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##### The Weekly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town Celebrating 27 Years of Rotary

### September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

# Weekly Meetings and Programmes:

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| **Date** | **Speaker** | **Program/Topics of Presentation** |
| 23 September |  | Club Assembly, please no guests |
| 17 September | Ordinary meeting and visit to Chandragiri | C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\image.jpeg |
| Club News | | |

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| 17 September Club meeting and visit to Chandragiri. Many thanks to Basu Gautam for organising he visit, lunch and the beautiful meeting hall  http://www.chandragirihills.com/  C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\IMG_1478.JPG  cid:E4CFC8CA-A055-40D1-8883-81D682B10480  cid:5A526225-DB38-4CD2-9B87-A89908DC8A9A  cid:5F9EB171-9336-48BB-9917-91D547354CEB  C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\IMG_1483.JPGthanks to William and Lisa for the photos | | Other News C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\IMG_6642.JPGThe first AKS member of our District 3292 Rtn Dr Roop Jyoti with his spouse Ms Bina Jyoti are honoured by TRF in presence of RI President John Germ and Past RI President C K Hwang in Evanston yesterday on 16 th September,2016,  This is to inform you that **New Members Orientation Seminar and The Rotary Foundation Seminar for Regions 1, 2 & 3** clubs are going to be held in Kathmandu on Saturday 24th September 2016. Please do inform clubs’ new members and TRF Committee members involved in Global/ District Grants to attend the seminar. The importance of new members orientation and the Rotary Foundation specially in the Centennial Year is a known factor to you. Seminar will highlight on importance of Rotary for the new members and foundation giving, grant management & stewardship while undertaking global/ district grants.    Program      : New Members Orientation Seminar  The Rotary Foundation Seminar  Date             : 24 September 2016  Registration: 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM  Program       : 9:45 AM to 4:00 PM followed by Lunch  Venue          : Annapurna Hotel, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu    **Registration Charges. Rs. 2,000/- per person** | We are delighted to invite you and members of your institution to a book discussion program.  Please find the details below:  **Date:  Sunday, September 25, 2016**  **Time:  3:00PM**  **Venue:  Dwarika’s Hotel**  The theme of the talk program is, “The Ethical Self and Business Ethics". This book was recently published and launched in Nepal ​​ through the World Forum Ethics in Business Nepal and the Art of Living Foundation.  The book includes examples of ethical practices that are sustainable and ensure profitability for institutions. We would like to take this opportunity to provide a platform for leading minds to share their experiences on the value​s and challenges​  of an ethics based approach ​in running any organisation. ​  Warm wishes,  N​eeva M. Pradhan, please call 9851233348 for more information    **NEPAL HIMALAYA –**  **A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME**  Photographer Sujoy Das and author VP Lisa Choegyal have spent a lifetime in Nepal. This book captures their journey, combining Sujoy's beautiful black and white mountain images with a reflective essay by Lisa on how tourism first started in Nepal  Published by VAJRA Books Chetrapati Kathmandu pages 164 size 11.5 inches x 8.33 inches Rs3,600. The book was launched Sunday.  A Meeting was held Wednesday hosted by PP CK Golcha and PP Arun and attended by most of the past presidents of the club. The aim of the meeting was to increase fellowship of the club and contribute to new direction and cooperation among the members  C:\Users\arasmussen\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\CBTFF60Q\20160921_200625.jpg |
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| Rotary Story of the Week |

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| CULTURE: ELECT TO BE CIVIL A couple of years ago, researchers at Princeton and Stanford released a study of American political attitudes that was, in a word, terrifying.  The most shocking finding was that political prejudice is now more acute than racial bigotry. What’s more, it is voters who are driving the cycle of contempt and confrontation in Washington. Those intractable politicians we love to rant about are, in fact, acting on our orders.  Another study, by political scientists Alan Abramowitz and Steven Webster at Emory University, offers more grim news. Americans are increasingly engaging in a practice they call “negative partisanship,” which means we vote based more on fear and loathing for the other party than on a positive identification with our own.  These negative views, by the way, are not grounded in a sophisticated objection to the policies advocated by the opposing party. They are tribal in nature.  Abramowitz and Webster do note that an increasing number of voters identify themselves as independents – Gallup put the number at 43 percent last year – which would suggest a decline in partisanship. Unfortunately, actual voting data reveal that these folks are choosing to label themselves as “independent” to avoid the perception of mindless loyalty to a particular party. In fact, they almost never cross party lines. The “swing voter” is a dying species in American politics.  Bill Bishop’s 2008 book, *The Big Sort: Why the Clustering of Like-Minded America Is Tearing Us Apart*, chronicles the larger cultural shifts that have stoked this polarization. His basic point is that Americans increasingly self-segregate. We surround ourselves with people of the same class, level of education, and ideology. Forget red and blue states, we’re talking about red and blue neighbourhoods.  More  https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/culture-elect-be-civil |  |  |
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# Rotary International News

Nations around the world will observe the International Day of Peace on 21 September, a date designated by the United Nations in 2001 as "a day of global ceasefire and nonviolence."

Rotary's commitment to building peace and resolving conflict is rooted in the Rotary Peace Centers program, formed in 2002. Each year, the program prepares up to 100 fellows to work for peace through a two-year master's degree program or a three-month professional certificate program at university partners worldwide.

Today, nearly 1,000 peace centres alumni are applying their skills — negotiating peace in conflict areas, drafting legislation to protect exploited children, keeping communities safe through innovative law enforcement tactics, and pursuing many other career paths devoted to peace.

**ROTARY PEACE CENTERS**

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master’s degree or certificate program at one of our partner universities. Fellows study subjects related to the root causes of conflict and explore innovative solutions that address real-world needs. We have peace centers around the globe at:

[Chulalongkorn University](http://www.rotarychula.org/), Thailand (certificate program)

[Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](http://www.rotarypeacecenternc.org/), USA

[International Christian University](http://subsite.icu.ac.jp/rotary/index.htm), Japan

[University of Bradford](http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/peace/rotary/), England

[University of Queensland](http://www.polsis.uq.edu.au/rotary/index.html), Australia

[Uppsala University](http://www.pcr.uu.se/education/uppsala_rotary_peace_center/), Sweden

### MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

You can support the Rotary Peace Centers program with [your gift](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give/promote-peace). Help us raise $150 million by 2017 to build a permanent endowment for the program. Many [naming opportunities](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give/recognition) are available.

# Calendar



1 October — Deadline to submit nominations for the [Rotary Service Above Self Award](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/awards)

24 October — [Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event](http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday)

31 October-6 November — World Interact Week

1 November — [Service Award for a Polio-Free World](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/awards) nominations are due

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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:

### A man is like a fraction whose numerator is what he is and whose denominator is what he thinks of himself. The larger the denominator, the smaller the fraction.

### -Leo Tolstoy, novelist and philosopher (9 Sep 1828-1910)

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

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Thanks to Isabell Khadka for a thought for today