

## Meet the Board for 2016-17



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## Past Presidents:

Dr. Roop Jyoti (1989-91)  
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Late Niranjan Man Pradhan (1994-95)  
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William Ma (2000-01)  
Hartmut Bauder (2002-03)  
Arun Man Sherchan (2004-05)  
Chandra Kumar Golchha (2006-07)  
RR Shrestha (2008-09)  
Late Pratap Malla (2010-11)  
Devendra N. Gongol (2012-13)  
Kul Chandra Gautam (2014-15)

Late Anoop Rana (1991-92)  
Anand Tuladhar (1993-94)  
Yogendra Man Pradhan (1995-96)  
Mani Dhoj Joshi (1997-98)  
Late Giridhar Lal Manandhar (1999-2000)  
Ajaya Ratna Sthapith (2001-02)  
Jyotsna Shrestha (2003-04)  
Komal Chitracar (2005-06)  
Walter Dillar (2007-08)  
Subarna Joshi (2009-10)  
Dr Som P. Pudasaini (2011-12)  
Saroj Shrestha (2013-14)  
Paras SJB Rana (2015-16)



## CLUB PROFILE

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu MidTown was chartered on the 8th of November 1989 with 26 members, 3 of whom were women – a landmark accomplishment on the very first year that Rotary International opened up its membership to women. MidTown was also the first 'breakfast' Club in Nepal. The Club Charter was presented to Charter President Dr. Roop Jyoti by the then incoming RI President Paula V. Costa. The members of the newly formed Club agreed to support the Rotary Foundation by becoming Paul Harris fellows. In 2011 the Club was officially recognized by Rotary International as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.



Official name	Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town
RI Zone	6 (Asia)
RI District	3292 Nepal-Bhutan
RI Club ID	26776
Language	English
Weekly Meeting	Every Friday morning 7:30 AM
Web page	<a href="http://rotarymidtown.org.np/">http://rotarymidtown.org.np/</a>
Meeting location	Hotel de l'Annapurna, Durbar Marg

Total members	Female members	Nationalities
52	13	Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Nepal, New Zealand, Switzerland, United States of America

**The Rotary Foundation:** RC Kathmandu Mid-Town has received Rotary International recognition as a **100% Paul Harris Fellow Club**.

Our Club has **23 Multiple Paul Harris Fellows and 3 Major Donors**.

Our Charter President Dr. Roop Jyoti was recognized as the first Nepali Rotarian to become member of the **Arch Klumph Society**, the Foundation's highest tier of donors.

**Total all time giving to TRF: US\$ 415,027 (as of August 15, 2016)**

**Sponsored Rotaract Club:** The Rotary Club of Kathmandu MidTown  
(Chartered on 5 November 1997) <http://rotaractnepal.org.np/>

**Sponsored Interact Clubs:**

- Interact Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town, Kirtipur  
*First Interact club in Nepal (Chartered on 11 June 1998)*
- Interact Club of Kathmandu Mid Town, Pagna
- Interact Club of Kathmandu Mid Town, Thaiba

**Sponsored Rotary Community Corps (RCC):**

- 1991 – Ramkot Village, Bagmati Zone
- 2008 – Lele Village in Lele VDC, Laitpur
- 2013 – Sooryapal Village Improvement Committee in Sooryapal VDC, Lamjung
- 2013 – Samaj Sudhar Kendra Dhuwakot in Dhuwakot VDC, Gorkha

**Sponsored Rotary Clubs:**

- Rotary Club of New Road City and Rotary Club of Pashupati



# Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town



Chartered 8 November 1989  
Club ID: 26776; RI District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

## President's Message

By serving the Rotary, we all have the opportunity to improve lives of masses, through Rotary Serving Humanity, which is the theme chosen by Rotary International President John T. Germ for the year 2016-17. This theme is being supported by the fact that the world might see the last case of polio this year as a result of the task Rotary decided to embark on in 1985. The successful completion of this initiative has continuously encouraged Rotarians to initiate new ideas with an objective to change the world. Rotarians can make a difference.

For the last 26 years, Rotary Club of Kathmandu MidTown has supported many community level activities to change the lives of the people including in the areas of health, education, water and sanitation, and disaster. Some of the programs that were undertaken in the past included improvement of reproductive health for women in disadvantage regions, regular eye surgery camps to give sight, and support by providing firefighting equipment. In addition, some of the ongoing and planned projects include biogas plants, teachers training program in the remote areas, digital library, ear surgery and snakebite treatment. Our club is continuing its support to earthquake victims. The club not only provided immediate relief and temporary shelters to the victims, it is supporting to build new school buildings, toilets and other community structures.

Our club is also active in Fellowship and Youth programs. Rotaracts and Interacts have been able to harness networking and participate actively in the community activities. Our Charter President Dr. Roop Jyoti became the first Nepali rotarian member of Arch Klumph society. It is a great pride for us.

Furthermore, Midtown Rotary members have always enjoyed the fun and fellowship activities. The start of a new Rotary year is an exciting time. I request all the members to make our club even better of which we are proud to be a member.

**Dr. Shankar Sharma**

## Glimpse of Projects in 2016-17

- Training and support to 120 public school teachers, benefitting more than 7,200 students in four remote villages in Humla district in Karnali, with support from RC Capitol Hill, Washington DC and the Rotary Foundation.
- Prevention and treatment of hearing impairment by screening children and conducting surgeries on 100 children to correct problems caused by middle ear infections with support from RC PotomacBethesda and the Rotary Foundation.
- Improve snakebite treatment through preventative and curative measures, and provide assistance to develop antivenom kits.
- Digital library project to provide free and fast access to digital learning content including ebooks, educational videos, reference materials and interactive learning software in public schools through low-power local offline servers.



## Service Above Self

True to Rotary's motto Service Above Self, Rotary Club of Kathmandu MidTown has undertaken many projects in health, education, livelihood, capacity building, skills development, emergency response, water and sanitation that have benefitted communities all over the country. The dedication and hard work of many Rotarians from this club have helped earn a solid reputation in Rotary for proper implementation of the project activities. Each year, our club takes the lead role in the implementation of 5 to 6 major projects in partnership with the Rotary Foundation and other international clubs. In addition, club members are involved in numerous smaller projects such as organizing health camps, providing scholarships, distributing stationery, supporting the disabled, etc through our own initiatives. During times of natural calamities and disaster, our club members always rise to the occasion and have played active role in bringing relief to the affected, be it in Nepal or in other countries.

## Few of our Major Projects

- A 3-H Grant project in partnership with RC Darmstadt-Bergstrasse RID-1860 and RC Mount Everest to improve reproductive health for women in disadvantaged regions through the training of 52 girls from 10 remote districts as Auxiliary Nurses Midwives and Skilled Birth Assistants, and supporting them to establish clinics in their communities. In the final stage of the project, 4 birthing centers were established in Baitadi, Mugu, Kalikot and Humla.
- Gift of Sight is a yearly eye camp that we have been organizing for the past 10 years with RC Garden City Singapore in collaboration with Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology. Hundreds of people from remote hills get free surgery to remove cataract in their eyes each year.



- Our club facilitated the transfer of fire brigade equipment from the Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano (South Tyrol – Italy) to the Kathmandu Metropolitan City. The fire-fighting equipment are currently being used at Kathmandu fire brigade. The project included training and modernizing of Kathmandu's fire brigade. Currently, we are working on a proposal to help build an emergency response center in the Valley.
- With support from RC Plympton, UK, our club built an 80,000 liter tank, and installed equipment and pipes to pump water to Shymapati village in Kavre so that women do not have to walk down the hill every day to fetch water. This project was completed in partnership with local single women's group.
- We are currently building biogas plants in Parsauni village, Nawalparasi in partnership with RC Borken and five other clubs in Germany. A total of 56 plants will be built, and will benefit more than 80 households where traditional wood stoves are being replaced with eco-friendly biogas stoves that will reduce health problems caused by excessive smoke in the kitchens.



## Earthquake Response

In response to the devastating earthquake of 2015, our club formed an action committee to organize our relief efforts. In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, our members together with our Rotaracts and Interacts visited affected areas to provide food, medicine and other basic necessities, and to build temporary shelters using tarpaulins. We also worked with other groups to send relief to affected areas in other districts. A couple months after the earthquake, we shifted our focus to help build better structures using CGI sheets in order to provide shelter from monsoon rain. We partnered with RID 3292 to build 213 such shelters in 4 districts.



We would like to thank our many international partners, club members and well-wishers who contributed generously to help in the relief efforts. We plan to use the remaining funds to construct school buildings, toilets and other community structures.



## Our Youth Partners

We are proud to have the Rotaract Club and Interact Clubs of Kathmandu Mid-Town as trusted and active partners in the implementation of many worthy projects and activities. With a 50 strong membership, our Rotaract Club is one of the most active clubs in RI District 3292. Their commitment and dedication has earned both Rotarats and Interacts numerous international accolades including RI Peace Grant for providing water supply to rural marginalized community, RI Grand Prize for Interact video competition, and Safe Water Topic Prize.

