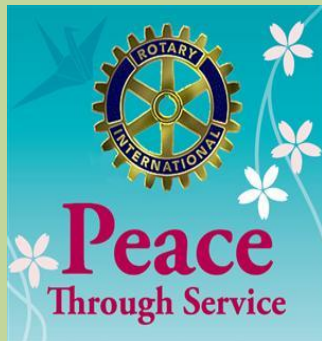
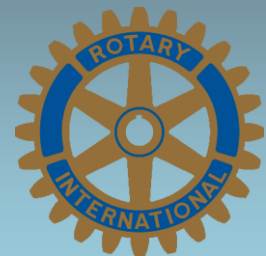


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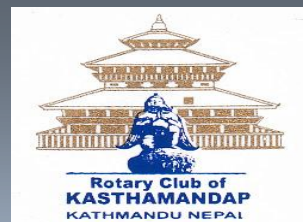
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Medal Conferred to Kasthamandap Members and Reporters



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Editorial



Rtn. Yadab Pradhan

Dear readers:

Rotary club of Kasthamandap members have been conferred by prestigious medal of Rotary International with Major Donor title for President Elect Rtn. Upendra Poudel during District Conference in Kathmandu and MPHf to Rtn. Limbu, Rtn. Sanjiv by President Elect Rtn. Dilendra. This occasion gives once again a moment of pride to all Kasthamandap club members. The medal holders deserve a hearty congratulation and applaud in their efforts in service above self. This month RC Kasthamandap celebrated Women's Day and also recognized the efforts made by four media personalities especially the women journalist.

As a part of WSC project Kasthamandap members have visited three different school locations to distribute the necessities to the needy children.

Good News

Good news in family business and profession: PP Rtn, Pradeep being nominated as vice-president of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CACCI)

Happy Landings

PP Umesh- Bangkok, PP Rtn. Pradeep-Philippines, Rtn. Barsha-Germany/France, Rtn. Prabha-Myanmar Rtn. Yadab-Myanmar, PP Rtn Gyanendra-Philippines Rtn. Sajiv-India.

Happy Birthdays

Rtn. Pradeep March 15, Rtn. Umed March 15, Rtn. Rajju March 18. Rtn. Sajjan March 22, Rtn. Bhim

Marriage Anniversaries

PP Rtn VK Feb 23, Rtn. Urmila Feb 23, Rtn. Puspa pani Feb 23, Rtn. Bhawana Feb 24, President Milan – March 02, Rtn. Subash-March 03, PP Rajan-March 05, Rtn. Madhav-March 05, Rtn. Santosh-March 05, Rtn. Sushma March 05. Rtn. Manohar, Rtn. Meenu, Rtn. Raju Babu, PP Rtn. Pradeep, Rtn. Sanjay, Rtn. Shanker.

You all deserve Congratulations!!!



Rotary Information:

The 5th District Conference was held during March 16-18, 2013 in Kathmandu.

District Assembly will be held on 27th April @ Godavari Village Resort

Did you know: From July 1, 2013, the following items take effect?

- *No more Matching Grants (which leaves a huge gap between District and Global Grants)*
- *The six areas of Focus for Global Grants are very limiting*
- *"Sustainability" and "Measurability" quotients put burdens on clubs they are not equipped to handle*
- *Your Rotary Club will have to go through a qualification process to get their own money back*
- *Club Officers will have to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with potential onerous legal consequences*
- *The Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Visiting Rotary Professors, Peace and Conflict Scholars, and other worthwhile programs will soon be history.*

From Rotary.org

Rotary and water

Through Rotary, community and business leaders come together to seek solutions, share ideas, and conduct sustainable projects that provide communities with safe water and proper sanitation.

Lessons learned from the International H2O Collaboration

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary News – 20 March 2013



Dozens of broken hand pumps dot villages in Ghana — evidence of well-intentioned efforts gone awry because sustainability wasn't built into the projects that installed them. Perhaps fees weren't collected to fund repairs, or local officials weren't recruited to manage and oversee continued operations.

School latrines also fail at a high rate, as projects often overlook the fact that they must be emptied periodically.

These are just two of the findings from a recent review of the International H2O Collaboration, a partnership between Rotary International and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) that is beginning its fifth year.

As part of the partnership's commitment to sustainability, it hired an independent contractor, Aguaconsult, to review the more than 15,000 measures — from water systems and hygiene training to wastewater treatment plants — funded by the partnership in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines.

Sustainability index

The review included the creation of the WASH Sustainability Index, a tool designed to assess the long-term success and sustainability of these projects. The tool eventually will be available for Rotarians to use in planning more effective water and sanitation projects.

Water and sanitation projects often are measured by the systems built and the number of people they are expected to serve. But experts are finding that these numbers don't tell the whole story. Other conditions must be in place for projects to outlast their initial funding. These so-called soft elements include reliable management, long-term support, sound financial planning, training, and supportive government policies.

The WASH Sustainability Index essentially is a series of questions that determine whether these soft elements exist. To grade each action, Aguaconsult applied these questions to three levels of project involvement — individuals and organizations responsible for managing a service or system; local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and public agencies that provide support or oversight; and government and regulatory agencies that set policies, adopt technical standards, and conduct periodic review.

"The Aguaconsult team made a valiant effort in attempting to quantify the uniquely qualitative aspects of sustainability," says Sean Cantella, of Relief International, an organization that worked with USAID to implement the index in Ghana. "They should be applauded for their novel effort to look beyond simply counting the number of facilities in order to estimate the likelihood that facilities will be available for the long term."

Report findings

Aguaconsult's report had high praise for Rotarians' expertise, noting that equipment like wells, pumps and water systems have been well designed and meet all technical standards. But it found weaknesses in most other areas. Among the findings and conclusions:

- Collecting tariffs or user fees is important for long-term success. In many of the projects reviewed, user fees were either not collected or were set too low to provide enough money to replace worn-out equipment and parts. Considering the life cycle of equipment, and having frank discussions about what costs will be faced and by whom, can help projects avoid failure.
- Implementing projects in an institutional or policy vacuum increases the risk they will simply "fall through the cracks" once the project partners leave. In some communities, no agency was assigned to oversee results. Rotarians should involve relevant authorities from the outset and ensure that newly built systems are registered and integrated with other public works so they receive support and monitoring.
- The ability and willingness of local agencies to provide long-term follow-up are critical to sustainability. Ghana and the Dominican Republic have a national program for promoting hygiene, and their health ministries have strong urban branches. But such support is often absent in rural areas. In the Philippines, rural community-managed systems were found to suffer from a "lack of political will." Training local government staff to manage and administer projects, and improving supply chains and services, can help.
- Advocacy aimed at correcting policy or capacity gaps is an important and valid investment in long-term success.

World Water Day

The H2O Collaboration is one example of how Rotarians are working year-round to provide access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation. On 22 March, Rotarians will join the observance of [World Water Day](#). Established by the United Nations in 1992, the day highlights the importance of fresh water and the need for sustainable management of water resources. This year's theme is water cooperation.



RI 2013-14 RI Theme
Engage Rotary Change Lives

Club Activities

E-bulletin has been published for last month, thanks to Rtn. Yadab. Meeting has decided to honor four female journalists from Arthik Avian newspaper & Sagarmatha FM those who helped RCK and its activities. Meeting also endorsed 12 Lakhs library building project to be constructed for Kausika Lower Secondary (Deaf & Dumb) school at Mulghat Dhankuta initiated by IPP Nirnanjan and fund to be donated by RC Fort Collins Colorado USA.

RCK was once again proud to announce that three PP have been nominated at District Committee. PP Pradeep and PP Rohini are District Sub- Committee Chair, Rotary-Non Rotary Relation Committee and Conflict Resolutions & Prevention committee respectively.

PP Gynendar proposed to carry out some social work at Manakamana Temple on the way to health camp at Pithauli. After darshan RCK shall clean the burner (deo) at temple premises and later proceed to Narayanghat.

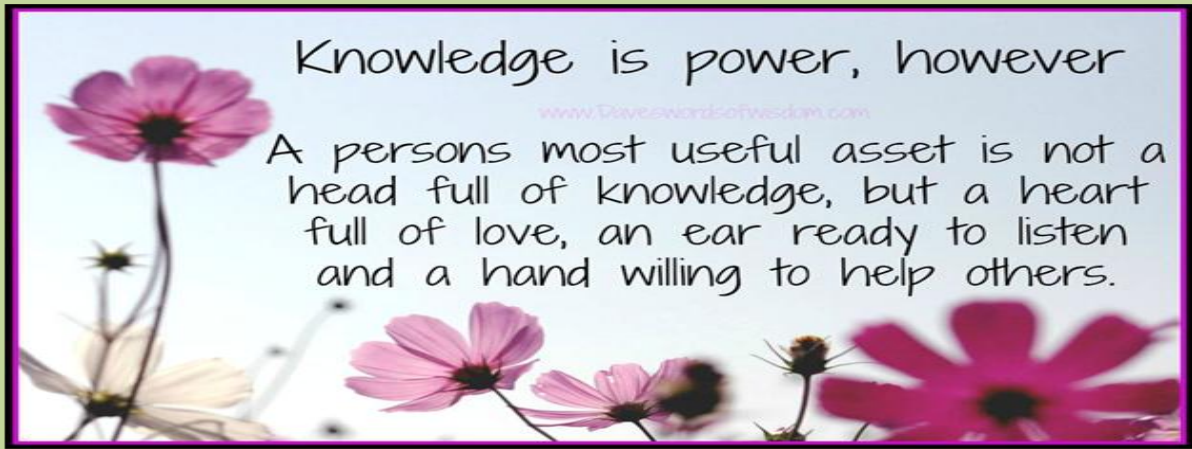
Rtn. Bhim briefed about grant management training that he undertook on behalf of RCK.

IPP Nirnanjan welcomed three female journalists those who helped made RCK more visible in the society. Journalists, Ms. Sakuntala from Arthik Aviyaan, Ms. Bhawana Gurung and Ms. Pramila Manandhar from Sagarmatha FM were facilitated in the meeting. All journalists spoke few words about the challenges of journalism and being female journalist. They all thanked RCK for honoring them for their effort on the occasion of women's' day. They have requested RCK to provide the information of social work completed so they can disseminate through their respective Medias. Ms. Pramila shared her how her confidence level grew by participating in Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) program.

A small presentation was given on the status of women and their development by Rtn. Prabhu and Rtn. Rajju. All females present in the meeting were given flower by RCK male members. Rtn. Prabhu distributed sweets to the women present in the meeting. Thank you Rtn. Prabha for your extra effort on remembering women. CP Gajendra thanked the guests on behalf of RCK.

RCK was again proud to announce PP Umesh being nominated at District as Chair for Education & Literacy Sub-committee.





Various decisions were made during the meeting such as each club should at least make a minimum contribution of US\$100 in order to show support and commitment to The Rotary Foundation to reach the fund collection target.

Pithauli Health Camp activities is finalized to start from 12th April, 2013 for two days.

District Assembly will be held on 27th April @ Godavari Village Resort and members have been encouraged for maximum participation.

Preparation of District Awards and Recognition Ceremony were also discussed.

Annual Souvenir Publication committee was formed (Rtn. Yadab, Rtn. Sanjeev, Rtn. Barsha, Rtn. Prabhu, Rtn. Umid, Rtn. Raj Kumar and all the past presidents).

Rtn. Dr. Dipendra shared his new project Nepal School Speaking Program targeted to young school children and seek inputs, suggestion from RCK members. Members participated in the discussion and **CP Gajendra** encouraged the project.

PP Rtn. Rajan informed the submission of the MG SIRC – 1690.

President Rtn, Milan mentioned sad demise (mother of **Rtn. Ghanashyam**) and extended heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family.



President Elect Rtn. Upendra was conferred by the Rotary International Major Donor medal.

MPHF to Rtn. Limbu, Rtn. Sanjiv by President Elect Rtn. Dilendra



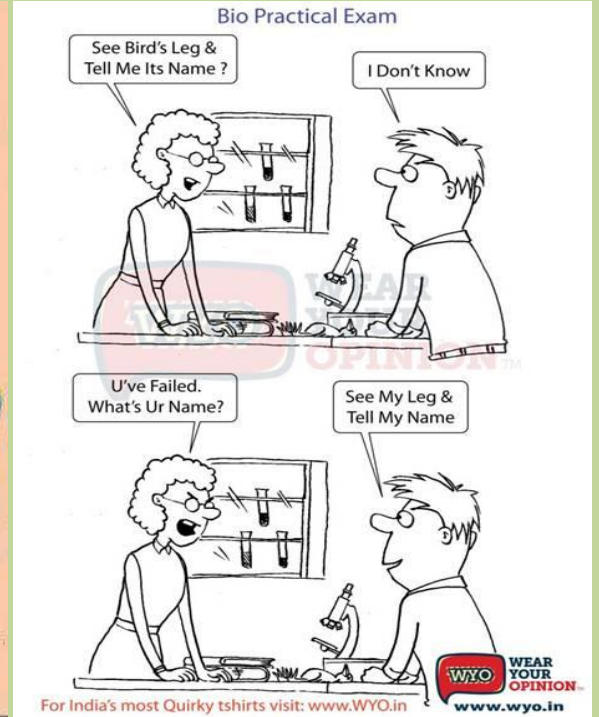
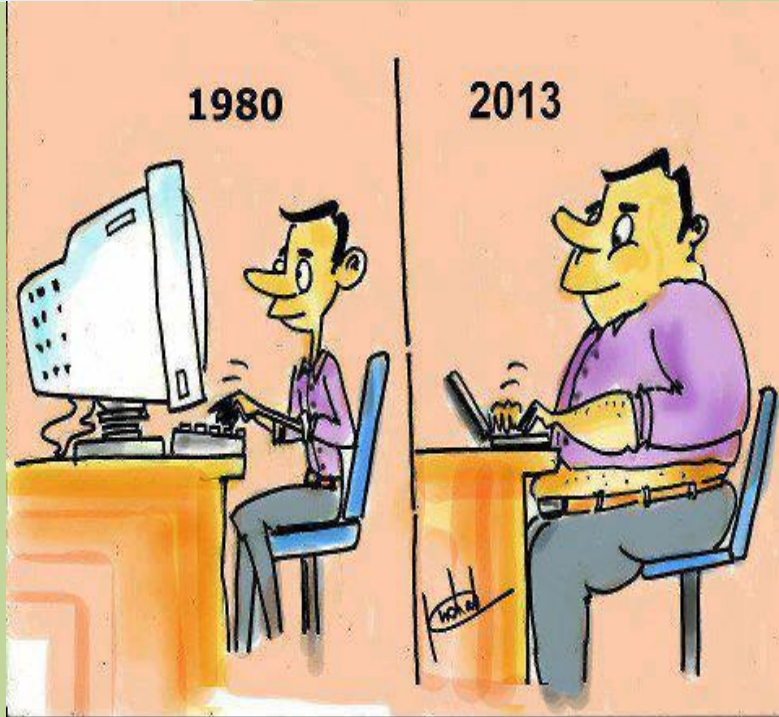
Memories of Rc Kasthamandap in March 2013.







Jokes Corner..



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