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RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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<p><b><u>Today's Main Programme:</u></b> (i) Annual General Meeting, &amp; (ii) Classification Talk of PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 18 September: KEEA Programme 25 September: 'Heart Health' talk programme</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays &amp; Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meetings No.1575**

**Date: 19 Bhadra 2074 / 4 September 2017**

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1575 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtns. Ramesh Maskay & Bijaya Mallapaty – for the success of the RCP Charter Day on 29 August.
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Landing' from Timor-Leste (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for being the Chief Guest at the AGM of Sinchahiti Cooperatives, and introducing the DG during the RCP's Charter Day (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for the success of the RCP Charter Day on 29 August (NRs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for the 'Happy Landing' of Rtn. Lalita Thapa (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra Rawal – for his son joining Huawei Company on product configuration engineering (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya – for his son (residing in USA) and nephew (residing in Australia) meeting in Australia.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for wishing 'Happy Indra Jatra'.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for (i) 'Happy Landing' from France, Portugal and Spain. In Spain, he attended the European Conference of Cardiologists; and (ii) regretting to miss the Charter Day (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for a short visit of their son (NRs. 300).
4. Other Contributions: Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty confirmed the contribution of US \$50 each to the RI's Polio-Plus Fund.
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha briefed on the District Governor's official club visit, 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly, and the Charter Day celebrations. Overall, it was excellent with lots of praise of the RCP by the District Officials. All the PDGs and other guests also greatly appreciated and congratulated the RCP.
  - Forthcoming programmes: The AGM of the RCP will be held on 11 September, which will be followed by the classification talk of Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar. It is planned to have the KEEA programme on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, a 'Heart Health Talk' programme sponsored by Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi on the occasion of 'World Heart Day'.
  - Rtn. Sharada Prasai invited all RCP members to the '6<sup>th</sup> PP Prasai Excellence in Education Award 2017' programme being held on Tuesday, 5 September 2017 at Hotel Shanker at 2:30 p.m.
  - On the RCP and its members contribution of NRs. 200,000 made to the flood victims through the District, President Chandralekha Kayastha welcomed any additional contributions by those who have not yet done so, and this would reduce the RCP's portion.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – Rotary Club of San Juan North, Rizal, the Philippines; Chartered: 1983; and Members 33. District: 3800, Clubs: 85 and Members: 2173.
7. Please see below for a summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.
8. **Experience Sharing:** Rtn. Lalita Thapa shared her experience of Timor-Leste following a two months of very

fruitful consultancy visit there with UNDP. This was her second visit, which was a grand success despite heavy workload. The country had gone through a major change with a lot of progress compared to her last visit in 2006, which was so difficult that she had to shorten it from two weeks to one week. After the separation from Indonesia, Timor-Leste got its independence in 2002. The crocodile shaped democratic country with a small population of 1.06 million, Timor-Leste's first language is Tetum, followed by Bahasa (Indonesian) and Portuguese, with very little English spoken. A former Portuguese colony, having close relations with Australia, it uses US Dollars as its official currency. Opposite of Nepal, its mountains are in the south with the plains in the north. People are very simple with a highly educated leadership. Rtn. Lalita Thapa met many Nepalese residing there, particularly during the visit of former PM Madhav K. Nepal while she was there. The youth population is surprisingly high - some 75% under the age of 25 years. Overall, the country is progressing fast with a GNP increase of 10% every year since 2007.

9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced contribution of NRs. 8,600 (NRs. 2,000 for attendance, and NRs. 6,600 for sunshine funds), attendance: 20 members and 8 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kiran Thapa**

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| <b>Q.</b> Rotary's Centennial Year                          | <b>A.</b> 2005             |
| <b>Q.</b> Where will RI Convention be held in RY 2018-2019? | <b>A.</b> Hamburg, Germany |
| <b>Q.</b> Which country is known as the Land of Windmills?  | <b>A.</b> The Netherlands  |

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting of the RCP held on 1 September 2017**

Rtn. Mahendra Thapa presented the following minutes/decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting hosted by himself, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House':

1. Decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting of RY 217-2018 were reviewed.
2. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha briefed on the District Governor's official club visit, 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly, and the Charter Day celebrations. Overall, it was excellent with lots of praise of the RCP by the District Officials
3. Rtn. Mahendra Thapa updated on the publication of the Lalitdhara Souvenir of this year. The advertisements were highest with a total of NRs. 219,000. Total expenditures, because of additional advertisements pages and better quality of paper used, came to NRs. 107,350, which was approved by the Board.
4. The RCP and its members contributed NRs. 200,000 to Flood Relief through the District. It was agreed that any additional contribution from members would be used to reduce the club's contribution.
5. As the audited financial statements were received, it was decided to have the AGM on 11 September 2017 so that the registration renewal process can start early.
6. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi made an oral presentation of the financial status as of 31 August 2017. Follow-up actions were agreed on the Rotary dues not yet paid by two members. A revised budget of up to NRs. 170,000 for the Charter Day celebrations was also approved.
7. Board noted the release of NRs. 10,000 for IDYEP for the Rotaract Club of Patan.
8. This year's Rota Quiz Committee was formed with the following membership: President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha as coordinator with membership of Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty, Preeti Khemka, and Nirmal Pradhanang.
9. For quarterly reporting, it was agreed that Chairpersons/Directors would present these to the Board every quarter before its submission to the District as required.
10. Confirmation of Dates and Hosts for upcoming Board Meetings:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Board – Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 6 October 2017
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Board – Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, 4 November 2017
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Board - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 1 December 2017
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Board - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 29 December 2017
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Board - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (end January)
11. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Lalita Thapa gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty for hosting the Board Meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner.