthquake relieve and reconstruction efforts. | | | Tirtha Man Sakya talked on the distric level reconstruction and on what are we as rotarians doing for quick relief work and long term strategies  C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\IMG_0790.JPG | C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\image2.JPG Kul Chandra Gautam receives recognition for his long standing with Rotary |
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| **Book launch**  "The Ethical Self & Business Ethics".  Neeva Pradhan would like to invite you to a launch program in Nepal on  ***Friday March 25, 2016 at 3:00pm.***  The venue is Nepal Tourism Board ​​ Bhrikuti​ Mandap.  It will be an honor to have you join us.  Please kindly confirm your participation.  The souvenir book was launched at the Global Leadership Forum in Delhi on March 13, 2016. | **March 22 was World Water Day.**  One of the focus areas of The Rotary Foundation is to provide access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation to the communities.  Still today, billions of people worldwide are deprived of safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Hence, The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by:  1. Providing equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene;  2. Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems;  3. Supporting programs that enhance communities’ awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation and hygiene;  4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to water and sanitation.  Clean water is a basic need. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. Get involved: <http://on.rotary.org/Rotary_Water> |

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| Rotary Quote of the Week |

*"It was amazing to see people for the first time from all over the world, the different languages, dress, and food. But we all had the same dedication to Rotary. I ran into so many people I never knew before but who today are still my friends."*

Phyllis Jane Nusz, past governor of District 5220 (California, USA)

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# Rotary International News

**Register for the International Convention in Korea**

### **Connect with thought leaders**

Hear from [exceptional speakers](http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/speakers) including RI President K.R. Ravindran and other Rotary senior leaders, who will educate and inspire you.

**31 March 2016:** Preregistration discount ends  
**30 April 2016:** Registration/ticket cancellation deadline  
**1 June 2016:** Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial.

### UNESCO-IHE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The aim is to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term relationships between Rotary members and skilled water and sanitation professionals.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. **The application deadline is 15 June**.

Review the [application toolkit](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/scholarship-water-and-sanitation-professionals-application-tool-kit) and [scholarship terms and conditions](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/scholarships-water-and-sanitation-professionals-terms-and-conditions).

### Calendar:

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for [Rotary International Convention](http://www.riconvention.org/)

1 April — Deadline to report activities to earn a Presidential Citation for [Rotary](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-citation-rotary-clubs) and [Rotaract clubs](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-citation-rotaract-clubs)

10-15 April — [Council on Legislation](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/events/council-legislation)

15 April — Deadline to report activities to earn a Presidential Citation for [Interact clubs](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-citation-interact-clubs)

*30 A*pril — Registration/ticket cancellation deadline for [Rotary International Convention](http://www.riconvention.org/)

### Rotary Story of the week

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| The clean water and sanitation crisis: How we can do better by John Hewko   What can service organizations do about this? We know that only improving infrastructure is not enough for sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene improvements.  Instead, for WASH programming that has a lasting impact, it needs to observe several principles: to work with governments to ensure affordable, high-quality services that last generations; investing in people not just hardware; investing in systemic change; spending more time collecting data on what works than we do on writing success stories; measuring success in terms of how many communities have water and sanitation services over time; and learning from past failures.  This is why Rotary’s WASH in Schools Target Challenge aims to engage civic leaders (Rotarians) through a structured step-by-step approach that expands on two existing, proven models to improve not only basic education and literacy, but also water and sanitation. This hybrid challenge will pursue one overarching goal: to enhance the quality of education through teacher capacity building and curriculum enhancement, while improving access to safe water, sanitation facilities and hygiene programming.  More http://bit.ly/1MDsQMC  John Hewko is the general secretary of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Before joining Rotary in 2011, he was vice president of operations and compact development at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government agency established to deliver foreign assistance in a new and innovative manner.  One in nine people lack access to safe water, and the number of people who own a mobile phone exceeds the number who has a toilet. |

### Please update your ‘My Rotary’ Account

First go to www.rotary.org.

Then **click on My Rotary**. And then **Click on Sign In/Register**.

If you are a first time user, click on **Create account.**

Fill in the Account registration information **and click on Continue.**

You will be informed that an e-mail has been sent to you.

Check your email for the address you provided in the step above. You will receive a message from Rotary. Click on the blue link in the mail to finalize the process.

# A Thought for the Day:

Humans have a tendency to fall prey to the illusion that their economy is at the very center of the universe, forgetting that the biosphere is what ultimately sustains all systems, both man-made and natural. In this sense, ‘environmental issues’ are not about saving the planet -- it will always survive and evolve with new combinations of atoms --but about the prosperous development of our own species.

\*\*\* Carl Folke Science Director of the Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University \*\*\*

### Nepali holidays in April

## NB: Send any information/photos that may be of interest to the Club or Rotarians in general to

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Venue: Fridays at 7:30AM, Hotel de l'Annapurna, Kathmandu, NEPAL