



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
15 July	<p>Bishwo Parajuli</p> <p>Bishow took over as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Zimbabwe from September 2014. He is the designated Representative of the UN Secretary General and the highest ranking UN Official in Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Bishow is a Nepalese national, with over 33 years of development, humanitarian, diplomatic, fund raising, coordination and management experience in Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. He has expertise in the implementation of large-scale and complex operations in diverse contexts, including emergency, protracted relief and recovery, and development.</p> <p>Owing to his diverse experience and diplomatic acumen, Bishow has been awarded diplomat of the year in Zimbabwe in 2016 by the Zimbabwe Diplomat Trust (an independent organization).</p>	Development Challenges for Nepal
8 July	In-house speakers: Rtn. Rabi Karmacharya, PP William Ma	

Club News

Rtn. William Ma talked about what it means to be a Rotarian with a 'Know Your Rotary' presentation.

Rtn. Rabi spoke about service projects, and highlighted the process of applying for Global Grant projects from the Rotary Foundation. Here are the major points:

New projects need to be approved by the club's TRF committee and Board meeting, and the proposal needs to be submitted online. We can also apply for District Designated Fund (DDF) to supplement the project funds.

If there is a local cooperating organization, we need to sign MoU with them. Our Club also required such organizations to submit their legal registration document and audit report of the previous two years.

In all projects, the primary contact person has to make sure that the reporting is done in a timely manner and manage the finances properly. If reports are overdue, any new project proposal will be put on hold by TRF.

Currently, we have an ongoing matching grant project to build 56 biogas plants to benefit over 80 households in Nawalparasi in partnership with RC Borken and five other clubs. We also have a Global Grant project about to start in Sindhupalchowk to equip schools that were damaged by the earthquake.



Congratulations to Meena Kaini as the newest Paul Harris Fellow



Other News

Please sign up for the upcoming Installation Program at 6 pm, Friday, July 22.

Place will be announced, Please notice that there will be no meeting Friday Morning

2016 COUNCIL GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY

Representatives from Rotary districts around the world met in Chicago in April to revise Rotary policies. They approved changes that give clubs greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet and the types of membership they offer.

Over the past 15 years, Rotary has carried out pilot programs that have explored innovations in membership, classification, and the club experience. Consistently, in research and in the experiences of members, we have found that when clubs have more freedom to determine how they hold their meetings, who they invite to membership, and what defines engagement, the club is more vibrant and more able to grow. All Rotary clubs will now be able to adopt the new options the Council approved by amending their bylaws.

Rotary Story of the Week

Seemingly simple ideas like providing clean water, sanitation, and education can transform community health in developing nations," Sarah Rolfing.

Read her #RotaryStory: <http://on.rotary.org/1TPupjd>

Rotary International News

Just before New Rotary International President John Germ dropped by, Rick Youngblood took a deep breath. "You want to match his energy," he says, "but he makes it hard to keep up." Youngblood is the president and CEO of Blood Assurance, a regional blood bank in Chattanooga, Tenn., that Germ helped found in 1972. After his visit with Youngblood, Germ strode between mountains of empty bottles and cans at Chattanooga's John F. Germ Recycling Center at Orange Grove, which he designed, before he drove to a construction site and popped a cork to dedicate a Miracle League field where special needs children will play baseball – all before zipping to the airport for a flight to Chicago and a cab ride to Rotary International World Headquarters, where he takes office as president of RI this month.

Why the breakneck pace? "I don't have hobbies," he says. "Civic work is my recreation."

Not long ago Germ, 77, spent a raucous evening at the Chattanooga Convention Center, enjoying jokes at his expense. "John is a very influential person," his friend Harry Fields announced from the podium. "I can't tell you how many people emulate him ... at Halloween. I mean, he's the epitome of tall, dark, and handsome. When it's dark, he's handsome!" Nobody laughed harder than the guest of honor at the celebration of his contributions, which was referred to as the "roast of John Germ." The dinner raised more than \$75,000 for Chattanooga State Community College. In closing, Fields noted Germ's contribution to his community and the world: "100 percent of himself – and everyone else he can shake down!"

A legendary fundraiser, Germ led Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, an effort sparked by a challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotarians ultimately exceeded that number, raising \$228.7 million to fight polio. He has already served Rotary as vice president and director, and The Rotary Foundation as vice chair and trustee. His contributions to the fight to eradicate polio led to his selection as one of 12 U.S. Rotarians honored at the White House in 2013 as a "Champion of Change" – someone who has improved communities around the world. As president, Germ chose three simple, no-nonsense words to be the theme of his year: *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Read more at: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/john-germ-champion-chattanooga>

EBAY TO DONATE SHARE OF LIVE AUCTIONS PROCEEDS TO ROTARY

Rotary members, their families and friends can support Rotary's work by bidding on antiques, artwork, jewelry, and collectibles through eBay Live Auctions events.

Each month, Rotary will promote on its social media outlets a set of upcoming [Live Auctions](#) events, and eBay, the world's largest auction website, will donate a portion of all sale proceeds from those events to Rotary.

Live Auctions events enable buyers to participate in auctions across the United States -- held at such auction houses as Sotheby's, Swann, and Freeman's -- without leaving home. Under this proceeds-sharing agreement, only U.S. auction sales are eligible.

Calendar:

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

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

Please update your 'My Rotary' Account

First go to www.rotary.org.

Then **click on My Rotary**. And then **Click on Sign In/Register**.

If you are a first time user, click on **Create account**.

Fill in the Account registration information **and click on Continue**.

You will be informed that an e-mail has been sent to you.

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:

Don't worry about people stealing your ideas. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats.

*** Howard Aiken ***

Nepali holidays in June

Bhanu day - 1st poet of Nepal

Bhanu Jayanti

Jul 14, 2015

Bhanubhakta Acharya is regarded as the first poet in Nepal who wrote first time in Nepali language. He was the one who translated Ramayana from Sanskrit to Nepali.

Teacher's Day (Guru's day)

Guru Purnima

Jul 31, 2015

ala Guru Sadananda is the first person in Nepal

who started the formal school in Bhojpur district of
Nepal

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Venue: Fridays at 7:30AM, Hotel de l'Annapurna, Kathmandu, NEPAL