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**8 March 2013** **The Weekly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town** **Bc-8.3/012-13**

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**MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH**

Teach children the value of life, and that they should respect others, no matter what sex or caste they belong to. If you can change their way of thinking, and introduce them to a better way of life, you will be doing them and the entire community a great service.

Friday, 1 March:



In-house Speaker CP Dr Roop Jyoti spoke on different aspects of Grande International

Hospital – infrastructure, basic physical and service facilities, medical/surgical capabilities,

modular operation theatres, state of the art technology equipment including 160 slice

CT Scan and Digital Broadband MRI and range of medical services provided. The hospital

was established in Feb 2010 in collaboration with Samitivej Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand.

One of the salient features, the Speaker emphasized, is that in GIH no attendant will be

needed with a patient as is the case at all other hospitals in Nepal. Dr Roop is the Chairman of the Project Committee, GIH.

# Weekly Meetings and Programs :

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| Date | Program/Speaker | Program/Topics of Presentation |
| 8 March 2013 | AG Dr. Jeevan Lal Amatya | Effect of Spices on Health |
| 15 March 2013 | HE Bob Hamilton, Canadian Consul | 40 Years of Canadian Presence in Nepal |

Friday, 8 March:



Guest Speaker, Dr Jeevan L Amatya, a veterinary doctor by profession, will be talking at

the Club meeting on 'Effects of spices on health.'

Rtn Jeevan is AG Zone II 2012-13. He joined Rotary in June 1996 as a Charter member of

Rotary Club of Yala. He was President of the Club in 2008-09, and AG Zone VI in 2011-12.

Dr Jeevan Amatya is currently General Secretary of Association of Pharmaceutical Producers

of Nepal.

He is also a Visiting Professor in Himalayan College of Agriculture and Sciences & Technology, Gatthaghar, Bhaktapur.

As a national Bridge Player, Dr Jeevan Amatya has represented Nepal in international tournaments in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Thailand and Hong Kong.

**District Conference:**

The countdown has begun; just a few days  remaining for the 5th District Conference here at Kathmandu.

Please ear mark the dates for this important event and let us participate in full force to make this conference a memorable event of fellowship and also to regenerate a sense of belonging to a larger fraternity and to re-dedicate to the Rotary Cause and the Rotary Way - "Service Above Self."

The 5th District Conference is scheduled to be held on 16th-18th March 2013 in Kathmandu and the details are as follows:

Theme: ***Samarpan*** Date: 16th-18th March 2013 Venue: Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

Registration Fee: Rs. 5,000 single and Rs. 9,000 with spouse till 5 March 2013

Rs. 5,500 single and Rs.10,000 with spouse between 6 - 13 March 2013

Rs. 6,000 single and Rs.11,000 with spouse from 14 - 16 March 2013.

Event Highlights:

16 March Inaugural session 13:00 - 18:00 hrs

Contributory TRF dinner Venue to be announced

17 March Plenary Sessions 9:00 - 18:00 hrs with lunch, tea/coffee

Dinner 19:00 - 22:00 hrs Venue to be announced

18 March Plenary and closing sessions 9:00 – 18:00 hrs with lunch, tea/coffee

Dinner 19:00 - 22:00 hrs Venue: Garden of Dreams with Entertainment

Transportation will be provided from Soaltee Crowne Plaza to Dinner Venue

Host: Rotary Club of Kathmandu MidTown Associate Host: Rotary Club of Bagmati Kathmandu

Should you have any queries please contact:

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Let us participate in this event to find inspiration to rededicate ourselves to the cause of Rotary and Humanity.

*Source: President Devendra Gongal*

**On Literacy:**

Traditionally literacy has been commonly defined as the ability to read and write at an adequate level of proficiency that is necessary for communication. More recently however, literacy has taken on several meanings. Technological literacy, mathematical literacy, and visual literacy are just a few examples. While it may be difficult to gauge the degree to which literacy has an impact on an individual’s overall happiness, one can easily infer that an increase in literacy will lead to the improvement of an individual’s life and the development of societies.

While in developed nations, the majority of the population over the age of 17 possesses basic literacy skills in reading and writing,, the rate of literacy in developing nations is much lower. This lack of widespread literacy hinders the further development of such nations. International agencies like UNESCO are campaigning to raise literacy rates worldwide. While progress has been made and literacy rates have increased, the growth in population worldwide has led to a further expansion of illiterate individuals. UNESCO has found a ***correlation between illiteracy and poverty, low life expectancy, and political oppression.***

Literacy campaigns around the world also include programs to increase the level of adult literacy. Increasing literacy rates among adults can serve several purposes. Equipping adults with basic literacy skills can enable them to be more proactive when it comes to their child’s education. As this works to increase literacy, political conditions in oppressive countries may improve. Moreover an increase in literate adults means an increase in individuals campaigning for education as a fundamental human right.

Sri Lanka is an example of a developing nation that has shown a dramatic increase in literacy. Sri Lanka has a literacy rate of 96%, one of the highest literacy rates in all of South Asia and much higher than that expected of a developing country. This can be attributed to the country’s policy of providing free education to all children regardless of income.

*Source: www.tigweb.org*

**Committee Chairpersons' Column:**

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**Past Presidents' Column:**

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When we focus on young people, we are focusing on building the future of Rotary and a more



peaceful world. When we serve youth, we help to bring Rotary to a new generation. We

spread understanding among nations and cultures. We teach the importance of service to

others, and pass on our core values. By doing this, we help to build peace.

**RI President Sakuji Tanaka**

On Lighter Side :

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A thought for the day:

***The world suffers a lot.***

***Not because of the violence of bad people;   
but because of the silence of good people!***

Great quotes:

***Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned... !***

Number game:

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