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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Talk Programme on 'Preventing Non-Communicable Diseases in Schools' by Dr. Benu Karki</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>25 Feb. – Feedback from District Conference and update on 'Postive Peace' initiative of RI.</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u></p> <p>Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 17 Feb. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – 18 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></p> <p>Rtn. Kedar B. and Shanta Shrestha – 15 Feb. Rtn. Kamal and Sulochana Nyachhyon – 15 Feb. Rtn. Rabendra R. and Chandra L. Pandey – 18 Feb. Rtn. Yagya B. and Mary Shrestha – 19 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No.1647

Date: 28 Magh 2075 / 11 February 2019

1. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the Meeting No. 1647 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Karma Sherpa, National Counterpart, Chepel Project; Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte, International Partner, Rotary Club of Rüsselsheim-Mainspitze, Germany; Mr. Maximillian Schild; Rtn. Liska Blodget from RC Colorado; Ms. Christina Wenger; Ms. Maheswari R. Bista; and Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtn. Peshal Bhattarai and Int'l Services Director Rtn. Kritika Sharma.
3. Rtn. Liska Blodget from RC Colorado briefed on 'Nepalese Rotarian or Rotaract Peace Heroes selection' and starting of a Museum in Hotel Tibet on Saturday, 16 February 2019 at 11:00 hrs, wherein all Rotarians are invited to visit.
4. TRF Committee Chairperson Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on The Rotary Foundation recognition and welcomed Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty as 'Major Donors'. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha honoured them with the 'Major Donor' pins and presented the crystal recognition piece.
5. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
6. 'Happy News' Contribution:
 - Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka and Padam L. Maharjan - for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500 each).
 - Rtn. Madan R. and Krishna Tamrakar, and Rtns. Kiran and Dhruva Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversaries' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. and Nani Shova Sakya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for having special guests today with good attendance (NRs. 1,000 each).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for today's attendance and officiating as the Secretary.
 - Rtn. Kamala Maharjan – for the 'Happy Birthday' of Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the presence of Rtn. Isabella Buschulte and Team today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the presence of the guests of today.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for the successful completion of Chepel project and today's guests (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today.
7. Other Contributions: Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha handed over a cheque of NRs. 10,000 for the RCP's 'Khagendra Raj and Piyush Priya Ability Development Fund (KPAD Fund), as pledged earlier.
8. Rotary News/Information:
 - (i) Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the transportation arrangements being made for the RCP team's participation at the District Conference. Rtn. Lila Bania will take the lead to rent a very good vehicle for this trip. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya confirmed that a video presentation on Chepel project is scheduled during the District Conference. The video spot is being made with the support of Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang.
 - (ii) Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the outcome of the interaction meeting on Rotary supported Heart Hospital in Lalitpur. It was agreed to reactivate it after slacking of several years.

9. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon – RC Jalalabad, Bangladesh; Chartered: 1986; & Members 64. District: 3280, Clubs: 158, & Members 4415.
10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 10,200 (NRs. 3,600 for attendance and NRs. 6,600 for sunshine funds), attendance: 3 guests, 2 visiting Rotarians, 2 Rotaracts, 24 members and 5 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kamala Maharjan

- Q. Name of current chair of TRF A. Ron D. Burton, RC Norman, Oklahoma, USA.
Q. ERRRP meaning in RID 3292 A. Earthquake Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme
Q. Real name of lyricist of national anthem of Nepal 'Byakul Maila'. A. Pradeep Kumar Rai

Presentation on completion of Global Grant Micro-Hydro Project for Community Development in Chepel, Solukhumbu, honouring of National Counterpart Mr. Karma Sherpa with Paul Harris Fellow and visit of Int'l Partner Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, Primary Contact of GG 1637020 – Micro-Hydro Power Plant for Community Development, Chepel Solukhumbu, Nepal, made a power point presentation (being made available in the RCP Facebook page) on the successful completion of this project. He welcomed the presence of International Partner IPP Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte on this occasion when the National Counterpart Mr. Karma Sherpa was also being recognized with the 'Paul Harris Fellow' honour of the Rotary International for his outstanding service to the community.

This project has been unique. While planning of it took time since 2014, once Rotary International approved the project in May 2017, the implementation was completed in 19 months, before the planned projected timeline of two years. The project has been a joint endeavour of Rotary Club of Patan; Rotary Club of Rüsselsheim-Mainspitze, Germany; Rotary Club of Rugby, UK; The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International; Menkhu Khola User Group, Village Dev. Committee, Chepel, Solukhumbu; and the Alternate Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC), Government of Nepal.

Chepel is a beautiful remote village in Nepal, some 318 kilometres North-East of the capital, Kathmandu. Chepel, including its eleven surrounding mountain villages is mostly inhabited by Sherpa and Rai communities of 114 households or some 600 inhabitants. Surrounded by very high mountains, until recently, Chepel could only be reached by foot.

This Rotary project was sponsored by Rotary (\$51,000), Government of Nepal (\$37,500) and Community (\$14,300) with a total budget of \$102,800 and provided a 15 kW Micro-Hydro Power Plan with training of a Plant Manager and a Plant Operator for its sustainable operation with a system of fees paid by each household. To support an overall community development approach with income generating activities, the project also repaired water sources of the village damaged by the earthquake, established a communication centre at the school, and provided a grinding mill, smokeless cooking stoves made in Nepal, and supported the plantation of Kiwi and Cardamom seedlings. Rotarians also provided management and health education training before handing over the project to the village user group.

The community truly appreciated this project as the need was identified by the community itself. The project had an excellent local counterpart, committed host Rotary Club and international partner Rotary Club, and a very good collaboration of the Government of Nepal. In addition to having electrical lights where there were none before, the project impacted on a marked reduction in respiratory infections, creation of employment and income generating opportunities in the agriculture and service sectors, bringing long-term economic improvements to the community. Above all, the project ensured its sustainable management by the community itself.

Mr. Karma Sherpa, national counterpart from the village user group, has served the project selflessly and has been a key to the successful implementation of this project. In recognition of his service, the Rotary Club of Patan honoured him with a 'Paul Harris Fellow' (PHF) recognition of Rotary International. The Certificate was read by RCP's TRF Committee Chairperson Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, with pinning of PHF by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and honouring with 'Khada' by President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty.

International Partner PP Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte spoke on how wonderful the experience has been to work in this project with an excellent host club management team as well as the deserving national counterpart Mr. Karma Sherpa. Mr. Karma Sherpa also spoke words of admiration and appreciation on behalf of the Chepel community for the Rotary's support that has helped the village tremendously. He felt truly honoured by the PHF recognition bestowed upon him by the Rotary Club of Patan. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty concluded the session with thanks to all.