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Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors,

Stepping into 2024, I am optimistic about witnessing new hope, energy, and aspirations that will propel positive change in our society. I am deeply moved by the unwavering support and proactive initiatives taken by all the Rotary clubs in our district, a true testament to the spirit of 'Service above Self'.

January, often considered the coldest month of the year, witnessed a plenty of community service projects. From distributing warm clothes to preserving cultural heritage, conducting ICT training programs to organizing blood donations and vocational training programs, our collective efforts stood strong, creating hope in the world.

As we observed January as Vocational Training month, Rotary emphasized the empowerment of youth by equipping them with skill-based training for the future job market. I am confident that club leaders across our district are contributing significantly to their communities, providing valuable skill sets and supporting needy families in achieving financial independence.

Our district, Rotary International District 3292, is witnessing the emergence of new leadership. The recent Train the Trainers (TOT) session, led by DGE Rtn. Rajendra Sherchan, marks a significant milestone in preparing the upcoming leadership team for the new generations. I am also delighted to announce the nomination of Rtn. Vishnu B. Karki as DGND 2026-27 for RID 3292. Congratulations to him, and I wish him immense success in this role.

As we prepare diligently for the 16th District Conference of Rotary International District 3292 in the picturesque city of Butwal, I urge everyone to allocate time for this annual event, come together, and celebrate fellowship. With an expected participation of more than 2,000 individuals, let us collectively contribute to making this event a resounding success.

Reflecting on the global scenario, RI President McInally has emphasized the importance of world peace this month. As we enter February, dedicated to celebrating Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, I encourage everyone to contribute to the maximum extent possible to uphold our motto in our societies. Together, let us strive for a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Yours in Rotary,

- Rtn. Rajendra Prasad Dhoju

District Governor 2023-24 Rotary Indternational District 3292, Nepal-Bhutan



RI PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction. Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times.

Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to ensure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve.



For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and establish programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Members and nonmembers alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at positivepeace.academy/rotary.

Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's Create Hope in the World.

- Rtn. Gordon R. McInally President 2023-24 Rotary Indternational





RTN. NEEVA M. PRADHAN
CHAIR - VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT
3292, NEPAL

It is about empowering individuals to shape a better future for themselves and their communities.

For over six decades, Rotary International has been at the forefront of promoting vocational training in Nepal. The collaborative efforts of Rotary District 3292 and RC Kathmandu Mid-Town have paved the way for this initiative, creating a platform that positively influences the lives of youth and communities while garnering support from non-Rotarians and various organizations.

In celebration of Vocational Training month, the club initiated a Vocational

Unlocking Opportunities

Rotary's Dedication to Vocational Training in Nepal

Nelson Mandela once wisely stated, "Education is the key to success in life, and vocational training is the key to unlocking the doors of opportunity. It equips individuals with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in the workforce and make a meaningful impact in the world."

Training Project on January 21, 2024, which received an enthusiastic response from various entities. The Vocational Training Team (VTT) Committee organized two highly successful virtual workshops on Resume Writing and Job Interviewing skills, engaging over 175 participants. Led by a professional recruiter, these workshops delved into career development aspects, offering valuable tips for successful job interviews and providing insights into the current job market.

Recognizing the pivotal role vocational training plays in equipping youth with practical skills, hands-on experience, and specialized expertise, the initiative addresses critical skills gaps in industries such as office administration, technology, and trades. Moreover, it contributes to financial independence within families and nurtures entrepreneurship, empowering individuals to establish their own businesses and become job creators.

The Career Connection Program, a flagship initiative, aims to empower young people by

providing career guidance, essential skills, and connections for jobs and internships. Particularly targeting marginalized youths facing obstacles due to limited skills and lack of support, the program offers workshops, training sessions, and professional exposure opportunities. Administered by the local NGO Edulift, the program provides digital marketing, graphic designing, social media marketing, and CV/resume preparation workshops for college-going youths. Non-college-going youths receive training in fields such as plumbing and electrician services.

Vocational training, as Rotary believes, is not merely about acquiring skills; it is about empowering individuals to shape a better future for themselves and their communities. Through the transformative power of vocational training, Rotary envisions inspiring and uplifting countless lives. As we collectively strive towards this goal, we unlock opportunities and contribute to the holistic development of individuals and communities alike.

Introducing DGND

Rtn. Vishnu B. Karkee

Rtn. Vishnu Bahadur Karkee has been recently elected as the District Governor Nominee Designate for Rotary Year 2026/27 of RID 3292 Nepal & Bhutan. Having an engineering background and an MBA in marketing, he also has linguistic pursuits with two years of French and Russian language courses.

With nearly two decades of experience, Rtn. Karkee has been actively working in the hospitality industry. Serving as the Chairman of Beijing Garden Chinese Restaurant for almost 20 years, Chairman of Beijing Garden & Italcaffe for 13 years, Chairman of Arko shop - the boutique for two decades, and a Promoter of Synergy Power Development Ltd (SPDL), he has also made significant strides as a property investor. His extensive professional journey includes valuable experiences in the Travel & Tour business and the Readymade Garment Industries.

Beyond his corporate roles, Rtn. Karkee is deeply entrenched in various sports and associations. He has been the President of Nepal Shotokan Karate Association for the past 17 years, an Advisor to Nepal Karate Federation (NKF), an Advisor to Nepal Shito-Ryu Shobukan Karate Association, and the President of Ice Skating & Skiing Association Nepal (ISSAN) since 2004. Additionally, he is a Senior Player & Founder Treasurer of Nepal Shito Ryu Karate Association since 1982. He is also serving as President of The Youth Foundation, Nepal.

Contributing to the government sector, Rtn. Karkee has served as an Executive Observer of Nepal Tourism Council for five years, an Executive Member of Sports & Tourism Development Committee at the National Sports Council, and held executive roles in various committees under the Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Finance, Nepal Government.

In the Rotary sphere, Rtn. Karkee is a Major Donor and has been actively engaged for the past two decades. He played pivotal roles, including Charter Member of Rotary Club of Nagarjun in 2004, Charter President of Rotary Club of Baneshwor in 2008, District Rotaract Committee Chair (DRCC) in 2010–12, Assistant Governor in 2012–14, and many more. Currently, he serves as an Advisor to the District RI Programs Committee in 2023–24.

Married to Niru KC Karkee, the Managing Director of "arko shopthe Boutique" for the last 20 years in Battisputali, Kathmandu, Rtn. Karkee is a proud parent. His daughter, Vipasana, works for the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland, while his son, Nirvana, is completing his MBA and works for Security Pal, an American-based IT company.





RYLA Pokhara, 2024: 'Be a Pragmatic Leader'

RTN. RAJENDRA LIGAL

CO-ORDINATOR RYLA POKHARA 2024 REGION IV CO-CHAIR (2023-24) DISTRICT RYLA SUBCOMMITTEE



In the spirit of fostering pragmatic leadership, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Pokhara unfolded as a beacon of inspiration from January 11th to 14th, 2024. The theme 'Be a Pragmatic Leader' set the tone for an enriching experience for the 51 participants who gathered from all corners of Nepal.

DIVERSE PARTICIPATION

A total of 51 enthusiastic participants joined RYLA Pokhara, representing the spirit of unity and collaboration. Hailing from 17 host clubs and 13 co-host clubs, this diverse group brought a rich tapestry of perspectives to the program.

DISTINGUISHED PRESENCE

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were graced by the esteemed presence of District Governor Rajendra Dhoju, District Governor-elect Binod Koirala, RYLA Chair Nischal Shrestha, Assistant Governors (AGs) Iswhor Prasad Karmacharya, Puran Kunwar, Jayram Paudel, along with District Secretary Dinesh Manandhar and Durga Prasad Subedi.



FACILITATORS AND COORDINATORS

Twenty-two dedicated facilitators played a pivotal role in shaping the RYLA experience. Program Coordinator Rajendra Ligal and Chief Pilot Coach Subash Sigdel provided invaluable guidance, ensuring a seamless and impactful event.

ORGANIZING TEAM

The success of RYLA Pokhara was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the organizing team. Special recognition goes to Presidents of the host Clubs in Pokhara and Region IV, Secretary Jassu Gurung, Joint Secretary Deepak Gurung, Treasurer Sony Dhewaju (President of RCP Midtown).



SCENIC VENUE

The picturesque Pokhara Lake served as the perfect backdrop, with the majestic Machhapuchchhre mountain offering a breathtaking view. Additionally, the event was hosted at the Fulbari Resource Training Center, a sister organization of Children Nepal, adding a unique dimension to the venue.

FOOD SERVICE

Rtn Dilly Prasad Sharma managed all the culinary aspects, ensuring that participants enjoyed a delightful gastronomic experience throughout the event

PARTICIPANT AMENITIES

Each participant received a bag and a warm jacket, courtesy of the organizers, adding to the comfort and convenience of their RYLA experience.

WINNER AND COMPETITION

Sambhavi Chapagain emerged as the winner of this prestigious program. The participants displayed exceptional enthusiasm and engagement, creating



a vibrant atmosphere with strong competition throughout.

ENTERTAINMENT AND WELLNESS

To ensure a holistic experience, both morning and evening sessions were filled with entertainment and activities focused on nurturing the body, soul, and spirit of the participants.

DISTRICT CONTEXT

RYLA Pokhara falls under Rotary International District 3292, further reinforcing the commitment of Rotary to developing dynamic leaders and fostering positive change.

The RYLA Pokhara, 2024 edition, has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on all participants, fostering leadership skills, camaraderie, and a sense of responsibility.

As we celebrate the success of this district-wide initiative, we look forward to the continued impact of these pragmatic leaders in their communities and beyond.



RTR. SHAMBHAVI CHAPAGAIN ROTARACT CLUB OF TRIPURESWOR

I was thrilled to witness such intelligent and inspiring young minds surrounding me.

WINNER'S PERSPECTIVE

My first introduction to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) was during the pandemic, when everything had been virtualized. Little did I know how transformative it can be to attend a RYLA event in-person until I traveled from Kathmandu to Pokhara for this particular RYLA.

As I stepped into the camp at Lewade, Pokhara on the first day of RYLA, I was overwhelmed with excitement and nervousness. I was thrilled to witness such intelligent and inspiring young minds surrounding me.

Each day with each session, I could sense growth in me. Despite my introspection, I experienced friendships that echoed the entire event with laughter and excitement. As we prepared dramas, presentations, performances interactively and sat down

to gossip as we shared meals together, the bond of friendship felt like a family. And I'm beyond grateful for such wonderful mentors who taught lessons to face the world realistically.

On penning down these words, I've a heart filled with gratitude for all revered mentors due to whom this RYLA was possible. Also, I'm humbled as I got chosen as 'A Pragmatic Leader' amongst such brilliant young minds. It was an enlightening journey for me that has made me insightful in perspective and wiser in action.



Recognizing Excellence in Vocational Achievements

A Spotlight on District 3292 Awards

The Vocational Excellence Award stands as a beacon, celebrating the remarkable skills, dedication, and achievements of individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen vocational fields. This prestigious accolade, often bestowed upon professionals in trades, crafts, or specific vocations, not only recognizes outstanding competence but also serves as an inspiration for others to strive for greatness in their vocational pursuits.

District 3292 Awards Overview

In District 3292, the spirit of recognizing vocational excellence has taken firm root with various awards, each bearing the noble intention of fostering growth and development in specific areas. The Rajbhandary family initiated the Gopal Kamala Rajbhandary Rotary Vocational Excellence Award, a one-million-rupee honor, setting a tradition that began biennially but now graces each Rotary year. The current focus for the Rotary year 2023-24 is waste management.

Additionally, the contributions of Rtn. Ambika Shrestha's family are recognized with an award of half a million rupees, dedicated to the best Rotary club excelling in health-related projects. Dr. Omkar Shrestha established the Arun Rotary Excellence Award in basic education and literacy for youth through Rotaract Clubs. Furthermore, Rtn. Dr. Suniti Acharya sponsors awards for Rotarian and non-Rotarian ladies, each valued at one hundred thousand rupees. These distinguished honors are presented annually during the District Conference, with the upcoming ceremony scheduled for March 16th in Butwal.

Criteria for Vocational Awards

For the prestigious Vocational Excellence Award in waste management, the criteria are meticulously outlined to ensure that the recipient and project align with the overarching goal of environmental sustainability. The criteria include:

FOCUS AREA

Priority given to startup businesses by youth, emphasizing projects at the scale-up stage requiring support and having already taken some initiatives.

REPLICABILITY

Projects with the potential for replication are preferred, ensuring widespread impact and sustainability.

INNOVATION

Recognition is extended to projects focusing on innovative ideas, pushing the boundaries of waste management solutions.

AGE GROUP

The projects should be led by proactive individuals aged between 25-50, contributing fresh perspectives and energy to the field.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Emphasis on projects promoting a circular economy, steering away from linear approaches and aligning with Rotary's new focus area, "Supporting the Environment."





Train the Trainers

RY 2024/2025 (RESIDENTIAL) 29-30 DECEMBER 2023

The "Train the Trainers – RY 2024/2025 (Residential)" program was scheduled on December 29–30, 2023, at The Kwality Resort in Mulkot, Sindhuli. The venue hosted approximately 70 participants. The esteemed trainers and facilitators included DLF 2024–2025 IPDG Jitendra Bahadur Rajbhandari, ARC DRF PDG Sanjaya Giri, PDG Dilendra Raj Shrestha, PDG Santosh Rijal, Co-Chair Laxman Gynawali, Co-Chair Bishnu Hari Dahal, and Rtn Jayendra Rimal.

The program facilitators, Incoming District Secretary Ashok Nath Pyakuryal and ADS Ashok Man Kapali, played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth flow of the event. The inauguration ceremony will be jointly conducted by DG Rajendra Prasad Dhoju and DGE Rajendra Man Sherchan.

DAY ONE:

The day began with participants' arrival, followed by lunch and registration. It commenced with the opening plenary session, featuring welcome remarks and





addresses by distinguished individuals such as ARC DRF PDG Sanjaya Giri, DG Rajendra Prasad Dhoju, DGE Rajendra Man Sherchan, DGN Binod Koirala, and DLF IPDG Jitendra Bahadur Rajbhandari.

Five different topics/subjects were presented by experienced resource persons from the district, with each presentation allocated approximately 30–40 minutes. The day concluded with a fellowship cocktail dinner, which received positive feedback from all attendees.

DAY TWO:

Participants were organized into different groups for a panel discussion, featuring DG, DGE, and DGN as the panelists. PDG Santosh Prasad Rijal moderated the session, during which each panelist delivered a short presentation, followed by interactive Q&A sessions.

The participants were then divided into seven regional groups for engaging case study and group discussions. Each group presented their findings on assigned topics, while other groups provided valuable comments and suggestions. Both sessions were highly interactive and well-received by the majority of participants. The day concluded with the closing plenary, encompassing:

- Certificate distribution to all participants
- Observation remarks by two participants
- Remarks by DGE Rajendra Man Sherchan
- Closing remarks by DLF IPDG Jitendra Bahadur Rajbhandari
- Vote of Thanks delivered by incoming ADS Ashok Man Kapali

Following the closing plenary, participants enjoyed lunch before departing for Kathmandu.







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RI Regional Grants Officer Laura Bradley Nepal Visit





RTN. AZAJ ALAM
DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Fellow Rotarians,

Get ready for an exceptional experience at the upcoming Rotary 16th District Conference 2024, scheduled to take place from March 15 to 17 at Butwal International Convention Center (BICC) in the enchanting city of Butwal. Anticipating a gathering of over 2,000 attendees, this conference promises to be a harmonious blend of inspiration, fellowship, and cultural enrichment.











ABOUT BUTWAL

Officially recognized as a sub-metropolitan city and economic hub in Lumbini Province, West Nepal, Butwal boasts a captivating history that spans both medieval and modern periods. The city is celebrated for its diverse population, harmoniously coexisting people from various castes and ethnic groups who contribute to a rich cultural tapestry. Economically vibrant, Butwal significantly contributes to the region's economic growth, prioritizing healthcare and offering wellconnected transport networks.

DISTRICT EVENTS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Engage in Captivating Sessions and Vibrant Activities:

Speakers: Immerse yourself in enlightening talks from esteemed thought leaders, including recognized public figures from various sectors. Gain valuable insights and perspectives on Rotary focus areas, coupled with their life experiences. Prepare to be inspired and motivated by these distinguished speakers who bring a wealth of knowledge to the forefront.

Lavish Food & Drinks: Indulge your taste buds in a culinary extravaganza at our diverse food court, offering delicious snacks, lunches, and dinners with flavors ranging from local and Indian to Continental.

Entertainment: Immerse yourself in the vibrancy of lively performances featuring national-level artists, adding an element of fun and excitement to the conference. Rotary Fellowship: Connect and network with fellow Rotarians from across the district, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

Club Service Exhibition: Explore a showcase of impactful club service projects, gaining inspiration from the positive contributions made by various Rotary clubs.

Business Stalls: Explore innovative products and services at the business stalls, providing an opportunity to learn about the latest offerings and advancements.

Culture Exchange: Immerse yourself in the richness of diverse cultures, fostering an environment of cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Explore Butwal's Cultural Heritage and Natural Wonders:

Lumbini: The Birthplace of Gautama Buddha, situated 40 km southwest of Butwal.



Gajedi Taal: A picturesque lake located about 21 km west of Butwal, known for picnics, gatherings, and boating. **Butwal Hill Park:** Offers a panoramic view of Butwal City from the top.

Jitgadi: A historic fortress from the Angol Nepal war.

Siddha Baba Temple: Located on the outskirts of Butwal Sub-Metro, in Palpa District.

Devdaha: Identified as the maternal home of Queen Mayadevi, located 7 km east of Butwal.

Places of Interest: Banbatika Forest, Manimukunda Sen Park, Global Peace Park, Lumbini Cable Car, Kamakhya Mandir, and more.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN BUTWAL

City Connectivity: Over 200 buses depart daily from the Butwal Bus Terminal, ensuring convenient connections to Kathmandu and beyond.

Urban Travel: Navigate the city effortlessly with microbuses, private taxis, rickshaws, electric rickshaws, and motorcycles for short-distance trips.

Air Access: The Gautam Buddha International Airport is just a short 25-kilometer journey away.

And enjoy a hassle-free stay with our dedicated shuttle service for our valued Rotarians and esteemed guests during the conference, ensuring easy travel from the airport to the convention center and hotels. Join us for a smooth and delightful experience in Butwal!

ACCOMMODATIONS

Discover comfortable stay options for a truly relaxing experience. Our conference committee has curated a list of hotels with a range of options, from regular to star-level, offering reasonable rates for our Rotarians.

BUTWAL NIGHT LIFE

Experience the vibrant nightlife of Butwal with a plethora of options awaiting your exploration. From restaurants and dance bars to pubs and dohori sajhs, there's something for everyone. Enjoy live music at family restaurants, savor street food, or relax with a cup of coffee at one of the local cafes.

Stay tuned for the detailed agenda and additional attractions. Let's create unforgettable memories at the Rotary 16th District Conference 2024!





MECHI-MAHAKALI BICYCLE FUNDRAISER 2024

FLYING A TO CYCLING AND FOR WHEELCHAIRS A

Airmen who fly the Nepali skies are coming forward to support fellow-citizens who have been immobilised by spinal injury.

With four decades of flying experience each, airline pilots Captain Sunil Pradhan and Captain Bharat Singh Thapa are gearing up to ride their bicycles 1100 km from Mechi to Mahakali. The ABOUT SIRE adventure holds a deeper purpose: Every pedal . Established in 2002 stroke will support those who are paralysed with . Operated by Spinal Injury Sangh Nepal (SISN). spinal injury. The funds from the bicycle ride will support comprehensive care at the Spinal Injury . Specialised rehabilitation center for spinal Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC) at Sanga, Kavre.

SIRC treats more than 350 patients a year, with rehabilitation process taking three months on average. The patients need wheelchairs when they leave SIRC. There is no cure for spinal injury, only rehabilitation to learn to live with disabilities. Comprehensive rehabilitation along with appropriate wheelchairs are required for patients with spinal injuries, most of whom cannot afford it themselves.

Captain Pradhan and Captain Thapa are collaborating on the bike ride to raise 5.5 million Nepali Rupees for SIRC's Patient Support Fund and Wheelchair Support. For this, they need to raise NRs. 5000 per kilometre. They seek your contribution.

SEND SUPPORT TO:

US AND OTHERS

Account Name: Helping Sastha Inc.

Organization Address: 7910 Crawford Ave, Skokie, IL

60076, USA

Bank Name and Address: Chase Bank, 270 Park Ave.

New York, NY 10017 USA Account Number: 897958739 Routing Number: 071000013

Wire transfer routing number: 021000021

Zelle: helpingsastha@gmail.com

SWIFTCODE: CHASUS33



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- For more details: https://sisn.org.np. https://www.facebook.com/spinal.nepal.3





NEPAL

Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center Account Number: 0741302874524001 NIC ASIA Bank Ltd, Banepa Branch Swift Code: NICENPKA



INDIA

Archana Shah

Account Number: 917010082456746

Axis Bank, JP Nagar branch,

Bangalore, Karnataka, 560076, India

IFSC: UTIB0000333







DG Visit

During the Month of January 2024







RC Tulsipur DG Visit (29 November 2023)

RC Kirtipur DG Visit (November 2023)

RC Butwal 31st Charter Day (1 December 2023)



RC Kapan DG Visit (6 December 2023)





RC Boudha DG Visit (9 December 2023)

RC Pokhara Newroad 14th Charter Day (24 December 2023)



RC Ratnanagar (21 December 2023)





Rotary Club of Lumbini

RC Kathmandu North DG Visit _ Charter Day (29 December 2023)

RC Lumbini DG Visit



RC Rudramati DG Visit (30 December 2023)





RC Kapilvastu Midtown DG Visit

RC Matribhumi Baluwatar DG Visit (5 January 2024)



RC Chandragiri DG Visit (6 January 2024)



RC Patan Heritage DG Visit (6 January 2024)



RC Buddhanilkantha DG Visit (7 January 2024)



RC Waling DG Visit (13 January 2024)



RC Patan Durbar Square DG Visit (24 January 2024)



RC Sankhu DG Visit (27 January 2024)



RC Kathmandu Downtown DG Visit (26 January 2024)



RC Patan East DG Visit (27 January 2024)

Club News & Activities

JANUARY 2024



Tree Plantation

Rotary Club of Butwal South 15th July 2023

On July 15, 2023 (30th Ashar, 2080), the Rotary Club of Butwal South organized a Tree Plantation Program in Bomghat, Butwal, jointly with two sponsor clubs, RAC Butwal South and RAC Tinau City. The event was chaired by President Rtn Sharada Pangeni, Rtr Subin Khadka, and Rtr Prakash Khanal, representing the respective sponsor clubs. The program took place in the grand presence of RC Butwal South Charter President Rtn Prof Dr. Ramchandrya Aacharya, Ward Chairman Bishnu Dhakal, Chief Administrative Officer Rohit Bhushal of Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City, Past Presidents, Board Members, and General Members.

During the program, Ward Chairman Bishnu Dhakal of Ward No. 3, Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City, expressed gratitude for the club's initiative and partnership in social responsibility by conducting tree planting in their ward. Likewise, Chief Administrative Officer Rohit Bhushal of Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City extended his gratitude for the club's support in their green development initiatives.

A total of 151 plants (Amala, Khayar, Bay leaf) were planted at a cost of NPR 60,375. The project created awareness among participants and the wider community about the importance of tree plantation for environmental sustainability. The event fostered a sense of community engagement and collaboration, encouraging individuals to take responsibility for environmental conservation.

We look forward to the continued support and guidance of Rotary District 3292 as we strive to make a positive difference in our community and the environment. The Master of Ceremony was Joint Secretary Rtn. Krishna Bhusal.

Digital Learning Support for Quality Education

Rotary Club of Tripureswor November 2023

RC Tripureswor has provided computers, smart boards, CCTV cameras, and furniture to four schools to facilitate digital learning for the quality education of children. Open Learning Exchange (OLE) software will be installed on the computers, enabling teachers and students to learn various subjects that support the improvement of their education.

A total of 84 computers, 4 smart boards, 8 CCTV cameras, tables, and furniture have been supplied to four schools:

- 1.Bhawani Secondary School, Kagati Gau, Kakani Ward No. 1:
- 2. Pashupati Mitra Secondary School, Mitra Park Chabahil, Kathmandu;
- 3. Melamchi Ghayan Secondary School, Melamchi, Sindhupalchowk; and
- 4. Gram Sewa Secondary School, Dharmasthali, Kathmandu. This provision was made under the Global Grant Project, covering schools in Kathmandu, Sindhupalchowk, and Nuwakot districts.

The total project cost is 50 Lakhs. A total of 3000 students from these four schools will benefit from the digital learning program through OLE software.

The project aims to enhance the use of digital learning practices among teachers and students to improve learning outcomes.



Post-Earthquake Assistance

Rotary Club of Dillibazar-Kathmandu December 2023

The Rotary Club of Dillibazar-Kathmandu issued an SOS to friends and donors, seeking immediate assistance for those in need. Members of the Rotary Club of Dillibazar also contributed cash. Generous donations were received from Nepal and abroad. Following a needs assessment of local requirements, 300 households in Nalgad Municipality and Barkot Rural Municipality of Jajarkot District benefited from relief support, including 276 tarpaulins for temporary shelters, 80 blankets for families, and 260 sweaters, 30 skirts, and 51 shirts for school children.

Funds were provided by members of the Rotary Club of Dillibazar, the Rotary Club of Mitcham in Australia, Friends of Nepal South Australia, Friends of Nepal Munich in Germany, Oli Society Nepal, GMP Timilsina Pratishthan, Krishna Panta Smriti Prathisthan, Maitidevi Mahila Bachat, Swornimpath Sahakari, and Krishna Panta Smriti Pratisthan for earthquake relief

support in Jajarkot. The total collected amount for the assistance project was NPR 5,12,605 (In words: Five Lakhs, Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Five Only).

TOTAL COLLECTION Rs. 5,12,605



Blood Donation Program

Rotary Club of Mahabouddha 30th Decembber 2023

On December 30, 2023, the Rotary Club of Mahabouddha conducted a joint program with Regent School in Dhapakhel, Lalitpur. A total of 85 individuals attended, with 76 persons able to donate blood during the program. The remaining attendees were deemed physically unsuitable for blood donation. Our club members and the Regent School management teams actively communicated with the public and school parents. This event was successful in supporting the blood bank through blood collection, contributing to the uplifting of Rotary's image in life-saving activities.



Food **Distribution** on Club's 7th **Charter Day**

Rotary Club of Bhairahwa 6th December 2023

The Rotary Club of Bhairahawa has consistently been at the forefront of assisting the community through various activities and events. To mark its establishment day, this Rotary Club celebrated their charter day with orphans at an orphanage by contributing foodstuffs to them. The caretaker, Miss Krishna Maya Gurung, had communicated the priority for the foodstuffs in advance. Under the chairmanship



of Rotarian President Umesh Chandra Acharya, and with chief guests Assigned Assistant Governor Mr. Hira Bahadur Shah, along with Chartered President, past presidents, and members, the food distribution program was conducted at Siddhartha Balgriha, Siddharthanagar. The program provided an opportunity for many fellow members to understand and appreciate the importance of their contribution to the orphans, which was both remarkable and inspiring.





Cultural **Carnival**

Rotary Club of Patan Heritage & Rotaract Club of Patan Heritage 23rd December 2023

The city of Patan came alive on December 23, 2023, as the RC Patan Heritage and the Rotaract Club of Patan Heritage joined hands to organize a spectacular 'Cultural Carnival' at the historic Patan Museum. This event, more than just a concert, was a celebration of diversity, culture, and community spirit, all dedicated to making a positive impact through the noble project, 'Food for Hunger.'

The mission of the Carnival was straightforward yet profound. The heart of the event was, aiming to raise funds that would directly benefit local food banks and charities, ensuring that those less fortunate are provided with ample food. The Cultural Carnival became a platform for the community to

come together, have a great time, and contribute to a cause that transcends individual interests.

One of the highlights of the event was the Nepali product stall, where local artisans and entrepreneurs showcased and sold unique Nepali products. From local cuisines to intricately crafted handicrafts, attendees had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Nepali culture while supporting local businesses. The event featured renowned artists such as Niva Dangol and Megha Shrestha, along with performers from the Rotaract Club, demonstrating a vibrant mix of musical genres and dance performances that added a dynamic and cultural touch to the celebration. Live performances by talented rotaractors added an extra layer of excitement to the Cultural Carnival. They showcased captivating cultural dance, engaging the crowd and creating an electrifying atmosphere.

What made the event even more special was the participation of over 150 individuals from 18 different clubs. This widespread involvement showcased the unity and collective spirit of the Rotary/ Rotaract community, coming together for a common cause.





Free Health Camp at CP Clinic

Rotary Club of Patan Durbar Square 23rd December 2023

On 23rd December 2023, the Rotary Club of Patan Durbar Square organized a free health Camp at Cerebral Palsy Clinic and Care Center in collaboration with different organizations (Siddhartha Bank, Divyanta, MedExpress Nepal, Sutra Diagnostic Pvt.Ltd., Yetichem and Nepal Reiyukai) for children with Cerebral Palsy, other neurological disorders and the local community to serve a great cause.

The camp aimed to serve the basic medical needs of the children with Cerebral Palsy, and neurological disorders, and the local community. The camp started at 10 am sharp and ended at 3 pm with the help of Rotarians and Cerebral Palsy Clinic and care center staff.

Reputed Pediatrician Rtn. Dr. Pragya Karmacharya Rajbhandari, ENT Surgeon Dr. Rishi Bhatt, Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Prashant Adhikari, General Physician Dr. Ruby Maharjan, Dental Surgeon Dr. Pushpa Jha, Physiotherapist Anuja Karki and Physiotherapist Manoj Shah from Cerebral Palsy Clinic and Care Center actively participated in serving and treating this great cause wholeheartedly during this camp. Lab Assistants from Sutra Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd. collected blood for various tests as prescribed by consultants with special discounts. There was also free medical distribution by Yetichem and MedExpress Nepal.

Depending upon the chief complaints of the patient, consultation by specialized doctors and physiotherapists was done. The camp was open to all age groups.

Approximately 83 local community households came for the Health Checkup and benefited from this medical camp. Doctors and Physiotherapists advised them on various medicines and consultations during camp.

Inter-District Volleyball **Tournament**

RC E-club Medico Fusion Hybrid Nepal 24th - 26th December 2023

In support of promoting youth in sports, the Rotary E-Club of Medico Fusion Hybrid Nepal collaborated with Horizon School to organize an inter-district volleyball tournament. The event received support from various organizations, including Horizon School's alumni.

The inauguration, under the chairmanship of school principal Lok Nath Upadhya, featured chief guest Yog Gurung, vice-chair of the Provincial Volleyball Game, and distinguished guest Apsara Nepal, President of Medicofusion



A total of 10 schools from Rupandehi district participated in the tournament. These schools included New Horizon Secondary School, Siddhartha Boarding School, Kalika Manav Gyan Secondary School, Nabin Audyogik Secondary School, Mani Mukunda Secondary School, Little Flower Cricket, Devdaha Buddha Public School, Saina Maina Secondary School, Saint Joseph Secondary School Bhalbari, and Everest Secondary School.

The first-place team, New Horizon Secondary School, received a cash prize of NPR 35,000, along with a trophy and certificate. The second-place team, Mani Mukunda Secondary School, received NPR 25,000, and the thirdplace team, Kalika Manav Gyan Secondary School, received NPR 15,000. Everest Secondary School received a consolation award of Nrs 10,000. The total budget for the event was 25,0000.

Warm Clothes Distribution

Rotary Club of Swoyambhu 23rd December 2023

The Rotary Club of Swoyambhu, successfully completed a significant project under Basic Education & Literacy, distributing warm clothes, shoes, socks, and school bags to 68 Chepang students of Jalakanya & Jaldevi Adharbhut Vidyalaya in Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality, Ward No. 8, Dhading.



Mobile Addiction and Prevention **Training Program**

Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town 26th December 2023

On December 26, 2023, the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town organized a training session on mobile addiction and prevention at Hotel Moonstar, Hakimchowk, Chitwan. The program drew the participation of 46 attendees, with Dr. Anand Kumar Jha, Past President of RC Birgunj, serving as the facilitator.





Installing the **Rotary Wheel** and Signage

Rotary Club of Matribhumi Baluwatar 27th December 2023

It is always a source of pride to witness the Rotary Wheel standing tall and gleaming with distinction. Rotary Club of Matribhumi Baluwatar (RCMB) has taken a significant

step in enhancing the public image of Rotary by installing the Rotary Wheel and signage near Baluwatar Chowk. This initiative not only symbolizes the club's commitment to Rotary's values but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for the community. The ceremony, graced by the presence of District Governor Rajendra Prasad Dhojhu, District Secretaries, and other district officials, marks a momentous occasion where the Rotary spirit is elevated to new heights. Such visible representations reinforce the idea that Rotary flourishes when there is unwavering dedication and commitment from its members and leaders.

Warm Clothes and Sport Goods Distribution Program

Rotary Club of Dharan 29th December 2023

The Rotary Club of Dharan organized a program for the distribution of winter clothing and sports goods at

Shree Sharda Balika Model School, Dharan-16, on December 29, 2023. Fifty-five sweaters and sports goods were distributed in the presence of parents, school staff, and Rotary members.



Rotary's Winter Relief Drive

Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown 1st - 3rd January 2024

In the midst of the bone-chilling cold season, the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown extended a heartwarming gesture by donating warm clothes to its adopted school, Shiv Aadharbhut Vidyalaya on 1st January. A total of 149 cozy sweaters were distributed, ensuring that the students could brave the winter chill with comfort and warmth. Meanwhile, on the 3rd of January in Budhnagar village, the Rotary Club reached out to support 30 single mothers. These resilient women were provided with saris, sweaters, essential toiletries, and health tonics, addressing both practical needs and health concerns during the harsh weather.

Notably, the Rotary Club implemented an eco-friendly approach during the distribution process. Recyclable cloth bags adorned with Rotary's logo were used, promoting sustainability and environmental consciousness. This thoughtful initiative not only brought physical relief to those in need but also exemplified the Rotary Club's commitment to community welfare and responsible practices. The outcome of this project resonates beyond warmth and comfort; it echoes the spirit of compassion, community support, and environmental mindfulness fostered by the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown.



THE TOTAL BUDGET OF **BOTH DISTRIBUTION IS**

Rs. 62,248

Preserving Cultural Heritage

Rotary Club of Yala 2nd January 2024

As per the third goal of the service project, "Engaging with the issues of climate change (adaptation and mitigation) and preserving cultural heritage and sustainable living" event under the topics of empowering Harisiddhi locals and youths through Art and Culture was organized by RC Yala in collaboration with Hamro Matoghar, LMC-28 and 29, Chiva Chaitya, and E Arts. The event featured over 47 artworks by 23 contemporary artists that adorned the exhibition where local artists proudly showcased their artworks inspired by the everyday life of Harisiddhi.

One of the artist emphasized the importance of events like these for new and emerging



artists, describing them as a crucial exposure opportunity and highlighted the significance of events held in localities rather than traditional venues like hotels or galleries, stating, "Many people lack the resources or awareness to learn certain skills. Events like this foster community engagement and interest in art and culture."

This collaborative effort also aimed to shine a light on the often-overlooked cultural treasures of smaller settlements like

Tokha, Bungamati, Thecho, Kipu, Lubhu and Panga which boasts rich heritage, culture, and history. To preserve, promote, and celebrate these unique cultures, we have launched the initiative starting from Harisiddhi." Adds Rtn Er Basanta Raj Shrestha of RC Yala, the founder and promoter of Harisiddhi Art Mela. Event was visited by 2000 enthusiastic visitors. The total estimated budget was 2 Lakhs for the entire project.



Warm Clothes Distribution

Rotary club of Tinau Butwal 3rd January 2024

On Wednesday, the Rotary Club of Tinau Butwal celebrated its eighth establishment day. Every year, the club marks its anniversary by engaging in social activities, contributing to the welfare of the community.

In a similar fashion, on the eighth establishment day, the club distributed warm clothes to students at Sagarmatha Basic School, situated in Ward No. 3 of Tilottama Municipality. The club distributed warm clothes to 145 boys and girls who are actively pursuing their studies.

Assistant Governor Yadav Bhandari, appreciating the Rotary Club of Tinau Butwal for its cost-effective approach, praised the club for distributing warm clothes to underprivileged children in the marginalized community on their establishment day. He highlighted that the club chose to celebrate the day by making a positive impact in society, setting an example distinct from traditional celebrations held in hotels.

Club President Amrita Bhushal, Incoming President Ramila Sharma, and Secretary Anita Bhushal were welcomed during the program. The program, conducted under the leadership of the club's founder president, Devi Wagle, Past President Bhagwati Pandey, School Founder Tek Bahadur Thapa, and Principal Ghanshyam Ghimire, aimed to encourage social organizations and clubs to become catalysts for positive change in society.





Rotary Club of Jawalakhel 6th January 2024

The Rotary Club of Jawalakhel, in collaboration with Universal Engineering and Science College (UESC), the Rotaract Club of Jawalakhel, and the Rotaract Club of Nepal National Hospital, successfully completed a service project titled 'Computer Competency Training' on January 6, 2024. The training focused on basic and advanced level PowerPoint, with participation of 26 members of two Rotaract clubs and 12 students from UESC. The venue for the training was the Computer Lab of UESC.

Dr. CJ Dr. Bhesh Raj Thapa, Principal of UESC and Joint Secretary of RC Jawalakhel, coordinated this service project. The instructor for the training was Mr. Surendra Neupane, an IT professional and collaborator of RCJ for such training programs.

The opening and closing sessions of the training were attended by the RCJ executive committee members. The training received high appreciation from the participant trainees, who requested RCJ to conduct advanced training in April-May.

Nyano Kapada Bitaran

Rotary Club of Itahari Yugal 7th January 2024

The Rotary Club of Itahari Yugal organized a program targeting the winter season called "Nayno Kapda Bitaran" (Warm Clothes Distribution) at Koshi Gau Palika. The program took place in the presence of Koshi Gau Palika Mayor, Mr. Ayub Ansari, and club president, Rtn Rajiv Ghimire.



This program specifically focused on needy women, and we distributed 30 pieces of warm blankets, 30 pieces of sarees, and 10 pieces of kurtha set. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Ayub Ansari for selecting needy women from different wards. It brought us immense joy to see and distribute warm clothes to the needy women of Koshi Gau Palika, creating a great opportunity to bring smiles to the faces of these beautiful women.

The program received support from Sumina Boutique, Itahari 20 (Mrs. Mina Khatri), who provided beautiful sarees, kurtha setsl (17 pieces of saree, 10 pieces of Kurtha Setl).

The main aim of this distribution program is to combat the winter and provide warmth to 30 women and their families.

THE TOTAL COST OF THIS PROGRAM AMOUNTED TO

Rs. 40,000

Healthy Mouths, Happy Lives: Oral Health Assessment

Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills 11th January 2024

The Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills organized an "Oral Health Assessment Program" with invaluable support from the Department of Community Dentistry, BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, and Ward No. 18 and 19 at Jhuna's Fitness Centre on 11th January 2024. This impactful initiative aimed to promote dental well-being and enhance the overall health and happiness of community members.

Dedicated teams of experienced dentists and healthcare professionals volunteered their time to conduct comprehensive oral health assessments for participants. The program went beyond mere check-ups, offering valuable counseling sessions to educate patients on proper oral hygiene practices and preventive measures. The event successfully served approximately 55 patients. Each assessment played a crucial role in identifying potential oral health issues and initiating timely interventions.

Through "Healthy Mouths, Happy Lives," the Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills, along with its partners, demonstrated the profound impact that community-driven initiatives can have on individual well-being. By focusing on oral health, the program contributed not only to healthier smiles but also to the overall happiness and vitality of the community members involved.



ICT Training for Public School Teachers

Rotary Club of Kathmandu 11th - 13th January 2024

Rotary Club Kathmandu, in collaboration with RC Kathmandu North and Suryabinayak Municipality, supported by RID 3292
RNLM, has successfully conducted an ICT (Information and Communication Technology) training program for 20 teachers from various schools in the region. The training, held at the computer lab of a local school in Sirutar, took place from January 11 to January 13, 2024. The opening ceremony of the program was graced by the presence of IPDG (Immediate Past District Governor) Jitendra Bahadur Rajbhandari, who acknowledged the initiative of RC Kathmandu and the support of RC Kathmandu North, Ward Chairman Sanu Kaji



Kayastha, and the principal of a local school, Narayan Pokharel. Also in attendance were President Subash Ghimire, Gopal Pokharel, and Sita Paudel from RC Kathmandu North, along with Khagendra Adhikari from RC Kathmandu.

In a similar vein, the closing ceremony for the 10th batch of ICT training took place in Sirutar, Ward No. 1 of Suryabinayak Municipality. The event, held at the computer lab of Shree Sirutar Secondary School, concluded at 3:00 PM. The chief guest for the closing ceremony was RID 3292 RNLM Chair PDG Tirtha Man Shakya. The event

saw the presence of other distinguished guests, including representatives from the municipality and members of RC Kathmandu North. The trainers of the training program, Keshav Raj Gyawali, E. Tej Prasad Dhamala, and Hari Acharya, were also thanked for their significant contributions.

The successful conclusion of both the opening and closing ceremonies highlights the commitment of Rotary Club Kathmandu to community development through education and technology.

Donate Bad Habit: Giving a gift of Education

Rotary Club of Kathmandu Metro 13th January 2024

On January 13, 2024, a collaborative effort between the Rotaract Club of Metro City, Kathmandu Metro, and the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Metro resulted in a communitydriven project aimed at uplifting and motivating students of Shree Shiva Basic School. The funds for this initiative were raised through the traditional festival of Tihar, leveraging the cultural significance of Deusi Bhailo with the theme "DONATE BAD HABITS." The synergy between these entities ensured the successful implementation of the project. A significant amount, totaling 50,000 rupees, was raised during Tihar celebrations. This fund was dedicated to providing school bags and stationery, crucial resources for 77 students ranging from Early Childhood Development (ECD) to Class 8. A commendable total of 22 Rotaractors actively engaged in the project.



Educational sessions were tailored to different age groups. A dedicated session targeted students from Class 7 and 8, addressing essential topics related to women's health and hygiene. Another session focused on students in Class 4, 5, and 6, providing crucial insights into understanding and distinguishing appropriate and inappropriate touches.

Dr. Khadak Bisht, an expert in Animal Rearing and Husbandry, conducted an insightful session engaging parents and villagers. This discussion aimed to empower the community with knowledge and skills in sustainable practices. The day also included an informative site visit to a water tank constructed under a Global Grant facilitated by the Rotary Club Kathmandu Metro.



Yomari **Workshop for** Rota-Kids

Rotary E-Club of District 3292 Nepal 13th January 2024

The one & only Rotakids E-Club of District 3292 in Nepal successfully organized 'Yomari Workshop' supported by Rotary E-Club of District 3292, Nepal in collaboration with Yomari Maiju Organization. The sole objective of the event was to teach the importance of Newari culture and tradition to the kids under 15 years of age. The workshop was conducted at Krystal Café, Sankhamul, Kathmandu.

RotaKids President Aarav Shrestha officially inaugurated the workshop by lighting Sukuda and offering Khadas to Club President Rtn. Ravin Man Bajracharya and Charter President Rtn. Anil Shrestha. The welcome dance in the Newari song was performed by RotaKid Kaira Maharjan.

During the workshop, the importance of Newari cultural values & importance of festivals such as Yomari Punhi were highlighted by Anupa Shrestha, Chairperson of Yomari Maiju. She also did storytelling about Yomari, shared the importance of Newari Language and Ranjana Lipi, taught Yomari making, tasted Fresh Yomari and won hearts of all participants.

Certificates of participation were also handed over to all participants. There were a total of 50 participants including kids & parents.

Rotary Wheel Installation

Rotary Club of Dharan Ghopa 15th January 2024



A Rotary wheel was placed on the occasion of the club's Charter Day. The location was strategically selected to maximize public visibility, both within and outside the city. It is positioned at Prithvi Chowk, the main intersection en route to the Dantakali temple. Local people and tourists from all over Nepal and India pass through this point. This placement ensures that the brand value is in the right place.



Panel Discussion: Peace Building and Conflict Resolution

Rotary Club of Kathmandu Height 20th January 2024

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Height, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Baneshwor Royal, successfully organized a Panel Discussion on Peace Building and Conflict Resolution. The event aimed to unite individuals dedicated to positive community change and deepen their understanding of peace-building strategies.

Moderated by Rtn. Sumeera Shrestha, President of RC Kathmandu Height, the panel featured distinguished speakers: Rajani Thapa, DSP of Armed Police Force, shared practical insights and advice for future peace professionals. Shobha B.C., General Secretary of Nispakshya, highlighted the reality of conflict victims and advocated for harmony in conflict resolution. Advocate Rajin Rayamajhi motivated youths to engage in peace-building, providing legal insights on a national and global scale.

With approximately 40 diverse attendees, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests, the event fostered active participation in open floor discussions. The program was also live-streamed on social media, attracting over 300 online participants.

The Panel Discussion on Peace Building and Conflict Resolution was a resounding success, providing a meaningful platform for insightful discussions. The audience's active engagement showcased a shared commitment to positive community change. The project's cost was NPR 32,000 (In words: Thirty Two Thousand Only).

Rotary Family Picnic Delights Members and Guests

Rotary Club of Rupandehi 20th January 2024

On the 20th of January 2024, the Rotary Club of Rupandehi brought together its members, families, and special quests for a memorable Family Picnic at Banbatika Park, Shankar Nagar, Rupandehi. The event was meticulously organized as part of the club's action plan for the year, emphasizing fellowship and community bonding.

The Family Picnic welcomed a diverse group of participants, including the Assigned Assistant Governor Rtn. Krishna Prasad Sharma and his spouse, Past Presidents along with their families, the families of current members, Rotaractors, and special quests. The park resonated with the joyful presence



of approximately 100 individuals, creating an atmosphere of warmth and fellowship.

One of the highlights of the day was the involvement of everyone present in a variety of games tailored for different age groups. From engaging activities for kids to entertaining games for mothers and Rotarians, the event successfully catered to the diverse interests of the attendees. Laughter, cheers, and a sense of unity filled the air, enhancing the overall experience of fellowship.

The winners of the entertaining games were provided with gift hampers sponsored by Adhikari Jewellers one of the gold business

hub of our Rotarian Nurapati Adhikari. As a testament to the club's commitment to both service and fellowship, this event served as a delightful break from routine, allowing everyone to unwind and enjoy quality time with their Rotary family.

President Rtn. Hari Lamsal and Entire Rotary Club of Rupandehi family would like to thank Coordinator of the Family Picnic Rtn. Pratap Bhandari and his team for the beautiful management of the day. Club looks forward to organizing more such engaging events throughout the year, further strengthening the bonds within the club and reinforcing the spirit of Rotary service and fellowship.

Vocational Training for Youths in Kathmandu

Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town 21st January 2024

The Career Connection Soft Launch Program held on 21st Jan, 2024 at Silver Mountain School of Hotel Management brought together a diverse group of individuals dedicated to fostering vocational training and career development in Nepal. The event, organized by Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town, featured insightful presentations, feedback, valuable discussions, and notable speakers.

The event officially started with a warm welcome by Rtn Neeva M. Pradhan(PP RC Kathmandu Mid-Town & Rotary District 3292 VTT - VTT Chair), who set the tone for the day. This was followed by an introduction to the Global Grant Career Connection. Her insights provided a comprehensive understanding of the goal and objective of the project and background of the collaborative efforts to provide practical vocational training to the



youth and Rotaractors in Nepal. Next was the Career Connection Project presentation by Tenzin, Founder/Director of Social Development Initiative Nepal(Edulift). Tenzin's engaging presentation highlighted the project's goals, strategies, implementation plan and the potential impact on enhancing the skills and talents of the youth.

A pivotal moment in the event was the Guest of Honor address by District Governor Rtn Rajendra Dhoju from Rotary District 3292. His inspiring words emphasized the importance of vocational training and career development, aligning with the mission and vision of the event. The list of training announced for the college going youths were digital marketing,

graphic designing, Social Media Marketing, CV/Resume preparing workshop, job interview skill, etc. And the list of training announced for the non-college going youths are Plumbing Electrician Training, Mechanic, Welding, Motorcycle Mechanic, Culinary Arts, Bakery, Front Desk Office, Housekeeping, F&B Service, Barista, etc.

The event concluded with valuable feedback and best wishes from Rtn Isabella Khadka closing remarks and a Vote of Thanks (VOT) from Rtn Rachana Thapa at the end of the program. The organizers expressed their gratitude to the speakers, sponsors, and attendees for their active participation and support.



Rotary Club of Sankhu 22nd January 2024

On January 22, 2024, the Rotary Club of Sankhu orchestrated a benevolent event, distributing warm clothes to 35 orphaned children in Melamchi. This act of kindness unfolded in the presence of the distinguished Chairman of ward No. 1 of Melamchi Municipality, adding significance to the initiative.

The harsh winter chill can be particularly challenging for those less fortunate.

Recognizing this, the Rotary Club of Sankhu took proactive steps to provide warmth and comfort to orphaned children in the community. The distribution event, held at a local venue, stood as a testament to the club's commitment to making a positive impact.

The Chairman of ward No. 1 of Melamchi Municipality, an esteemed figure in the community, graced the occasion, highlighting the collaborative efforts between the Rotary Club and local authorities to address the needs of vulnerable children.

The 35 orphaned children, varying in age and circumstances, received not only warm clothes but also a sense of care and compassion from the members of the Rotary Club. The event fostered a spirit of community and altruism, demonstrating how collective action can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those facing adversity.

This initiative aligns with the Rotary Club's broader mission of community service and humanitarian efforts. By addressing the immediate needs of these children, the club contributes to building a stronger, more supportive community.

The Rotary Club of Sankhu's distribution of warm clothes serves as a shining example of how collective efforts can bring warmth, not just in the form of clothing but also in the hearts of those who generously contribute to the betterment of society.

Foundation Laying for Girls Toilet at School

RC Kathmandu Downtown 22nd January 2024



The foundation-laying ceremony for the construction of a girls' toilet took place at Samundra Secondary School in Shivapuri – 6, Nuwakot. This facility is dedicated to serving the female students of the school, benefiting approximately 125 girls, including women teachers. The initiative for this project was taken by the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Downtown. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 6,57,000.00, with Rs. 2 lakh contributed by District 3292. Additionally, 30% of the total cost will be covered by the local rural municipality, and the remaining Rs. 260,000.00 will be funded by our club, RC Kathmandu Downtown.



Successful School Support Program

Rotary Club of Ratnanagar 22nd January 2024

In a heartwarming initiative, the Spouse Club of RC Ratnanagar, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Ratnanagar, Mahalaxmi Bikash Bank, and Ward No. 5 of Ratnanagar Municipality, organized a School Support Program on January 22, 2024, at Shree Jhuwani Secondary School, Ratnanagar.

A total of 118 students from the school were beneficiaries of the program, receiving essential items such as school dresses, bags, stationery, and a variety of sports materials. The support extended to the Early Childhood Development (ECD) class which included a 55-inch LED TV and two laptops for enhanced projector display for educational purposes. The distribution of materials amounted to a total cost of Rs. 6 lakhs. The event was graced by the presence of Mayor Prahlad Sapkota of Ratnanagar Municipality as the chief guest, and the presidency of the program was held by Spouse Club President Gita Adhikari. Special guests included Sangita Giri and Nabedita Rijal, Chairpersons of the Spouse Development Committee, along with the esteemed presence of Past District Governor Sanjay Giri and Santosh Rijal. Adding to the significance of the occasion, District Governor nominee Binod Koirala also attended as a special guest.

The School Support Program not only aimed to provide essential materials to the students but also emphasized the importance of community collaboration and support for the overall development of education in the region. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the power of collective efforts in fostering a brighter future for the students of Shree Jhuwani Secondary School.



Uniform Distribution

Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central 23rd January 2024

RC Biratnagar Central generously provided uniforms to children at their adopted school, "Shree Narayan Prathmik Vidyalaya." The success of this project is attributed to the invaluable support from our sponsors, "Rc Mumbai Mahakali Heights" and "Biratnagar Ladies Circle 5." With a budget of 1,00,000, the project benefitted 100 children. The impact is significant, as proper uniforms not only encourage regular attendance but also motivate other children to attend school.

Wheelchair **Distribution Project**

Rotary Club of Nagarjun 23rd January 2024

The Wheelchair Distribution Project, executed by RC Nagarjun, became a reality, a very heartfelt thanks to the financial support from Rastriya Banijya Bank (RBB). Sixty-five beneficiaries were chosen based on needs and recommendations provided by trusted partners in Gorkha, Tanahun, Chitwan, and Kathmandu. The distribution campaign took place from December 26 to January 15. This project had a significant impact, and the initiative was warmly embraced by the individuals and organizations receiving the wheelchairs.







Uniform and **Stationary Distribution Program**

Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion 23rd January 2024

Many government schools in Nepal lack basic infrastructure, facilities, and resources. One such school is Shree Janta Bal Kalyan Adharbhut Vidhyalaya in Biratnagar 12, a primary school with around 130 students.

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion, with the vision of the Happy School project, took their first step by organizing a distribution program for school T-shirts, sweaters, school shoes, socks, school bags, water bottles, and copies. Each student received the items according to their size, and Montessori children were additionally given a woolen track set.

The school Principal thanked the club for providing these items and expressed hope that this would encourage more students to attend regular classes. The students were overwhelmed to receive the items and assured that they would be put to the best use.

Rotary branding and logos were used effectively, benefiting a total of 85 regular students. The total budget for the program was NPR 96,000. The project was completed in the presence of Assistant Governor Rtn. Ram Avtar Agrawal, school Principal Mrs. Emma Ojha, teachers, and members of the club.



RI President-Elect Announces 2024-25 Presidential Theme

She says,
Members create
that magic with
every project
completed, every
dollar donated,
and every new
member of
Rotary.

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again," she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."



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District Governor's Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024

DATE DAY EVENT

	DATE	DAY	EVENI
	2	Friday	DG Visit of RC Central Butwal DG Visit of RC Sainamaina
	3	Saturday	DG Visit of RC Eclub of Medico Fusion DG Visit of RC Palpa Lumbini Rota Quiz in Region 5
	4	Sunday	DG Visit of RC Capital Butwal DG Visit of RC Tinau Butwal
	5	Monday	DG Visit of RC Butwal Chautari DG Visit of RC Tilotama Rupandehi
	6	Tuesday	DG Visit of RC Central Rupandehi DG Visit of RC Rupandehi
	7	Wednesday	DG Visit of RC Butwal South DG Visit of RC Manigram
	8	Thursday	DG Visit of RC Bhairahawa DG Visit of RC Nawalparasi
	9	Friday	DG Visit of RC Butwal DG Visit of RC Devdaha
	10	Saturday	DG Visit of RC Butwal Downtown DG Visit of RC Central Lumbini
	12	Monday	CSR Committee event
	16	Friday	President Secretary and AG Review Meeting
	17	Saturday	Marathon @ Pokhara
	22	Thursday	Flower Parade for Public Image International RYLA
	23	Friday	International RYLA
	24	Saturday	AGTS/DTTS 2024-25 International RYLA
	25	Sunday	AGTS/DTTS 2024-25

FROM THE **EDITOR'S DESK**



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Stay warm during these chilly days.

I am deeply moved to witness the immense support pouring in from clubs across all regions, sharing news and activities. Your unwavering efforts motivates me to move forward with a positive outlook, and allowing me to showcase commendable works to the

Aligned with our commitment to spread the 'Light of Hope', envisioned by our DG Dhoju, I am touched by the multitude of service projects initiated by clubs across the district. Rotarians, with their golden hearts, are truly making a difference in this cold weather by distributing warm cloths, supporting mental health initiatives and providing training to youths for their career and financial independence. Keep up the fantastic work-Kudos!

January, designated as Vocational Service Month, has witnessed a series of impactful training sessions. I believe these endeavors have equipped our communities with essential skills. Rotary's philosophy of skillsharing and mutual growth is evidently at play.

The Sixteenth District Conference team is diligently preparing for the event scheduled for March 15-17 in Butwal, anticipating over 2,000 participants. I extend my best wishes for their success and urge fellow Rotarians to support this annual event with maximum participation.

Preparations for new leadership are also underway. DGE Rajendra Man Sherchan attended the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, where he witnessed the launch of the RI Presidential Theme 2024-25 - The Magic of Rotary. Congratulations to RI President-Elect Stephanie Urchick, on your new theme. Our District is also gearing up for the upcoming Rotary year with great energy under the leadership of DGE Sherchan. Best wishes

As we step into February, designated as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, Rotarians shoulder the responsibility to foster peace in our communities. Building peace extends beyond resolving wars and political crises; it involves promoting social harmony, supporting justice, and advocating for lasting communal collaborations. Let us all be beacons of hope and champions of peace!

Yours in Rotary,

- Rtn. Raj Shrestha

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