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Today's Programme: Business Meeting

Forthcoming Programme:

13 Feb. – Talk by Ms. Chandani Joshi on Women Empowerment

20 Feb. - Classification Talk by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka

27 Feb. - About Rotary – Q/A & discussion

(Rotary's 108th Anniversary is on 23 February)

6 Mar. - Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events:

Birthdays: NIL

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Dr. Nabal Pajiyar – 3 Feb.

Minutes of Meetings No. 1544

Date: 17 Magh 2073 / 30 Jan. 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting no. 1544 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Alice G. Gasser, and Spouse Mrs. Ramita Bajracharya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for 'Happy Landing' from Mumbai attending updates in cardiology by American College of Cardiology to some 500 cardiologists of the region (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for completing a project for economically poor families in Makwanpur District.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's '5th Monday entertainment programme'.
 - Rtns. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi and Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for affirmation of the value of drinking lukewarm water by a group of Japanese Doctors (NRs. 500 each).
 - Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma – for his advancement of psychiatric treatment in Nepal as recognized by Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi.
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha briefed on his participation in the District Advisory Council meeting wherein discussions were held on how the District and the Rotary International could recognize the contributions of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed about the passing away of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya's sister. On behalf of all the RCP family, the 'House' passed a motion of condolence to PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and all the bereaved family members.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya's spouse Mrs. Nani Shova Sakya is ill with an infection of her hand wound and had to be hospitalized. The RCP family wishes her a quick recovery.
 - The submission recommending the candidature of Mr. Matrika Devkota, Founder President of KOSHISH for the District's "Gopal Kamala Rajbhandary Award for Vocational Excellence 2017" was duly made and the District is reviewing it among others.
 - The main agenda of Monday 27 February meeting will be about Rotary. Members were requested to suggest topics/questions so that the session could be managed better.
6. Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha conducted the 5th Monday entertainment programme of today with the participation of many members with very interesting jokes, anecdotes, as well as a song that brought joy and laughter to all present. The following members contributed: Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Piyush Bajracharya, Bijaya Mallapaty, Kamala Maharjan (song), Mahendra Thapa, Mahendra S. Rawal, Padam L. Maharjan, Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha, Preeti Khemka, and Dr. Prakash R. Regmi.

7. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya - RC of La Vega Real, Dominican Republic; Chartered: 1944; Members: 40. District: 4060, Clubs: 63, and Members 1387.
8. Before the closure of meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 4,500 (NRs. 2600 for attendance and NRs. 1,900 for sunshine fund); attendance: 1 guest, 1 spouse, 22 members, and 8 make-ups.

Rotary Q & A presented by Rtn. Ramesh Maskay

- Q. What is a District Assembly?
 A. Training Assembly for Incoming Club Officers and Directors.
- Q. How many regular weekly meetings a club can cancel?
 A. The Club Board can cancel a maximum of 4 meetings, but not more than 3 consecutive meetings.

Rotary Information: Synopsis of the Progress Report of RCP's GG Project on Vocational Training for 'Kamlari' Girls in Western Nepal implemented by our partner Nepal Youth Foundation as of 31 December 2016

The Project was officially launched in May 2015 through a Global Grant (GG1527136) of Rotary Foundation supported by a group of Canadian Rotary Club of Mississauga and Rotary Club of Patan in collaboration with Nepal Youth Foundation. The project aimed to create economic opportunities for the former indentured girls whom NYF had freed from slavery by providing them skill based trainings, and helping them find employment and/or run their own enterprise based on the training provided. The project was targeted mainly for those girls who have dropped out of school.

Training programme was on **Tailoring, Goat Keeping, Sweets and Snacks Making, and Fresh House (Meat Shop) Management and Fast Food**. See some sample photographs of completed training and action:



One of the many success stories: Samikshya Chaudhary – Narayanpur, 4 is the 2nd child of her parents. There are six members in the family. Due to poverty her parents sold her off as a “Kamlari” when she was studying in grade 2 at the age of 9, in the year 2005. She worked in Nepaljung for 3 years. Later in 2008, with support of Nepal Youth Foundation, she was rescued and sent to school. She was admitted in grade 6 but since her educational foundation was poor, she could not pass the School Leaving Certificate Examination and dropped out of school. At the same time, she lost her father and they were left economically vulnerable.

Samikshya attended the orientation and was selected for the sewing training based on her aptitude and interest. From the beginning, she was determined and disciplined during training, and had the vision to start her own tailoring business. After finishing the 3 month long training, she started her own tailoring center. She says the training gave her confidence and courage to do it. She has already trained 2 other former Kamalari girls like herself, and hopes to train many more in the days to come. She is being able to save 7000 rupees every month through which she is able to fulfill the basic needs for her family. Moreover she has become a member of “Milan Krisi Sahakari Sasthan”, a cooperative run by the former Kamalari themselves, and is saving her money. She hopes to obtain loan from the cooperative to expand her business. **She expresses her gratitude to Rotary and NYF for this important opportunity to improve her life.**

