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**Together, We End Polio**  
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# GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors,

October is Community Economic Development Month, a time to reflect on the importance of creating sustainable economic opportunities for communities. Rotary International is committed to supporting projects that promote entrepreneurship, foster local businesses, and help people acquire the skills needed to succeed. This month is a chance for District 3292 to focus on initiatives that empower individuals economically, uplift entire communities, and create magic.

Economic development isn't just about financial growth—it's about providing people with the tools and resources to improve their lives and contribute to the prosperity of their local economy. Let's unite to ensure that our district plays a vital role in building more resilient, sustainable communities.

This month's highlights include various initiatives that will help in the upliftment of small business owners and entrepreneurs in underdeveloped areas, supporting women-led enterprises and boosting local economies through small-scale industry. Vocational training also continues to be a priority. In collaboration with local institutions, clubs are encouraged to start skill-building workshops for unemployed youth and women, empowering individuals with marketable skills. Recognizing the vital role of agriculture in rural economies, our clubs can launch projects that will support local farmers with training in sustainable farming practices and access to better seeds and tools. By focusing on modern farming techniques, we should aim to increase productivity and create long-term income streams for farming communities.

The Rotary Foundation plays a critical role in supporting community economic development projects worldwide. I encourage each club to consider increasing its contributions this month so that we can continue to fund transformative initiatives that uplift communities economically. In months that have gone by, Rotary Clubs in our District have contributed significantly for the Annual Program Fund and the Polio Fund. These contributions make a real difference in the lives of individuals and communities. I encourage Rotary Clubs to continue making these contributions in the coming months and follow-up on the pledges they have made in regards to these funds.

Our projects in community economic development offer fantastic opportunities for Rotarians to engage and contribute meaningfully. I encourage each club to involve as many members as possible in these efforts, as these projects provide a powerful way to build stronger ties within our Rotary family and attract new members passionate about community service. As we continued our service efforts, we increased the significant number of members in the Rotary District 3292 with the addition of 246 new enthusiastic people of action in the months of July and August. We aim to grow the membership and bring more people together to create more magic.

As we welcome the new month of October, let's continue to focus on creating sustainable economic change in our communities. The work we do today in empowering individuals and fostering entrepreneurship will lead to stronger, more sustainable communities tomorrow. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan**

District Governor 2024-25

Rotary International District 3292, Nepal-Bhutan

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# RI PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I had the honor of attending a Strike Out Polio event in July at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team. The Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem hosted the event, which raised \$1.3 million for PolioPlus.

Later in the summer, I joined members of our Rotary family in supporting the Más Millas Menos Polio (More Miles Less Polio) bike ride. Felipe Meza Chávez and his team rode all the way from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, to raise money and awareness. The ride took 12 days, and Felipe and his team collected more than \$100,000 to support the fight against polio. It was a joy to greet them as they arrived in Evanston.

And I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics. This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year.

The Rotary world was heartbroken to learn about the tragic passing in August of Aidan O'Leary, director for

polio eradication at the World Health Organization.

I knew Aidan and worked with him directly. He was a tireless advocate in the fight against polio and a kind, genuine man. We will remember him both for his advocacy and his warmth.

But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio.

As people of action, we don't have the luxury of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. The best way to honor Aidan's memory is by teaming up and reaching our goal to End Polio Now.

We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all.

There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above.

I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together, we end polio.

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



# World Polio Day

## Together, We End Polio



POLIO DAY RALLY, TUNDIKHEL KATHMANDU

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**Introduction to Polio:** Polio, a disabling and potentially deadly infectious disease, is on the verge of eradication thanks to global vaccination efforts.

**End Polio Now Campaign:** The End Polio Now campaign, spearheaded by Rotary International in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is working to eliminate polio in the few remaining regions affected. Since 1988, polio cases have decreased by over 99%, but the mission continues to ensure no child ever suffers from polio again.

**Polio Rally and Rotary Efforts:** On World Polio Day (October 24), Rotary International District 3292 (Nepal and Bhutan) demonstrated strong support by organizing a polio awareness rally with 1100+ participants. The rally raised awareness and encouraged continued efforts to eradicate the disease. Additionally, Rotary clubs in the district have engaged in

vaccination drives, awareness campaigns, and fundraising efforts to support the cause. The collective message is clear: Together, we can end polio.

**Polio Facts :** Polio, a highly infectious viral disease, has had a devastating impact globally, particularly on children.

- Polio mainly affects children under the age of five.
- There is no cure, but polio can be prevented with a vaccine.
- Only Afghanistan and Pakistan remain polio-endemic.
- Polio cases have been reduced by 99.9% since 1988.
- Until polio is eradicated, every child remains at risk.

**Polio Partners :** The fight against polio is a collaborative effort through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), launched in 1988. Key partners include:

1. WHO – Provides leadership and strategic guidance.
2. UNICEF – Delivers vaccines and promotes immunization in communities.
3. Rotary International – Mobilizes funding and volunteers.
4. CDC – Conducts disease surveillance and outbreak response.
5. GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance – Helps countries access vaccines.
6. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – Provides funding and advocacy.

Together, these partners lead vaccination campaigns, surveillance, and public health strategies to ensure polio is eradicated globally.

#endpolio

**Current Status :** Since 1988, global polio cases have dropped by 99.9%, with only Afghanistan and Pakistan reporting cases. Afghanistan has documented 23 cases, while Pakistan has 39 cases in 2024.

**Polio-Free Nepal :** Nepal has been polio-free since 2010 and was officially declared polio-free by the WHO on March 27, 2014, after four consecutive years without wild poliovirus cases. This achievement highlights Nepal's successful vaccination campaigns and effective health surveillance.

**Recent Developments in Kathmandu:** In July 2024, a special vaccination campaign was launched in Kathmandu Valley after the detection of poliovirus in sewage near the confluence of the Bagmati River in Teku. The campaign aimed to vaccinate 280,000 children under five in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, and Bhaktapur with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) to prevent the spread of the virus.

**Call to Action :** To ensure polio is eradicated once and for all, we need to:

- 1. Learn:** Get informed and bring polio into discussions within your community.
- 2. Share:** Raise awareness—many know about polio, but few realize it's still a threat in certain parts of the world.
- 3. Donate:** Every donation helps fund the fight against polio. Currently, all donations are matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling the impact.

Join the movement and help make history by ending polio now!

## United Effort and Community Rally Mark World Polio Day

On World Polio Day, Rotary International District 3292 reaffirmed its commitment to the global effort to eliminate polio. The day's events began with a meaningful Opening Ceremony at Jawalakhel Chowk at 6:30 a.m., with Rtn. Amit Giri serving as the host. District Governor Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan delivered the welcome address,

and the event was officially inaugurated by Hon. Pradip Poudel, Minister for Health and Population, alongside Miss Nepal World 2023, Srichchha Pradhan.

In his keynote speech, Hon. Pradip Poudel highlighted the critical need to persist in the fight against polio. The Closing

Ceremony, held at Tundikhel Ground at 8:00 a.m., was led by PDG Rtn. Sanjay Giri. The event drew over 700 cyclists and more than 500 participants in a rally, including many non-Rotarians.







Rotary organized a special campaign across all seven provinces, including the Valley, on **World Polio Day (October 24)**. As part of this initiative, a grand bicycle rally was held in Lalitpur, starting at 6:30 a.m. from Jawalakhel, and inaugurated by the Honorable Minister of Health and Population.

Awareness programs were conducted in various cities, and in the evening, iconic towers and buildings, including Dharahara, displayed messages to spread awareness.

Although Nepal had no official polio cases, we remained vigilant. Recent traces of the polio virus found in Kathmandu's sewage raised concerns, making it crucial to vaccinate all children under five. Rotary Nepal worked closely with the Government of Nepal and reaffirmed its commitment to continue this partnership to protect every child from polio."

Rtn Rajendra Man Sherchan  
District Governor, 2024-25



# Uniting for a Polio-Free Future: Nationwide Campaign

On World Polio Day, Rotary International District 3292 came together in a powerful show of commitment to eradicating polio, organizing impactful events throughout Nepal to raise awareness. The day was filled with car rallies, cycle rallies, candlelight walks, street dramas, and other meaningful activities, each emphasizing the fight against polio. From vibrant city centers to quieter rural communities, people united to share the message of a polio-free future. This nationwide effort demonstrated Nepal's dedication and Rotary's steadfast resolve to end polio, inspiring action and hope for a healthier, polio-free world. Here are some pictures from various clubs across the country, showcasing their commitment to the End Polio Now campaign.



ROTARY CLUB OF BIRATNAGAR, BIRATNAGAR CENTRAL, BIRATNAGAR DOWN TOWN, BIRATNAGAR FUSION & BIRATNAGAR MID TOWN



ROTARY CLUB OF DHARAN





ROTARY CLUB OF DEVDAHA



ROTARY DISTRICT 3292, REGION 6



ROTARY CLUB OF BHADRAPUR, BIRTAMODE, BIRTAMODE MIDTOWN, DAMAK, ILAM, KAKARVITTA, MECHINAGAR, URLABARI & SURUNGA



ROTARY CLUB OF DHADING



ROTARY CLUB OF PURBI CHITWAN





As the District Public Image Committee Chair, my team and I are dedicated to transforming Rotary's image, building awareness, and fostering pride in our mission. This year, we are committed to strengthening Rotary's public perception by collaborating not only across District committees but also with various organizations. We have worked closely with the National Polio Committee and District Polio Subcommittee, organizing impactful events across regions that highlight Rotary's unparalleled role in the fight to eradicate polio.

The End Polio Now campaign embodies Rotary's lasting legacy in global health—a mission embraced by our community and supported by Nepal's Ministry of Health & Population. Rotary and polio eradication are synonymous, making this campaign a powerful tool for elevating our public image. Alongside partners like WHO, UNICEF, and the Gates Foundation, we showcase the tremendous impact of collective action, inspiring hope and resilience around the world.

*I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the participants, with special gratitude to our District Governor, Rajendra Man Sherchan, for his unwavering support in empowering us to bring our vision to life. Here's to a polio-free world and a stronger Rotary image!*

**Rtn Amit Giri**  
**Chair 2024-25**  
**District Public Image Committee**

# Rotary Flood Relief



Nepal experienced severe floods at the end of September 2024, due to record monsoon rains, leading to over 258 deaths and widespread destruction. In response, Rotary District 3292 Nepal, Bhutan, along with local Rotary clubs, organized multiple relief initiatives to assist affected communities. Rotary clubs distributed essential relief supplies, including food, clean drinking water, blankets, clothing, etc to displaced families in flood-hit regions.



## Assessment of the Impact of Floods and Landslides in Kalati Bhumedanda, Balthali, Patikharka, and Salandu Bagar

On October 2, 2024, in the presence of District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan and District Secretary Ashok Man Kapali, a meeting was held to launch joint relief efforts. Attendees included Rtn Situ Sainju, Rtn Mani Prasad Sapkota, Rtn Madhusudhan Gurugain, and Rtn Subesh Tamrakar from the Rotary Club of Panauti; Rtn Shyam Timalisina from the Rotary Club of Kabhre Banepa; and Rtn Ashok Pandey, Rtn Bhim Banjara, and Rtn Rikesh Kayastha from the Rotary Club of Kavre Valley. Representatives from Rotaract, including Rtr Simran KC and Rtr Garima Buddacharya from Rotaract Club of Panauti, were also present.

The joint relief efforts will involve several Rotary Clubs: Rotary Club of Panauti, Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, Rotary Club of Kabhre Banepa, Rotary Club of Kavre Valley, and the Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha. To ensure effective collaboration with the district and other clubs for organizing relief activities, a coordination committee was formed, chaired by Rtn. Situ Sainju. The committee includes members Mani Prasad Sapkota, Madhusudhan Gurugain from RC Panauti; Ashok Shrestha and Ram Lama from RC Dhulikhel; Shyam Timalisina and Rishi Ram Dahal from RC Kabhre Banepa; Ashok Pandey, Bhim Banjara, and Rikesh Kayastha from RC Kavre Valley;

and Ganga Luintel from the Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha.

The district has provided an initial fund of Rs. 100,000 for immediate relief work. In addition, each participating club has agreed to contribute Rs. 10,000, which will be deposited into the bank account of the Rotary Club of Panauti. The meeting concluded with a strong commitment to work together for the effective delivery of relief to flood and landslide-affected areas in the Kavrepalanchok District. Follow-up meetings will be held to monitor the progress of the relief efforts.





## RC Biratnagar Downtown

### Jehda-1, Dhuni Village

October 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown organized a humanitarian effort to assist flood victims in Jehda-1, Dhuni village, by providing essential rations. The support included a variety of food items: rice, flour, puffed rice, rice flakes, pulses, salt, masala, oil, instant noodles, vegetables, and ready-to-eat snacks.

The total expenditure for this initiative was NPR 62,120, generously donated by the club members. Approximately 400 individuals, representing around 80 families, benefited from this support.

Such programs are crucial for ensuring immediate food security, preventing malnutrition, and alleviating stress in affected communities. They play a vital role in stabilizing communities, preventing social unrest, and reducing the financial burdens faced by families impacted by disasters.

## RC Bagmati Kathmandu

### District Disaster Fund

October 22, 2024

The Rotary Club of Bagmati Kathmandu has raised Rs. 101,000 from its members to support flood victims across various parts of the country through the District Disaster Fund. In line with the club's decision, a cheque for Rs. 101,000 (Rupees One Hundred One Thousand Only) was handed over to District Governor Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan by Club President Rtn. Manik Ratna Shakya during a function organized by the club on its 22nd Charter Day, October 22, 2024.



## RC Gyaneshwor

### Teku & Sankhamul

September 28 & 29, 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.



## RC Kantipur

### Sankhu Fedi Ward 13

October 5, 2024

On October 5, 2024, relief materials were distributed to residents of Ward No. 13, Sankhu Fedi, who lost their homes in the recent floods. The program was attended by Rtn Kiran and Rtn Dilip.



# RC Pashupati Kathmandu

Kirtipur Municipality, Simkhola

September 29, 2024

In response to the devastating floods caused by relentless rains across the country, the Rotary Club of Pashupati Kathmandu extended critical relief to seven families affected in Kirtipur Municipality-4, Simkhola. The floods, which caused widespread destruction, buried two houses and completely destroyed several others, leaving families with few to no belongings.

Acting swiftly, the Rotary Club, with support from its members, raised funds and distributed relief materials worth Rs. 80,000 to the affected families. The timely assistance included food and essential supplies, offering much-needed support to those struggling in the aftermath of the disaster.



# RC Bharatpur

Narayani Dobhan Tol Bikash Sanstha

September 30, 2024

The Rotary Club of Bharatpur provided relief materials, including 100 blankets, 100 mosquito nets, and 100 liters of phenyl, to Narayani Dobhan Tol Bikash Sanstha in Bharatpur-3, Chitwan. This aid came in response to severe flooding from the Narayani River, which affected 55 houses in the area. The relief items were handed over to the Sanstha's Chairman, Mr. Surya Baral, with Ward Chairman Mr. Bikash Thapa in attendance, and were later distributed among the affected households.



# RC Biratnagar Central

Dhanbardiya, Morang, Ward 5

October 4, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Biratnagar Central, extended support to flood victims in Dhanbardiya, Morang, Ward No. 5, where 70 families were affected. After conducting thorough research, we identified

this village and distributed various essential food items to the families in need.

The total cost of the project was Rs. 55,000, with Rs. 20,000 contributed by club members, Rs. 20,000 from other organizations, and Rs. 15,000 from club funds.

# RC Baneshwor

Khanikhola, Kavre

October 1, 2024

A team from the Rotary Club of Baneshwor arrived at Dhulikhel Hospital to hand over relief materials, including blankets, rice, lentils, and salt, to the Nepal Army. Due to impassable roads, the Army will transport the supplies by helicopter to the flood-hit area of Khanikhola, Kavre. The total value of the relief materials is approximately Nrs. 1,00,000.



## RC Kawasoti

### Madhyabindu Nawalpur

September 30 & October 1, 2024

Rotary Club Kawasoti distributes relief material in Vinai Triveni Village in Madhyabindu Municipality Nawalpur on September 30 & October 1 2024. Around 450 houses in Madhyabindu Municipality have been inundated due to floods. According to the municipality, 150 houses have been damaged due to inundation. Agriculture and livestock farms have suffered huge losses.

Relief materials have been handed over to around 200 families of ward no. 2. The municipality today provided utensils, blankets, cleaning materials and food items.



## RC Birgunj & Birgunj Metropolis

### Sindhuli District

October 7, 2024

The Rotary Club of Birgunj and RC Birgunj Metropolis, with support from Hotel Vishwa, joined forces to send relief materials on October 7 for flood victims in Sindhuli District, specifically Nepalthok, Mulkot, and Khurkot. The team was led by Charter Member and Past President Rtn. Deepak Man Shrestha of the Rotary Club of Birgunj.



## RC Kathmandu Height

### Namobuddha Municipality

October 8, 2024

In a remarkable show of solidarity, the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Heights, in collaboration with Wine to Water Nepal and several local organizations, launched a disaster relief initiative to support flood and landslide-affected regions in Namo Buddha Municipality. On [Insert Date], essential supplies were distributed to 50 households in Ward 10 and Ward 1, the areas hardest hit by the disaster.

This collaborative effort included the Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise, Dharapati Samajik

Sewa Samiti, Unmukh Mahila Bachat Tatha Rin Sahakari Sanstha Limited, Unmukh Mahila Samaj, Ekata Marga Guthi, Griha Laxmi Mahila Samuha, and residents of Kathmandu-3, Basundhara, alongside Sanskriti Farms. Together, they provided membrane water filters, hygiene kits (containing soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other essentials), food packages, and blankets to help families in urgent need.

By supplying clean drinking water, hygiene items, and food, the initiative aims to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases and provide immediate relief to those affected by the flooding.



## RC Dhulikhel, Kathmandu Circle and Rotaract Dhulikhel

### Dhulikhel Municipality Ward 2

October 5, 2024

On October 5, 2024, the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle and the Rotaract Club of Dhulikhel, provided 8 Aquaboxes and food supplies to 8 families in Dhulikhel Municipality Ward No. 02, who had lost their homes due to landslides.



## RC Dhulikhel

### Bethanchowk

October 2024

The Rotary Club of Dhulikhel has handed over 300 solar-powered lights to Bethanchowk Rural Municipality Ward No. 02. The area had been without electricity for nine days, with no prospects of restoration for another 5-6 months. Thanks to Dr. Ulrich Adolf for sponsoring the lights, people can now carry out their daily activities more easily. The area remains inaccessible by road due to the damage caused by recent landslides.



## RC Dhulikhel, Kathmandu Circle, Rotaract KUMS, Disaster Aid Nepal & Aquabox

### Dhulikhel Municipality Ward 12

October 2, 2024

On October 2, 2024, we successfully delivered 15 relief packages, including Aquaboxes and food items, through the local government of Dhulikhel Municipality Ward 12 to the victims of the landslide. Due to the remoteness of the area and the landslide-damaged roads, the support had to be sent via the local government, and it will take approximately 3 hours to reach the affected families. In this ward, 15 houses have been



completely destroyed, and many others have been partially damaged. We are grateful to the members of the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel for their financial contribution towards the food items, and we extend our thanks to Disaster Aid Nepal, the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle, the Rotaract Club of Kathmandu University Medical Science, and the Aquabox Foundation for their support.

## RC Dhulikhel & Kathmandu Circle

### Bethanchowk

October 22, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle, Rotary Club of Moruya (Australia), and Disaster Aid Nepal, provided immediate food relief and 10 Aquaboxes to 22 families whose homes were destroyed by recent landslides and floods in Chamranbeshi, Bethanchowk-01, Kavre, Nepal. This marked the first support received by victims in this remote part of Bethanchowk Rural Municipality. The area is so isolated that fellow Rotarians had to navigate extremely challenging roads to reach it. Past President Subash Kaji Shrestha, Ranjeev Shrestha, and Vice President Manish Yogal personally traveled to deliver the aid and support the affected families.





## Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (18 Clubs from Lalitpur)

### Godawari Municipality Ward 5 & 6

October 7, 2024

In collaboration with Rotary District 3292 Nepal and Bhutan, NRCL supported flood victims in Godawari Municipality, Ward Nos. 5 and 6, Lele, Lalitpur. The event took place in the presence of DG Rajendra Man Sherchan, First Lady Sarojani Sherchan, Mayor Gajendra Maharjan, and Ward Chairs. The following aid was provided:

1. Gas cylinders and cooking stoves for 11 households in Ward No. 5.
2. Blankets, mattresses, and torches for 45 families in Ward No. 6.
3. Solar lights for 20 households that had lost power due to extensive damage to their electrical systems.

### Maternity Relief

October 2024

With financial support from Rotary District 3292 and the Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (NRCL), we provided maternity relief materials to women in Ward No. 6. In just two days, we delivered supplies to 4 families with newborns, while in Sisneri's Ward No. 4, we assisted a family with a 1-month-old baby. We are grateful to be able to help mothers and their babies, even in a small way, as they stand in the relief line.

The items distributed included blankets, baby suits, feeding gowns, wipes, baby soap, youth chaku, Horlicks, white nappies, baby towels, and cash support of NPR 1,000 to each of the 5 households.



### Sisneri, Indrasworabar Municipality

October 8, 2024

A team from Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (NRCL), comprising representatives from RC Lalitpur, RC Patan East, and RC Yala, visited the flood-affected areas of Indrasworabar Municipality, specifically Sisneri wards 2 and 3. The visit took place in the presence of a member of the Bagmati Provincial Assembly, along with the Rural Municipality Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Ward Chairs. Thirty households, whose homes were completely destroyed by the floods, are now either staying with relatives or in temporary shelters. These families were given emergency relief.

Though it may seem like a small number, the impact on these 30 households is devastating, and the situation remains

dire. Rotary International District 3292 and NRCL extended support by providing each household with: 30 KGs of rice, 2 KGs of lentils, 1 liter of oil, 1 packet of salt, 2 KGs of sugar, 2 meters of P-foam mattress, and 1 blanket.

This support offers some immediate relief, but much more aid is still urgently needed for the affected families.



# Cheque Hand Over

District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan of Rotary International District 3292 handed over a cheque to the Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (comprising 18 Rotary clubs) to support flood victims.



## NRCL

### Tikathali, Lalitpur

October 1, 2024

On October 1, 2024, support was organized for 50 families affected by recent flooding in the Tikathali area of Lalitpur. This relief effort was made possible through the collaboration of the Network of Rotary Clubs Lalitpur (NRCL) and Rajbiraj Naya Samaj from Saptari,



## RC New Road City

### Lele, Lalitpur

October 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of New Road City, Kathmandu, in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of New Road City, Kathmandu, donated 20 gas stoves, lighters, pipes, and gas cylinders to the flood victims of Lele, Lalitpur.



## RC Yala

### Sat Prayaash

October 5, 2024

Rotary club of yala had donated 20,000 (twenty thousand rupees) to the flood victims of "Sat Prayaash" Senior Citizens.



# Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (18 Clubs from Lalitpur)

## Gotikhel, Devichaur, Farsidol, Lalitpur

October 30, 2024

In collaboration with Rotary District 3292 Nepal and Bhutan, 18 Rotary Clubs in Lalitpur (NRCL) provided essential support to flood victims in Godawari Municipality, Ward No. 7, Devichour, by donating HDPE water supply pipes valued at NPR 557,429, benefiting 100 households. Additionally, blankets, bedsheets, foam mats, and pillows worth NPR 300,700 were distributed to 97 households in Gotikhel, Mahankal Rural Municipality.

In Farsidole, Lalitpur, similar relief items valued at NPR 161,200 were distributed, benefiting 52 households.

The event was graced by DG Rajendra Man Sherchan, Member of Parliament Udaya SJB Rana, Mayor Gajendra Maharjan, various Ward



Chairs, and Rotary leaders including Rtn Manoj Shrestha and Rtn Anish Bajracharya from RC Lalitpur, Rtn Urvashi Rana from RC Jawalakhel Manjushree, Rtn Sajju Pradhan from RC Patan Heritage, AG Rtn Arjun Shrestha from RC New Road City, and GML Chair Rtn Gautam Shrestha from RC Yala.



## RC Chitwan

### Rotary Karunalaya Old Age Home

September 30, 2024

The Rotary Club of Chitwan organized the Narayani River Flood Relief Campaign at the Rotary Karunalaya Old Age Home.



## RC Tripureshwar

### Kamwal Ward Community

September 29, 2024

The Rotary Club of Tripureshwar, known for its support during times of crisis, successfully provided assistance to 200 members of the Kamwal Ward community, delivering aid to the people of Vanshigat.



## RC Narayani Midtown

### Chitwan Ward 18

October 1, 2024

On October 1, 2024, the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town, in collaboration with the Women's Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal (WEAN) Chitwan, distributed relief materials to the Chairman of Ward No. 16.



## RC Lahan

### Sunderpur & Islampur Lahan

October 1, 2024

The Rotary Club of Lahan organized an Immediate Food Distribution Program for flood victims in the villages of Sunderpur and Islampur, located in Lahan Ward No. 4. A total of 30 households affected by the floods received food packets containing:

10 kg of rice, 1 packet of salt, 1 kg of dal, 1 liter of oil, ½ kg of soybean, 3 kg of puffed rice (Murhi), 2 kg of flour (Atta), 2 bars of soap and 1 packet of mixed spices

The program was organized for the most vulnerable people, those without immediate support and whose homes were destroyed by the flood. We extend our gratitude to the ward representatives and local community members for helping make this initiative a success.



## RC Balaju

### Kavre District

October 22, 2024

Members of the Rotary Club of Balaju collectively donated approximately 45,000 rupees to support flood victims in Kavre District. Two 1,000-liter water tanks were provided to a school in Roshi Rural Municipality and handed over to Rtn. Situ Saijju, who coordinated the flood relief efforts. Essential supplies, such as rice, sugar, salt, and other necessities, were distributed to three families in the affected area.

The distributed materials included a 25 kg sack of rice, 2 kg of lentils, 2 liters of cooking oil, 2 kg of salt, 2 packets of mixed spices, and 30 packets of instant noodles (Chow chow). Additionally, each family received 2 bars of bathing soap, 4 bars of washing soap, 2 bars of dishwashing soap, and 2 blankets.

The distribution event was conducted in the presence of Bhulmu Rural Municipality Ward Chair Mr. Moti Lal Tamang, APF Inspector Mr. Angat Khadka, Ward Committee Members, local residents, and the affected families.





# Club News & Activities

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## Basic Education And Literacy Program

RC Baneshwor  
September 29, 2024

The Basic Education and Literacy Program was held at Ananda Bhairab School in Mulpani, targeting teachers from nursery to grade 12. A total of 30 teachers participated in the interactive training, which primarily focused on enhancing the quality of education.



## Cervical Cancer Screening: PAP Smear Test Initiative

RC Mahabouddha  
October 5, 2024

The Rotary Club of Mahabouddha successfully organized a Cervical Cancer Screening Program at Saraswati School in Godawari-12, Thecho, Lalitpur. This initiative, focused on PAP smear tests, was conducted in partnership with Thecho Mahila Jagaran Saving and Credit Cooperative and Godawari Municipality Thecho-12, with technical support from the Nepal Cancer Hospital and Research Center. District Governor Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan attended as the chief guest, underscoring the importance of early detection in fighting cervical cancer.

A total of 116 women participated, reflecting the community's commitment to proactive healthcare. The program also provided education on cervical cancer, its risk factors, and the importance of regular screenings. Other notable attendees included Assistant Governor Rtn. Arjun Kumar Shrestha, Lalita Maharjan from Thecho Mahila Jagaran Cooperative, Ashesh Maharjan from Godawari Municipality, eight medical professionals from Nepal Cancer Hospital, along with 9 Rotarians and 19 guests.

The event concluded with a strong sense of accomplishment and a shared dedication to sustaining similar health initiatives to improve women's health outcomes in the region.



## RTC Rescue Training For First Responders

RC Birgunj Metropolis  
September 30, 2024

The RTC Rescue Training for First Responders was organized and supported by RC Birgunj Metropolis, in collaboration with RC Birgunj, UNDP, the National Road Safety Council, Safe Sustainable Travel Nepal, Good Neighbours Nepal, and Birgunj Metropolitan City.

This two-day training program benefited approximately 40 participants, including representatives from Nepal Police, Armed Police Force (APF), Traffic Police, Metropolitan Police, teachers, firefighters, and other professionals from various municipalities such as Hetauda, Kalaiya, Jitpur Simara, and Birgunj.

The Mayor of Birgunj Metropolitan City, Rtn. Rajesh Man Singh, graced the event as the Chief Guest.

Other dignitaries included Assistant Governor Rtn. Ram Prasad Sharma, Club President Rtn. Anil Jayswal, RC Birgunj President Rtn. Nirmal Khatri, Secretary Rtn. Hariom Kr. Shah, RC Birgunj Secretary Rtn. Rakesh Mishra, along with past presidents (PP) Rtn. Prakash Man Singh Amatya, Rtn. Sohan Poddar, Rtn. Sanjay Gupta, and Rtn. Anand Jha.

The total cost of the project was NPR 65,000.



## The Golden Healing- Destigmatizing Mental Health Issues

RC Gongabu  
September 16 2024

Mental health illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, or mood, potentially disrupting daily functioning. These conditions often begin during childhood, adolescence, or young adulthood, and suicidal thoughts are common among teens and young adults. By identifying and supporting young people experiencing mental health symptoms, including suicidal thoughts, we can help prevent tragedies.

In observance of World Suicide Prevention Month, RC Gongabu organized an awareness program titled "The Golden Healing - Destigmatizing Mental Health Issues" in collaboration with RC Dhulikhel, the Rotaract Club of Kathmandu University Medical Science, and Dhulikhel Hospital at Prithvi Narayan School, Tarkeshwor.

Approximately 100 Grade 10 students, along with 10 teachers, participated in the event. Rtn Rtr Dr. Shreeya Shrestha discussed the importance of mental health, coping strategies, and how to seek help. The program focused on building resilience and promoting self-care among students.



## Empowering Education: Rotary Clubs Unite to Support Differently Abled Student in Banke

RC Dillibazar & RC Kathmandu Metro  
September 13, 2024

For this project, the Rotary Club of Dillibazar – Kathmandu raised a total of Rs. 273,000. Of this amount, cheques of Rs. 1,01,111 from RC Dillibazar and Rs. 50,000 from RC Kathmandu Metro were handed over to Mr. Umesh Khatri, a differently abled student. Additionally, the Ramailo President Group 2021-2022 contributed Rs. 45,000. A Letter of Honor was presented to the student and the school, along with a Dell i5 laptop worth Rs. 65,700, donated by Echoes Tomorrow, Learning Heart Transform Lives, Brisbane, Australia, through Treasurer Rtn. Sandhya Rajbhandari. Other essential materials worth Rs. 56,189 were also provided.

Participants in the distribution program included PP Rtn. Lila Nath Sharma, President-Elect Rtn. Prem Oli, Treasurer Rtn. Sandhya Rajbhandari, and Service Project Chair Rtn.

Rishikesh Pant from RC Dillibazar. Other attendees included the School Management Committee chair and members, head teachers, school staff, parents, and children.

The program took place at Shree Laxmi Secondary School, Madui, Rapti Sonari Rural Municipality, Banke, on the occasion of International Children's Day 2024 (Bhadra 28, 2081), under the aegis of the Basic Education and Literacy Program. The Rotary Club of Dillibazar-Kathmandu led the initiative with partial support from the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Metro, Echoes Tomorrow (Brisbane, Australia), the Ramailo President 2021-2022 Group, DG Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan (RID 3292 Nepal Bhutan), and in partnership with Matrika Eye Hospital, Kalpana Foundation, Shiwakoti Bag Udhog, and Srijana Memorial Trust Nepal. It is hoped that this assistance will help the differently abled student pursue higher education, leading to a more productive life.

## Supporting Education, Empowering Futures

RC Rajdhani  
October 6, 2024

The Rotary Club of Rajdhani is proud to have awarded scholarships to two bright young girls from Chanlakhel as part of our Basic Education and Literacy Program. Sunita Tamang received Rs. 80,475 to support her ongoing law studies, while Shreeya Sunar was granted Rs. 8,500 to assist with educational materials. This initiative highlights our unwavering commitment to empowering girls through education, ensuring that financial obstacles do not hinder their promising futures.





## Track-Suit Distribution to Bahadure S School

RC Pokhara  
October 4, 2024

As part of our focus on Basic Education and Literacy, 54 sets of school uniforms (track suits, which serve as the school's secondary uniform for extracurricular activities) were distributed to 54 underprivileged children at Shree Bahadure Secondary School, Annapurna Rural Municipality-4, Bhadaure Deurali, Kaski. These children, out of a total of 106 students, come from families unable to afford such necessities. Given the

school's altitude of 1,700 meters, where temperatures rarely exceed 23°C and the cold season is approaching, the track suits are both necessary and practical. The students and their parents were overjoyed, and the school community was deeply grateful for the support, made possible by generous donations from individual members of the Rotary Club of Pokhara

## World Cerebral Palsy Day

RC Biratnagar Downtown  
October 6, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown celebrated World Cerebral Palsy Day at the Cerebral Palsy Day Care Centre in Adarsh Vidyalaya, a signature project of our club.

Prof. Dr. Hem Sagar Rimal, a developmental pediatrician from Birat Medical College, conducted an awareness program for parents, covering the causes of cerebral palsy, preventive measures, vaccinations, diet, and regular checkups.

Each child received a gift hamper containing a coloring book, coloring pens, soya chunks, puffed rice, and a food box. Parents were given food bags with essential provisions. The

total cost for this initiative was NPR 11,000, benefiting 14 children and their families.

We also distributed 20 jute bags with food items to parents and staff at the Day Care Centre, promoting the message "Say No to Plastic Bags." This effort cost NPR 3,200, benefiting 14 parents and 6 staff members.



## Literacy Program, Soft Toys Distribution

RC E-Club of Namobuddha, Bagmati  
September 18 & 19, 2024

On September 18, 2024, the Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha organized an Essay Writing Competition at Kathmandu University High School. The aim of the project was to inspire self-confidence and instill moral values in the participants. The program was chaired by Rtn. Ganga Luitel, President of the club, and attended by chief guest Narad Rijal, President of QUEST, Nepal. The winners were awarded various stationery items to support their education.

On September 19, under the leadership of the club's President and in collaboration with the Child Club of KUHS, the club distributed soft toys to Manav Sewa Ashram, an organization that cares for adopted and orphaned children. The theme of the program was "Investment in Children for a Better Future." The purpose of this initiative was to support orphans and help them feel valued. Witnessing the children's smiles and laughter during the distribution brought tears to our eyes.





## Dashain Clothes Distribution and Yippee Land Amusement & Water Park Tour

RC Itahari Yugal  
October 6, 2024

The Rotary Club of Itahari Yugal organized a clothes distribution program at Sunaulo Bal Bikash Kendra, Itahari-3, Taltaliya, in celebration of Dashain, Nepal's most widely celebrated festival. The event provided new t-shirts and shorts for boys, and frocks for girls, benefiting 31 children aged 2 to 9 years. Following the clothes distribution, RC Itahari Yugal arranged a delightful outing for the children to Yippee Land Amusement and Water Park. The children, dressed in their

new clothes, enjoyed a fun-filled day packed with exciting activities on the playground, including seesaws, slides, swings, trampolines, and various kid-friendly rides. Their joy was evident, as this experience was beyond what they had imagined, especially for students from an underdeveloped school. To further enhance the celebration, the children were treated to delicious food such as momo, fries, and ice cream, adding to the festive atmosphere.

## RI Trustee Chair Mark Maloney and Vice Chair Bharat Pandeya visit to HRDC

RC Pashupati Kathmandu  
September 23, 2024

The Rotary Club of Pashupati Kathmandu organized a special visit to the Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children (HRDC) with Rotary International (RI) Trustee Chair Mark Maloney and Vice Chair Bharat Pandeya in attendance. The visit underscores the club's ongoing commitment to addressing the needs of physically disabled children through a Global Grant project valued at USD 375,000.

During the visit, RI Trustee Chair Mark Maloney

expressed his admiration for the project's impact, stating, "This initiative exemplifies the power of Rotary's global network to bring meaningful change to those most in need. The work being done here will transform the lives of hundreds of children and their families."

The Rotary Club of Pashupati Kathmandu, through its Global Grant project, remains focused on empowering individuals with disabilities, ensuring they receive the care and resources necessary for their well-being. The project aligns with Rotary's core values of service and compassion, bringing smiles and hope to countless children and their families.



## Career Counselling

RC Biratnagar Central  
September 20, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central, in collaboration with the South Asian School of Tourism and Hotel Management, organized a Career Counseling program focused on opportunities in the hospitality industry for students who had just completed their Grade 12. The five-day program benefited 300 students.

In today's world, where numerous career options are available, it can be challenging for young people to make such critical life decisions. Career counseling plays a vital role in helping them navigate these choices. This program offered valuable guidance and support, empowering students to make informed decisions about their future career paths. It also contributed to enhancing their leadership skills. The total cost of the project was Rs. 15,000.



# Hamro Pani Dashain

RC Himalaya Patan  
October 5, 2024



Dashain is the most celebrated festival in Nepal, marked by joy, family gatherings, and rich cultural traditions. It is celebrated with great enthusiasm across the country, with everyone inviting others to be part of the festivities.

"Hamro Pani Dashain" is a joint event organized by the Rotary Club of Himalaya Patan and the Rotaract Club of Himalaya Patan. This year, we celebrated Dashain on October 5th at Nepal Snehi Kaakha in Dhapakhel-23, Lalitpur, with vulnerable women, children, and senior citizens, many of whom had been abandoned or were

mentally distressed. We were pleased to offer our support and contributions to them.

During the event, we provided lunch, household equipment, essential medicines, and mufflers, with a total cost of around Rs. 60,000. The Hamro Pani Dashain celebration at Nepal Snehi Kaakha was a perfect blend of tradition, culture, and community spirit. The event catered to all ages and created a heartwarming atmosphere, leaving everyone eager for the next festive season.



# Career Counselling

RC Mount Everest  
August 16, 2024

A Career Counseling Program for +2 graduates was organized by the Ward Level Youth Club, Ward No. 21, Khokana, Lalitpur, with resource support from RCMEI. The program aimed to assist +2 graduates in selecting their specific areas of interest as they prepare to join colleges.

A total of 85 participants attended, including 39 students, 24 parents, and 22 organizers, counselors, and Rotarians. Representing RCMEI at the event were Rtn. President Pooja Pandey, Rtn. Timila Yami, Rtn. Chand Rana, Rtn. Narayan Dongol, and Rtn. Rajendra Tuladhar.

The counseling focused on three major fields:  
- Information Technology by Timila Yami  
- Management by Arun KC  
- Social Work by Bikas Sapkota from AIMS College

# Blood Donation Program

RC Kapilvastu  
October 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of Kapilvastu organized a Blood Donation and Good Wishes Exchange Program on the auspicious occasion of Bijaya Dashami 2081 at Sanjivani Community Hospital in Chandrauta. The program was chaired by Rtn. Balkrishna Pandeya and graced by Mr. Arjun Kumar KC, former Minister for Forest and Environment of the Lumbini Province Government and Provincial Assembly Member, as the chief guest. The Mayor of Shivaraj Municipality, Mr. Ajaya Thapa, was a special guest. The Rotaract Club of Kapilvastu and the Interact



Club of Shivagadhi also collaborated in the successful execution of the program. Technical support was provided by the Blood Circulation Center, Butwal. During the event, participants not only exchanged good wishes

but also actively contributed by donating blood. A total of 66 people donated blood during the program. The total expense of the event was approximately 25 thousand, which included meals for the blood donors.

# World Suicide Prevention Day, Child Development Press Meet



RC Lumbini Siddharthanagar  
September 10, 16, 23 & 24 2024

We organized a rally on World Suicide Prevention Day as part of an awareness campaign to raise community consciousness and discourage the rising number of suicide cases in society. The program had a budget of NPR 9,268, and we hope it will have a lasting positive impact on the community.

On September 16th, we held a press meet in Dang with the support of **RC Dang**. The event had a budget of NPR 23,256 and was organized to promote the upcoming "Mrs. Lumbini Pradesh 2024" talent show, hosted by the club. This event aims to empower women, showcase their talents, and enhance Rotary's public image. By giving women a platform to express their hidden talents, the club hopes to make a positive social impact. On September 23rd and 24th, under Rotary's

Teach program, we organized a two-day educational campaign in collaboration with the Dhimal Foundation and an NGO supported by the German Embassy. The campaign, held at SAI Global Secondary School, focused on educating Grade 9 students about bullying in society. The program included an introduction, a documentary screening, and a conclusion session. The immediate positive impact was evident during the conclusion. The total budget for the event was NPR 168,253.

# Blood Donation Camp

RC Biratnagar Fusion  
September 11, 2024

A blood donation camp was organized at Ward 6, Biratnagar, in a collaborative effort by Tatkaal Raktadata, the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion, and Isai Samaj. Supported by medical professionals from Birat Teaching Hospital, the event aimed to address the urgent need for blood donations in the community.

The camp received an enthusiastic response, with 61 local residents stepping forward to donate blood. Volunteers from the organizing groups facilitated the event, ensuring a

smooth and efficient process for all donors. The atmosphere was filled with a strong sense of camaraderie and community spirit, as participants shared their reasons for donating and encouraged others to join the cause.

A representative from Tatkaal Raktadata expressed gratitude for the turnout, stating, "Every pint of blood donated can save a life. Today, we not only collected blood but also raised awareness about its importance in healthcare."

The medical team from Birat Teaching Hospital played a key role, overseeing the donation process and ensuring the safety and well-being of all donors. They conducted pre-donation health screenings and provided post-donation care, emphasizing the importance of hydration and rest.

# Supports Domestic Violence Survivor

Rotary E-Club of District 3292  
July 30, 2024

In recognition of July as Maternity and Child Health month, the Rotary E-Club of District 3292, Nepal, partnered with Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS) to support a 24-year-old domestic violence survivor. A single mother with a physical disability, she has been receiving care at PAHS's One Stop Crisis Management Centre for five years. The Rotary E-Club provided NPR 15,000 for her economic support (with funds from Germany-based Teppichhaus Tönsmann) and NPR 10,000 for medical aid from Rtn. Roshan Maharjan.

Dr. Srijana Kunwar of PAHS thanked Rotary E-Club for their impactful support, while Rotary President Raj Shrestha reaffirmed the club's commitment to helping vulnerable community members.





## International Heritage Marathon 2024

RC Chitwan

October 25, 2024

On 25th October 2024, the Rotary Club of Chitwan organized the International Heritage Marathon 2024, promoted by Bharatpur Metropolitan City as part of the "Visit Bharatpur 2024" campaign. The event attracted participants from 19 countries, showcasing Bharatpur's appeal and promoting local tourism and environmental awareness. Starting from Kasara Chowk, the marathon route passed through various wards before concluding in Meghauli Bazaar, with over 450 participants, including 109 finishers (99 men and 10 women).

The race was inaugurated by Hon. Badri Prasad Pandey, Minister of Culture, Tourism, and Civil Aviation, alongside Mayor Renu Dahal. A closing ceremony at Meghauli Airport

featured distinguished guests, including local officials and tourism experts. Rtn. Bhanu Sharma, President of the Chitwan Rotary Club, emphasized the "Run for Conservation" initiative, promoting environmental sustainability through sports.

Sanjay Shrestha won the men's category, while Prajita Shrestha topped the women's category. Prizes were awarded to the top finishers, with the event benefiting local businesses and highlighting the region's natural and cultural heritage. The marathon received significant media coverage, underscoring Rotary's commitment to community engagement and environmental conservation, with a total budget of NPR 12,50,000.

## Pilgrimage Walk & Temple Cleaning

RC Dharan

October 5, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dharan successfully organized a pilgrimage walk and temple cleaning program, reflecting its commitment to environmental preservation, community service, and enhancing public spaces. The initiative included three significant temples in Dharan: Dantakali, Buddhasubba, and Pindeshwor.

A dedicated group of 15 members, including Rotarians, Anns, and Rotaractors, joined hands to bring this community initiative to life. The event was completed with a budget

of NPR 4,500, covering essential cleaning supplies and equipment.

The program aimed to serve the local community, promote environmental sanitation, and strengthen Rotary's public image as a key social service organization. This effort underscored Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," by improving the cleanliness and appeal of these revered temples, benefiting both residents and visitors alike.



## Health Camp

RC Gaindakot

October 27, 2024

The Rotary Club of Gaindakot, in collaboration with Thanthap Samaj Gaindakot, organized a health camp at Kalika Mandir Kalika Ashram in Gaindakot-8. The camp served residents from wards 5, 6, and 8 of Gaindakot municipality, with Assistant Governor Ashok Kumar Basnet as the chief guest and Rotarian Karuna Sagar Subedi, a past president of RC Gaindakot, as the coordinator.

This initiative provided essential health services, particularly targeting local elders, women, and children. Specialist doctors from Bharatpur Hospital, expert facilitators, and volunteer health professionals offered guidance and care, allowing attendees to discuss their health concerns openly.

The primary goal of this camp was to assist individuals who struggle to access treatment, offering care tailored to their needs. The compassionate approach aimed to foster comfort and trust among patients throughout the process.

RC Gaindakot regularly conducts free health camps in underserved communities, in partnership with various government, non-government, and local volunteer organizations. This camp involved 10 specialist doctors in pediatrics, gynecology, ophthalmology, and general medicine, along with medical volunteers. A total of 491 patients received free consultations and medications.



# Wheelchair Handover Ceremony

RC Matribhumi Baluwater, RC Nagarjun & RCBaglung  
October 10, 2024

With the generous support of the Rotary Club of Nagarjun and the Rotary Club of Baglung, our Rotary Club of Matribhumi Baluwater proudly organized a Wheelchair Handover Ceremony at the entrance of the sacred Baglung Kalika Bhagawati Temple.

In the presence of the esteemed President of the Kalika Bhagawati Mandir Guthi, this initiative aims to assist elderly and differently-abled devotees, ensuring they can visit the temple with ease.

Together, we're making a difference—one step at a time.



# Rotary Chaurati (Monument) in Sirubari, Syangja

RC The Himalayan Gurkhas

On March 20, 2022, a special monument called "Rotary Chautari" was officially inaugurated at Sirubari, Syangja. The inauguration was a joint effort by Charter President Rtn. Major Gopal Bahadur Gurung, MBE, President Rtn. Satta Bahadur Gurung, and land donor Mrs. Bishnu Kumari Gurung. The Rotary Club of The Himalayan Gurkhas hosted a special ceremony on the same day to commemorate this milestone for the club.

The monument features inscriptions listing major projects and donors, as well as the names of past club presidents. The initiative for the Rotary Chautari was led by Past President Rtn. Major Lil Bahadur Gurung, MBE, who served as the project's coordinator. Past President Rtn. Krishna Adhikari was the assistant coordinator. The project was generously funded by PP



Rtn. Major Lil Bahadur Gurung, MBE, PP Rtn. Krishna Adhikari, Rtn. Andrew Morrison (RC Brigantes), Rtn. Barry Pollard (RC Brigantes), Rtn. Charlotte Gale (RC Brigantes), and Rtn. John & Lyn Proud (RC Northallerton).

A special acknowledgment was given to Mrs. Bishnu Kumari Gurung, who donated the land for the Rotary Chautari. She was honored by the Rotary Club of The Himalayan Gurkhas during the inaugural ceremony for her generous contribution.

Sirubari, Nepal's first model rural tourism village and a well-known homestay destination, attracts thousands of domestic and international tourists each year. The Rotary Chautari is expected to become an additional attraction for visitors.



# Lets Defeat Breast Cancer Together

RC Dharan Foothills  
October 22, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Program on October 22, 2024, at Jhuna's Fitness in Dharan, with the theme, "No One Should Face Breast Cancer Alone." The program was led by Dr. Sarada Khadka, a General, Endocrine, and Breast Surgeon from BPKIHS, who emphasized the importance of regular self-breast exams, clinical check-ups, and mammograms for breast cancer screening.

Participants engaged actively with an instructional video demonstrating monthly self-breast examination techniques and the importance of consulting a clinician if any suspicious signs are detected. The video was also shared with attendees on their mobile devices to encourage consistent practice of self-exams. Both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, including female members of RC Dharan, attended the program and found it highly beneficial. The event successfully conveyed the message that regular screening, early detection, and timely management can extend life and reduce complications.



# Patan Heritage Gem & Jewelry Expo 2024

RC Patan Heritage  
September 27, 2024



The Patan Heritage Gems and Jewelry Expo 2024, organized by the Rotary Club of Patan Heritage and the Lalitpur Gem and Jewelry Association, showcased the rich cultural and commercial heritage of Patan. Held under the theme "Heritage Conservation for Prosperity," the event aimed to promote Patan Durbar Square's cultural and archaeological significance while supporting local businesses. The expo, which attracted over

200,000 visitors, featured a runway show displaying traditional Nepali jewelry and outfits, along with cultural performances, including Charya dance.

The expo was inaugurated on September 27, 2024, by Honorable Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Damodar Bhandari. Organizers, including Rtn. Krishna Lal Maharjan and Rtn. Sajju Byanjankaar,

highlighted the importance of the event in promoting heritage and addressing industry challenges. The expo concluded with a Newari feast for invited guests in Patan Durbar Square's Bhandarkhal Garden, despite economic and weather challenges.

The event received national and international attention, providing a platform for cultural exchange and tourism promotion while strengthening the local economy.



# Mega Health Camp in Devdaha

RC Devdaha  
October 6, 2024



The Rotary Club of Devdaha organized a successful Mega Health Camp at two locations in Devdaha, namely Devdaha-1 Dhekawar and Devdaha-5 Khaireni, providing essential health services to local residents, especially those from marginalized and economically disadvantaged communities. This health camp offered free diabetes, blood

pressure, dental, and eye check-ups, granting 762 people access to vital health screenings and consultations with experienced doctors—an invaluable opportunity for many. Most beneficiaries rarely have access to regular healthcare services, making this initiative particularly impactful for early detection and treatment.

The event was supported by Devdaha Medical College, Shree Krishna Poly Clinic, and Shree Krishna Dental, who provided the technical and medical expertise necessary for effective health screenings. With a total budget of NPR 108,682, the camp covered all required medical supplies and logistical needs. In attendance were Rotary Club of Devdaha President Bishnu Prasad Pathak, Immediate Past President Dr. Sundar Pandey, Secretary Narayan Bhandari, along with members Shovakanta Neupane, Ravi Paudel, and other dedicated Rotarians, whose support was essential to the event's success.

This health camp had a notable impact on the community, raising awareness about diabetes, hypertension, oral health, and eye care, and encouraging proactive health management. Many community members expressed deep gratitude to RC Devdaha for their commitment to public health, thanking the club for providing this critical healthcare opportunity.

# Kitini Secondary School, Launched Coding & Robotics Curriculum

RC Yala  
October 25, 2024

Kitini Secondary School in Taukhel, Godawari-3, has become the first public school in Lalitpur District to launch a year-long curriculum in Coding and Robotics for its middle school students. As part of this initiative, the Kitini Innovation Lab was inaugurated on October 25, 2024, in a ceremony jointly led by District Governor Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan and Mr. Balmukunda Ghimire, Chairman of the School Management Committee. The event was attended by Rotarians from RC Yala, the School Principal



and Deputy Principal, teachers, parents, guardians, and students.

Speaking at the event, DG expressed his utmost happiness in witnessing this excellent and impactful initiative spearheaded by the RC Yala, stating that such activities should be prioritized as part of District 3292's Basic Education Program, for which he pledged to mobilize necessary support. Chairman Mr. Ghimire thanked the Rotarians for introducing the coding and robotics curriculum, which he considers essential for enhancing students' creativity. He also requested the RC Yala to continue this activity in the future, so that students are not deprived of the opportunity

to learn these 21st-century skills vital for their future careers.

In line with its mission to create lasting community impact, RC Yala partnered with Kitini Secondary School to introduce a year-long coding and robotics course for over 60 middle school students. Previously, RC Yala had conducted boot camps in three public schools in Godawari Municipality to gauge interest and feasibility. With technical support from Dursikshya Education Network, the project also established a fully equipped Kitini Innovation Lab, providing essential tools for students to build skills, foster creativity, and apply technology to real-world problems.

# Mental Health Awareness Program

RC Butwal Downtown  
September 25, 2024

On September 25th, the Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown held a Mental Health Awareness Program at Butwal Multiple Campus. The event was presided over by Club President Rtn. Shiva Gyawali, with Durga Bhusal, Chief of BMC, as the chief guest. The program was supported by Rtn. Dr. Bikram Kafle, President of Rotary E-Club of Medicofusion Hybrid Nepal.

The program focused on addressing the mental health needs of students in today's fast-paced world, benefiting over 200 participants. Additionally, the club presented the "Four-Way Test" to the administration of Butwal Multiple Campus.



# Free Eye Check-up Camp

RC Sankhu  
September 14, 2024

The Rotary Club of Sankhu, along with the Rotaract Club of Sankhu, RCC Sankhu, and the Interact Club of Evergreen, jointly organized a free Eye Screening Camp with technical support from Kritipur Eye Hospital, Sankhu Eye Treatment Center, and Sushma Koirala Memorial Hospital. The camp took place at Bhagyadoya Higher Secondary School in Shankharapur Municipality, Ward 6.

The total cost of the program was NPR 10,000, funded by the members of the Rotary Club of Sankhu. Seventy-four patients benefited from the screenings, and some were referred to Sushma Koirala Memorial

Hospital for treatment of more serious issues.

This camp highlighted the importance of regular eye check-ups, as many individuals in the community are not aware of the need for preventive care and typically seek help only when problems arise. Participants expressed the significance of such screening camps in raising awareness and educating the public about eye health. Several patients received critical treatments at Sankhu Eye Treatment Center and Sushma Koirala Memorial Hospital, where they previously had no knowledge of their eye conditions.





## Suicide Prevention Rally

RC E club of Medicofusion Hybrid  
September 10, 2024

On September 10th, RC Medicofusion organized a Suicide Prevention Rally, inviting all Rotary clubs from Region V to participate. The rally commenced at Chauraha Butwal and concluded at Traffic Chowk, starting at 7:30 AM.

The event was graced by Chief Guest IPDG Rajendra Dhoju and Special Guest DIG Bijay Pandit. Dr. Bikram Kafle chaired the program, which was conducted by Rtn. Shiva Gyawali.

IPDG Rajendra Dhoju emphasized the significance of Rotary's commitment to mental health, noting that during his tenure, the Rotary International theme was closely tied to this vital issue. DIG Bijay Pandit presented statistics on suicide in Nepal, highlighting the urgent need for awareness and prevention. Rtn. Dr. Bikram Kafle discussed the underlying causes of suicide, particularly depression, and addressed common myths surrounding the topic. He also emphasized the importance of recognizing the signs and symptoms of depression to support those in need.



## Club Officers Training Seminar (COTS)

RC Narayani Midtown  
September 15, 2024

On September 15, 2024, the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town, Chitwan, successfully conducted a Club Officers Training Seminar (COTS) at the Royal Century Hotel in Bharatpur. The seminar aimed to provide club officers with the necessary skills to enhance their leadership and operational effectiveness.

The training featured five esteemed resource persons: AG Zone 36 Bishnu Sharma, District Learning Facilitator and Chair of Region 6 Rtn Surendra Nath Regmi, Past President Dinup Baral, Past President Ashesh Bhandary, and Past President Arpana Pradhan. These leaders guided the participants through comprehensive sessions focused on the roles and responsibilities of various committees, helping officers understand their functions and contributions within the Rotary structure.

The program was coordinated by Past President Rtn Ashesh Bhandary and President Bishnu Paudel, who ensured the smooth execution of the event. The training saw the participation of 24 Rotarians, who actively engaged in discussions and learning sessions, making the seminar both interactive and insightful.

## Ullens School Scholarship Program

RC Patan  
August 24, 2024

The Rotary Club of Patan, in collaboration with Ullens School, has arranged full scholarships for two students from the Prajapati Education Endowment Fund (PEEF). This initiative focuses on providing educational support and creating opportunities for underprivileged youth.

A total of two full scholarships have been granted, each valued at Rs. 520,000 per year,

amounting to Rs. 2,080,000 for two years. The budget for these scholarships is fully sponsored by Ullens School.

The beneficiaries of this initiative are Ms. Swostika B.K. from Tri Padma School and Mr. Yubesh Kharel from Mahendra Adarsha School. This program offers significant educational opportunities to these underprivileged students, potentially having a long-term positive impact on their futures. Additionally, it has strengthened the partnership between the Rotary Club of Patan and Ullens School.





## Zone 16 Club Officer's Training

RC Patan West, RC Lalitpur, RC Patan Durbar Square & RC Saibu Bhaisepati  
September 21, 2024

On September 21, 2024, Zone 16 of Rotary District 3292 successfully held its zonal Club Officer Training Seminar (COTS) at Maxims Banquet and Events in Kupondole, Lalitpur. The event featured resource persons including Rtn. Dinesh Raj Manandhar, Rtn. Dhruva Acharya, PDG Rtn. Dilendra Raj Shrestha, Rtn. Amit Giri, and Rtn. Maheshwor Bhakta Shrestha, with Assistant Governor Rtn. Gupta Bahadur Rana in attendance. Four clubs—Rotary Club of Lalitpur, Rotary Club of Patan Durbar Square, Rotary Club of Patan West, and Rotary Club of Saibu Bhaisepati—participated, bringing together a total of 32 attendees.



## Zone 3 COTS

RC Durbarmarg, RC Kathmandu Kalanki, RC Newroad City, & RC Pashupati-Kathmandu  
September 28, 2024

The Rotary clubs of Zone 3—Rotary Club of Durbarmarg, Rotary Club of Kathmandu Kalanki, Rotary Club of Newroad City, and Rotary Club of Pashupati-Kathmandu—successfully organized a Joint Meeting and Zonal Club Officer Learning Seminar (COLS). This event united Rotarians to strengthen leadership skills and encourage inter-club collaboration.

The seminar was led by Rtn. Rajendra Shakya, a former District Trainer, and Rtn. Sunil Ratna Tuladhar. Their sessions offered valuable insights on leadership development, effective club management, and strategic planning, benefiting both new and experienced Rotary officers.



## Sports Materials Distribution

RC Kirtipur  
September 16, 2024

In celebration of Children's Day and Basic Education and Literacy Month, the Rotary Club of Kirtipur provided a range of indoor and outdoor sports equipment to students at Chandidevi Basic School in Godabari Municipality, Dukuchhap, Lalitpur, Nepal, on September 16, 2024. This initiative benefited 180 children with a budget of approximately NPR 15,000.





## Joint Club Officers Training Seminar (COTS)

RC Ratnanagar, RC Narayanghat, RC Bharatpur, RC Dhading, RC Gaidakot, RC Nawalpur Kawasoti, & RC Purbi Chitwan.

October 19, 2024

Seven clubs from RID3292 Zone 6 successfully organized a Zonal Club Officer Learning Seminar at Royal Tiger Luxury Resort in Sauraha, Chitwan. The participating clubs included Rotary Club of Ratnanagar, Rotary Club of Narayanghat, Rotary Club of Bharatpur, Rotary Club of Dhading, Rotary Club of Gaidakot, Rotary Club of Nawalpur Kawasoti, and Rotary Club of Purbi Chitwan.

This event brought together Rotarians to enhance leadership skills and foster inter-club collaboration, with a total of 63 participants in attendance. The seminar was facilitated by Rtn. Surendra Nath Regmi, AG Rtn. Bishnu Prasad Sharma, AG Rtn. Hari

Prasad Subedi, and District Interact Committee Chair Rtn. Bipin Pokhrel.

Resource persons included Rtn. Dr. Pramod Paudel on Club Administration, Rtn. Ramesh Shrestha on Membership, Rtn. Kapil Babu Khanal on Public Image, Rtn. Bishnu Prasad Sharma on Service Projects, Rtn. Dr. Achyut Pokhrel on The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and Rtn. Jeevvan Kumar Shrestha as Sgt-at-Arms. Their sessions provided valuable insights on leadership development, effective club management, and strategic planning, benefiting both new and seasoned Rotary officers.

## Four Way Test

RC Purbi Chitwan

October 3, 2024

The Rotary Club of Purbi Chitwan distributed the Four-Way Test to various local vendors, promoting ethical practices within the community. In celebration of the Dasain festival, Rotarians also gathered to exchange greetings, well-wishes, and warm regards, fostering camaraderie and goodwill among members.



## Empowering Farmers with Potato Farming Training

RC Surunga

October 27 & 28, 2024

On October 27, the Rotary Club of Surunga hosted a potato farming technology training program in collaboration with Kanakai Municipality Ward No. 4 to support local farmers. Inaugurated by Deputy Mayor Asha Sharma Shivakoti, the event emphasized the importance of agricultural training in Nepal's economy, where over 70% of locals rely on farming. Club President Luba Raj Uprety presided over the program, which benefited over 60 farmers with insights from expert Prasodhan Niroula on seed selection, soil balance, and planting techniques.

On October 28, the club continued its initiative in Jhapa Gau Palika, focusing on practical skills for sustainable potato cultivation. The event featured guests such as Assistant Governor Kumar Mani Pokhrel and Agricultural Department head Jagat Narayan Mandal. Led by Prasodhan Niroula, the training attracted over 50 local farmers and concluded with appreciation for all partners involved.





## Free Health Services in Namu Buddha

RC Kathmandu Height  
October 19, 2024

On October 19, 2023, the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Heights, in collaboration with Namu Buddha Municipality, hosted a free health camp at the Namu Buddha Health Post. Supported by Karunalaya Community Hospital, this event provided essential medical services to residents who often face barriers to accessing healthcare.

Themed "Golden Opportunity," the camp offered a range of services, including general health check-ups, women's health consultations, and elderly care. Residents also benefited from ENT and eye screenings, with specialists addressing ear, nose, throat, and vision issues, including cataracts and glaucoma. Dermatological services covered

common skin and hair concerns, while orthopedic care focused on joint pain and mobility issues. Attendees also received nutritional guidance tailored for all age groups.

Hundreds of community members participated, receiving free consultations and valuable health education. The event underscored the importance of preventive care and demonstrated the impactful role of community-driven healthcare initiatives.

By the end of the day, the health camp left a lasting impression, promoting well-being and improving healthcare access for the people of Namu Buddha.

## District Governor Official Visit

RC Kapan  
October 26, 2024

On October 26, 2024, the Rotary Club of Kapan welcomed an official visit of the District Governor. The event provided an opportunity for Rotarians to engage with the Governor and discuss initiatives within the community.



## International Senior Citizen Day

RC Madhyapur  
October 1, 2024

To mark International Senior Citizens Day, the Rotary Club of Madhyapur organized a program to honor the senior citizens of Madhyapur Thimi. About 80 senior citizens and 12 Rotarians attended the event, which was held on the premises of Siddhikali Temple, with the ward chairman of Madhyapur Thimi Municipality Ward No. 6, Gyan Das Prajapati, as the chief guest. He clarified the rights of senior citizens according to the Constitution of Nepal 2063 and promised to further assist the needs of the senior citizens.

Charter President Rtn. Surendra Bikram Prajapati emphasized the importance of providing support for establishing a day care center for senior citizens in the Madhyapur Thimi area. Hygienic kits were distributed to the senior citizens attending the program, who expressed their gratitude for the honor bestowed by the Rotary Club of Madhyapur and looked forward to further assistance in the near future.



# Interview with PDG Graeme C. Archibald

PDG Graeme C. Archibald a member of the Rotary Club of Elgin, located in North Scotland, was the District Governor, representing Rotary District 1010 in Rotary year 2017/18. As a District Governor, Graeme C. Archibald played a key role in fostering service, leadership development, and Rotary's mission in Scotland.

## Could you share with us how you first got involved with Rotary and your journey to becoming District Governor of District 1010?

I became a member of Rotary Elgin in July 2000, invited by a colleague from work. The company I worked for in Elgin had strong ties to Rotary Elgin—one of its former directors was the Founder President of the club in 1927, and his son remained a member until his passing in June 2000, just weeks before I joined.

In the years leading up to my appointment as Club President for 2009/10, I chaired several committees as a team leader. After retiring from full-time employment in July 2011, I was encouraged to take on a role within our Rotary District. I went on to serve as Assistant Governor for District 1010 during 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15, and later as District Governor in 2017/18.

Additionally, I served as a liaison Governor on the Rotary Great Britain & Ireland General Council for three years, from July 2015 to June 2018, focusing on international projects at RIBI.

Throughout the years, I have observed many different approaches to addressing challenges within our organization, particularly with regard to membership. While some ideas proved successful, others had little or no impact. The rise of "Breakfast" clubs was among the more successful innovations, and the shift away from serving meals at every meeting has also been a popular change.

## The Rotary Club of Elgin is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Can you tell us more about your club and its history? What are some of the key projects or initiatives that your club has been involved in over the years?

The Rotary Club of Elgin held its first meeting on 6th January 1927 and received its official Club Charter on 25th November 1927. Currently, we have 63 members, with three more expected to join in the coming weeks. This will make us the largest club in District 1010, which covers the North of Scotland. The district consists of 85 clubs with nearly 2,000 members in total.

We also have three honorary members, including HRH The Princess Royal, who has been a regular visitor to our club over the years. It was a great honor for the club to receive The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, and HRH insisted that she, as a member of our club, be the one to present the award to "Her" club.



I often reflect on our club's achievements, thanks to visionary business leaders dedicated to our community. One major fundraiser was the Rotary Marafun, where teams of five runners completed a total marathon distance, raising funds for local causes. Proceeds helped purchase a new hospital scanner and raised over £100,000 for The Oaks, a palliative care facility in Elgin.

Another successful initiative was the Rotary Whisky project, which generated over £50,000 for the End Polio campaign. Initially sold as Rotary Malt, it was later rebranded to Fellowship Malt after a policy breach but still benefitted the campaign.

While fundraising has become more challenging in recent years, we continue to explore new opportunities, such as a charity golf day, to support our causes.

## Your Club has thrived for 100 years. What do you think are the key factors or strategies behind the club's long-standing success? Also, could you provide some insights into the club's membership, culture, and regular meetings?

We strongly believe that regular meetings are a key element in maintaining membership. We have developed our own club mentoring scheme to ensure new members feel included from the day they join. Our membership team holds regular meetings

with new members to understand what works well for them and what could be improved. We learn from their feedback and use it to help sustain our membership numbers. Personal introductions continue to be the most effective recruitment method, but this year, we are exploring the possibility of corporate membership. Be willing to experiment and take risks—it may fail, but it could also prove very successful.

**Currently, Rotary International is experiencing a decline in membership. How do you assess the current state of membership within Rotary? What do you identify as the primary challenges in attracting new members? Additionally, could you provide the current membership status of your district?**

Within Great Britain and Ireland (RGI), like many areas worldwide, we have seen membership numbers decline as our clubs age. Many clubs struggle to recruit younger members, often failing to respond to the messages regularly delivered by the District. The ultimate outcome for some is the dissolution of clubs. Our district mirrors other parts of RGI, having lost five clubs in the past year. However, in one case, the closure occurred because none of the members were willing to take on leadership roles. As a result, the club ceased operations, but around 15 members joined a neighboring club, so the overall membership loss was not as significant. As I mentioned earlier, we currently have 85 clubs in our district with nearly 2,000 members, but the age profile is a real concern.

**Your club partnered with Rotary Club of Boudha on a Global Grant project. Could you elaborate on how this partnership came about and the impact of the project?**

It has been a privilege to collaborate with the Rotary Club of Boudha on our recent Water, Sanitation, and Education project. Our involvement in such initiatives began in 2002, following a visit by three Rotary Club of Elgin (RCE) members to Nepal to support a health camp in Humla in partnership with the Nepal Trust.

While in Nepalgunj, they connected with local Rotarians from Rotary Club of Nepalgunj, who encouraged us to consider a water and sanitation project. After initial communication issues, we partnered with Water Aid UK and NEWAH, leading to our first successful project in southwestern Nepal.

In 2004, RCE members visited Nepal and were impressed by NEWAH's work, prompting a second project focused on a community school near Janakpur, completed in 2007. In November 2007, over 20 Rotarians and partners visited the finished project. We then secured Global Grant assistance for projects on water, sanitation and educational programs in Nepalese and Simle villages, with Rotary Club of Himalayan Gurkhas. In November 2010, a group of 24 Rotarians and partners visited to see the completed work.



For our fourth project, we collaborated with the Rotary Club of Baglung in the remote villages of Kades and Bhaja. Access was challenging, often requiring 4x4 vehicles, but the warm welcome we received was unforgettable. The Kades community even declared a local holiday in our honor, expressing deep gratitude for the fresh water, sanitation, and education programs we delivered, complete with Tikka ceremonies everywhere!



In 2018, we returned to Nuwakot, collaborating with the Rotary Club of Tripureswor and President Bijaya Sainju in Majhtar. We also revisited Nepalese, where we funded repairs to a school toilet block damaged by the 2015 earthquake. The visit highlighted both the successful repairs and the lasting impact of our 2010 water project on the community.



In 2019, we partnered with the Rotary Club of Boudha on a project in the Siureni Bhanjyangkharka community in Bethanchowk. The project was completed in January 2022 with Global Grant assistance. This collaboration significantly enhanced the scale and impact for the local community. After six visits to Nepal, I remain inspired by the outstanding Rotary clubs and communities we've worked with. Each project has been rewarding, and we always make time to explore Nepal's remarkable heritage and beautiful landscapes.



### **What challenges did you encounter during the Global Grant project with Rotary Club of Boudha (RCB), and how were they overcome? What have been the most rewarding aspects of this collaboration?**

When we first met the Rotary Club of Boudha (RCB) and Founder President Chhongba Sherpa, the club had just been chartered and was navigating the complexities of securing Rotary International support through Global Grants. Despite these challenges, our partnership resulted in a unique and successful project we can all be proud of.

The project's delivery was not straightforward, but RCB consistently visited the site throughout its duration. In March 2022, members of RCE and supporting UK clubs visited and were profoundly impacted by the outcome, eager to return.

We hope RCB will collaborate with us again on future water, sanitation, and education projects. As for RCE, we look forward to our centenary in 2027, with plans for a "Centenary Water & Sanitation Project" aimed for completion by December 2027. RCB has identified a potential site, and NEWAH is developing specifications and cost estimates.

Our involvement in future projects should be smoother, as we now understand the Grant schemes and how to partner effectively with local municipalities to benefit more communities and schools.

### **How important do you think international collaborations are for Rotary's mission? What role do you see these partnerships playing in the future of Rotary? Are there plans to pursue more projects with Rotary clubs in District 3292, which includes Nepal and Bhutan?**

I believe my comments above reflect our forward-looking approach. By building on over 20 years of experience, we are able to leverage past successes and collaborate with many of the smaller clubs in our District. These clubs are always eager to participate in international projects but often lack the resources to take on initiatives of the scale we pursue. Through our partnerships, they too can become involved, and they greatly value the feedback and updates we provide throughout the process.

### **How has your personal experience as a Rotary leader influenced your perspective on community service and leadership?**

In a word – immensely. The fellowship, and involvement in community and international events have all impacted me in different ways. Being of service, without expecting acknowledgment, is a great feeling. Teamwork and utilizing personal skills are also rewarding in their own ways. Everywhere you turn, you can find someone in need.

However, I have to say that one of the most significant and impactful experiences I had was during my first visit to Nepal in 2004. Seeing what our fundraising efforts achieved in a remote area of southwestern Nepal truly tugged at my heartstrings.

### **How has your involvement in Rotary impacted your family's life? How many of your family members are also involved in Rotary activities?**



Rotary has certainly had an impact within the Archibald household. While I have traveled to Nepal on six occasions, my wife has accompanied me on the last five trips. Rotary comes up regularly throughout the week in various ways. My eldest daughter is also a member of Rotary Elgin and is currently the President Nominee. My eldest granddaughter is a member of an Interact club at her secondary school, and her younger sister was president of her primary school's RotaKids club (for 9–12-year-olds) last year. In June, her RotaKids club organized a sponsored walk around one of the parks in the center of Elgin, raising about £365, which will go towards the next Water Project in Nepal that we are currently working on.

### **What advice would you give to someone who is new to Rotary and looking to make a meaningful impact, both locally and globally?**

In so many organizations, involvement is critical. In many cases, the more you put in, the more you get out. Rotary is a worldwide organization, and it's important to take the opportunity to visit other clubs, both domestically and internationally. The fellowship that these opportunities provide cannot be overstated, and the "learning curve" from seeing what happens elsewhere brings new ideas back to the home club. Our new member mentors continually strive to share their experiences, and their involvement in team and club meetings contributes to the learning and development necessary for sustaining Rotary membership.

### **Looking ahead, what are the future plans or goals for the Rotary Club of Elgin? Are there any upcoming projects or areas of focus you're particularly excited about?**

Currently, we hope to increase our membership by 8 to 10 new members this year. So far, 5 have been inducted, and three more are pending.

The "Centenary" committee is also developing plans for 2027/28, focusing on the initial feedback from a members' discussion evening where over 200 ideas were recorded. These ideas have been refined and duplicates eliminated, resulting in proposals for a major local community project, efforts to promote our image in the Elgin area, and an international project, with a centenary water project in Nepal high on the list.

A number of fundraising events are planned for this year as we continue to support the Rotary Foundation and the End Polio campaign, along with our annual collections at Christmas, with proceeds going to deserving local beneficiaries.

# District Governor's Calendar

## NOVEMBER 2024



DATE	DAY	EVENT
06	Wednesday	Charter Day and DG Visit RC Rajdhani
07	Thursday	DG Visit RC Lalitpur
08	Friday	RYLA
09	Saturday	RYLA   TRF Seminar and Recognition Program
10	Sunday	RYLA
11	Monday	DG Visit RC Madhyapur
15	Friday	DG Visit RC Pokhara Fishtail   RC Pokhara New Road
16	Saturday	DG Visit RC Pokhara Lakeside   Vibrate Club Workshop (Pokhara)
17	Sunday	DG Visit RC RC Baglung   RC Parbat
18	Monday	DG Visit RC Kantipur kathmandu
19	Tuesday	DG Visit RC Kathmandu North East   RC Matribhumi Baluwatar
20	Wednesday	DG Visit RC Birtamode
21	Thursday	DG Visit RC Surunga   RC Damak
22	Friday	DG Visit RC Mechinagar   RC Kakarvitta
23	Saturday	DG Visit RC Urlabari   RC Bhadrapur
24	Sunday	DG Visit RC Ilam   RC Birtamode Midtown
25	Monday	DG Visit RC Chandragiri
29	Friday	DG Visit RC Sainbu Bhaisepati
30	Saturday	DG Visit RC Eclub of Namoboudha   RC Nyatapola

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**FESTIVITIES, RELIEF, AND AWARENESS:  
A MONTH OF IMPACT WITH ROTARY**



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The spirit of festivity continues to bring joy and happiness into our lives. Dashain has blessed us with sunny days and cherished reunions with loved ones. May these joyful moments keep uplifting us all.

Our country, however, is facing challenging times. At the end of September 2024, severe floods struck due to record-breaking monsoon rains, causing over 258 deaths and widespread destruction. True to our identity as "People of Action," Rotary District 3292 Nepal, Bhutan, responded by organizing numerous relief initiatives to support the affected communities. Rotary clubs distributed essential relief supplies, including food, clean drinking water, blankets, clothing, and other necessities to displaced families in flood-hit areas.

**On World Polio Day (October 24), RID3292 launched a significant campaign across all seven provinces, including the Valley. In Lalitpur, a grand bicycle rally was held and inaugurated by Honorable Minister of Health and Population, Pradeep Paudel. Awareness programs, rallies, and walkathons took place in various cities. In the evening, messages illuminating iconic towers and buildings, including Dharahara, helped**

**raise awareness. Rotary clubs actively supported the "End Polio Now" campaign, leading multiple awareness initiatives. The dedication of District Public Image Committee Chair, Rtn Amit Giri, and his team created a powerful impact. Hats off to the Public Image Committee for their commendable work.**

Now, we welcome the month of "The Rotary Foundation," a time when Rotarians come together to bring about change in our communities through giving. The Rotary Foundation empowers Rotary members to play a vital role in advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, enhancing the environment, and alleviating poverty. Let us all extend our support to this mission.

Lastly, I wish you all prosperity, togetherness, and good health for the upcoming "Festival of Lights - Tihar," Nepal Sambat 1145, and Chhath Parwa.

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Gautam Shrestha**

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