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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 25th Charter Day Celebration: Saturday, 8 November**

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town celebrated its 25th Charter Day with a meeting and cocktail dinner on the evening of Saturday, 8 November 2014 at Hotel De l’ Annapurna.

First Part of the Program:

Club’s regular weekly meeting # 1253 was held at 18:00 hrs.

Extracts of the Meeting Minutes are given below:

“5. Pres Kul Chandra welcomes Rotary dignitaries (and spouses): PDGs, DGE, DGN, AG, Rotaract rep., Interact rep., RCC rep., please stand to receive symbolic khadas and flowers.

Name Title Name of spouse

Rabindra Kumar Piya District Governor 2014-15 Premkali

Dilendra Raj Shrestha Immediate Past District Governor Bhabani

Basu Dev Golyan Past District Governor

Tirtha Man Sakya Past District Governor Nani Shova

Keshav Kunwar District Governor Elect 2015-16 Durga

Jaya Rajyalaxdmi Shah District Governor Nominee 2016-17

Rajendra Lal Shrestha Assistant Governor

Nugal Ananda Vaidya District Secretary

Sujan Manandhar Rotaract Pres

“6. Pres Kul Chandra honored the Charter Member, he asked the Charter President, Charter Members and their spouses to please stand to receive symbolic flowers and khadas. He called on: Ambica Shrestha PP 1992-93; Anand Tuladhar PP 1993-94; Niranjan Pradhan PP 1994-95; Yogendra Man Pradhan PP 1995-96 and DG 2012-13; Dr Chandra Lekha Tuladhar PP 1996-97; Mani Dohj Joshi PP 1997-98; Giridhar Manandhar PP 1999-2000; Werner Blazer (absent); Sanjib Raj Bhandari.

“7. Pres Kul explained that tonight our guests would only be receiving 'symbolic flowers and khaddas and that instead the money saved would be donated to a worthy charity for girl's' empowerment since this was the theme for the evening.

“8. Welcome members and guests. Pres Kul asked members to please introduce their guests.

“9. The dignitaries on the dias participated in the lighting of the lamp together with DG R Piya.

“10. Leave of absence: 2nd VP Lisa Choegyl, PP Gopal Kakshapati, and Rtn Krishna Thapa.

“11. The minutes of meeting No 1252 were approved.

“12. Pres Kul Chnadra made a few remarks noting the history of the Club over the past two and a half decades. He said that Mid-Town was in the process of documenting the many good works that it has been involved in during that time by compiling a commemorative booklet. Pres Kul unveiled the booklet cover. Pres Kul noted that on this very important occasion our dinner would be graced by Former Pres Tarja Halonen (Finland) and Former Pres José Manuel Ramos-Horta (Timor Leste) – a very historic moment indeed.

“13. Charter Pres Dr Roop Jyoti made a few remarks on his recollections of "25 years in Rotary". He remembered and thanked all of the original 22 charter members noting that Mid-Town was the first Club in Nepal to receive its Charter from the hands of RI Pres Elect Paula VC Costa. He said that Mid-Town can rightly be proud of what it has become: a very active and respected Club and that its members hail from many different nationalities and cover a wide range of professions. In closing, he wished everyone well and said that he was looking forward to seeing them all at Mid-Town's 50th Charter Day Celebration.

“14. The Charter Members were asked come up to the dias where DG Piya presented each with a memento of recognition.

“15. A toast by all of the Past Presidents of RC KTM Mid-Town on the occasion of 'Celebrating 25 Years in Rotary'. All Past Presidents please stand – the toast will be delivered by CP Dr Roop Jyoti and Pres Kul Chandra Gautam. Clap.

“16. Exchange of flags with visiting Roatrians from RC Bendigo, Australia and RC Denver Southeast, USA.

“17. Adjournment of the meeting at 6:40 PM

“18. Statistics of the meeting: Members present: 35”

Second Part of the Program:

“Assembled at poolside for cocktails and fellowship;

“A champagne welcome for our guest Pres Tarja Halonen

“Seated for a few remarks by Pres Kul Chandra who explained that Pres José Manuel Ramos-Horta was detained by important matters with the President of Nepal. He went on to give a background of the links that the Republic of Finland has with Rotary.

“PP Ambica welcomed Pres Halonen with a Nepali shawl. Then PP Ambica Shrestha (Nepal's 1st female Rotary Pres) made a few remarks on 'Women and Rotary in the World and in Nepal'.

“A few remarks by Pres Tarja Halonen.

“Our guest Pres Tarja Halonen and DG Piya honored Charter President Dr Roop Jyoti with a commemorative certificate.

“Hotel Annapurna honored Pres Halonen with a commemorative statuette.

“Ceremonial cutting of 25th anniversary cake by CP Roop and dignitaries followed by cocktails and dinner.

**When the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town was chartered:**

There were altogether 22 charter members;

First club in Nepal to have female charter members. There were altogether 4 female charter members;

First club to have 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow as charter members!

RI President Elect Paulo VC Costa handed over charter certificate to Charter President;

A proper balance between local and expat members in the club right from the beginning;

First Breakfast Club not only in Nepal, but in the Asia region;

Weekly meetings in Sherpa Hotel until moved to Hotel del’ Annapurna;

Late Rtn Tehmas Manekshaw was like a father of our club. Although he was the president of Rotary Club of Kathmandu, he did not miss any meeting in RC Kathmandu Mid-Town! He had a 100 % attendance in those beginning years.

*Source: CP Dr Roop Jyoti, in his speech in Charter Members’ Day Celebration.*

# Weekly Meetings and Programs :

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| Date | Program/Speaker | Topic of Presentation |
| 14 November | Dr. Shankar Rai, Surgeon/ Specialist on burns at the Model Hospital | Rampant problem of burns in Nepal |
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**Rotary District 3292 South Asia Conference on Peace**

(6-9 February 2015)

RI District 3292 is going to organize Rotary South Asia Conference on Peace on 6-9 Feb 2015 at Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Gautam Buddha, the ***Light of Asia***. The organizers are requesting the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, and the Ministry of Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation to join Rotary initiative as Co-organizers. They have the confirmation of RIP Gary Huang’s availability to participate in this conference. The Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Nepal, the Secretary-General of the SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu, icons of Rotary fraternity from South Asia including the past RIPs from this part of the world and DGs and participants from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan are being invited.

*For more details please refer Annex ‘A’*

**US State Secretary Kerry meets Seven Summit Women**

With the message of “Together we reach higher, group of 7 adventurous Nepali women are set on a record setting mission. Popularly Known as Seven Summit Women, the group is on mission of being first women team to conquer all 7 highest summit of each continent.  As part of this record setting expedition the group reached Alaska, to climb Mount Denali, the highest peak in North America.  The team conquers the Mt Denali on 24th June at 1:45 local time. After succeeding on the expedition, they were welcomed heartily by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.  The greeting was also attended by US ambassador to Nepal, Peter W. Bodde and Nepal’s Charge d’ Affairs in Washington, Rishi Ram Ghimire.

Seven Summit Women have already conquered the worlds’



US State Secretary Kerry meets Seven Summit Women

highest summit, The Mt. Everest in 2008. The team have

already climbed 6 highest summits leaving only the Antarctica.

These daring divas aim to conclude their seven summit

expedition by flagging their victory on mount Vinson,

Antarctica on December 2014. If succeeded, the Seven

Summit Women will be first all female team to climb all 7

highest peaks of 7 continent as well as first Nepali women to

climb 7 highest peaks of each continent. Till now only 350

people have climbed the 7 summits, out of which only 51 are

women and none of them are Nepali women.

The Seven summit women team comprises of women from

different regions and cultural background. With adventurous

rebel this inclusive women group has break the stereotype of

typical patriarchal Nepali society. The team has not only explored their adventure thrust with this expedition but tried to invest their knowledge of mountaineering in different continents into education, empowerment and environment sector. The Seven Summit women  has already visited more than 200 plus schools in Nepal and Africa,  inspiring youths to be educated and able. Also many national and international organizations have supported the team, recognizing them as role model to women empowerment in developing world.

*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)*

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**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 :



*Courtesy: Rtn Isabella Khadka*





**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:**

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than

by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.

Sail away from the safe harbor.

Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Mark Twain

*Courtesy: Rtn Isabella Khadka*



It is natural, when visiting long-serving clubs, to want to know what their secret is –

because I have always noticed that the longest-serving clubs are also some of the most

productive. They are large, they are active, and they do great work. Not only that, but they

have a great time doing it.

**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’*

21 October 2014

To: All Presidents and Secretaries of the Rotary Clubs in Nepal

Subject: Rotary District 3292 ‘South Asia Conference on Peace: 6-9 February 2015

Dear Rotarians,

We have the pleasure to inform you of our plan to organize a Rotary South Asia Conference on Peace during 6-9 February 2015 in Lumbini, Nepal and would appreciate good participation from your Clubs.

We have the confirmation of Rotary International President (RIP) Gary Huang’s availability to participate in this conference being held at the birth place of Lord Gautam Buddha, the ‘Light of Asia’. We are requesting the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, and the Ministry of Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation to join us as Co-organizers. We are also inviting the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Nepal, the Secretary-General of the SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu, icons of Rotary fraternity from South Asia including the past RIPs from this part of the world, and Rotary’s District Governors and participants from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Nepal. Special invitation has also been extended to Rotarians from Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand.

We are moving forward with a lot of enthusiasm to organize this important event, which will also have a session on ‘Interfaith’ with the participation of a number of learned scholars and personalities from Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity.

We are now preparing details of the programme, which we will be sharing with you. For now, we are contemplating themes, such as ‘Peace and Poverty Alleviation’, ‘Peace and Conflict Management’ ‘Peace and Tourism Development’, ‘Role of UN on Peace’, ‘Role of SAARC on Peace’ ‘Youth and Peace’ all in South Asian context, and also to have one theme on ‘Fountain of Peace, Lumbini - the birth place of Lord Buddha’.

For your information, to optimize the presence of high dignitaries from Rotary International, we are also planning to have two other separate rotary activities, i.e. a ‘Rotary GKR Vocational Excellence Award’ ceremony presenting Nepalese Rupees 1 million to a selected candidate at the presidential complex of Rt. Hon’ble President of Nepal, and a National Literacy Seminar in Kathmandu as a follow-up of the ‘Total Literacy – 2017 in South Asia’ programme.

We earnestly look forward to support to make the Rotary’s South Asia Conference on Peace a grand success.

With best wishes on the happy occasion of Tihar,

In Rotary Service,

Tirtha Man Sakya

Past District Governor and Conference Chair