

Hello!

OK this is a long one, I'm not going to lie, so you may want a cup of tea or to read it in sections? Please do keep reading as our own lovely Estelle features later down the page!

**Dhulikhel meeting 990 club assembly.**

Club target for membership was 10 new members which they achieved, split equally over gender bringing the club to 40 members; 11 of these are women. The club had managed full member retention for the year. They had also rejected 8 members, on grounds of education, profession etc. Clubs require quality members. I did point out in private to Ranjeev that on their criteria I would not be an eligible member of their club failing on education; however, the president admitted there were other reasons and attitude is first and foremost for selection.

With regards to the programme they managed 90% as some fellowship events had fallen by the wayside; well, they had hosted the district conference in Feb so I guess that took a bit of time!

They have completed all 9 of their larger service projects with 3 being carried forward to next year. They provide lots of furniture and supplies to schools, all with the club logo on, and have distributed many grants for buildings and hospitals and schools.

The president elect and the incoming district governor spoke, unfortunately for me both in Nepali (I am trying to learn but I'm not that fast!).

**Budhanilkantha (Kathmandu) Meeting 625.**

Members 25 (1 female). 4 members in attendance, due to Buddhist holiday. The meeting was short (no more than ten minutes long) and precise. It was held in a hotel and we had breakfast first which was nice and welcome since we set off at 5.30am and caught 3 buses to get there! We were hoping the president would come to the Neuro-hospital to visit the David Uttley wing with us; however, due to a local festival he needed to leave and over-see the sacrificing of 1250 goats.

So John, Ranjeev (president of Dhulikhel club) and I went to the Neuro-hospital to visit the David Uttley wing, three years and one day after Estelle's visit to see the wing opened. We were shown round by a lovely nurse who remembered Estelle from her visit and described her as very energetic (no change then!). The ward has 15 beds with 6 additional private rooms and the patients are both pre- and post-op. The ward was immaculate and all the staff were very attentive to the patients.

**Dhulikhel meeting 991.**

This meeting should have gone ahead in our absence since we were in Kathmandu and Ranjeev had informed the club. However they waited over an hour for us to return, not willing to continue without him despite the president elect being there.

The meeting was taken almost completely in Nepali, which was a shame for me as the student doctor from the Rotaract group visited again and I was keen to hear more. Also, there were visiting Rotarians from a club in Kathmandu; however, I did not learn their purpose either. It is frustrating.

I did speak with the Doctor, whose name is Bizen, after the meeting, and they have set up a programme where the students visit the community every two weeks to do health camps with the families and raise the education of the local

nurses and care staff so they can maintain standards when the uni pulls out. They are proposing to run this scheme for two years (until their course finishes).

Phew! Hope you all made it to the bottom, thanks if you did.  
Wishing you all well,  
Paula