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Toilets in Nepal, if still left standing



A community latrine, erected by Teach the Children using an International Grant sponsored by the Ithaca Rotary and seven other District 7170 clubs.

Nepal has never been a well-developed, wealthy country. GDP at about \$700 per capita is one of the lowest in the world. Nepal, like Tibet, is a high country between two large developing nations. For centuries, the poorest and the lowest caste persons were concentrated on the marginal lands in foothills of the Himalayans where they typically subsist on rocky hill terraces. **David Tipping**, a graduate student in the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), and club member **Rob S** presented a short update on the conditions in Nepal since the devastating earthquakes of April and May of 2015.

According to these two, Cornell is developing a model of disaster recovery that could be applied to countries following tsunami, flood, earthquake, wars and epidemics. Generally, the condition is the same...utter devastation of a community's way of life and individual well-being. David has worked with the United Nations in Sri Lanka, and Rob worked with grad students assisting hurricane victims in New Orleans. The model that is being developed by the graduate students and faculty of CIPA regards recovery planning and investment from the bottom up. Rather than applying band aids popular among donor nations, the strategy is to be directly engaged with the community members to identify their needs and plans. And, it is important that every individual, caste member, clan, or community share equally in the redevelopment processes and benefits. In less developed countries, the needs of the most disadvantaged in any disaster area often suffer under the influence of vested powers.



Speaker David Tipping shown with PDG Hall

Pictures showed the lingering impact of the quake from last year. A school building stands there partially rebuilt. The women's center, the Hindu Stupa, the Buddhist Temple, and all but three of the village homes are just piles of rubble. The harvest sits under a tarp, prey to rain and rodents. The club watched landslides roll down the hillsides and crash to roads and rivers below. \$432 Million is sitting in Kathmandu banks waiting to be dispersed. Aid workers are leaving, and the process of rebuilding is starting. Workmen were training in building reinforced homes from the rubble.

News and Notes of interest

Rotary Reflections this month, thanks to **Leon F**, are inspirational thoughts from former RI Presidents. Two thoughts for this week are: "Show the World the way to Peace through Understanding," and the other is to "think of Nobility as an obligation, not a right or entitlement."

PDG John Hall (district trainer), **Maureen Hall**, and **PE Tom Rogers** came to lunch with us prior to a meeting with Stacy, Warren and PYA staff to select rooms for the Assembly. Yes, in three weeks, Penn Yan will be visited by some 400 fun loving, skill hungry Rotarians. Let the fun begin!

GO Syracuse – Beat those Tar-heels of North Carolina. Make Don O happy!!!!

On Easter Sunday, **Super Bob** spent some time in the ER at Soldiers and Sailors. **Sandy** presented acute chest pains that were fortunately from gastric inflammation and not a heart attack. Too much Ibuprofen was prescribed to combat her pleurisy. A difficult road for them lies ahead.

Pres Bob and **PDG John** bonded over the awareness that neither of them proposed their spouses for membership. **Rob S** and **Dave H** attested that they had no regrets for proposing their spouses...even though **Amy H** put the bite on Big Dave to pay for her lunch. She pinned her man with a special pin that recognized his recommending her as a new member.

Chris B, **Jorgen O** and **Warren K** were back among us and warmly welcomed by their usual friends. It was good to see them.

Elias was absent. He's gone to Tampa, FLA to catch a few rays.

No news from **Photo Bob**. Is he or is he not in Texas?

Warren K, the ever proud father, announced that son, Josh, will be starting an internship at ABTEX.

The momentum is building for the **Wine Classic: Flights of Fancy**. **Carol W** reported that the tents and toilets are contracted, 20 wineries and 5 food vendors are committed with 4 wineries and another food vendor in negotiation. Tickets will be out soon. Rack cards were ready for members to distribute.

Allie P, daughter of **Sandi**, just returned from a trip to Kathmandu, Nepal where she and a team from Texas A&M documented the impacts of the earthquake on children. They spent their time visiting orphanages. Sandi confessed that she might not have allowed Allie to go had she seen how close she was to the epicenter of the two quakes.

PE Rogers remarked that some of the District level Simplified Grant funds are going to a project by the Corning Club, and others, (\$50,000) to assist in the recovery of a destroyed orphanage in Kathmandu. It was a veritable Nepali day.

Don O and **Amy H** pledged their respective support to Syracuse and Oklahoma. No side bets yet as both have to win one more game. Rob S reported that he took his life into his hands when he drove his car with NYS plates around Charlottesville, home of the UVA Cavaliers last week. Cav booster were afraid that facing Syracuse for a third time after a blow out and then a close win could very well be the end of their season. And it was!

PDG John gleefully reported that his son was at SU's win in Chicago on Sunday. A few envious stares were sent his way.

Patrick T was the amiable Sergeant as he worked the crowd. **Jackie S** proposed and **Super Bob** led as we belted out one verse of "Oh Beautiful..." The club followed along quite nicely. **Evelyn E** has done another month of duty furnishing truly thought provoking invocations, and **Taryn W** completed her month's duty at the welcome table with a big smile. Did she ever find the person that had over paid his/her lunch tab?

Pres Bob was back at the podium after a short break which allowed **PP John** to eat, cruise around the room and get a lot of assembly and wine classic work done.

Stacy W and **Mary Ellen M** both had something profound to say today, but frankly, your reporter fell asleep at the switch...notepad. There was too much laughing and distractions at his table in the corner. He (they) promise to be better next week.

Events inviting your involvement

KidCARE can use diapers, underwear and sox for tots and early elementary school children to stock a bin at the schools for "emergencies." Bring to any Rotary meeting and leave at the welcome desk.

Little Red Bookshelves, in case you didn't know, were a project started by the Dundee Rotarians to encourage reading by tots and early school aged children. They made the shelves during small group sessions and painted them red. They spread them around the county and we took responsibility for keeping some of them full of books. You can help by donating gently used books that you run across.

Tell everyone you know about Flights of Fancy. Spread the word every/any way you know. Ads have gone out to the nearby Rotary District newsletters, but we need each and every one of us to either sell tickets or enroll people on line: <http://fingerlakeswineclassic.com/>

Fun and Fellowship this week

Today, you wore a coat, yesterday it was shirtsleeves. Sliced tender roast beef, potatoes, and summer vegetables were well appreciated by 26, including our 4 guests:

- **PDG John and Maureen Hall** – Fairport Rotary Club
- **Tom Rogers** – PE for District 7120
- **David Tipping** – Cornell Institute for Public Affairs graduate student and Aussie from Sidney Australia

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the month of April.

Set-up/take-down: Amy Hoffman
 Attendance: Carol Worth
 Pledge/song: Jorgen Overgaard
 Rotary Minute: Rob Schwarting
 Prayer: Evelyn Emerson
 Sergeant: Don Oakleaf (?)

What's Next:

- 4/5 Oooh....a surprise speaker, fifth day of Fishing Season and training for Election Poll workers
- 4/12 Board meeting 8 AM, LNB conference room
- 4/12 Club Assembly
- 4/19 Primary Day and last meeting before Assembly
- 4/23 District Assembly – All hands on deck
- 4/26 Whose Biography will it be?

Our Projects this Year

Sat. April 23rd – **District Training Assembly** is well planned by Sue, Diane, John and Stacy....all is going smoothly. **Volunteer, serve and feel good.**

Friday April 29th – Sunday May 1st - **District Conference in Hershey PA** Fun! Fun! Fun! There is a lot to see in the Hershey area. Auto museum is high on the list...well, after the Chocolate Factory.

Sat. May 14th- **Flights of Fancy, a Finger Lakes Wine Classic.** Project leader Carol says: Look at the website: <http://fingerlakeswineclassic.com/> **Carol W** and **Mike L.** from the Chamber have worked out a way to sell hard tickets and **Pres Bob** is working to print them up. Entry costs \$25, plus \$2 in taxes. On the Internet, it will have a small processing fee. Admission fee at the gate is \$30, plus \$2.40 tax.

Birthdays coming up

Tom Hunt	4/8
Bob Shrader	4/10
Barb Elias	4/15
Carol Worth	4/26
Warren Kinsey	4/28

Rotary in the early years

One piece of history in our archives is the charter granted to us, the Rotary Club of Penn Yan, NY, USA on March 1, 1922. It is a nicely framed certificate, about 11" by 18" and it says that we were the 1,110th club founded. Next March we shall be 95 years old. Few existing organizations in Penn Yan are as old as we are.

Rotary started in 1905 with the first club, friends of Paul Harris, meeting on a rotational basis at their respective offices in downtown Chicago. In the early years, self-interest was high. Men joined for fellowship, but also to promote their businesses to each other. To be in service to each other meant being reliable and ethical business trading partners. Obviously, as Rotary grew, other objectives were woven into the system, while the objective of helping yourself while serving others was still primary.

It took ten years to grow Rotary to 200 clubs; 300 in 12 years and 500 in 14 years. By then, the Foundation was 2 years old, and Rotary was in fifteen foreign countries. Membership grew to 40,000 by 1918, and the 1000th club was chartered in York, UK late in 1921. The next year, we came along, and by 1925 there were 2000 clubs.

When Paul Harris died, he had seen 113 clubs formed. He and his wife travelled widely and were known for planting "peace" trees in many of the cities visited.

Doing a Make-Up Meeting?

Club members are encouraged to make up for missed meetings whenever possible. One can make up by:

- Visiting neighboring clubs or attending a club while on vacation.
- Log in on District 7150's Internet Club www.rotaryclubNY1.com
- Attend Interact or Rotaract meetings
- Work on a club or district committee
- Attend a district function
- When you have made up a meeting, please be sure to notify Chris Bergman for proper credit. hatzcb@yahoo.com

Penn Yan's Friends of Rotary –

When you shop or visit around the community thank the many merchants and patrons of our 50th Rotary Day Radio Show and Auction. Tell them that they helped us raise \$11,000 after advertising expenses this year. Their support means that we can contribute to many deserving community development projects, youth leadership development, camping for kids with handicaps, scholarships for colleges and trade schools, and more recently, our newest project – support of the Outlet Trail.

Next year, 2017, we will hold our second wine classic. This year will be our shakedown cruise, so to speak. As the reputation for the event spreads we can anticipate raising more than the \$11,000 we do with the Auction. We will also be offering Corporate Annual Sponsorships and special corporate membership. This is important to the club as it cuts down on the amount of time we spend soliciting financial support and gives us more time to plan and complete service projects. There is much to do in our community and every project, big or small deserves our attention.

