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**OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

**Celebrating**

**25 Years in Rotary**

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**Congratulations!**



**RI President-Nominee John F. Germ**

**He is a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA.**

Friday, 10 October :

Regular weekly meeting # 1249 of the Club was held on Friday morning at Hotel Annapurna.

Extracts of the Meeting Minutes # 1249 are given below:

“7. A short talk by: Dr Sanjib Sharma on 'Snakebite in Nepal: Challenges and Needs'. Dr Sharma was introduced by Rtn Buddha. He spoke of what snakes are the common culprits and of how villagers often mistakenly administer incorrect first aid for snakebites resulting in even more severe injury to the patients and sometimes even death. Most snakebite victims in the rural areas die en route to hospital. Dr Sharma is working on public awareness and on enlisting locals with motorbikes to speed victims to hospitals – both are helping to reduce fatalities. He emphasised much suffering can be alleviated through awareness and by mobilising local people.

Dr Sharma donated 20 copies of 'Snakebite in Nepal' to RC KTM Mid-Town. After the Q&A session, Rtn Bhairaja gave the vote of thanks.

“9. Information sharing/AOB:

▪ Pres Kul mentioned that the membership list (54 members) is now up to date. Please submit additions/ corrections on contact information to Mr Dahal.

▪ Rtn Bhairaja informed that the Changa Chait had to be cancelled for this year.

▪ PP Mani suggested that the Mid-Town RI web page information be brought up to date.

▪ The Charter Night Celebration (Nov 8) sign-up sheet is being circulated.

▪ Visiting Rtn Dr Baczko, said she was glad to be back and glad that everything had worked out with the Sheer Memorial Hospital project.

“10. Statistics of the meeting: Members present: 24”

# Weekly Meetings and Programs :

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| Date | Program/Speaker | Topic of Presentation |
| 17 October | Ananta Baidya | Pre-disaster mitigation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Enhanced & Inclusive Public Safety for All |
| 24 October | ?? | ?? |

Friday, 17 October :

Mr. Ananta Baidya, guest speaker for the day, will be talking on "Pre-disaster mitigation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Enhanced & Inclusive Public Safety for All (Able & People with Disabilities.)"

RI President Huang Declares Rtn John Germ President-Nominee

RI President Gary C.K. Huang officially declared John F. Germ Rotary International's President-Nominee on 1 October.

John F. Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of RI in August. He will be formally elected at the 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil and will become RI President on 1 July 2016.

For Rotary to thrive, Germ says, members must face current and future challenges and opportunities with "passion, enthusiasm, perseverance, and above all, integrity."

"I envision Rotary boldly and creatively engaging the success of polio eradication, membership and identity issues, strengthening clubs, work with youth – our future lifeblood, and the creation of critical, strategic partnerships," says Germ. "The 2016-17 Rotary year offers a tremendous opportunity for Rotary International and the Foundation partnership unified and thriving, on all levels, via the six areas of focus."

"No one should ever have to ask, ‘What is Rotary?’ We will enhance Rotary's public image by successfully and enthusiastically marketing who we are, what amazing things we are doing, and incredibly, have done locally and globally," says Germ.

With the global economy still unpredictable, Germ says Rotary must make participation affordable and "also be unfailingly diligent in efforts to ensure we spend every dollar effectively and efficiently," he says.

A Rotary member since 1976, Germ has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, chair of Rotary's US$200 Million Challenge, and RI president's aide. He is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

"Rotary will adapt to a rapidly changing world by embracing innovation within the guidelines of our tradition and values," says Germ. "By aggressively embracing new technologies, social media, and new opportunities, individuals and businesses will see that Rotary helps promote a good civic and public image while adding credibility to their people."

*Source: Ryan Hyland, Internet News*

**International Day of Girl Child :** 11 October

"On this International Day of the Girl Child, I call on all governments to take action to end all forms of violence against girls in all parts of the world. Together, we must create a world where violence against women and girls is never tolerated and girls are always empowered to reach their full potential." - *UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon*

In recognition of the importance of investing in and empowering girls during



adolescence and preventing and eliminating the various forms of violence they

experience, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution to

declare 11 October as the International Day of the Girl Child on 19 Dec, 2011.

To take efforts to end all forms of violence against girls and women to the next

level, it is important that we focus on adolescent girls and move beyond

awareness-raising to investments in and support for this critical group that will

shape the present and the future.

The theme of IDGC for 2014 is **Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the**

**Cycle of Violence**.

Governments, the UN system, civil society, and public and private institutions are called on to join forces and reaffirm their commitment to end the scourge of violence against adolescent girls and to promote their empowerment by: (a) Investing in adolescent girls to equip them with skills, confidence, and life options: through family, schools, technical and vocational education and training, and health, social and economic support systems; (b) Making infrastructure, services, and technology accessible to girls and effective in meeting their needs for safety, connectivity and mobility; (c) Facilitating adolescent girls engagement in civic, economic and political life; (d) Continuing to advocate for making violence against girls and women visible and unacceptable both in private and public domains; and (e) Strengthening data, measurement and the evidence base in relation to the empowerment of and violence against adolescent girls.

*Source: Internet News*

**International Day of Disaster Reduction :** 13 October

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The International Day for Disaster Reduction encourages



every citizen and government to take part in building

more disaster resilient communities and nations.

The UN General Assembly sees the IDDR as a way to

promote a global culture of disaster reduction, including

disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness.

Originally celebrated on the second Wednesday of

October (resolution 22 Dec 1989), the UN General Assembly decided to designate Oct 13 as the date to celebrate the IDDR (resolution 21 Dec 2009).

2014 Theme: Resilience is for Life. The focus is on the need for a more inclusive approach for older people in disaster risk reduction and recognize the critical role they can play in resilience-building through their experience and knowledge.

*Source: Internet News*

[**World Standards Day**](http://targetstudy.com/knowledge/day/63/international-day-of-older-persons.html) **:** 14 October

World Standards Day is celebrated internationally each year on 14 October. The day



honours the efforts of the thousands of experts who develop voluntary standards within

standards development organizations such as the International Electrotechnical

Commission (IEC), [International Organization for Standardization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Organization_for_Standardization) (ISO), International

Telecommunication Union (ITU), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

and the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).

The aim of World Standards Day is to raise awareness among regulators, industry and

consumers as to the importance of [standardization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standardization) to the global economy.

Globally relevant standards make it easier for many companies – particularly small and

medium enterprises – to get their products certified and on the shelves in countries around the world, allowing them to take part in global value chains, benefit from technology transfer, and compete on a more equal footing.

14 October was specifically chosen to mark the date, in 1946, when delegates from 25 countries first gathered in London and decided to create an international organization focused on facilitating standardization. Even though ISO was formed one year later, it wasn't until 1970 that the first World Standards Day was celebrated.

*Source: Internet News*

[**Global Handwashing Day**](http://targetstudy.com/knowledge/day/63/international-day-of-older-persons.html) **:** 15 October



Global Handwashing Day is a campaign aimed at increasing awareness

and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an

effective and affordable way to prevent diseases.

The first Global Handwashing Day took place on 15 October 2008, the date

appointed by the UN General Assembly in accordance with the International

Year of Sanitation in which over 120 million children around the world

washed their hands with soap in more than 70 countries.

Around the world, children, teachers, parents, celebrities, and government

officials plan to mobilize and motivate millions to lather up in order to reduce

life-threatening diseases, such as diarrhea and acute respiratory infections.

Under the slogan “Clean hands save lives”, the driving theme for Global Handwashing Day is children and schools. Children acting as agents of change, taking the good practices of hygiene learned at school back into their homes and communities. The active participation and involvement of children, along with culturally sensitive community-based interventions aim at ensuring sustained behavioral change.

*Source: Internet News*

**World Food Day :** 16 October



On 16 Oct 1945 the [Food and Agriculture Organization](http://www.fao.org/home/en/) was founded. The day, celebrated around

the world as the World Food Day, aims to heighten public awareness of world food problems and

strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty.

The theme for World Food Day 2014 is 'Family Farming: Feeding the world, caring for the earth'.

The year 2014 is designated as **International Year of Family Farming** by the United Nations.

The IYFF aims to raise the profile of **family and smallholder farming**. This type of farming represents

the vast majority of agriculture worldwide, both in developed and developing countries, and is

therefore vital to food security. The FAO estimates that there are **over 500 million family farms** worldwide.

*Source: Internet News*

[**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**](http://targetstudy.com/knowledge/day/113/world-habitat-day.html) **:** 17 October

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been



observed every year since 1993, when the United Nations General

Assembly, by resolution, designated this day to promote awareness

of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries. It

promotes people’s awareness of the need to eradicate poverty

and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.

**Theme for 2014:** Leave no one behind: think, decide and act

together against extreme poverty.

The 2014 theme recognises and underscores the demanding challenge of identifying and securing the participation of those experiencing extreme poverty and social exclusion in the “Post-2015 Development Agenda” that will replace the Millennium Development Goals. *Source: Internet News*

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**Indian Film Actress Juhi Chawla in Rotary News**



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***Actress Juhi Chawla received the Vocational Excellence Award at an event organized by***

***the Rotary International Club, in Mumbai recently.***

**ORGANIZING A ROTARY DAY !**

**Why and how to host a Rotary Day?**

⮘ In an effort to increase membership by 100,000 this year, RI President Gary C.K. Huang is urging clubs and districts to organize fun, informal community events called Rotary Days.

⮘ "We need to showcase our good work to everyone in the community," says Huang. "Rotary Days need to be fun and all-inclusive... Let's give people the opportunity to experience what it's like to make a difference."

⮘ Any club, big or small, can host a Rotary Day. Neighboring clubs can pool their resources and co-host an event, and entire districts can come together for a large-scale Rotary Day. In fact, several clubs and districts already

have hosted picnics, concerts, parades, and other Rotary Day events. In addition, the Rotary Board of

Directors and other senior leaders will facilitate several national Rotary Days in 2014-15.

⮘ Check out the new [Rotary Days webpage](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-days) for additional information, including tips about planning a Rotary Day, a calendar of Rotary Days scheduled around the world, information on how to receive a special award from

your district governor, and details about a worldwide video contest.

*Source: Internet News*

**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.)*

On Lighter Side :





**[If you love life, don't waste time,](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/brucelee384114.html" \o "view quote)**

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- *Bruce Lee*

And this month, we will mark World Polio Day on 24 October, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Salk's birth.



I ask you all to Light Up Rotary this month by doing whatever you can to shine a spotlight

on our efforts to eradicate polio. Call your government officials and let them know that polio eradication matters to you. Go to endpolionow.org for inspiring stories about Rotary's work, and share them on social media. And make the best investment you'll ever make, by donating to polio eradication right on the endpolionow.org website and earning a two-to-one match on your contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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

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