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Today's Main Programme: Final Regular Weekly Meeting of 2016-2017 President with presentation of his annual summary report

Forthcoming Programme:

- 26 June - Final weekly meeting of 2016-2017 President
- 30 June - (Friday) Joint Board Meeting followed by Fellowship Dinner
- 3 July - Installation of 2017-2018 President and Team
- 10 July - 2nd Club Assembly

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Nil

Minutes of Meetings No.1564

Date: 5 Asadh 2074 / 19 June 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting no 1563 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Inner Wheel District Chairperson Ms. Bijaya L. Shrestha.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
 - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' and daughter's passing the Engineering Degree with topping in the final semester (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Atlanta attending the RI Convention, and for daughter-in-law's post Pediatrics 'Fellowship' from Emory University, Atlanta (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for successful completion of programme management training for Civil Aviation Authority, and happy return of Atlanta participants (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for participation in four events during the week – 2 public awareness events as speaker, 1 yoga programme, and 1 RHD global grant training event (NRs. 500).
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for 'Happy Landing' from Atlanta RI Convention (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for the 1st Club Assembly of RY 2017-2018 and happy return of Atlanta participants (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for International Yoga Day on 21 June 2017
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for successful PEEF distribution, and visiting much improved school facility of Khokana with French support. He also encouraged everyone to visit the school.
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha handed over NRs. 13,500 from the sale of 90 copies 'Rotary Ka Kura' in Pokhara.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha requested names of interested members to the 2017-2018 DG installation programme being held on 1 July 2017 at Radisson Hotel. A total of 5 from RCP family confirmed their interest. Any additional members interested should inform Rtn. Kayastha accordingly.
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty requested interested members to confirm their interest in a two day field monitoring trip in early July to our Global Grant Project site in Chandibhanjyang. Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi mentioned the possibility of doing a health camp at the same time. Dates will be finalized in consultation with our partners Heifer and Dialo Pariwar as soon as possible.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – Rotary Club of Burgos, Spain; Chartered: 1980; & Members: 27. District: 2201, Clubs: 66, & Members: 1389.

8. **Briefing on RI Convention in Atlanta, USA:** PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, Rtn. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty who have returned from Atlanta, briefed on this year's RI Convention. RCP family was represented by ten participants, including spouses, to this year's mega event with a participation of 42,100 persons from 174 countries around the world. Nepal was very well represented.

A major achievement was the announcement of pledges of US \$1.2 billion to Rotary over the coming 3 years for Polio Eradication. This was great news in meeting the gap of US 1.5 billion for this flagship programme of

Rotary compared to US \$1.7 billion that Rotary has managed to raise since 1985. Major contributions were also noted from two still endemic countries - Pakistan and Nigeria. The 3rd endemic country is Afghanistan making only 3 remaining countries for a total eradication of Polio from earth.

There were impressive speakers including Bill Gates, Andrew Young, WHO's next Executive Director and many others in the rich convention facility of Atlanta. At the Rotary Foundation's centennial party, we also wrote in Nepali happy 100th birthday wishes on the huge display cards on behalf of the Rotary Club of Patan.

Perhaps because of the grand facility, we did not see as much mobilization of the whole city as in some other RI Convention sites we had visited in the past.

We also managed to meet three of our Global Grant/District Grant contacts as follows during the convention: Ms. Cyndie Berg, SPLASH Director for Business Devt., Seattle (for planned GG); Ms. Debra C. Newman, our int'l partner – District Grant for 'KOSISH' (District Grant recently closed); and Ms. Lesley Barmania, our international partner from Canada for 3 ongoing Global Grants (for former Kamlaris & two earthquake related). All of them greatly appreciated the meetings.

Members were encouraged to visit the RI Convention, Atlanta page in the Rotary International website for details with photographs and video clips etc.

9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: Contribution NRs. 7,000 (NRs. 2,400 for attendance, and NRs. 4,600 including President's top-up of NRs. 200 for Sunshine Funds); attendance: 23 members, 1 spouse, and 7 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kiran Thapa

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| Q. When was Nepal's first Rotary Club chartered? | A. 28 June 1959. |
| Q. Which year was the 'District Governor' system introduced? | A. 1915. |
| Q. Which country is known as the Pearl of Africa? | A. Uganda (coined by Winston Churchill). |

1st Club Assembly of RY 2017-2018.

President Elect Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha conducted the 1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2017-2018. The Assistant Governor Elect Rtn. Surendra Govinda Joshi could not join because of health reasons.

Rtn. Kayastha first thanked all the RCP family for electing her to be the next President of the Rotary Club of Patan and requested the support of all to make the year very successful. As this was the first club assembly of next year, she introduced the team of next year, plans discussed during the District Training Assembly, strategic plans and preparations for RY 2017-2018.

Rtn. Kayastha noted the RCP Strategic Plan for the fixed period of 2016-2017 to 2020-2021 was valid, and the Constitution and By-Laws that were already amended following the last COL. She briefed on the proposed RCP Committees and Sub-committees including the Primary and secondary contacts for the Global Grants that has been already shared with all the members.

For key activities during the designated Rotary months the dates are being fixed, and Rtn. Kayastha requested all to suggest important activities to be planned. She also requested all the Chairpersons/Directors to discuss and prepare their presentations with goals for the 2nd Club Assembly with the support of Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty.

The 2nd Club Assembly is planned to be held on Monday 10 July 2017.

Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha concluded the 1st Club Assembly with thanks to all.