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“ UNLOCK POTENTIAL, BUILD BRIGHTER TOMORROWS !



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Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors,

September marked Basic Education and Literacy Month, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to empower communities. As District 3292, we took pride in championing initiatives that fostered learning and opened doors for those who otherwise would not have had access to quality education. It was an opportunity for us to amplify our efforts in supporting education and literacy for all ages, from children to adults.

The ability to read and write was the foundation upon which people could build better lives. We united efforts across the district, striving to make a measurable difference through education and literacy projects.

The month's highlights included literacy projects, teacher training, and school renovations. Clubs distributed books, started literacy classes, and launched digital literacy programs. They also provided training workshops for teachers, enhancing their learning experiences, and collaborated with local authorities to renovate classrooms and establish libraries in underserved schools.

Focus on Membership and Engagement: As we continued our service efforts, we did not forget the importance of growing and engaging our membership. September was an ideal time to involve new members by having them participate in education and literacy initiatives. Engaged members were motivated members, and together we achieved more.

Rotary Foundation and Literacy Support: Contributions to The Rotary Foundation helped fund critical literacy programs worldwide. We aimed to increase the district's contributions by emphasizing the direct impact that education projects had on transforming lives. Each club was encouraged to prioritize contributions and promote the cause among members.

Conclusion: *As we moved forward in this Rotary year, we remembered that education was the key to unlocking potential. By investing in literacy, we invested in the future. Thank you for your tireless service and commitment. Together, we made lasting changes in the lives of many.*

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan

District Governor 2024-25

Rotary International District 3292, Nepal-Bhutan

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BASIC EDUCATION &
LITERACY Month

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RI PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Voľa. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Voľa, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood – when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played – I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a

videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club – other members of our Rotary family – feel like they truly belong.

Yours in Rotary
Rtn Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25
Rotary International





Basic Education & Literacy Seminar, Hotel Shanker, Kathmandu

Effort of RI District 3292 Basic Education & Literacy

RTN. RAJESH THAPA
MEMBER SECRETARY, BE&L COMMITTEE

Basic education and literacy are one of Rotary's areas of focus, essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Rotary in Nepal was initiated in late 1958, and the movement officially began with the charter of the first club—the Rotary Club of Kathmandu—on April 11, 1959. However, it was after the establishment of many more Rotary Clubs that the visibility of service

projects became evident. The clubs were actively involved in health, education, and water supply & sanitation initiatives. One of Rotary's grand projects, the eradication of polio, which started in 1979, was very successful. In fact, through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, where Rotary partnered with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF, alongside the coordination of our own government, Nepal was declared a polio-free country on May 7, 2014. However, the open border with India remains a threat, so surveillance and awareness continue.

After the 2012 declaration to make South Asia totally literate, RI District 3292 became deeply committed to working toward the goal of a "Literate Nepal." To achieve this, we have partnered with the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Education, UNICEF, UNESCO, and other like-minded organizations. Following the trend in South Asian countries, the Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission (RNLM) was initiated, involving various introduction, orientation, and awareness workshops in the presence of heads of state.

Since 2014, after the launch of the **T-E-A-C-H** program, District 3292 has consistently worked toward its success by encouraging clubs to participate in its activities and spearheading efforts to achieve the goal of "Total Literacy and Quality Education." Rotary clubs are encouraged to undertake projects within the various components of the program:

T: Teacher support (training/appreciation)
E: E-learning (computer labs and training)
A: Adult literacy programs (functional literacy and income-generation skills)

•C: Child development (scholarships, uniforms, midday meals, health care, etc.)
 •H: Happy school (playfields, furniture, security, toilets, painting, environment improvements, etc.), all aimed at creating child-friendly, happy schools.

To materialize the vision of Total Literacy by 2030, a strategic plan was prepared in 2020 to guide clubs during the five-year period between Rotary Year (RY) 2020-21 and 2024-25, in alignment with the district goals.

In 2024, to avoid duplication of services, RI District 3292, in line with Rotary's focus area, decided to bring RNLM under the banner and name of the Basic Education & Literacy (BE&L) Committee. The BE&L Committee also plans to address issues such as providing proper toilets, especially for girl students, and ensuring access to clean drinking water and sanitation facilities to improve overall child health. Additionally, children need support with school uniforms, shoes, umbrellas, and raincoats to encourage regular attendance.

Many schools lack sufficient or appropriate materials to facilitate teaching and learning. While materials alone cannot guarantee quality education, they play a crucial role in enhancing the classroom environment. Providing items such as dictionaries, desks, and textbooks greatly benefits schools in need. Witnessing a child receive such materials for the first time is heartwarming and provides a deep sense of fulfillment.

To further our cause, recent MOUs have been signed with like-minded institutions through their CSR initiatives, including Mahalaxmi Bikas Bank Ltd. (Rs. 3 million support for toilets), Sanima Reliance Life Insurance (Rs. 0.5 million for toilets and adult literacy), Edu Tech Nepal (computer labs with 20 computers each for a five-year period), and BERGER J&N Paints (subsidies for school painting). Celebrations and programs to enhance these efforts are held on International Literacy Day (September 8), alongside orientation and training programs to assist clubs in implementing the program components. Clubs performing commendably in these areas are expected to be recognized.



Since July 1, 2024, Chairman PDG Rtn. Sanjay Giri (formerly co-chair) has formally led the highly prioritized and powerful 9-member Core Committee, which includes an advisor, to pursue the District's Basic Education & Literacy efforts toward a literate Nepal. To support this team, a Working Committee includes the five component T-E-A-C-H Coordinators who serve as specialists, along with District Committee Chairs for CSR (corporate social responsibility) and WINS (water and

sanitation in schools). Each of the seven regions of the district will also have regional coordinators, each with a team of four members, to assist the clubs.

Rotary clubs are encouraged to make full use of the Committee and its Secretariat's services. In recent years, the District Governor has emphasized projects in the education sector, and both the District Governor-Elect and District Governor-Nominee have committed to continuing these efforts. However, we must continue raising awareness within the community and seeking donations at all levels to achieve a literate Nepal.

Now is the time for action. Much has been discussed, and Rotary Clubs have always prioritized Basic Health and Basic Education projects under Rotary's Focus Areas. A happy and progressive Nepal can only be achieved through a literate Nepal. Collaboration with other District Committees/Sub-Committees will be pursued as needed. It is also crucial to extend our programs and Rotary's presence to provinces in Nepal and areas where Rotary is not yet visible. Clubs need to adopt schools and work with our service partners—Rotaractors, Interactors, RCCs, Ann or Spouse Clubs, and well-wishers—toward creating Child-Friendly, Happy Schools.



World Literacy Day

Basic Education & Literacy Seminar

HOTEL SHANKER, LAZIMPAT, KATHMANDU
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Literacy is vital for individuals, communities, and societies. In line with this, Rotary District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan's Basic Education & Literacy (BE&L) Committee commemorates International Literacy Day by organizing introductory and orientation seminars. These events provide Rotary Clubs with a platform to explore new ideas, discuss opportunities, and initiate projects aimed at improving education and creating a supportive learning environment.

Since 2018, the BE&L Committee has assisted clubs in implementing impactful literacy initiatives, including establishing libraries, providing scholarships, enhancing teacher training, and promoting adult literacy. The goal is to foster sustainable educational growth and inspire clubs to lead efforts in advancing literacy both locally and globally. District Governor Nominee Vishnu Bahadur Karki welcomed all participants at the seminar. District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan underscored the importance of basic education and literacy as key priorities for Rotary. Dr. Dhruva Raj Regmi, Chief of Education at UNESCO Nepal, highlighted UNESCO and Rotary's collaborative approach to literacy, while Dr. Neven Knezevic, Chief of Education at UNICEF Nepal, presented a paper on UNICEF's contributions to education in Nepal and the region, as well as potential partnerships with Rotary. Nilkantha Dhakal, Director of CEHRD/GoN, discussed the current state of education and literacy in Nepal. Rtn Rajesh Thapa, Member Secretary of the BE&L Committee, facilitated a session on the committee's ongoing projects, activities, and collaborations within Rotary.

BE&L Chair, PDG Sanjay Giri, emphasized the district's priorities regarding the TEACH program and encouraged Rotary Clubs to submit their proposals to the district office. RID3292 Learning Facilitator, PDG Jitendra Bahadur Rajbhandary, concluded the seminar with closing remarks and a vote of thanks.





Region V Vibrant Club Workshop

MANIGRAM BISHRAM BATIKA, RUPANDEHI
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

The Vibrant Club Workshop 2024 for Region V took place on September 14, 2024, at Manigram Bishram Batika in Rupandehi. The event was filled with excitement and enthusiasm, attracting Rotarians from various clubs, along with prominent guests, the Council of Governors, and committed members. The lively atmosphere fostered dynamic discussions, productive collaborations, and inspiring sessions. The workshop provided clubs with essential tools and insights to boost their vibrancy, strengthen

teamwork, and enhance the impact of their community initiatives.

A total of 207 participants attended, with the largest delegations coming from RC Butwal Chautari (24), RC Butwal South (18), and RC Manigram (13).

National Peace Dialogue 2024

UNIGLOBE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, KAMALADI
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

The National Peace Dialogue, "State Capacity and Commitment in Peace Promotion," was held on September 21, 2024, at Uniglobe School, Kamaladi, marking International Peace Day. Organized by Rotary District 3292's Peace and Conflict Resolution Subcommittee, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Jawalakhel and Public Policy Hub, the event featured keynote speakers including Dr. Lekhnath

Sharma, Hon. Santosh Pariyar, Dr. Bimala Rai Paudel, and Dr. Rajesh Aahiraj. PhD scholar Yadab Humagain presented a thematic paper on policy capacity, based on his research on Nepal, Bhutan, India, China, Rwanda, and Uganda. District Governor Rajendra Man Serchan emphasized Rotary's role in peacebuilding and education. Over 115 distinguished guests attended.

Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti, Chairperson of the Peace and Conflict Transformation Sub-Committee, chaired and facilitated the program.



TRF Symposium & Recognition Program

HYATT PLACE, KATHMANDU
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

The Rotary Foundation Symposium and Recognition Program for Rotary International Zone 6 for 2024-25 took place on September 22, 2024, at Hotel Hyatt Place in Kathmandu, with over 350 Rotarians in attendance. District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan served as the convener. PRIP Trustee Chair Mark Maloney was the chief guest, and Trustee Vice Chair Dr. Bharat Pandya was the guest of honor. District Governors or their representatives from all 10 districts participated, along with the Council of Governors. The event recognized and honored Major Donors and Paul Harris Society Members for their significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation.





Heritage Painting Competition

**WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROTARY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

A Heritage Painting Competition was successfully held at Padmakanya Vidyashram, Dillibazar, through a joint effort by Women in Leadership in Rotary and the Padmakanya Vidyashram Alumni Association. Fifty students from grades 6 to 8 participated, creating artwork that reflected their appreciation of Nepal's cultural and historical

heritage.

The event featured prominent guests, including Deepakraj Joshi, CEO of the Tourism Board, and Neelam Tamrakar, a renowned artist representing Shrijana Arts Gallery. Dr. Suniti Acharya, Head of the Women's Department at Rotary Club, and Sarada Bhatt, President of the Padmakanya Vidyashram Alumni Association, also shared their thoughts on the importance of preserving Nepal's rich heritage.

Educated Daughter, Strong Society

**GIRL CHILD EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE, REGION 5
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

On September 8, 2024, the Rotary District 3292 Girl Child Empowerment Committee, Region 5, organized a school-level essay competition titled "Educated Daughter, Strong Society" to mark Literacy Day, with 65 students participating.

The event, held at Scholar Home Boarding School in Butwal, was inaugurated by

Immediate Past District Governor Rajendra Prasad Dhoju and chaired by Rotarian Kamala Hamal. Sahitya Bhusal from Everest Boarding School won first place, followed by Saughat Pandey and Dinesh Lohar in second and third. The competition was coordinated by Rotaractor Kalpit Nepal under the guidance of Rotarians Ramila Shrestha and Binita Hada Pradhananga.



Teej Program

**WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROTARY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 23, 2024**

The Women in Leadership Rotary Committee hosted a vibrant Teej celebration on August 23, 2024, at the Aranya Boutique Hotel, celebrating Nepal's rich cultural heritage and promoting unity among Rotarians.

The event opened with a welcome speech by Committee Chair Rtn. Dr. Suniti Acharya, who stressed the importance of preserving traditions while embracing modern values. Highlights included a serene Shiva Bandana by Guru, presentations on the significance of Teej by Rtn. Prabha Pandey, and a discussion on "Dignified Teej in the Modern Context" by Rtn. Sulochana Sigdel.

Notable Rotarians, including AKS PDG Rtn. Jaya Rajya Laxmi Shah and DG Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan, shared their greetings. The celebration featured a lively song by Sabeena Karki and concluded with fun activities and closing remarks by 1st Lady Rtn. Sarojani Sherchan.

The event was a successful blend of tradition and fellowship, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.



Interview with Rtn Dr Suniti Acharya

First Women Rotarian of Nepal

Dr. Suniti Acharya, the first female Rotarian in Nepal, initially worked as a pediatrician at Kanti Children's Hospital and also served as the Chief of the Health Policy, Health Planning, and Foreign Aid Division in the Ministry of Health in Nepal. She was a Regional Advisor at WHO's South-East Asia Office for maternal, child, and reproductive health, as well as a Polio Commissioner and member of the Regional Commission on Polio Eradication. She has also served as the WHO Country Representative in Bangladesh. Dr. Acharya completed her MBBS in Agra, India, postgraduate pediatric training in the UK, and earned a diploma in child health in 1972. She later obtained a Master's in Public Health from Tulane University, USA. Additionally, she is a past president of the Rotary Club of Jawalakhel.

Could you share the story of how you became the first female Rotarian in Nepal? What inspired you to join Rotary, and what challenges did you face in the early days?

At the request of members from the Inner Wheel Club of Kathmandu—Mrs. Soli Manikshaw, Mrs. Gulab Harjani, and Mrs. Mohan Devi Shrestha—I volunteered to run a weekly children's clinic at Bhimsengola in Baneshwar, a busy area of Kathmandu. Every Saturday morning, I would check around 40 patients. Along with these three remarkable women, who dedicated three precious hours every weekend to running the clinic, I learned they raised the funds themselves and bought the medicines. I often wondered what motivated them to sacrifice their time, leaving their young children at home. Perhaps it was the Rotary motto, 'Service Above Self,' that inspired them, and their dedication left a lasting impression on my young, enthusiastic mind.

Another significant encounter with Rotary came in 1988, when Rotary International joined WHO in the Global Polio Eradication movement. As the Head of Nepal's Polio Eradication Program at that time, I trained the first generation of Nepali Rotarians, who were mostly older businessmen. I admired how they spent hours in the classroom learning technical information about polio, which was challenging for them. I wondered why they chose to invest time in learning instead of focusing on their businesses. Now I realize it was likely the magic of Rotary's motto, 'Service Above Self,' that also motivated them.

These two experiences sparked my deep interest and enthusiasm for Rotary, inspiring me to join at the first available opportunity.

Rotary International Act as Consultant for Preparation of UN Charter During your childhood in Nepal, traditional barriers often prevented girls from attending school. Could you share more about your educational journey and how this experience influenced your personal and professional development? What were some key moments in your academic life that shaped who you are today?

As you rightly mentioned, traditional barriers were prevalent during my upbringing. In the 1950s, when I was growing up, the rigid belief among many parents was that there was no value in sending their daughters to school, as girls were expected to manage household



duties, get married, and care for their husbands and children. However, my father, Sri Laxmi Nath Gautam, had a vastly different vision. He believed that girls should receive an education just like boys, to ensure a better future and professional competence.

At that time, girls from orthodox families did not attend school. My father hired home tutors for me, and I only began formal schooling in the ninth grade to prepare for the SLC exam. After passing the SLC, I attended Tri-Chandra College for my ISC and later went to India for medical school. Competing with Indian students, especially the boys, was extremely challenging. The teachers were strict, particularly toward female students. If a girl received low marks or failed, they would say, 'If this is your performance, why did you come to medical school? You should have gotten married and stayed home.' Such remarks frightened me but also motivated me to work even harder.

When I shared my struggles with my father, he encouraged me to be resilient and to push myself further. Looking back, the habit of working hard, sincerely, and with resilience became ingrained in my nature. This determination helped me climb the ladder of success, earning degrees from London and the USA, and eventually securing leadership positions in my professional career.

Given your pioneering role as the first female Rotarian in Nepal, how have you witnessed and addressed gender bias within Nepali society, particularly regarding educational opportunities for girls? What changes have you observed over the years, and what further progress do you believe is still needed?

There has been significant improvement in women's lives over the past 30 years. Women's access to formal education has a relatively short history in Nepal. Before 1950, education for women was virtually non-existent. In the 1950s, less than 1% of women were literate. In 1961, male literacy stood at 16%, while female literacy was just 1.76%. By 1971, male literacy rose to 22% and female literacy to 2.7%. In 2021, male literacy reached 89%, and female literacy increased to 69%—a remarkable improvement.

Census data shows that women now make up 30% of the civil service workforce, with nine women serving as secretaries of the government out of 22 positions. Additionally, 40% of doctors are women. The constitution guarantees 33% of parliamentary seats for women, and there are 14,416 female local representatives. In the economic sector, women comprise 36% of the workforce.

However, much work remains to be done to overcome the cultural, social, and economic barriers to gender equality and to achieve true gender parity in the country.

As Rotary celebrates September as 'Basic Education and Literacy Month,' could you highlight the significant contributions Rotary has made toward improving basic education in Nepal?

Education is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. Accordingly, almost all of the 159 clubs in Nepal have some program or other in support of education. This has created a synergistic effect with government-run programs and significantly improved literacy. In partnership with local governments, we have been able to transform the lives of girls and other vulnerable children in many rural and remote communities. Through Rotary's TEACH initiative, we support teachers and boost e-learning. Rotary International District 3292 has organized many Basic Education and Literacy Introduction and Orientation Seminars. Individual clubs have provided scholarships to girls in remote districts, constructed school buildings damaged by earthquakes, and built toilets for girls in schools, along with incinerators for the disposal of sanitary pads to reduce dropouts and promote secondary education, especially for girls.

The Dr. Suniti and Gopal Acharya Trust Fund annually honors one female Rotarian and one non-Rotarian woman professional with a hundred thousand rupee award for vocational excellence. What was the vision behind establishing the Dr. Suniti and Gopal Acharya Trust Fund?

As the first female Rotarian and a professional, I felt it was important to create a mechanism that would inspire and encourage many women to excel both as Rotarians and as high-level professionals. The Dr. Suniti and Gopal Acharya Trust Fund was established with the goal of recognizing and encouraging professional women within Rotary for their contributions to their clubs and society. This recognition aims to reduce dropout rates and increase retention in Rotary clubs. Additionally, the trust seeks to honor professional women outside of Rotary for their societal contributions, with the hope that they will be inspired to join



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Rotary clubs and contribute socially as well.

As the Rotary Women Leadership Chair, what are your key goals? How do you plan to encourage and support more women in taking up leadership roles within Rotary?

Women faced over six decades of struggle and legal battles until 1989, when the Council on Legislation voted to admit them into Rotary Clubs. The response was overwhelming, with women's membership reaching 20,000 by 1990. By 2023, Rotary International's membership had grown to over 1.4 million, with 23%, or around 277,000, being women, many in leadership roles. So far, two RI presidents have been women, reflecting a significant shift in Rotary.

The Women's Leadership and Representation (WLR) Committee in District 3292 focuses on increasing women's participation and leadership to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our vision is to exemplify "Service Above Self," and we aim to raise women's membership from 18% to 25% by 2026.

What advice would you give to young women who aspire to take on leadership roles, whether in Rotary or other fields?

Leadership is the art of guiding, inspiring, and influencing individuals to achieve common goals and a shared vision. Effective leadership is a rich amalgamation of qualities such as integrity, vision, communication skills, adaptability, empathy, resilience, and a dedication to continuous learning. Young women should strive to develop these qualities and build confidence in themselves. They need to enhance their leadership skills, prepare to face challenges, and work alongside men in equal partnership.

Aside from the topics we've discussed, is there anything else you would like to share with us? Perhaps a personal story or message that you believe would inspire others? What advice would you give to younger people?

While I was the head of the WHO country office in Bangladesh, a Western journalist interviewed me and asked, "As a Hindu woman from an underdeveloped country, how did you achieve a leadership position in a prestigious, male-dominated organization like WHO in a Muslim country?" My response was that I competed against around 30 men and was selected based on my professional qualifications and competency. I believe that with competence, empathy, and confidence, you can reach any height.

Rotary & United Nations

Rotary, United Nations and Sustainable Development Goals



RTN. DR. I.P. DHAKAL
CHAIR, SUSTAINABLE GOAL COMMITTEE

Each year, the UN celebrates its vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the United Nations lead around the world.

Background

Seventy years ago, an earlier generation of world leaders came together to create the United Nations. From the ashes of war and division, they fashioned this organization and the values of peace, dialogue, and international cooperation. The outcome of those values is the Charter of the United Nations. Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world. During World War II, Rotary informed and educated its members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. Many countries were still fighting the war when the term "United Nations" was first used officially in the 1942 "Declaration by United Nations." The 26 nations that signed it pledged to uphold the ideals expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom, on which they based their hopes for a better future for the world.

Officials from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States met in Moscow in 1943 and called for the creation of an international organization to maintain peace and security. The next year, China also joined and held conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to go about this monumental task. These sessions became known as the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, where delegations from the four countries developed a proposal for the structure of the new organization.

From April to June 1945, delegations from 50 nations attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (often known as the San Francisco Conference). Their task was to write a charter acceptable to all of them. The delegations were assisted in this historic effort by a large number of staff, advisers, and consultants.

Rotary International Act as Consultant for Preparation of UN Charter

After the San Francisco Conference, Rotary published "What Can Rotarians Do Following Dumbarton Oaks?" It included the proposed charter and suggestions

for discussing with club members how the United Nations would relate to Rotary's goal of advancing international understanding.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations that the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco Conference. Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the editor of *The Rotarian*, and several past presidents. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations' delegations. Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.

Just before the meetings began, Rotary International published and distributed the "Pattern for the San Francisco Conference" pamphlet. "It is an opportunity for the individual Rotarian to fulfill the objective of International Service," the document proclaimed, "by taking part in the debate on this scheme of world government."

Throughout the rest of 1945, *The Rotarian* and other publications kept Rotary members informed about issues and developments related to the new organization. After the UN was established, a 95-page booklet was published

containing the exact text of the UN Charter. In 1946, Rotary published a supplement listing the major accomplishments of the meetings held by the UN General Assembly in January and February of that year.

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

Rotary Day Celebrations at the United Nations

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

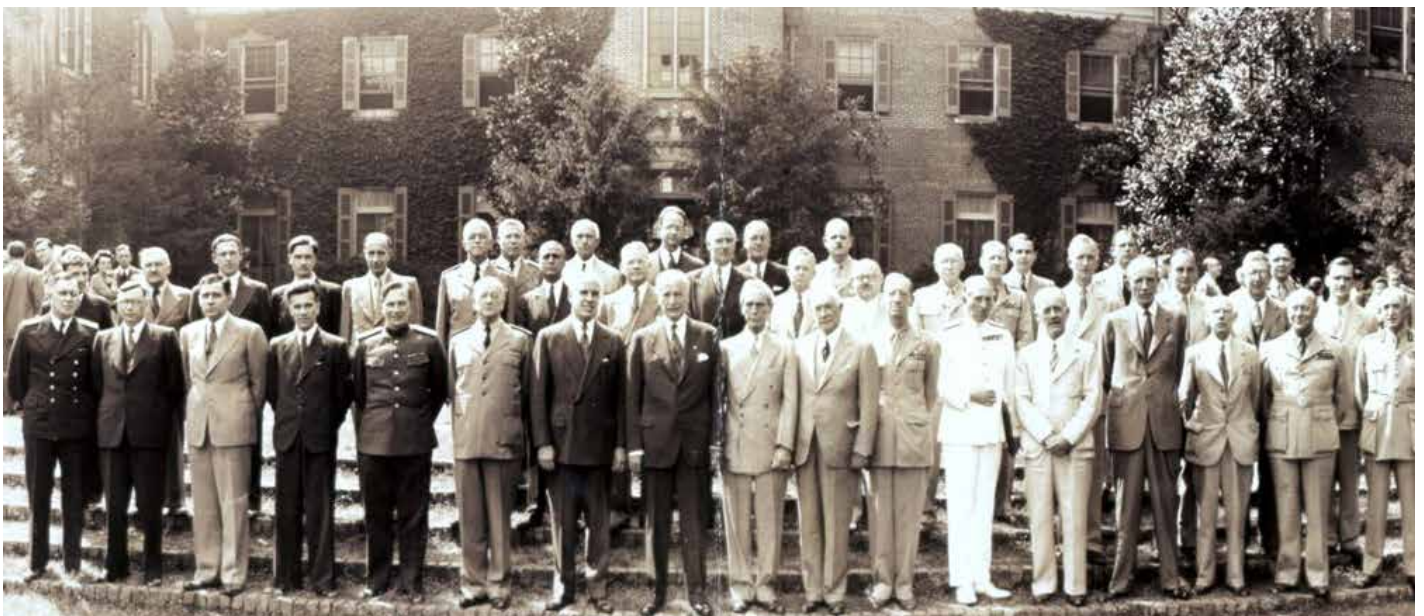
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action aimed at ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring that by 2030, all people can

enjoy peace and prosperity. The 17 SDGs are interconnected, recognizing that progress in one area will impact outcomes in others, with a strong focus on balancing social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

The goals include ending poverty, achieving zero hunger, ensuring good health and well-being, and providing quality education for all. They emphasize the importance of gender equality, clean water and sanitation, and ensuring access to affordable and clean energy.

The SDGs also focus on fostering decent work and sustainable economic growth, advancing infrastructure, industrialization, and innovation, and reducing inequalities within and among countries. Building sustainable cities and communities, promoting responsible consumption and production patterns, and taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts are central to the agenda.

The goals also include conserving life below water, protecting ecosystems and promoting life on land, and working towards peace, justice, and strong institutions. Finally, strengthening global partnerships is essential to achieve these ambitious targets by 2030.



DUMBARTON OAKS CONFERENCE

District Governor Official Visit

DG Rajendra Man Sherchan Completed Visits to 32 Clubs in RI District 3292, Regions I, II, and V

The Rotary District Governor's visit to a club is an annual tradition, where the Governor engages with club members to review their activities, discuss challenges, and set future goals. This visit offers valuable guidance, reinforces Rotary's broader vision, and strengthens connections within the Rotary network. It plays a crucial role in aligning the club's initiatives with the district's objectives, promoting greater collaboration among clubs.

In the first three months of his term, DG Rajendra Man Sherchan visited 32 clubs across District Regions I, II, and V.

ROTARY CLUB OF KASTHAMANDAP



ROTARY CLUB OF THE HIMALAYAN GURKHAS



ROTARY CLUB OF GYANESHWOR



ROTARY CLUB OF BOUDHA



ROTARY CLUB OF GREENLAND



CT Scan Machine for Scheer Memorial Hospital

Rotary Club of Kopundol

GG#2347273 | COST USD 4,60,000

RC Kopundol is the host club for the global grant GG2347273 titled "CT Scan for Scheer Memorial Hospital". RC Bonita Beach Sunset of district 6960 is the international partner. Other Rotary club partners are RC Kavre-Banepa, RC Eco Friendly, RC Miami Airport, RC Littleton and RC Salt Lake City. This grant has received district designated funds from the following districts: 6960, 6980, 6950, 6930, 6990, 6890, 6940 and 6920. Similarly, non-Rotarian Contributions have been received from Washington Nepal Health Foundation, Advent Health Rocky Mountain Region, Adventist Health International and Loma Linda University.

The hospital has been in the service of the people of Nepal for more than 63 years. Presently owned and operated by Scheer Memorial Medical and Educational Trust (SMMET), the hospital has delivered services to its clients "regardless of their ability to pay." This hospital has become an integral part of the community. The hospital has served six districts in that area viz. Kabhrepalanchowk, Sindhupalchowk,

Dolakha, Ramechhap, Okhaldhunga, and Sindhuli. It is located near the national highway and receives quite a number of vehicular crash victims that would need Computed Tomography (CT) scan of the brain. Provision of CT scan machine in the hospital will reduce the need to refer these patients, some of whom are in critical condition, to hospitals in Bhaktapur or Kathmandu. The objective of this initiative is to purchase and install a CT scan machine in the Scheer Memorial Hospital located at Banepa in Kabhrepalanchowk district. This involves the purchase of the machine and other costs related to its installation. It is estimated that an average of 3,500 patients will benefit from this project annually.

International partner RC Bonita Beach Sunset has worked closely with RC Kopundol and has provided advice and support in developing this global grant project. They will carry out a fund-raising campaign to raise funds for this project. Additionally, they have the responsibility to communicate about the project to the

Rotary District 6960 and other districts and clubs as part of the effort to secure funding for the project.

The total budget for this project is about four hundred and sixty thousand United States dollars, which has been financed by cash from clubs, district designated funds from the districts mentioned above, from non-Rotarian donations and from the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

Sustainability analysis has been carried out for this project and it is estimated that the payback period and return on investment is about three years.

Funds are being raised and non-Rotarian contributions are being received by the host club - Rotary Club of Kopundol. Most of the Rotary contributions are received by the Rotary Foundation and the World Fund matching will be done soon. The CT Scan machine is expected to be installed by December 2024 if everything goes as planned including completion of the required infrastructures by the hospital.



Club News & Activities

SEPTEMBER 2024

Food Distribution Program

RC Itahari Yugal
September 1, 2024

The Rotary Club of Itahari Yugal organized a food distribution program in celebration of the Teej festival. The initiative aimed to support five underprivileged families in the Sunsari District, selected based on their economic and living conditions. Essential food items, including rice, lentils, sugar, soybeans, and beaten rice, were provided to these families. By distributing these necessities, the Rotary Club hoped to help the



families celebrate the festival and ensure they have enough food for the coming days, bringing relief and joy during this festive season.

Free Eye Camp: A Visionary Step Towards Community Health

RC Himalayan Golfers
August 14, 2024

The Rotary Club of Himalayan Golfers (RCHG) successfully organized a Free Eye Camp at Gokarna Forest Resort, in collaboration with Martika Eye Center. The event saw a significant turnout, with 275 patients, ranging from school students to local residents of Kageshwori Manohara, receiving eye check-ups and free medication.

This initiative was technically supported by Martika Eye Center, with Gokarna Forest Resort providing the venue and additional assistance. The camp aimed to offer essential eye care services to underserved communities, emphasizing early detection and treatment of common eye conditions.

The event not only provided immediate relief to the beneficiaries and identified

cataract patients but also raised awareness about the importance of eye health in the local community. The success of this camp underscores RCHG's commitment to improving healthcare access for those in need, showcasing the club's dedication to community service. The Rotary Club of Himalayan Golfers looks forward to continuing such impactful initiatives in the future.



Joint Traffic Awareness Program Phase - I

RC Butwal South
September 7, 2024

Phase I of the Joint Traffic Awareness Program was held in collaboration with the Traffic Police Mangalpur Post, RAC Butwal South, and RAC Tinau City. The event was chaired by Rtn. Er. Dujendra Kumar Basnet, President of the Rotary Club of Butwal South, with 45 participants, including club members and officials. The Chief Guest was S.S.I Milan Singh, In-Charge of the Traffic Police Mangalpur Post, and the Special Guest was Mr. Ramesh Dumre, Chairperson of Tilottama Municipality Ward No. 5. The program's expenses totaled Nrs. 20,000.

During the program, the Rotary Club of Butwal South, in partnership with the Traffic Police Mangalpur Post, RAC Butwal South, and RAC Tinau City, conducted traffic awareness campaigns along Siddhartha Highway. Stickers promoting "Traffic Rules and Awareness" were placed on vehicles. The initiative had a positive impact on the community by educating the public about traffic regulations, which is expected to help reduce road accidents.



Awareness & Rally for World Suicide Prevention Day

RC Butwal Chautari
September 9 2024

The Rotary Club of Butwal Chautari actively participated in an awareness program organized for World Suicide Prevention Day, emphasizing the importance of mental health and suicide prevention. The event brought together community members, mental health professionals, and local authorities to raise awareness about the warning signs of suicide, the need for open conversations about mental

health, and the resources available for those in crisis. Through informative sessions and interactive discussions, the program aimed to reduce stigma, encourage early intervention, and foster a supportive environment for

individuals struggling with mental health issues. Rotary members highlighted their commitment to community well-being and mental health advocacy.



Empowering Futures: Rotary Club's World Literacy Day Initiative

RC Biratnagar Central
September 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central has marked World Literacy Day by sponsoring free education for three children (two girls and one boy).

KELINA RAY, a 7-year-old girl from Janata Namuna Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, will receive uniforms and books until Grade 5, with her education from Grades 5 to 10 being fully sponsored by our President, Rtn Jina Thapa.

PRATIKSHYA BASTAKOTI has been sponsored by our Immediate Past President, Rtn Priya Sharda. She will receive free education from Nursery to Grade 10 at Toddlers Heaven.

SANJOG MAJHI, a young boy, will be granted a full scholarship from Nursery to Grade 10, sponsored by our President-Elect, Rtn Suju Koirala.

This initiative is part of our effort to contribute towards a better future. As we believe, "Together we can make a difference." Our club leaders have committed to sponsoring a child each, helping to shape their lives for the better.

This is an ongoing project, and we aim to sponsor more children in the future to support our community.

The current total cost of this project is Rs. 500,000.

Mental Health Awareness Program

RC Purbi Chitwan
September 1, 2024

The Rotary Club of Purbi Chitwan organized a mental health awareness program for students of grades 9 and 10 at Kankali Secondary School, located in Khairahani Municipality Ward No. 1. This initiative aimed to educate young students on the importance of mental health, a crucial but often overlooked aspect of overall well-being.

With technical support provided by Prime Nepal, expert facilitators and mental health professionals were brought in to guide the sessions. The initiative was well-received by both the students and school administration, with many expressing gratitude for the opportunity to discuss mental health openly.





Empowering the Community Through Technology

RC Biratnagar
August 4-31, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar, as part of its Vocational Training Program, launched a one-month Computer Training Program on August 4, 2024. The training, which covers both hardware and software, is being offered to 20 students from 12th grade at Shree Janta Namuna Madhyamic Vidyalaya and Shree Mills Madhyamic Vidyalaya, government schools in Biratnagar.

Through this initiative, students are gaining essential computer skills, including proficiency in Office packages, typing in both Nepali and English, networking, basic computer maintenance, and the use of email, the internet, printers, and scanners, equipping them for future opportunities.



Pit Latrine Construction for Marginalized Households (GG)

RC Pokhara
August 16, 2024

A site visit was conducted for the under-construction 200 pit latrines for marginalized households in Dhangadi Municipality wards 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 13. These include Cumlari, Rana Tharu, Chaudhary, and other low-income families living in thatched-roof sheds shared with cattle. So far, 153 latrines have been completed as planned, addressing the urgent need to reduce open defecation and prevent pollution of nearby rivers and creeks. This initiative promotes sanitation and environmental cleanliness in partnership with the Rural Women's Development and Unity Centre (RUWDUC) Dhangadi and the respective ward offices.

Tree Plantation

August 1, 2024
RC Dharan Ghopa

Rotary Club of Dharan Ghopa, in collaboration with the Interact Club of Delhi Public School, organized a tree planting program on the grounds of Delhi Public School at BPKIHS, where we planted 50 trees. The program's chief guest was the Principal of DPS. RC Dharan Ghopa extend heartfelt thanks to the Forestry Department of Dharan for providing the plants and allowing us the opportunity to serve community.



Water Distribution Program

RC Itahari

August 27, 2024

A joint drinking water distribution was organized in collaboration with the Interact Club of Peace Zone School, Interact Club of Bishwa Adarsha School, and Interact Club of SOS Balgram School, Itahari, in front of Itahari Sub-Metropolitan City. This initiative



takes place every year during the grand rally celebrating Shree Krishna Janmashtami, which draws large crowds to express religious devotion. To help soothe and hydrate the devotees amidst the high temperatures and crowded conditions, we distribute clean drinking water, offering both religious support and raising awareness about the importance of clean water.



Enhancing Education and Well-being: Contributions on Bal Diwas

RC Biratnagar Downtown

September 13, 2024

On the occasion of Bal Diwas, the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown handed over 11 pairs of desks and benches to the principal of Shree Janta Bal Adharbhub Vidyalaya, Jehda. The project, valued at NPR 113,000, will benefit the students by significantly enhancing the learning environment, promoting better health, improving attendance and engagement, and contributing to overall academic success, while also supporting community development and teacher effectiveness.

Additionally, on the same day, the club organized games for students in classes 1, 2, and 3, a handwriting competition for classes 4 and 5, and a spelling competition for classes 6, 7, and 8. Prizes were awarded to all winners, and 362 students were given fruits, juice, and biscuit packets. The total cost of this initiative was NPR 9,000.

By organizing these games and competitions, the club promoted physical fitness, mental well-being, and social skills, while also fostering teamwork, leadership, and confidence. Such activities not only engage the community but also help in identifying and nurturing talents, all of which are essential for the holistic development of children.



Educational Materials Distribution

RC Tulsipur City

August 16, 2024

Educational materials such as copybooks, pencils, school bags, shoes, and socks were distributed to students at Shree Madhyamik Bidyalaya, Balapur, Dang. The distribution was held in the presence of the President of RC Tulsipur City, the Principal of Balapur Ma Vi School, the President of the Rotaract Club, Past Presidents of RC Tulsipur City, and other members.

Around 40 students benefited from these supplies, which were funded jointly by RC Tulsipur City and the Rotaract Club of Tulsipur. The total cost of the program was approximately NPR 75,000.

Such initiatives provide essential resources to students, helping them focus on their education and supporting a brighter future. Rotary and similar organizations play a vital role in empowering students through these efforts.





The charity fundraising event featuring Deepak Bajracharya and the Rhythm Band was organized by the Rotary Club of Mount Everest Lalitpur at LOD, Thamel, to support the club's community service projects. It facilitated interaction between Rotary and non-Rotary members, raising awareness of Rotary's principles and its seven areas of focus. The event enhanced Rotary's brand visibility by showcasing the Rotary Master Brand, the Annual Theme logo, and the club's logo, while highlighting its service activities and their positive impact on beneficiaries.

Approximately 700 people attended the event, which was promoted through various social media platforms of the club, LOD, and Khalti.

Charity Fundraising Musical Event with Deepak Bajracharya & the Rhythm Band



RC Mount Everest Lalitpur
August 31, 2024

Free Health Camp

RC Narayani Mid Town
August 23, 2024

The Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town, in collaboration with the Nepal Police Campus in Bharatpur, successfully organized a blood donation program to address the blood shortage in Chitwan. Coordinated by Mr. Niranjan Neupane, Chair of the Service Project, the event focused on Rotary's area of Disease Prevention and Treatment and saw commendable participation from both the public and Rotary members. A total of 52 pints of blood were collected, which is expected to significantly benefit local hospitals facing an ongoing shortage.



This initiative not only addressed the immediate needs of the community but also served as a testament to Rotary's continued commitment to improving health outcomes in the region.

The event attracted over 100 attendees, including 22 Rotarians and members of the Rotaract Club, who actively participated in organizing and supporting the cause.

Teej Celebration

RC Mahabouddha
September 4, 2024



Rotary Club of Mahabouddha celebrated Teej at Saba Cliff Restro, Lagankhel, Lalitpur, with great enthusiasm. The event was hosted by Club President Rtn. Birangana Maharjan, and organized by Rtn. Manju Rana and Rtn. Arzoo Rana. Members and their spouses were invited to participate, making it a family

affair. The celebration was graced by the presence of special guest Past Assistant Governor Rtn. Kalpana Devi Piya Shrestha, whose attendance added to the joy of the evening.

With 39 attendees, including members and

guests, the event was filled with lively energy. Traditional beats and modern rhythms blended seamlessly on the dance floor, creating a joyful atmosphere. The evening concluded with a delightful dinner, offering a rich array of flavors that embodied the festive spirit of Teej, making the night truly memorable for all who attended.

Mental Health Awareness Program Series

RC E Club of Medicofusion
Hybrid Nepal
August 6,9 & 12, 2024

On August 6, 2024, a Mental Health Awareness Programme was held at Oxford College, Butwal, organized by the Rotary E-Club of Medicofusion and the Rotary Club of Rupandehi. Rtn Pramod Panthi chaired the event, with Mr. Manoj Marasani as the chief guest, and Rtn Dr. Bikram Kafle

facilitating. The three-hour session covered stress management, suicide prevention, and identifying stress symptoms, aiming to equip students with healthy coping strategies.

On August 9, 2024, a half-day Mental Health Awareness Programme at Hotel Butwal View in Butwal, organized by Nepal Mahila Magar Sang for World Indigenous Day, was attended by 200 women. Topics included mental health, myths, suicide prevention, and common mental disorders, followed by a Q&A session.

On August 12, 2024, a half-day Mental Health Awareness Programme was held at Naharpur School in Butwal. Co-chaired by Sumina KC and Rtn Dr. Bikram Kafle, the session focused on mental health, stress management, suicide prevention, and drug abuse.



Voluntary Blood Donation Camp

RC Boudha
August 24, 2024

The Rotary Club of Boudha, in partnership with the Nepal Red Cross, successfully organized a regular blood donation camp at Boudha Circle. This impactful event saw the collection of 30 pints of blood, which will significantly benefit those in need. The camp was supported by the dedicated efforts of 20 Rotarian volunteers, who played a crucial role in facilitating the smooth operation of the event and encouraging community participation.





Joint Club Meeting, Environmental Cleaning, and Plantation Program

RC Sankhu & Kathmandu Circle
August 31, 2024

Rotary Club of Sankhu and Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle organized a joint club meeting along with an environment-cleaning and plantation program at Shankharapur Municipality-8. The event was attended by President Ranjan Shrestha of RC Sankhu, President Buddhi Prasad Acharya of RC Kathmandu Circle, Chartered President of RC Kathmandu Circle Nugal Ananda Vaidya, IPP of RC Rajdhani Debendra Lal Shrestha,

AG Rupesh Shrestha, and other Rotarians from both clubs.

In total, 35 participants were present for the joint meeting, which focused on exchanging club experiences, networking, and planning joint activities. Following the meeting, members took part in a plantation drive, successfully planting around 150 saplings in the base area of the Bajrayoginee Temple, where RC Sankhu's Rotary Garden is located.

Tree Saplings Plantation

RC Kapilvastu Mid Town
August 3, 2024

On 3rd August 2024, the Rotary Club of Kapilvastu Mid Town organized a Tree Plantation Program, during which saplings were planted to enhance the local environment. The initiative brought together club members, local residents, and volunteers in a collective effort to make the area greener and more resilient to environmental challenges. By fostering active community involvement, the Rotary Club aims to inspire a lasting commitment to environmental preservation and the adoption of sustainable practices.



Illuminate The Minds Through Literacy

RC Dharan Foothills
September 10, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills organized a Traffic Awareness Program in collaboration with the Interact Club of Siddhartha Foothills at Siddhartha School, in celebration of International Literacy Day and Rotary International's Basic Education and Literacy Month. The program was led by Club President Rtn Dr. Anju Pradhan, who facilitated an interactive session, teaching students the basics of participation and discipline. This was followed by a presentation on literacy and education by Rtn Dr. Mona Dahal, who discussed the similarities and differences between the two topics.

Next, Police Officer Subhash KC and his team conducted a session on traffic awareness, educating students on traffic rules, lane and speed management, and the appropriate age for teenagers to ride two-wheelers and four-wheelers. The session included interactive discussions and video demonstrations on traffic regulations.

Students from grades eight to ten at Siddhartha School, as well as the Interactors, greatly benefited from the program. The event concluded with closing remarks from a schoolteacher and the distribution of snacks to participants, traffic officers, and Rotarians.





Blood Donation Program

RC Greenland Kathmandu
August 30, 2024

The Rotary Club of Greenland Kathmandu, in collaboration with the Blood Bank, organized a blood donation program as its first service project of the Rotary Year 2024-25 at Gossip Café, Hattisar, Kathmandu. A total of 40 people participated in the event, with 35 successfully donating blood. Certificates were distributed to all donors in appreciation of their contribution.



Open 5K Road Race on World Tourism Day

RC Yala
September 27, 2024

Purna Laxmi Neupane and Mukesh Bahadur Pal from Tribhuvan Army Club won the open 5-km race organized by Rotary Club of Yala to mark World Tourism Day. Purna Laxmi completed the race in 18 minutes 18.38 seconds, followed by Nirmala KC (18 minutes 20.64 seconds) and Srijana Pandey (18 minutes 29.45 seconds), securing the top three spots for their club.



Mukesh finished the men's race in 15 minutes 12.75 seconds, with Sanjay Shrestha and Sanjib Nepali placing second and third.

Prizes of Rs 12,000, Rs 8,000, Rs 5,000, and Rs 2,000 were awarded to the top four finishers, while fifth to tenth place winners received Rs 1,000 each. The event, inaugurated by Lalitpur Mayor Chiribabu Maharjan and record runner Baikuntha Manandhar, saw participation from 250 athletes, including 40 women and international competitors. Various dignitaries, including Rotary District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan, distributed the prizes.

First installation, Charter Presentation

RC E-Club of Namobuddha
August 31, 2024

The Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha held its inaugural charter installation under the leadership of Rtn. Chewan Devkota, President of the sponsor club, Patan South. The event's chief guest was IPDG Rtn. Rajendra Prasad Dhonju, with PDG Rtn. Jaya R. L. Shah and PDG Rtn. Chintamani Bhattarai serving as guests of honor. The estimated budget for the program was Rs. 305,000.

On this momentous day, the Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha was officially recognized as the first female-led e-club and the third e-club in District 3292.

During the program, the club's souvenir, Prambha, was also unveiled by the distinguished guests.



School Uniform Distribution Program

RC Surunga
September 16, 2024

The Rotary Club of Surunga organized a school uniform distribution program at Shree Situmari Manoj Mittal Primary School, Jhapa VDC Ward No. 1, Kumarkhod, in alignment with Rotary International District 3292's focus on Basic Education and Literacy Month. The event also served as a belated celebration of National Children's Day. Presided over by President Luba Raj Uprety, the program saw enthusiastic participation from children, their parents, and the school community.

Uniforms were distributed to underprivileged children, particularly those from the Santhal community, who face barriers to education due to a lack of proper attire. Past President Tika Jamar Kattel highlighted the vital role of education in uplifting all communities and urged parents to prioritize their children's learning.

Headmaster Pradeep Kumar Ganesh, along with teachers and members of the school management committee, including PTA

Chairman Ashok Kumar Rajbanshi, expressed their deep appreciation for Rotary's support. They emphasized the importance of such initiatives in promoting regular school attendance and improving educational access for disadvantaged students. Sushil Kumar Shrestha, a member of the RID 3292 Basic Education and Literacy Committee, spoke on Rotary's global efforts in education and health, emphasizing the positive impact on marginalized communities.

The event, moderated by Secretary Som Nath Uprety, concluded with the distribution

of sweets, bringing joy to the children. The Rotary Club of Surunga extended sincere thanks to all participants, including Assistant Governor of Region 7, Kumar Mani Pokharel, for contributing to the success of the event.



Rotary Supports Warm Clothes Drive

RC Kathmandu Metro
August 27, 2024

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Metro has generously contributed **Rs. 1,20,000.00** to support an important initiative providing warm clothes to newborn babies and their mothers at

the Budhanilkantha Municipality Health Post. This program, coordinated by the Child Care Club and Budhanilkantha Municipality, aims to supplement the government's budget to ensure sufficient, high-quality warm clothing is available for families in need.

The initiative focuses on assisting low-income families delivering babies at the municipality's health post, ensuring that 250 newborns and their mothers receive essential warm clothing. The program combines government funding, Rotary's financial support for materials, and stitching services provided by local tailors, reflecting a community-wide effort to care for vulnerable families during the cold season.

This collaborative effort underscores the Rotary Club's commitment to improving maternal and child health in the community, providing crucial support to those who need it most.

MoU Signed for ToT Program and PPE Donation to Enhance Firefighter Capabilities

RC Kathmandu Circle
August 18, 2024

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Lalitpur Metropolitan City to enhance local firefighting capabilities. This MoU encompasses two key initiatives: a Training of Trainers (ToT) program for Road Traffic Crash Rescue Firefighters and the procurement of Personal Protective



Equipment (PPE) for firefighters, which will be donated to fire stations throughout Kathmandu Valley and beyond.

The event was graced by the presence of Mayor Chiribabu Maharjan, along with the Deputy Mayor, Ward Chairman, and other dignitaries. During his remarks, Mayor Maharjan emphasized the critical importance of these initiatives in strengthening the city's emergency response capabilities. He highlighted the Metropolitan's dedication to improving response times and ensuring the safety of first responders.

Charter President Nugal Ananda Vaidya of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle, the focal person for this initiative, praised the partnership, noting that rescue equipment had already been donated as part of this comprehensive effort. He underscored the club's commitment to supporting the city's firefighting infrastructure.

The historic signing concluded with a ceremonial exchange of the Rotary Club flag, symbolizing the unity and shared vision between the Lalitpur Metropolitan City and the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle in safeguarding the community.

Water Management: Sky Hydrant Flagship Project

RC Thimphu
August 2024

The Rotary Club of Thimphu launched Phase I of a project that provided Sky Hydrant Water Filtration Systems to 120 schools across Bhutan. This initiative aimed to benefit 73,354 students, teachers, school staff, and their families by ensuring access to clean, purified water. The Sky Hydrant system effectively filters out contaminants, enhancing the health and wellbeing of all users. The water undergoes stringent filtration and quality control processes to guarantee its purity and freshness.

In Phase II, the project has recently completed installations in 16 additional schools, benefiting an estimated 11,000 students and school staff in Thimphu and surrounding areas.

The project is funded through a partnership with Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) and Rotary Clubs in Australia (D9830). The Rotary Club of Thimphu approaches the project in batches, targeting 10 schools at a time and moving on to the next batch after completing the



previous one. So far, 136 schools have been equipped with the filtration system, with a total expenditure of US\$ 550,000. During the installation process, Rotary Club of Thimphu members actively assist with transportation and logistics, and the project receives strong support from local governments, especially in remote areas.

The Sky Hydrant system provides chemical-free, electricity-free water purification, giving students daily access to clean, potable water.

This contributes to their health and safety by ensuring that all cooking and drinking water in the school mess and academic blocks is safe. The system also reduces the risk of waterborne diseases among students. Additionally, by eliminating the need for students to purchase or carry plastic water bottles, the project has a positive environmental impact and helps families save money.



15th Installation

RC Parbat
August 25, 2024

The 15th installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Parbat was successfully held under the leadership of President Bijaya Chapagai, with DGE Binod Koirala as the chief guest. Special guests included AG Geeta Sigdel and District Membership Committee Chair Subash Sigdel, along with distinguished members from other clubs.

The 14th installation of the Rotaract Club of Parbat also took place during the same event. A total of 130 attendees participated, representing the Rotaract Club of Parbat, Inner Wheel Club of Parbat, Rotary Club of Parbat, and other local clubs. On this occasion, the Rotary Club of Parbat's annual magazine, "Rotary Voice," was officially released.

Teej Festival

RC Birgunj Metropolitish & RC Birganj
August 30, 2024

Rotary Club of Birgunj Metropolis and Rotary Club of Birgunj, along with Rotaractors from both clubs, jointly organized a vibrant Teej festival celebration at Hotel Pujan, Adarshnagar. The event was a grand affair, attended by approximately 175 people, including Rotarians, their spouses, and children. The evening featured fun activities such as games, dancing, Bingo, a DJ session, and delicious snacks followed by dinner. Winners of the games were awarded gifts, and there was also a birthday celebration and cake-cutting ceremony for Rotarians with August birthdays.

The event was graced by the presence of AG Rtn. Ram Prasad Sharma, Club President Rtn. Anil Jayswal, Secretary Rtn. Hariom Kr. Shah, PP Rtn. Prakash Man Singh Amatya, Rtn. Surendra Batas, Rotaract President Dipu Barnawal, PP Rtr. Prakash Karn, and Past Presidents of the Rotaract Club of Birgunj Metropolis. The total cost of the event was Rs. 1,40,000.



World Suicide Prevention Day

RC Kapilvastu
September 10, 2024

A Prabhat Pheri Rally was held at Chandratta Bazar, Shivraj-5, Kapilvastu, to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. Starting at Sanjivani Hospital and ending at Durga Mandir, the event saw participation from Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, local officials, teachers, and students from nearby schools.

Chief speaker Chudamani Bhattra, head of the Health Section of Shivraj Municipality,

along with Rotary and Rotaract Club Presidents Balkrishna Pandey and Bishnu Pandey, emphasized suicide prevention awareness. The rally raised curiosity among locals, and students gained insights into the global suicide issue. The event cost Rs. 5,000 and successfully spread a crucial message to the community.

Cold Drinking Water Station Handover

RC Biratnagar Fusion
September 15, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion proudly inaugurated a new cold drinking water machine at Shiv Mandir in Kanchanbari. This initiative is designed to provide the local community with clean, cold drinking water, improving health and well-being in the area.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Rtn. Beni Gopal Mundara, members of the Mandir Committee, club members, and local residents, all gathered to witness this meaningful contribution to public health. The ceremony began with a warm welcome from the Club President, who underscored the critical role of clean water in enhancing the quality of life. He emphasized Rotary's ongoing commitment to serving the community and elevating living standards.



The installation of the water machine is particularly impactful for Kanchanbari, where access to safe drinking water has been a challenge. In the face of rising temperatures, this reliable source of cold water will not only help keep people hydrated but also reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses.

Local leaders and residents expressed their deep gratitude to the Rotary Club for its continued support. One community member

shared, "This machine will greatly improve our daily lives, especially for children and the elderly."

The new cold drinking water machine at Shiv Mandir stands as a symbol of collaboration, compassion, and the Rotary Club's dedication to public health.

Traditional Skills Workshop for Students

RC Patan Heritage
August-September, 2024



A series of workshops is underway at nine schools, aiming to educate students on the importance of Nepali art and culture while offering them hands-on training in traditional crafts.

This 10-week initiative, organized by the Rotaract Club of Patan Heritage with support from the Rotary Club of Patan Heritage, kicked off in August 2024. During Phase I, over 700 students across these schools have participated in sessions that explore wood carving, stone carving, clay modeling, and metalwork. Esteemed artisans, including Rtn. Chandra Shyam Dangol, have been leading both theoretical lessons and practical demonstrations, helping students build skills while deepening their understanding of the cultural roots of these crafts.

Phase II of the program concluded on 7th September 2024, when selected students visited the Khokana Stone Carving workshop for a specialized session in wood and stone carving under the mentorship of Rtn. Chandra Shyam Dangol.

The students will now have two weeks to complete their craft projects, which will be displayed in a one-day exhibition at the Patan Museum by the end of September 2024.

Teej Program Celebration

RC Lumbini Siddharthanagar
August 31, 2024

To empower the women, Rotary Club of Lumbini Siddharthanagar celebrated the Teej festival with great enthusiasm. The total expenses for the event amounted to NPR 76,284.





Bal Diwas

RC Kasthamandap
September 14, 2024

On 14th September 2024, the Rotaracts and Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Kasthamandap celebrated Bal Diwas (Children's Day) with the children of CWEAD (Children Women Education Assistant Foundation) in Jorpati. We were delighted by the children's enthusiastic participation in the day's activities, which included games, dance, and singing. The event concluded with a delicious, wholesome lunch. Each of the 31 children left with a "Goody Bag" filled with stationery, biscuits, chocolates, caps, and more.



Book Donation to Prisons

RC Gaidakot
September 20, 2024

The Rotary Club of Gaidakot organized a book handover program for the inmates of the Jail Office in Bharatpur, Chitwan, on Friday, 20th September 2024. Over 150 books covering topics such as law, literature, and positive thinking were donated during the event, with contributions from various individuals. These books aim to help inmates reflect on their circumstances and foster positive thinking, which is essential for their rehabilitation and reintegration into society. The purpose of punishment is to reform, guiding individuals toward becoming better versions of themselves.

The program, held in the prison office premises on Friday morning, was chaired by Rotarian Advocate Ramesh Kafle, president of the Rotary Club of Gaidakot. Ashok Kumar Basnet, Assistant Governor of Rotary International District 3292, attended as the chief guest. Also in attendance were Jailer Kamal Prasad Acharya, former presidents of the Rotary Club of Gaidakot, chief security officers, and the inmates.



RC Madhyapur & Chimalaya Charity Health Programs

RC Madhyapur
August-September 2024



On 20th September, the Rotary Club of Madhyapur and Chimalaya Charity, with technical support from Kathmandu Medical College, conducted a school health program in Phaidhoka. The program aimed to promote health awareness among school children.

On 18th September, the Rotary Club of Madhyapur, in collaboration with Chimalaya Charity, organized a breastfeeding and delivery preparedness program for pregnant mothers in Madhyapur, Thimi. A total of 25 pregnant mothers and their family members participated. Rotarian Dr. Ram K. Chandyo emphasized the importance of breastfeeding

and preparation for delivery during pregnancy, while also providing insights through brochures and videos designed for the event. Nurse Lasata Shrestha demonstrated breastfeeding initiation techniques and discussed common early-stage challenges. Dr. Christina from Denmark attended the program, sharing examples from her country and interacting with participants on delivery preparedness.

Earlier, on 26th August 2024, the Rotary Club of Madhyapur, in partnership with Chimalaya Charity, hosted an awareness program for postnatal mothers at the Nagarkot Community Health Care Center. A total of 30 mothers attended the session, where healthcare professionals assessed newborns and provided demonstrations on breastfeeding techniques and positioning. The program also focused on educating mothers about newborn danger signs. To further support maternal and child health, two home visits were conducted, offering guidance to family members on newborn care and postnatal support.

Computer Lab Handover to Remote School

RC Pokhara Fishtail
September 11, 2024

The Rotary Club of Pokhara Fishtail successfully completed the installation of a modern computer laboratory to promote and provide access to ICT education at Shree Amarjyoti Secondary School in Arjunchaupari, Syangja. A handover program was organized in the presence of the Ward No. 2 Chair of Arjunchaupari, along with the local community, approximately 240 students, and 30 teachers. DGE Binod Koirala attended as



the chief guest, while the chair of the school management committee, Mr. Yam Bahadur Gurung, presided over the program. Rotarians from both the RC Pokhara Fishtail and the RC Pokhara Paradise were also present.

The sophisticated computer lab consists of 20 modern computers, arranged with standardized furniture, including desks and chairs. The total cost of the lab is approximately Rs. 10 lakh. The lab was established through joint contributions from

Edu-Tech Nepal, Sunscreen IT Foundation, RC Pokhara Paradise, and RC Pokhara Fishtail.

The event also featured school students performing dances, dramas, and other activities, which were joyfully received by the audience. It was a great pleasure to see the smiles on the faces of students from this remote area, as the lab is a significant asset to their education. The whole village is thrilled to benefit from this initiative, and Rotary's image has been notably elevated.

School Bags and Stationary Distribution

RC Himalaya Patan
September 3, 2024

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. In line with Rotary's focus for this month, we successfully conducted a program to distribute school bags with essential stationery items to underprivileged students, aiming to support their educational journey. We provided 145 bags, each containing necessary learning tools, to students of

Shree Yeshodhar Boudha Secondary School, Thaina, Lalitpur.

The children who received the bags came from poor backgrounds and could barely afford the basic supplies needed for school. As a result, many of them struggled to attend regularly.

The distribution was a success, with each student receiving the items they needed, bringing joy and relief to many. This initiative reinforced the value of education in the community and demonstrated how meaningful action can enhance the lives of children, making quality education more accessible. A total of 145 students benefited from the program, which cost approximately Rs. 118,000.

Garden Maintenance and Tree Plantation

RC Butwal Downtown
August 2024

The Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown, in collaboration with RAC Butwal Downtown, RAC Butwal Ramapithecus, RAC Butwal Synergy, and the Inner Wheel Club of Butwal Jitgadi, organized a garden maintenance and tree plantation program at Hillpark on 7th August. The event was chaired by Club President Rtn. Shiva Gyawali, with AG Rtn. Jeevan Aryal serving as the chief guest.

More than 60 Kalki plants were planted along the Hillpark pathways, aiming to enhance the greenery with vibrant flowers and make the Rotary Garden more appealing to visitors. This initiative not only beautifies the park but also strengthens Rotary's presence in the community.





A Milestone in Service and Commitment Supporting BE&L

RC E-Club of District 3292
September 20, 2024

The Rotary E-Club of District 3292 has successfully completed a major project dedicated to enhancing basic education for children in underprivileged areas of Nepal. Reflecting our strong commitment to education and empowering young minds, we recently distributed around 200 school bags, along with essential stationery and educational materials, to several government schools in rural Nepal.

During the Rotary Year 2024-2025, our initiative reached several schools in need, reinforcing our dedication to educational advancement. The schools that benefited from this generous contribution include Bal Kalyan Basic School, Rukum; Shree Kanphal

Danda Basic School, Jumla; Juntara Primary School, Surkhet; Bhimesensthan Primary School, Rasua; and Gumryang Secondary School, Lalitpur.

This project was made possible through the dedicated efforts and steadfast support of Past President Rtn Roshan Maharjan, to whom we extend our deepest gratitude. His commitment was pivotal in the successful realization of this initiative.

As we continue to enhance educational opportunities for all, this distribution exemplifies the profound impact of collective service and effort. Together, we are making a difference—one school bag at a time, supporting Basic Education and Literacy.

Water Filter System Installation & Free Ear Screening and Treatment

RC Patan East
September 17, 2024

The Rotary Club of Patan East successfully completed and handed over a Water Filter System for clean drinking water to Shree Janak Secondary School, Namobuddha Municipality-4, Kavrepalanchok. The handover ceremony included the Ward Chair of Namobuddha-4, AG Arjun Shrestha, WASH Sub-Committee representative Rtn. Situ Sainju, and other guests from Rotary clubs. This project, approved for Rotary Year 2023-24, aims to benefit 1,154 students and reduce waterborne diseases in the school.

On the same day, the club organized a Free Ear Screening and Treatment Program for underprivileged children in the same school. A total of 201 students were screened, with 94 showing ear issues and 3 needing surgery. Ear health education was also provided. The program cost was NPR 29,780.



Planting Fruit Trees

RC Kathmandu Downtown
September 7, 2024

On 7th September 2024, the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Downtown, in partnership with the Nepal Police, Maharajgunj, carried out their annual initiative by planting fruit trees. This collaborative effort aims to promote environmental sustainability and strengthen community ties.





Rotary Clubs Support Paiyun Rural Municipality with Toilets, Scholarships, and Women's Empowerment

Various Rotary Clubs
September 14, 2024

Rotary clubs under District 3292 Nepal Bhutan celebrated the completion and handover of 19 newly constructed toilets in wards 5 and 6 of Paiyun Rural Municipality. This initiative was driven by requests from the local ward government and was supported by an objective study conducted at citizens' doorsteps. The total cost of the project was Rs 650,000, with contributions from Rotary clubs including Jawalakhel, Pashupati Kathmandu, Bagmati Kathmandu, Kathmandu Circle, Eco Himal, Patan South, Biratnagar Midtown, Lalitpur, and Patan East.

On September 14, Rotarians from these clubs, along with officials from the Rotary Club of Jawalakhel, officially handed over the toilets. Paiyun Rural Municipality's Vice-chairperson, Yam Kumari Rana, expressed her gratitude for the significant financial support.

In addition, scholarships were awarded to three students: two girls from wards 1 and 6

and one boy from ward 3, each receiving Rs 7,500 annually until class 12. Former Rotary Club of Jawalakhel President Sharda Archaya Pokharel and outgoing President Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti presented these scholarships.

The Women in Leadership Committee also donated goats to local women for goat rearing, while Rotary Club of Rudramati Kathmandu's President Krishna Dhakal provided an additional goat. Kalpana Timsina, treasurer of the Women in Leadership Committee, and Somumaya Rana, chairperson of Region 4, contributed five goats, recommended by the local ward government.

Furthermore, Rotary Club of Jawalakhel has equipped a basic hospital with ECG and ultrasound equipment. Former presidents of the club have also initiated annual scholarships for girls in the remaining five wards and continue to provide stationery and drinking water filters to schools.



DG Visit & 21st Charter Day

RC The Himalayan Gurkhas
September 10, 2024

The District Governor's official visit and the 21st Charter Day of the Rotary Club of The Himalayan Gurkhas were successfully held on September 10, 2024, at Hotel Le Himalaya, Kathmandu. The program began with a confidential meeting between the DG, Club President, President-Elect, Club Admin Chair, and Secretary. During the formal session, DG Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan led the club assembly, reviewed committee reports, and provided feedback to enhance future activities. The event included the cutting of a cake to celebrate the 21st Charter Day, and two new members were inducted by Assistant Governor Rtn. Arun Man Sherchan.





Blood Donation Program

RC Gongabu
September 10, 2024

The Rotary Club of Gongabu, in collaboration with the Central Department of Physics at Tribhuvan University, organized a successful blood donation program on September 10, 2024, at the university premises. A total of 62 donors, including club members, voluntarily participated in the drive.

The event aimed to support local blood banks and raise awareness about the importance of regular blood donations. It also strengthened the club's community ties, showcasing the spirit of service among its members and partners.

Rotary Bus Shelter (Rotary Pratikchhalaya)

RC Kirtipur
September 23, 2024

With the support of the Rotary Club of Kirtipur and Rotary District 3292, a Rotary Bus Shelter, known as the "Rotary Pratikchhalaya," has been built in Kirtipur to offer a convenient and safe waiting area for passengers.



Project Pahilo Paila

RC Matribhumi Baluwatar
September 26, 2024

Project Pahilo Paila, initiated by the Rotary Club of Matribhumi Baluwatar in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Matribhumi Baluwatar IOM, took place on September 26, 2024, during Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month. The project aimed to assist students at Shree Damaitar Basic School in Godawari Municipality-1 by providing them with essential educational materials.

The event also included a Dashain festival celebration, a one-day meal for the students, and free eye and dental checkups for over 70 children, from small classes up to Class 8. The goal was to support both their education and health simultaneously.

The school was very supportive of the project and looks forward to future collaboration to continue enhancing the students' learning environment.





Tree Plantation

RC Patan West
August 31, 2024

On August 31, 2024, the Rotary Club of Patan West organized a Tree Plantation Program at Shree Prithivi Narayan Secondary School in Tarkeshwor Municipality-5, Kathmandu. The event saw the participation of past presidents, the current president, president-elect, committee chairs, members, families, the school's vice principal, teachers, and students, with around 35 attendees in total.

Rheumatic Heart Disease Screening Camp

RC Devdaha
September 10 & 17, 2024

The Rotary Club of Devdaha successfully organized a Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) Screening Camp at Janapriya Secondary School and New Namuna English Boarding School, screening 732 students. Of these, 23 were referred for further examination at

Devdaha Medical College & Research Institute, which provided free echocardiograms and technical support. The camp primarily served marginalized and low-income children, offering them much-needed medical attention.

Parents and school authorities expressed gratitude, with Principal Gyatri Prasad Kharel emphasizing increased awareness through regular health check-ups. The event, with a budget of NPR 52,000, was attended by RC Devdaha President Bishnu Prasad Pathak and other key members. This initiative not only identified students requiring further care but also promoted heart health awareness in the community.

TV Sets and Stationery Distribution Program

RC Dharan
September 23, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dharan successfully conducted a TV set and stationery distribution program at Shree Saptakoshi Basic Child Development School in Barahchhetra, Sunsari. This initiative aimed to support early childhood education and promote the importance of basic education and literacy, aligning with Rotary International's focus for September.

As part of the program, a Smart TV was donated to enhance the children's learning experience through fun, entertainment, and interactive activities. Additionally, various stationery supplies and snacks were distributed to 48 students, aged 2 to 5. The students were delighted by these contributions, which will aid both their education and well-being.

The program's budget of Rs. 47,000 covered the TV, learning materials, and refreshments. Moreover, the club's Media Relations Chair, Rtn. Rohit Man Singh Basnet, generously donated Rs. 11,000 to further support the school's development and the students' welfare.





Snakebite Prevention Project

RC Kathmandu Midtown
September 18-21, 2024

The NEPAL SNAKEBITE PREVENTION project was pleased to present a poster at the Asia Pacific Travel Health Society's 14th meeting in Kathmandu, held from 18-21 September 2024. The theme of the conference was "Refreshed Perspectives: The Ups and Downs of Travel - Re-evaluating Risk and Benefit in Travel Medicine." The organizers generously

highlighted not only altitude medicine concerns for Nepal but also, for the first time ever, the issue of snakebite. Tourists visit Nepal for its breathtaking mountain views in the North and exotic wildlife (rhinos, tigers, peacocks, gharials, etc.) in the southern Terai region, where

Food Donation Program

RC Pashupati Kathmandu
September 24, 2024

In a continued effort to serve the underprivileged and honor the legacy of former IGP and Past President KJ Baral, the Rotary Club of Pashupati Kathmandu successfully organized a food donation program at Aarogya Birami Ashram, located behind the Teaching Hospital.

The Ashram, which provides free accommodation to economically

disadvantaged patients during treatment, received essential food supplies from the KJ Baral Food Bank. This initiative ensures that patients and their families have access to nutritious meals during their stay.

The Rotary Club plans to make these food donations a regular part of its community outreach, reflecting a strong commitment to serving humanity in impactful ways.



Provides Relief to Flood Victims in Teku & Sankhamul

RC Gyaneshwor
September 28 & 29, 2024

On 28th and 29th September 2024, the Rotary Club of Gyaneshwor distributed food, clothes, water, stencils, and grocery items to flood victims in the slum areas of Teku and Sankhamul. Around 275 people benefited from this initiative. Charter President Rtn Rasu Shrestha and Rtn Barsha Palikhe Pradhan led the efforts to support the affected communities.

The floods that struck Nepal on 27th and 28th September 2024 caused widespread damage, particularly in low-lying areas. Heavy rainfall led to river overflows, submerging homes and displacing thousands, with Teku being one of the hardest-hit regions.



INTERACT ACTIVITIES



ZONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

INTERACT DISTRICT 3292, ZONE 1 & 2
September 12, 2024

On 12 September 2024, the Zonal Leadership Training Seminar for Zone 1 was held at Gorkha Department Store, Damak-8, Jhapa, with over 250 participants from 10 Interact clubs. Distinguished guests included Rtn. Bikram Kumar Shah, President of the Rotary Club of Damak, and Rtr. Sugam Pokhrel, President of the Rotaract Club of Damak. Led by District Interact Representative Itr. Deepsan Adhikari, along with Itr. Prajwal Pantha and Itr. Sushan Adhikari, the seminar provided role-specific training to enhance leadership skills.

Earlier, on 25 August 2024, a training session in Hetauda at Bal Jagriti School Hall saw 37 participants, and on 26 August 2024,



another session at Little Flower School, Chitwan, gathered 205 participants from 10 Interact clubs. Both sessions, led by the same team, successfully equipped participants with essential leadership skills and recognized outstanding club achievements.

2 DAYS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FEST

INTERACT DISTRICT 3292, ZONE 4
September 13 & 14, 2024

The two-day Youth Empowerment Fest offered inspiring sessions, dynamic activities, and hands-on workshops, engaging participants in discussions on leadership and personal development. Attendees gained practical tools and confidence through motivational talks and interactive experiences.

With over 350 participants, the event was honored by esteemed guests, including District Interact Representative Itr. Deepsan Adhikari, Rtr. Dr. Aabiskar Parajuli, Rtn. Azaj Alam, Rtn. Suraj Kharel, CDO Ganesh Aryal, Mr. Gopal Bahadur Pokharel, and Mr. Krishna Sah Kanu. The fest was a transformative experience,



Sharing Experience: AGs

The GML Team selected seven Assistant Governors from seven regions to share their experiences in this role. We asked each of them the same question: **As an Assistant Governor, can you share your experience working with the assigned clubs, including any challenges or successes you've encountered?**

AG ARJUN SHRESTHA
REGION III, ZONE 14



As Assistant Governor of the Rotary Club of Patan East, Mahabouddha, Patan Heritage, Kopundol, and Mount Everest, I've been fortunate to work with a supportive group of clubs and presidents. The clubs and their members have been incredibly cooperative, providing valuable insights, resources, and encouragement. The presidents' timely and well-structured reports enabled me to effectively communicate their issues to the district governor, resulting in targeted and helpful feedback. Their collaborative approach has made my job as Assistant Governor both easier and more effective. Working closely with each club has allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of their unique visions and challenges. By creating a safe and supportive environment, we've been able to work together to achieve our shared goals.

AG SHREEJA KABRA
REGION VII ZONE 44



"Serving as an Assistant Governor in Rotary is indeed a rewarding experience. You have the opportunity to connect with diverse community leaders, inspire positive change, and help strengthen local clubs.

While the role of Assistant Governor comes with its challenges, it also offers a wealth of opportunities for personal and professional growth. Embrace the learning experiences, develop leadership abilities, and make meaningful connections within the Rotary community. These experiences can significantly enrich your journey in Rotary and contribute to the greater good.

The magic often lies in the relationships you build, the projects you undertake, and the impact you have on people's lives.

AG DINESH LAL SHRESTHA
REGION I, ZONE 5



My assignment includes RC Himalayan Golfer, Rudramati, Kathmandu North, Sunkoshi, and Thimphu, Bhutan. Before engaging with these clubs, I valued the feedback from outgoing AGs.

I'm pleased to report that all clubs are active and well-established, each with its own strengths. Regular communication with club presidents and gathering feedback has been productive. While some communication issues arose, they are being addressed.

Notably, RC Thimphu has become highly cooperative and engaged in district events.

A key challenge has been the lack of awareness among some club officers regarding their duties. To address this, I organized a COTS with support from District Team, for which I am deeply grateful.

AG DR KHIMANANDA PANDEY
REGION V, ZONE 24



As an Assistant Governor, I noticed that many new members are inducted without a thorough understanding of Rotary, leading to retention issues. The transition from President Nominee to Immediate Past President (IPP) also often lacks continuity.

Despite these challenges, Rotarians are deeply dedicated to service, which fills me with pride. A key challenge is recruiting informed and quality individuals. While our motto, "Service Above Self," remains central, emphasizing the "Four-Way Test"—a cornerstone of ethical action—must now be a priority.

This value should be embodied by all Rotarians in their daily lives. Such an approach, particularly for attracting youth, has proven effective in my experience. experience, I've seen that it truly works.

AG GEETA SIGDEL
REGION IV, ZONE 20



When District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan asked me to take on the role of Assistant Governor for 2024-25, I hesitated, as past presidents from my club were still awaiting this opportunity. However, I accepted the responsibility to prove myself and completed the necessary training.

Assigned to four clubs—Pokhara, Pokhara Lakeside, Parbat, and Lekhnath—I found the role more challenging than expected due to each club's unique dynamics. Leading these clubs differs greatly from being a club president, especially with clubs like Pokhara that have a strong legacy, while others, like Parbat and Lekhnath, are still evolving.

Being an Assistant Governor requires continuous learning and alignment with Rotary's vision. In my first three months, I've actively contributed to district activities, embracing this role as a dedicated steward of Rotary.

Being appointed as an Assistant Governor (AG) has renewed my commitment to The Rotary Foundation. This role has given me a clear path to support the clubs in Zone 8 (Rotary Club of Balaju, Kathmandu North, Nagarjun, and The Himalayan Gurkha) and to mentor younger clubs with my expertise.

My experience so far has been incredibly positive. The Club Presidents, Boards of Directors, and members have been exceptionally welcoming and supportive, which has been immensely beneficial. Engaging with these leaders, who share a deep passion for Rotary, has been a rewarding experience. Their dedication to their roles underscores the effectiveness of Rotary's mission.

One key lesson I've learned is the significance of early planning. The Rotary year starts well before July, and thorough preparation is essential. Just like athletes who train before a race, we must prepare in advance to excel when the time comes.

Rotary promotes teamwork and fellowship, and learning from the District Governor, District Team, and Past District Governors has been enlightening. Their dedication and sacrifices are truly commendable.

Key takeaways from my experience include effective planning and leadership, building friendships beyond one's own club, and focusing on aiding the less fortunate, including the elderly, sick, and needy. Each club has its own culture, and while challenges are few, I strive to share my knowledge and learn from others' experiences.

AG RAM PRASAD SHARMA
REGION VI, ZONE 37

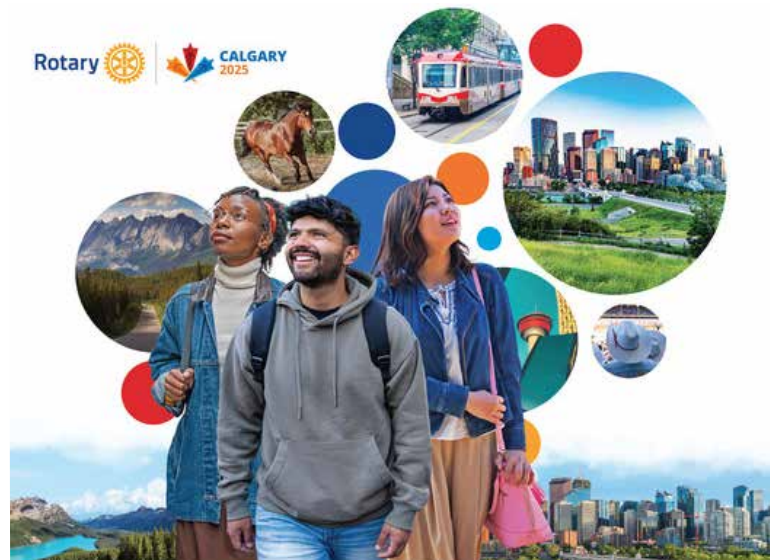


It has been a great privilege to serve as Assistant Governor for two consecutive terms, RY 2023-24 and 2024-25. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the members of my assigned clubs, as they are involved in numerous humanitarian projects. Their recognition of my presence is something I will always cherish.

However, I've observed that many clubs face internal and technical challenges. They struggle to identify community needs, lack expertise in finding solutions, and are unfamiliar with writing project proposals, including grant and global grant projects.

In my assessment, we need to provide basic knowledge and training on project writing at the regional level. Despite these challenges, Rotary clubs are dedicated to community service, and members are eager to contribute.

AG ARUN MAN SHERCHAN
REGION II, ZONE 8



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A close-up portrait of Sangkoo Yun, a middle-aged man with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a dark suit with a light-colored shirt and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression.

Sangkoo Yun Nominated for 2026-27 Rotary International Presidency

Rotary's Global Visionary: Sangkoo Yun, Architect, Philanthropist, and Cultural Steward

Sangkoo Yun, a member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang in Seoul, Korea, has been selected by the nominating committee as the candidate for Rotary International's presidency for the 2026-27 term.

Yun holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Syracuse University's School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., a company specializing in engineering and marketing architectural materials, and also serves as the president of Youngan Corp., which focuses on real estate and

financial investment. Yun is actively engaged in various civic organizations and has a strong interest in cultural heritage preservation.

Since joining Rotary in 1987 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has held numerous positions within Rotary International, including director, trustee, committee member, chair, and RI learning facilitator. Notably, he co-chaired the Keep Mongolia Green Project, led by Korean Rotary members, for eight years. His other roles within Rotary include vice chair of the Board Administration Committee (2013-15), vice chair of the International Assembly Committee (2020-21), and regional vice chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2023-27). Additionally, he served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee

(2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun's contributions have earned him several honors, including The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He has also been appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished service by the president and prime minister of Korea. A veteran of the Republic of Korea Army, Yun is also an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his wife, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors,

District Governor's Calendar

OCTOBER 2024



DATE	DAY	EVENT
19	Saturday	DG Visit Kathmandu Heritage
19	Saturday	DG Visit RC Balaju
21	Monday	DG Visit RC Sainbu Bhaisepati
22	Tuesday	DG Visit RC Bagmati Kathmandu
23	Wednesday	DG Visit RC Dillibazar Kathmandu
25	Friday	DG Visit RC Yala
26	Saturday	DG Visit RC Panauti
27	Sunday	DG Visit RC Mount Everest Lalitpur

*Wishing you all a very
Happy Dashain and Tihar*

May this festival bring you immense happiness,
good health, and success.



District Governor
Rajendra Man Sherchan
Sarojani Sherchan

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the monsoon recedes and autumn's crisp air fills Kathmandu, the city comes alive with the vibrant energy of Indra Jatra, signaling the start of Nepal's festive season. With a rich cultural heritage spanning 125 ethnic groups and more than 123 languages, our celebrations are as diverse as they are unique.

Rotary embodies this unity in diversity. Though we come from varied backgrounds, we share a common goal: serving our communities. September, recognized as Basic Education and Literacy Month, saw our district and clubs deeply engaged in initiatives aimed at shaping a brighter future for the next generation.

This issue spotlights significant district events, including the Basic Education and Literacy (BE&L) committee's strategic planning session to enhance children's education. We also feature the Region V Vibrant Club Workshop, the Multi-District Rotary Foundation Symposium & Recognition Program, and cultural celebrations like Teej and Heritage Art led by the Women Leadership Committee. Other highlights include an essay competition by the Girl Child Empowerment Committee, the National Peace Dialogue on International Peace Day,

and an exclusive interview with Dr. Suniti Acharya, Nepal's first female Rotarian. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Kupondol's impactful Global Grant initiative is covered in detail.

From July to September, 63% of our clubs reported their projects and activities, reflecting the vitality of RID3292. We aim to share stories from all 161 clubs, ensuring every voice is heard. The GML & Publication Team extends sincere gratitude to all Rotary Clubs for their support in producing this 40-page GML.

As we embrace the season of festivals, may it bring joy, health, and happiness. Let us channel this festive spirit to ignite positive change, creating hope and making our communities stronger.

Wishing everyone a joyful and meaningful festival season!

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Gautam Shrestha

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