



GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

FEBRUARY, 2022

PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

LETTER FROM THE DG

MESSAGE FROM THE RI PRESIDENT

SHARING THE ROTARY STORY

CLUB ACTIVITIES



Letter from the Governor

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Greetings from the first lady Nabinita and me! I hope you had a great beginning of the year 2022 and keeping yourself safe with this new variant of Omicron taking a rampant course.

At this challenging time, we have to continue our good works at the same time be responsible in conducting our activities. With this in mind, we have also changed the dates of our District Conference to 1-3 April 2022.

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. Month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar where we celebrate the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and

understanding among people of the world. This is the month to expand our club's "World Understanding" as a way to embrace the broad mission of Rotary with "Peace Through Service."

Witnessing the upswing performance of the Clubs, my official visits have also been on the rise. I have been visiting many clubs as also quite a few clubs during the month, I am indeed enthused with the all-round activity that I have seen. My visits will be on the rise in days to come, when I will visit more clubs both digitally and in person.

Together, let's 'Live to serve and Serve to Change Lives'!



Santosh Prasad Rijal **District Governor RI District 3292**





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Shekhar Mehta RI President, RY 2021-22

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RI President's Message

At the start of the Rotary year, I challenged every club to plan and host at least one practical and action-oriented Rotary Day of Service. The event should address a challenge your community is facing that fits into one or more of Rotary's areas of focus and should bring together volunteers from within and outside of Rotary.

Rotary Days of Service can motivate Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs to plan innovative and impactful projects. They can showcase your work as people of action and introduce prospective members to your club.

I've been inspired by your response so far, and I want to share with you just one project that has captured my imagination.

India is home to an estimated 74 million people with diabetes, a disease that is a leading cause of death. Furthermore, about 50 percent of those people

Rotary, together with the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India, saw the urgent need to diagnose, track, and treat people who have diabetes. Working together and with other organizations, we hosted a nationwide blood glucose testing camp on 29 September, which is World Heart Day.

The camp was spread across more than 10,000 sites in India, with more than 2,000 Rotary and Rotaract clubs participating in the effort. More than 1 million blood-sugar tests were conducted in a day, an accomplishment recognized by the Asia Book of Records. But more important than breaking a record is the fact that tens of thousands of people learned that they may be living with diabetes. They can now be treated for the condition, and they also have been made aware that they should take extra measures to shield themselves from COVID-19 and scores of other diseases that are caused or worsened by diabetes.

This month, on 23 February, the anniversary of Rotary, let us celebrate with more service days, showcasing Rotary's work in our areas of focus. I look forward to hearing about your Rotary Days of Service. Please share your projects on Rotary Showcase, or browse that webpage to find inspiration and project partners. In particular, I encourage you to execute projects that focus on empowering girls, as they have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The Empowering Girls initiative is resonating very well with members of Rotary as well as with non-Rotarians. The governments and NGOs in various countries are appreciating this meaningful effort. Let us keep focusing on it.

I am also happy that the Each One, Bring One ethos is bringing fruitful results. Let us ensure that all club members introduce at least one person to Rotary, and that we then all work to engage new members and keep them in our clubs.

In whatever we do, remember that we must push ourselves to grow more, do more as we Serve to Change Lives.





District Advisory Council 2021-22



Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha Co-Chair, Advisory Council

1. Background

In Rotary District, Council of Advisors is only next to the Council of Governors since Rotary year 2008-09 when the first District Governor of RID 3292 Nepal Dr. Tika Man Vaidya announced the Council of Advisors 19 members. The practice is followed since then with varying number of members year after year.

The District Governor Santosh Prasad Rijal has formed a District Advisory Council with 22 senior Rotarian members, with Rtn. Ambica Shrestha as the Chair, to help him fulfil the task of strengthening the District and the Rotary clubs within the District. The members of the Council put their skill, experience and expertise to help the Governor fulfil his tasks more effectively.

The objective of the Advisory Council is "to advise and recommend to the Governor on District affairs within the framework of RI Policies, Procedures and Guidelines keeping in mind that the District exists to help and support the clubs".

2. District Advisory Council 2021-22

The Council comprising of senior Rotarians, listed below shall meet at least four times in a year.

District Governor Rotarian Santosh Prasad Rijal			
Council Chair: Ambica Shrestha	Co-Chair: Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha		
Roop Jyoti,	Gajendra Bahadur Shrestha		
Kedar Bhakta Shrestha	Rup Kishore Lacoul		
Ram Chandra Acharya	Beni Gopal Mundara		
Gopal Sundar Lal Kakshapat	Mani Dhoj Joshi		
Diwakar Raj Karnikar	Gopal Bahadur Pokharel		
Gopal Dhoju	Ramesh Sharma		
Devraj Chalise	Dr. Harish Chandra Neupane		
William Ma	Kul Chandra Gautam,		
Gyan Chandra Acharya	Shankar Prasad Sharma,		
Shankar Prasad Koirala	Raj Kumar Suwal		

A Profile of District Advisory Council Members was published in August 2021 for distribution to the resident diplomats and to the government offices in order to project a profile of the Rotary District 3292.

3. DAC Plan of Action 2021-2022

The Council has formed eight working sub-committees to cover the Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus, plus one Administrative & Legal sub-committee to prepare and list out advisory recommendations to the Governor for necessary action.

The Advisory Council has also prepared a Plan of Action to meet, discuss, finalize and recommendations and review the progress and ultimately to evaluate the effectiveness of the Council as tabulated below:





SN	Meeting Dates	Purpose/Activities	
1	July 9, 2021	Introductory meeting with the District Governor (Virtual)	
2	August	Workshop to adopt Plan of Action & Recommendations for submission to the District Governor	
3	September 17, 24	Review & Finalization of the Council's Recommendations Publication of DAC Member's Profile	
4	October 28	Submission of the Recommendations to the Governor	
5	December 12	DAC Members review the Recommendations	
6	January 4th, 2022	Mid -Year Review Meeting with the District Governor	
7	March, 2022	Mid Term Review of the Plan of Action and progress on the Recommendations submitted to the Governor	
8	June, 2022	Annual Review of the Advisory Council's effectiveness	

4. Advisory Recommendations

The Council members met several times physically and online to finalize and submit its 12 - point recommendations to the Governor on October 30, 2021. The main recommended issues, listed below, are elaborated with present situation and suggested actions to achieve the desired output to strengthen the District:

Recommended Issues:

- 1. District Governor Election/Selection Process,
- 2. Change of Zone & Name of Rotary Int'l District 3292,
- 3. Special Event Management on RI President's Nepal Visit,
- 4. Enhance Rotary Image and Awareness through Media and Brand management,
- 5. District Administration Issues relating to Secretariat, Rotary Center, Club registration, Social Welfare Council approvals, Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on District expenses, transparency, skill roster, website, Award manual etc.
- 6. Global Grant / District Grants approval process,
- 7. Financial Transparency of District activities,
- 8. Training on Rotary's Core Values,
- 9. Save the Environment program,
- 10. Promote Youth in Rotary to address ageing issues,
- 11. Develop Rotary Fellowship of Lawyer Action Group, and
- 12. Knowledge and Experience Sharing of Past District Governors.

5. Follow up and Monitoring

The District Governor would implement Recommended actions by activating the several District Committees/sub committees and a special task force, where needed. Progress on the recommendations is monitored periodically in January and March 2022 as per the Advisory Council's Action Plan. A final review will be done in June 2022 to evaluate the effectiveness of the District Advisory Council to achieve its stated objectives.

6. Conclusion

Rotary District Advisory Council is a forum to discuss pertinent issues facing the District and the clubs. It acts also as a Think Tank to advise the Governor on issues and strategies to effectively address issues in a bid to strengthen the District and the clubs within the District. The future of Rotary movement in Nepal depends on the activities we do now. So, Let us do our part of the job in a coherent manner to help build a strong Rotary District now and for the posterity.

Rtn. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha is senior-most past president of RC Kopundol, and served as first District Secretary in 2008-09, District Editor for 6 years, Public Image Committee Chair for four years.





Rotary Peace Fellowship Result 2022



As Chair of Rotary Peace Fellowship District Subcommittee, I am very pleased to inform that The Rotary International Rotary Peace Center had confirmed on 2nd November, 2021 on

awarding RPF scholarship this year (i.e. for 2022) to 3 candidates from our district for Professional Development Certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. The names are as follows:

- 1. Ms. Manisha Chettri
- 2. Mr. Purushottum Gyawali
- 3. Mr. Sunil Pariyar

This year there were 17 applicants from our district - 13 from Nepal and 4 from Bhutan. Out of the 13 Nepalese applicants 9 applications were for Master's Program while 4 for Professional Development Certificate program and all 4 applicants from Bhutan had applied for Master's. This year also, it was not possible for conducting the interviews with physical attendance due to the Covid-19 pandemic. RPF Subcommittee Chair Rtn. Nirmal Siddhi Bajracharya with the permission of District Governor Rtn. Rajiv Pokharel and District Rotary Foundation Chair Rtn. Mithilesh K. Jha arranged for online interviews with the applicants. The applicants were asked questions on their reason for applying, their commitment to peace and development, their future contribution to the nation and Rotary, their knowledge of Rotary and other specific questions related to individual applicants.

The following applicants were found to meet the criteria and were competent enough for endorsement by our district. The list of names of applicants who received a positive 'Yes' for district endorsement are as follows:

Master's Program (2 years)

- Ms. Anima Acharya
- 2. Ms. Subina Basnet
- 3. Mr. Prabesh R. Joshi
- 4. Ms. Stella Mainali
- 5. Mr. Saroj Neupane
- 6. Ms. Sushmita Shrestha
- 7. Mr. Sudeep Singh
- 8. Mr. Jigme Norbu (Bhutan)

<u>Professional Development Certificate (3 months at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok)</u>

- 1. Ms. Manisha Chetri
- 2. Mr. Purushotum Gyawali
- 3. Mr. Sunil Pariyar

The above endorsement by the district does not guarantee affirmation of scholarship and the final decision is sent to us sometime in November by Rotary Peace Center which is done on a worldwide competitive review process.

Nepal has been awarded Rotary Peace Fellowship regularly for the past five years and more and we hope the trend continues this year also. Last year also we interviewed 21 applicants and endorsed a dozen candidates 5 for Professional Development Certificate (PDC) and 7 for Master's degree and Nepal received 2 for PDC and 1 for Master's program as follows:

 Ms. Rajani Thapa, APF officer for Master's degree at Queensland University, Australia

PDC at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

- 1. Mr. Youba Raj Acharya
- 2. Mr. Nar Saud

Rotary Peace Fellowship scholarship is a prestigious program and it is a full time scholarship which involves a cost of more than \$80,000 for a Master's program and \$15,000 for PDC. The District strongly requests all clubs to disseminate information about this program to eligible candidates and club members and visit the Rotary link (www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships) so that we can take full advantage of this prestigious program.



Rtn. Nirmal Siddhi Bajracharya Chair (2020 – 2021) (2021-2022) District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee





RY 2022-23 Presidential Theme

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, as she urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

Jones, who will make history on 1 July by becoming Rotary's first female president, gave a live online address to precede Rotary's annual training event for district governors from around the world, the International Assembly. The

assembly was rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and will now be held virtually 7-14 February.



Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year. At first unsure how she could help, she relied on "that certain Rotary magic" and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. Less than 24 hours later, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.



Engaging members through meaningful responsibility To better engage members, Rotary needs to "adapt and retool," Jones said, using her hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings left thousands without work, the city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, preparing for new parts or a new model. Now, Jones said, Windsor is a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, "finding the right 'part' to engage each member should be our core function," Jones said. "It comes down to the comfort and care of our members." Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion," Jones said.

Embracing change also means embracing new club models, Jones said, as she asked the incoming





governors to form at least two new innovative or cause-based clubs during their term. "Let's make sure we engage our members so they love their clubs and their Rotary experience," she added.

Jones also announced the appointment of a Rotaract member as a Rotary public image coordinator and said that she has included Rotaractors on several committees and will assign some Rotaractors as president's representatives.

"We have been entrusted with leadership in our great organization," Jones said. "Now it is up to us to be brave and intentional in our actions, and let others help us lead."

Jones noted that Rotary has little time left to achieve the RI Board of Directors' goal of having women make up 30% of Rotary's members by 2023. Rotary has achieved this in more than 110 countries, she said, but it has a long way to go. She pointed out that Rotaract has already achieved 50% female members.

To raise Rotary's profile, Jones plans to hold a global impact tour that will include talking with leaders about working together to address the world's most pressing challenges. "Rotary opens these doors and we need to harness our connections, to deepen these relationships and create new partnerships," Jones said. "And the best part is, this can happen at every level of leadership."

Jones closed her address by saying that although we all have dreams, acting on them is a choice we make. When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, she said, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen. "You don't imagine yesterday," Jones said, "you imagine tomorrow."

by Ryan Hyland



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- RI PRESIDENT-ELECT JENIFER JONES





TALK PROGRAM ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Rotary Club of Bhaktapur on 11th December 2021, organized a talk Program on Violence against Women with SP Shiva Kumar Shrestha as Chief Guest Speaker.



HELP CAMP AT UCEP NEPAL

Rotary Club of Bhaktapur on January 2, 2022 organized a health camp at UCEP Nepal, Bhaktapur.



"DUSTY PAWS" THE FUNDRAISER AND THE DOG FEEDING CAMPAIGN

With the aim of caring for stray dogs while giving a positive message to the society to take care of stray dogs and add value to their lives, Rotaract Club of Yala, RID 3292, Nepal-Bhutan, jointly with Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, RID 3220, Sri Lanka organized "Dusty Paws" – a stray dogs feeding campaign simultaneously in Nepal and Sri Lanka. To complete the project from our side, on 16th January (Sunday), we went to Environment Management Department, Teku, where we fed rice and meat prepared by Oxsa Nepal.



NEPAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL TOILET PROJECT HANDED OVER

Rotary Club of Dhulikhel handed over the toilets to Shree Sakala Bhawan Kanya School-Janakpurdham and Shree Rastriya Adharbhut School-Bardibas. Shree Sakala Bhawan Kanya School has more than 800 girls students with only 6 toilets. With this grant, 11 new toilets were constructed. Likewise, 4 toilets for girls students and 6 urinals plus 2 stool toilets for boy students were constructed for Shree Rastriya Adharbhut. Besides, the toilet construction, construction of drinking water system, and training associated with water & sanitation were also completed.

This is the part of Global grant GG2098754. The international partner of this project is the Rotary Club of Huntsville. Funding partners for this project are The Rotary Foundation, Rotary Club of Barrie, Rotary Club of North Muskoka, Rotary Parry Sound, Rotary Club of Peterborough, Gravenhurst Rotary Club, and Rotary Club of Bridgenorth-Ennismore-Lakefield.



SUPPORTING 50 FAMILIES WITH 100 GOATS WITH INSURANCE

Rotary Club of Dhulikhel handed over 100 Boer breeds goats to 50 families of Koalti, Bhumlu-6, Nepal. All the goats were insured hence the recipient will get 90% money (cost of a goat) from the company if the goat dies and also USD 1000 life insurance of the recipient. The program has so far conducted goat training, construction of 50 goat sheds, distribution of 100 goats, insurance of 100 goats has been done. Deputy Mayor of Bhumlu Rural Municipality Kalpana Shrestha, Ward Chairperson, member of Rotary Club, and member of RCC Bhumlu were present. Adhering Government's restriction of the gathering of not more then 25 people due to Covid-19, handing over was done in two phases.

This is the part of Global Grant GG2121284 supported by Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, Rotary Club of Branchburg Township, Rotary Club of Hamilton Township, Rotary District 7475, Rotary District 7505. This project support 250 members of 50 families from low income and marginalized community.







DIGITAL LEARNING SUPPORT TO SCHOOL



In the increasing demand for online learning across the country due to COVID restrictions as well as for more globalized education opportunities, many schools are implementing digital technologies as a part of normal educational procedures. Amidst this, some government schools in Nepal have received the Information and Community Technology (ICT) materials from the government funding while many are still in queue or haven't been able to apply for the funding.

One of these schools is Jana Uddhar Secondary School, Budhanilkantha which is a government school currently comanaged by the Collaborative Schools network in enhancing the educational experience of children. Most children from this school are from daily wage working families which fall under the poverty line.

It was an immense honor for Rotary E-Club District 3292 Nepal to be able to utilize the District Grant of 2021 and match it to provide 3 brand new HP computer systems and UPS to the school to kickstart proper computer lessons for the students at the school. This will enable the teachers to integrate digital learning in any subject matter while the students can get used to this method of learning which shall enable them to participate in the larger digitally competitive education as well as a career in their future.

FREE EYE SCREENING & GLASS DISTRIBUTION

Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town conducted free eye screening and glass distribution program to students of Shree Rastriya Ma. Vi. Gardas, Chitwan on 5th Jan. 2022. Eye screening of total 417 students were done and spectacles were distributed to 5 children whose vision need to be corrected. 14 Rotarians were present during the program.



INAUGURATION OF MUDITA BHAWAN AND HANDOVER OF SCHOOL BUILDING



Rotary Club of Patan on 15th January, 2022 organized an "inauguration of Mudita Bhawan & handover ceremony program" and this ceremony was held at Anandakut Vidhyapeeth School Swoyambhu-16, Kathmandu. The school building was reconstructed with funding from its alumni, the Rotary Club of Patan (RCP) with support of Rotary International District 3292-Earthquake Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Program (ERRRP).

As the District Governor could not join, PDG Tirtha M. Sakya was the Chief Guest of the event with the participation of Rtn. Rajesh Thapa from the District's ERRRP Committee, and eleven members from the RCP led by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa. The School building was inaugurated jointly By PDG Rtn Tirtha Man Sakya and, Chairman of AKVP Public Education Trust, Ven. Maitri Mahasthabir and Member of Parliament, Honorable Jeevan Ram Shrestha.

Anandakuti Bidhyapeeth School Reconstruction Project was formulated, to be led by RC Patan, at a cost of N.Rs. 6.4 million with following budgetary estimates of RC Patan - 0.2 million, ERRRP Dist. 3292 - 3.0 million and AKAA - 3.2 million. Accordingly, the MOU was signed on 13th January 2021 and the project was initiated immediately. The completion date of the project was envisaged on 2nd August 2021 however due to the prevailing coronavirus, it was completed by 3rd Nov, 2021, and the opening was done on 15th January, 2022.

DISTRIBUTION OF SWEATER

Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown organized a sweater distribution program where 270 sweaters were provided to students with DGN Rajendra Dhoju as the chief guest.







FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING FOR DISABLED WOMEN



Rotary Club of Yala organized a training program, with the financial support of Prime Bank Ltd., for participants of Nepal Disabled Women Association (NDWA), on food processing of fruit and vegetables from 10 to 12 November 2021, at NDWA's rehabilitation center located at Hattigaunda, Bhangal of Budhanilkantha Municipality. The three days training concluded in presence of representatives of Prime Bank Ltd. on behalf of the supporting organization and the President and members of Rotary Club of Yala on behalf of the organizer. As a Resource Person, Dr Anita Manandhar was responsible for coordinating the whole training program successfully.

The training included the basic methods of food processing as well as the details of processing Lapsi to produce the Lapsi preserve, Lapsi relish (sweet), Lapsi relish (hot and sweet), and by-products like Lapsi skin dried powder and Lapsi drink. With the theoretical as well as the practical class of drying in the solar house type dryer made for the training at the terrace of the center, blanching technique was taught for quick drying as well as retaining the color of vegetables. The participants were also given basic information on packaging and making a brand name and label for the product.

SCHOOL BAG AND STATIONARY MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Chitwan in the support of Salt Trading Corporation Ltd. and Arun Stationary organized a School Bag and Stationary Materials Distribution Program at Shree Shree Kaligandaki Primary School 6th December 2021, Monday where 69 Childrens are studying currently.

It includes 100 Pcs School Bags, 80 dozen Note Books, 80 Dozen Pen, and 80 Dozen Pencils.

GIFT OF WARMTH: A BLANKET DRIVE

The winter can be full of hardship and struggle for the homeless who are bound to accept the streets as their home. This Christmas, in continuation of its signature project "Gift of Warmth", Rotaract Club of Yala, under its Community Service Avenue, decided to become Santa for the homeless and present them with the "Gift of Warmth". "Gift of Warmth" is a blanket drive, where we distribute blankets to the homeless people around the valley. It has been coordinated successfully each year since RY 2016/17. This year, we were able to provide 31 blankets to the people around areas like Sanepa, Balkhu, Kuleshwor, Kalimati, Dallu, Basantapur, Jawalakhel, Mahalaxmisthan, Batuk Bhairab, Lagankhel, Mangalbazar, Banglamukhi, Chyasal.



FREE HEALTH CHECKUP AND MEDICINE DISTRIBUTION CAMP

RC Bharatpur organized a free health checkup and medicine distribution camp at Rotary Children's Day Care Center. A medical team from BP Koirala Memorial Cancer Hospital under the leadership of Deputy Director Dr. Krishna Sagar Sharma (Director/Public Image Chair of our Club) examined the students and their guardians and informed them about personal hygiene and COVID-19 safety measures. They were also provided with free medicines. A total of 56 individuals were examined and provided with medicines including 27 children studying in Day Care Center.







CYCLIST TEAM WELCOME PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Chitwan on 22nd January 2022, Saturday organized a welcome program to the cyclist team from Rotary Club of Karad, Maharashtra who have been cycling as a campaign to eat organic food from Karad to Kathmandu.

The program also includes the exchange of club flags between the clubs, handover of club souvenirs, briefing about each other's club as well as visiting some of the projects of RC Chitwan.

INAUGURATION OF ROTARY E-LIBRARY



Rotary Club of Chitwan on 24th December 2021 organized a ribbon cutting ceremony of Rotary e-Library at Durga Adaharbhut School. District Governor of RI District 3292 Santosh Rijal inaugurated the Rotary e-Library which was attended by President Gyanendra Shakya, PP Kapil Babu Khanal, first Lady Rtn. Nabinita Rijal, District Secretary Rtn Prabhat Yonjon, Assistant Governor. Rtn. Narayan Pradhan, and DRFC Rtn. Mithilesh Kumar Jha. A Smart TV received from Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission (RNLM) was also handed over to the school during the event.

VISIT TO SHREE JAKHADIMAI BASIC SCHOOL BY DG

During DG's official visit to Rotary Club of Bharatpur on 27th December 2021, DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal along with District First Lady Rtn. Nabineeta Rijal, DS Rtn. Prabhat Yonzan, DRFC Rtn. MK Jha, AGs, and other District officials visited the Club's Office and Children's Day Care Center in our office premises. DG and his team also visited Shree Jakhadimai Basic School (T-E-A-C-H School of RC Bharatpur) during this visit. Mr. Upendra Raj Sedhai, our focal teacher of the school, briefed about the efforts made by RC Bharatpur to facelift the school and even prevented the closure of the school due to less number of students. PP Dr. IP Dhakal informed DG and his team that RC Bharatpur has long-term planning of developing the school into a model school of the region.



COVID -19 PROTECTION HYGIENE MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

As a part of Social Responsibility, the Rotary Club of Rupandehi provided Hygiene Materials to Manav Sewa Ashram, Butwal an Old Age Home to prevent Covid -19 infection. The Care Home is currently providing shelter to around 100 old age people all above 65 years, who have nobody to depend on. Rotary Provided Face mask, gloves, sanitizer, Soap, and other hygiene related materials to Aasharm. Total cost of Materials was around NPR 65,000 and 10 Rotarians contributed their 30 voluntary hours collectively for that service project work.







SWEATER DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT BALKUMARI SECONDARY SCHOOL

On 4th January 2022 Rotary Club of Chitwan in the support of Spouse Club of RC Chitwan, Swastik Multipurpose Co-Operative, and Rhino Club, Narayangarh organized a Sweater Distribution Program at Balkumari Secondary School to 130 Students from Grade Nursery to Grade Five. The total cost of the project was Rs. 75,000.



SWEATER DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT SHREE SIDDHI JANAKALYAN NATIONAL BASIC SCHOOL

Rotary Club of Chitwan on 13th January, 2022 organized a Sweater Distribution Program at Shree Siddhi Janakalyan National Basic School to Students from Grade Nursery to Grade Five. A Total of 113 Pcs of Sweater were distributed during the program as per the request of School Principal Mrs. Ranjana Mishra. The total cost of the project was Rs. 39,200.



WHEEL CHAIR DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT BHARATPUR-01



Rotary Club of Chitwan in support of Rtn. Bharat Kumar Shrestha (Past President of RC Tripureshwor) on 19th January, 2022 distributed a Wheelchair to Narayan Bhandari, a resident of Bharatpur-01, Devghat, Chitwan under Disabled People Support Program in presence of Bagmati Province; Labor, Employment and Transportation Minister Ghanashyam Dahal 'Avinash'. The total cost of the project was Rs. 8,000.

DISTRIBUTION OF WARM CLOTHS

Rotary Club Narayangarh with the help of Mission Helmbu's leaders and social workers organized a Warm clothes and food distribution program in Raksirang village municipality ward no 5 of Makwanpur on the 29th of Poush 2078 BS. 100 pieces of warm fiber blankets, clothes for 150 people, and grocery items to 50 households were distributed during the program.

The chief guest of the program was Assistant Governor of Rotary International District 3292 Zone 29 Sharad Gopal Nyachyau and the special guest was Chandra Singh Praja, Chairman of Raksirang Village Municipality.

Past President Ramesh Poudel, Rtn. Shushan Lal Pradhan, President-Elect Nagendra Bahadur Shrestha, TRF Chairperson Basanta Bahadur Panday, President of Interact Club of Valmiki Amrit Dhakal and Kushal Lamichhane were present in the program presided over by club president Arun Kumar Khanal. The total budget of the program was Rs. 250,000.







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WHEEL CHAIR DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT BHARATPUR-11

Rotary Club of Chitwan in support of Rtn. Bharat Kumar Shrestha (Past President of RC Tripureshwor) on 21st January 2022 distributed a Wheelchair to Simanta Kafle, a resident of Bharatpur - 11, Naurange, under Disabled People Support Program. The Total cost of the project was Rs. 8,000.



DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND STATIONERIES

Rotary Club of Ratnanagar distributed educational materials and stationeries worth Rs 55,000/- to the underprivileged students of Shree Kaparkhori School, Tikauli, Chitwan.Ratnanagar under supporting education on 11th January 2022 in collaboration with Jaivik Bividhata Kendra(जैविक विविधता केन्द्र). Our mission is to strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy reducing gender disparity in education.



PROJECT SITE VISIT

Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town conducted project site visit at Shree Rastriya Ma.Vi. Gardas, Chitwan on 5th Jan.2022. Our club had supported drinking water facility to the school two years back. Filter cleaning and physical inspection of the condition of the tank and taps were done during the site visit. 14 Rotarians were present during the visit.



DISTRIBUTION OF STATIONARY, SPORT ITEMS AND WARM CLOTHS

Rotary Club of Ratnanagar, Spouse club of RC Ratnanagar along with Rotaract Club of Ratnanagar and Interact Club of Skyrider successfully distributed Stationary, sports items, and Warm Clothes to the Students of Shree Rastriya Prathamik Bidhyalaya, Latauli, Shaktikhor, Chitwan for 88 students on 12th January 2022. It was our Service Area Project for the last 11 years. Thanks to all of our Helping Hands for helping the Project which carries valuable importance in succeeding in our effort to enhance the TEACH program in the rural village like Latauli.









MOU SIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS OF MUSAHAR MODEL VILLAGE

On the 18th of January, 2022 the Rotary Club of Ratnanagar has been assisting in the construction of Musahar Model Village for the past 20 families, while the remaining six houses are in the final stages of construction. To promote the educational advancement of the children of the same family, RC Ratnanagar signed an MOU with Linda Jay Jackson of US-based Helping Hand for Nepal who will be sponsoring US \$ 500 /- per annum. The event was chaired by President Rtn. Nirajan Khanal Zulu and was accompanied by 20 Rotarians and Rotaractors.



DISTRIBUTION OF WARM CLOTHS

Rotary Club of Ratnanagar conducted warm clothes distribution program on 26th January 2022 at Shree Panchadeep Aadharbhut Bidhyalaya, Ratnanagar-12, Chitwan under the chairmanship of Rotary Club of Ratnanagar President Rtn. Nirajan Khanal. Assistance Governor of Zone 30 Rtn. Narayan Pradhan was the Chief Guest and Chairman of Ward No.12 Mr. Bir Bahadur Pakrin was the special guest of the program. 249 students were distributed warm clothes.



WARM CLOTHES SWEATER DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Surunga distributed 180 pieces of Sweater to the student of Bhrikuti Secondary School Kanakai 1 Durgapur Jhapa on 9th January 2022.

BLANKET DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Rotary club of Biratnagar Downtown distributed 100 blankets to Sukumbasi people of ward no: -1, Biratnagar on 12th January, 2022. The occasion was graced by our respected Biratnagar Mayor Bhim Parajuli as Chief Guest & Ward President Uddhav Aryal as special guest. 100 people benefited from this project which cost Rs 26,000. President Rtn. Sanchita Jain, Secretary Rtn. Anita Sarda along with Service Project Chair Rtn. Girija Sarda & Rtn. Poonam Rathi was presented in this program.



CLOTHES HANDOVER PROGRAM

Rotary club of Biratnagar Downtown handed over more than 100 sets of clothes in Manavsewa Ashram, Biratnagar on 13th January,2022. 78 women have been benefited from this project. The project cost of this month being Rs 50,000 was sponsored by our club members. President Rtn. Sanchita Jain, Secretary Rtn. Anita Sarda, Service Committee Chair Rtn. Girija Sarda along with 5 members joined the program.







DUSTBIN HANDOVER PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown on 16th January, 2022 handed over 60 liters of 2 pc dustbin to Nagar Palika to install at Anamika Marg, Biratnagar. Residents of Anamika Marg are being benefitted. The project cost was Rs 4,500.

FEED THE HUNGRY



Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown on 2nd January, 2022 handed over last installment of feed the hungry of this tenure, ration including rice, dal, oil, sugar, chiura & Moori to 200 people for a month in Manav sewa Ashram and it's two more adjoining branches in Biratnagar along with serving hot food. Club Treasurer Rtn. Sarita Golchha & Club Administration Chair Rtn. Soni Nevatia has contributed for this month which was Rs 49,600. Club President Rtn. Sanchita Jain, Secretary Rtn. Anita Sarda, Service Project & Women Empowerment Committee Chair Rtn. Girija Sarda, Treasure Rtn. Sarita Golchha, Club Administration Chair Rtn. Soni Nevatia along with 4 members joined the program. RC Biratnagar Downtown has been doing this project continuously for 6 consecutive months. 1200 people were benefited from this project. 150 students at Bahira school were served hot food. 56 snacks were distributed to senior citizens in our adopted old age home" Birateswar Vridha Ashram". 100 dry food packets were distributed to 100 flood victims of RCC Bakhari village. Hence, a total of 1500 people were benefited from this project which cost Rs 3,79,754.

JACKETS & FOUR WAY TEST HOARDING HANDOVER PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown on 21st January, 2022 handed over more 200 jackets to Shree Bal Sudhar Griha Secondary School, Biratnagar. The project cost being Rs 100,000 & was sponsored by the club's Past President, Literacy Chair Rtn. Archana Sharma and our non-Rotarian friend. The club too handed over Four way test hoarding to this place. President Rtn. Sanchita Jain explained the meaning about this four-way test. President Rtn. Sanchita Jain, Secretary Rtn. Anita Sarda, Service Committee Chair Rtn. Girija Sarda along with 5 members joined the program.

SUPPORT TO LEPROSY PATIENTS

On 16th January, 2022 Rotary Club of Rajdhani handed over a Cheque of Rs 1,60,000 to Charter Member Kabita Bhattarai of Little Flower Leprosy Association. Kabita Bhattarai is a lone crusader in the battle against leprosy. Setting up an ashram in a remote corner near the Bihar-Nepal border, she has treated nearly half a million patients for free in her 240-bed leprosy hospital. The fund collected as contribution by various members of RC Rajdhani will be used in financing the expense of Leprosy patients. The sponsors contributed Rs. 10,000 for each patient for a year, hence a total of 16 patients will be benefited with the contribution. RC Rajdhani has pledged to increase this support in days to come.







MUSHROOM FARMING TRAINING COMPLETION



With the aim of Women Empowerment, Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown had started "Mushroom Farming Training Project" in the form of vocational training at Janta Secondary School, Jahada-2 on 19th October , 2021. Local villagers and young volunteers of RCC Madhu Mandal had helped us to organize the program. Kundan Prasad Mandal was the trainer for the project which was completed in 20 days. Mushrooms in the first phase were harvested in 45 days in excellent quantity & quality & second phase is in process right now. Women are very happy with good production & now they have opted this as their profession to earn a livelihood. The cost of the project was Rs 25,000 which benefited 30 women as well as their family members.

WARM CLOTHES HAND OVER PROGRAM

Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown on 16th January,2022 handed over warm clothes including 14 sweaters, 14 suits, 4 thermoses to ABC Nepal, Biratnagar. 14 women being benefited from this project which cost Rs 25,000. Club President Rtn. Sanchita Jain, Secretary Rtn. Anita Sarda, Service Project & Women Empowerment Committee Chair Rtn. Girija Sarda had joined the program.



WICK MAKING MACHINE HANOVER

With the Aim of women empowerment, Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown & Nepal Maheswari Mahila Sangathan jointly handed over 2 more wick making machines. Both the machines were handed over to needy women name Parvati Ghimire in Dharan and Shanti Tapadiya in Kathmandu. Previously three machines had been handed over to the Club's adopted old age home, Bahira school, needy woman in Biratnagar. The Project cost this time was Rs 52,000 while the five machines cost being Rs130,000. Both the organization President Rtn. Sanchita Jain & President Mrs. Anita Atal along with the Service Committee & Women Empowerment Committee Chair Rtn. Girija Sarda , Secretary Rtn. Anita Sarda and 20 members took part in the program in Dharan.



CYCLOTHAN 3.0

A Fund raising and Public Image Event was organized by Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion on 15th January 2022. Cyclothan is one of the biggest and awaited events in Biratnagar. It is a cycling race in which participants from different parts of Nepal- Kathmandu, Birtamod, Dharan, Inaruwa, Itahari and Biratnagar participated. Mayor of Biratnagar and CDO were present as Special Guests during the event. With a theme 'Pedal for a Cause' where all the funds generated will go for our Flagship Project- 'Hunger No Longer' where we feed 100+ people everyday for Rs.10 per meal and have been feeding since 100 days.







PROGRAM ON "GOOD TOUCH & BAD TOUCH"



Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion conducted a program on "Good Touch and Bad Touch" where every class of the our Adopted School- Shri Beganlal Vidyalaya School were educated on the same. A program on this is not only important but also necessary for the safety and protection of our Children.

BLOOD DONATION



Rotary Club of Dharan along with Rotaract Club of Dharan organized its Blood Donation Camp as its yearly program at Bhanu Chowk Dharan on 10th January 2022. A total of 56 pints of blood was collected during the event. Chief Guest for the program was Mr. Umesh Thapa (President, Nepal Red Cross Society Dharan)

CELEBRATION OF DHARAN DAY



Rotary Club Of Dharan on 5th January, 2022 participated in Clean City Program Organized by Dharan Sub-Metropolitan on the occasion of DHARAN DAY in which Chief Guest was Mayor of Dharan Mr. Tilak Rai. During the program many school and local clubs as well as local community participated.

OPEN HALF MARATHON RACE

Rotary Club of Mechinagar organized an open half marathon race on the occasion of International Children's Day and to promote the 14th District Conference to be held in Mechinagar.

The inauguration event was held in Charali and the race started from Charali to Kakadvitta, a distance of about 13 kilometers where the closing ceremony was held after the race. Participants were both male and female in different categories. Participants all over Province 1 joined the Event along with police, armed police force, and army. There were 152 participants for the race.



ADOPTION OF SCHOOL

Rotary club of Mechinagar celebrated their 1st Charter Ceremony on 1st December, 2021 at Gyandip Primary School at Bicharni by cutting cake and distributing school bags and foods to the students at the school.

Rotary Club of Mechinagar has now adopted the school and will actively work on cleanliness, plantation of trees in the school premise, building toilets in the school, coloring the classrooms, water purifier installation, and the most important, seeing the need of the school. RC Mechinagar will provide English curriculum added to their subjects and will supply necessary English books for grades one to five. RC Mechinagar will also sponsor English teacher to the school, for which the club will compensate the teacher for the same.







FREE HEALTH CAMP

Rotary Club of Pokhara Newroad successfully organized a one day 'Free Health Camp' for the natives of Chandrawati Bazar of Bhanu Municipality, Tanahun on 8 January 2022. Altogether 520 people benefited by availing the facility of this Free Health Camp administered under the aegis of Rotary Club of Pokhara Newroad in association with Baba Foundation Nepal and technically supported by the qualified Doctors from Manipal Teaching Hospital and Galaxy Hospital Pokhara.

Under the Free Health Camp, the local beneficiaries availed the facilities of General Body Screening with random blood sugar tests and video x-rays, Eye Check-up, Nerves and Bones check-up, Child illness, and Women Health issues besides the availability of free medicines for the local people. People from all walks of life visited the Free Health Camp and got themselves a thorough checked-up by a team of young and energetic specialist doctors attended. From the ground report information shared by the eye-specialist doctors, they managed to screen more than 300 patients and around 100 were reported as having Cataract out of which 30 were found to be operable. Among these, around 50 of the patients were found to be having Presbyopia (gradual loss of eyes' ability to focus on nearby objects due to aging process). Eye drops, medicines with the antibiotics and 100 reading glasses have also been provided to the needy people.



WARM CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION



Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town distributed warm clothes ie. tracksuit, cap, shoes, socks to 22 students of Rastriya Ma. Vi. Gardas, Chitwan on 14th Jan. 2022. These students have been adapted by 22 Rotarians to support their studies till class 10. 12 Rotarians were present during the program.

VOCATION TRAINING

Rotary Club of Hetauda on 28th January 2022 initiated a Vocational Training Project to Empower Women Economic Development. The program aims to conduct training for 100 ladies, who are from very marginal and scheduled categories. 25 students were trained at Chure Shikhar Agriculture Cooperative and 25 students at the Rotary Building Hetauda 4 Hupra. Both programs were inaugurated by Mayor Rtn. Hari Bahadur Mahat.



EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

Educational and Health production distribution to students of Shree Gyan Aadharbhut School Gyaneswor, Kathmandu by Rotary Club of Gyaneswor and Rotaract Club of Gyaneswor CiST



DIABETES REVERSAL PROGRAM

Rotary Club Thamel had organized a Diabetes Reversal Program at Hotel Shankar, on 9 January 2022 with keynote speaker Dr. Mrityunjaya Shrestha (Diabetes Holistic Expert). Rotaries of Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur were invited as this is lifesaving program and more than 65 Rotarians and guests from various clubs attended Dr. Mrityunjaya's presentation on the emergence of diabetes and the methods on reversing through "Intermittent Fasting".







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Editorial Note



Dear Fellow Rotarian,

I am pleased yet again to bring to you the 8th Governor's Monthly Letter (GML) of this year-February Issue.

Apart from reporting the activities of the club, we are also trying to bring various articles from fellow Rotarians which can inspire us and give

us an opportunity to understand Rotary better. We have included an article by Co-Chair, District Advisory Committee Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha which highlights the importance of the Advisory Council in the district. Likewise, we have also included the result of the Rotary Peace Fellowship. Rotary Peace Fellowship scholarship is a prestigious program and is a full-time scholarship that involves a cost of more than \$80,000 for a Master's program and \$15,000 for PDC. Nepal has been awarded Rotary Peace Fellowship regularly for the past five years.

We on a continuous level have tried to incorporate as many activities clubs have been doing in our GML however many inspiring activities seem to be missed due to low reporting. We also urge members for their write-up articles so that such stories can inspire our readers.

We are all here to showcase your project! Cheers to Rotary! Happy reading!



Nischal B. Shrestha Chair, District Publication & GML Sub-Committee (2021-22)

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RI CONVENTION 2022

Rotary International Board of Directors has confirmed that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be an in-person event in Houston, Texas, USA, 4-8 June. There is now a special registration rate of US\$495 through 28 February, which is retroactive to 16 December. Any registrations made at the US\$575 rate since 16 December will automatically be refunded the difference in price — no action is required from the registrant.

In addition, the Board has determined that all participants, including Rotary International preconvention participants, must either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 19 (as

defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) OR provide a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours before their arrival at the convention.

Check convention website (convention.rotary. org) for updates as we continue to determine what safety protocols are necessary, based on the current recommendations for safe gatherings from the CDC.

Thank you for your support, and we will see you in Houston!

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