



Breakfast Chatter 2016/2017



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

July is start of new Rotary officers year of service

Weekly Meetings and Programmes:

Date	Speaker	Program/Topics of Presentation
29 July	<p>Kevin J. Allen, Representative, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</p> <p>Kevin Allen, took up his new assignment as UNHCR Representative in Nepal on 18 June 2016. He began his career with the UN Refugee Agency in 1999. Before coming to Nepal, he served as the UNHCR Representative in Tajikistan.</p> <p>Upon assuming office, Mr. Allen said, "The Government and people of Nepal have a proud tradition of protecting those who are forced to flee persecution and war. I look forward to working with the Government and UNHCR partners to continue this important work, in a spirit of collaboration and compassion."</p>	<p>Who will be talking about UNHCR's work in Nepal and collaboration with the Government with a focus on the Bhutanese refugees.</p>
22 July	Ujwal Thapa & Dr. Jiwan Chhetri.	"Why Dr. KC is fasting unto Death"

Club News

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ms. Usha Chipalu, wife of Rtn. Govinda Chipalu who we lost on July 15.

Many don't trust a doctor they go to and always look for second or third opinion – that's because our doctors and hospitals have become more commercial than service oriented.

How expensive is health care?
Many have to sell their assets to take care of a health issue of a

Other News

Nepal Vision 2030

Kul Chandra Gautam

<http://www.myrepublica.com/news/2388>

The Speakers this week were – Ujwal Thapa and Dr. Jiwan Chetri – champions of the cause that Dr. Gobinda KC’s was fighting for with his fast-unto-death. Dr. KC has just ended the fast. They talked about why they were part of the movement and why all Nepalis should also be.

Major points:

The next generation of doctors and health care professionals that are being produced are scary and not someone you can or should trust your life with.

Studying MBBS or nursing at present has become so expensive that those who spent so much money to earn a degree will never go and serve in the remote districts or villages.

Medical education has evolved into a cartel where the quality is compromised and deals are made every day to distribute money among those on top.

happening? Because there is corruption in health care system, which should not have been there.



Secretary Meena gave the Vote of Thanks stating that the time is always right to do the right thing.



The generation that will lead Nepal in 2030 will be driven by pragmatism rather than ideologies of the bygone era that consumed their parents. With a new Constitution that embraces inclusive, pluralistic democracy, and a mixed market economy with egalitarian and socialistic aspirations, Nepal seems ready to embark on a path of rapid economic development.



Rotary Story of the Week



Thanks to dedicated health workers and community leaders, Nigeria has not seen a polio case for 2 years. Help us end polio for good.

<http://www.endpolio.org>

Rotary International News



Everything you do matters, especially to the people you help and the people you love, in this generation and the next and the next," [Rotary International President John Germ](#).

<http://on.rotary.org/29eHd0E>

After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, ShelterBoxes provided displaced families with temporary shelter and supplies. *Doing Good in the World* explores how Rotary works with [ShelterBox](#) and other organizations to maximize our impact. Order your copy of the book:

http://on.rotary.org/Centennial_Book

Calendar:



District Membership Seminar
August 6, 2016-Kalimati Banquet, Kalimati
Registraion: NRs.900

15 August — Last day to report activities to earn a Presidential Citation for [Interact clubs](#)



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
LITERACY AND WASH IN SCHOOL**
28-29 SEPTEMBER 2016-HOTEL GRANDE ,POKHARA,NEPAL

1 October — Deadline to submit nominations for the [Rotary Service Above Self Award](#)

24 October — [Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event](#)

31 October-6 November — World Interact Week

1 November — [Service Award for a Polio-Free World](#) nominations are due

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A Thought for the Day:

I have never thought much of the courage of a lion tamer. Inside the cage he is at least safe from other men. There is not much harm in a lion. He has no ideals, no religion, no politics, no chivalry, no gentility; in short, no reason for destroying anything that he does not want to eat.

-George Bernard Shaw, writer, Nobel laureate (26 Jul 1856-1950)

Nepali holidays in July

The month-long festival of chariot procession of the rain god, Rato Machhindranath, commenced at Lalitpur on Tuesday. People of eight localities in Patan—Natol, Gabahal, Mekhabahal, Kusunti, Kayanni, Walmaya, Dhaugol and Sachhi Chhe—usually lead the Machhindranath chariot procession.

Legends associated with the Machhindranath Jatra celebration have it that the procession once rescued Kathmandu Valley of severe drought. It is believed that the Lichhavi King Narendra Dev brought the idol of Rato Machhindranath from Assam in India to rid his country of the drought.

The chariot consists of a large wooden edifice of about 20m in height and 4.5m in diameter. The edifice built in the shikhar sailee (mountain structure) houses various reincarnations of Rato Machhindranath and other Hindu deities.



The month-long procession, which will conclude after the chariot crosses the river Bungamati in Lalitpur, ends with another festival called the Bhoto Jatra.

Bhot Jatra is symbolically celebrated to find the owner of a jewel-studded vest gifted to a farmer of Lalitpur by a serpent.

The festival is the longest chariot festival in Nepal and starts just before the beginning of monsoon.

The chariot festival ends with Bhoto Jatra in Jawlakhel.

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