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Today's Main Programme: Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA) Ceremony

Forthcoming Programme:

25 September - 'Heart Health' talk programme
2 October – No Meeting: 'Dashain Holiday'
9 October - Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha – 19 Sept.

Minutes of Meetings No.1576

Date: 26 Bhadra 2074 / 11 September 2017

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1576 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Five Rotaracts including President Rubina Shakya and PP Sudeep Shakya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Mumbai, India; and for a successful Charter Day celebrations with Rtn. Preeti Khemka as the Master of Ceremony (MC) (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for his granddaughter Shivana Shrestha appearing on 'M & S' magazine, and for today's attendance exceeding 25 members (NRs. 700).
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for being able to manage her time to attend four functions today.
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for his 'Classification Talk' of today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for the 11th meeting of Rotary Year 2017-2018 on 11 September 2017.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for successful Charter Day celebrations, for which she was the 'MC', and for 'Happy Landing' from New Delhi, India (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for the successful completion of interviews of all ten KEEA awardees.
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from Malaysia.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for the 'Classification Talk' of Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar today.
5. Other Contributions:
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha informed about a request for tree plantation at NRs. 100 each. She had already contributed NRs. 3,000 for 30 plants. Anyone interested to contribute is requested to reimburse her. Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha contributed NRs. 500 for five plants.
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar donated five copies of his autobiographical book to the RCP. Five members took the books with a contribution of NRs. 200 each to the sunshine fund of the RCP.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rotary Club of Butwal is seeking nominations for Rotary Service Award with a cash prize of NRs. 200,000 on its 25th anniversary. Details are shared by e-mail.
 - Rotary Club of Durbar Square is organizing an inter-club talk programme on 'effective club administration' by PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha on 17 September 2017 at 5 p.m. at Bagaicha Restaurant. Interested members are welcome to attend.
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan briefed on the successful completion of interviews of all 10 KEEA awardees. The KEEA ceremony is taking place on 18 September 2017. He also requested for a voluntary contribution of NRs. 3,000 for a 3rd prize winner. Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar pledged to contribute for this award.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary shared the call for proposals for District Grant for 2017-2018 for small scale & short-term projects by 30 September 2017. Details are shared by e-mail.
 - Rtn. Dr. Aruna Uprety invited interested members to join her book 'Fulmaya Chari' for children, being released on Wednesday, 13 September at 1 p.m. at National Academy.
 - Rotaract Past President Sudeep Shakya shared information on a district event being held on 23 December 2017 to select Mr. and Miss Rotaract and requested for possible sponsorship.

- **Sad News:** Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty shared the news of Rtn. Fabio Raffaelli's passing away on 10 September 2017. Late Rtn. Fabio was President and Primary Contact of our International Partner from Italy for the Global Grant for Kirtipur Hospital. He led the team of 10 Italian Rotarians last year to witness the handover of the equipment to the Kirtipur Hospital. The 'House' passed a motion of condolence to his family and close friends. May his soul rest in peace.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise, Northern Territory, Australia; Chartered: 1989; and Members 39. District: 9550, Clubs: 49 and Members: 1083.
 8. **Annual General Meeting:** President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha opened the Annual General Meeting and requested the Treasurer to present the Audit Report for the year 2016-2017.
Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the Audit Report for the year 2016-2017 with all the financial statements. The auditor has certified that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the RCP as of 30 June 2017. The AGM approved the report.
It was proposed to appoint Chartered Accountants Maheswarendra B. Shrestha & Co. for the Rotary Year 2017-2018 with a remuneration of NRs. 25,000. The AGM approved the proposal.
 9. Please see below for a summary of the classification talk by PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar.
 10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced contribution of NRs. 8,500 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance, and NRs. 5,800 for sunshine funds including Rtn. M.L. Kayastha's contribution of NRs. 500 for tree plantation), attendance: 5 Rotaracts, 27 members and 5 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Dr. Aruna Uprety

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| Q. When is World Rotaract Day observed? | A. 13 March |
| Q. RI designation for the month of September? | A. Basic Education and Literacy Month |
| Q. How many bones are there in human body? | A. 206 |

Classification Talk of PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar

Past President Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar gave his classification talk for the second time after 17 years. He introduced his autobiographical book 'Mero Jeevan ka Katha ra Byatha', which he had written at the encouragement of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. The book was released in 2071 B.S. in the presence of several Rotarian friends also.

Rtn. Tamrakar started his career with humble beginnings, being the first in his family to start working in 2031 B.S. He used to give full salary to his father until his departure and only take money for expenses when necessary. Grown up in a Newar family, he did not even speak good Nepali, and was also not good at speaking in public when he started his government job. He is married to Meera Tamrakar since 2032 B.S.

After completing his B.Sc. studies, he joined the Tribhuvan University for the first batch of a M.Sc. in Statistics. While doing this course, he got the scholarship to study Forestry in Dehradun, India. Upon his return, he joined the Nepal Government service. He later got a scholarship to do a Masters at the University of Michigan, USA. Upon completion of his studies, he returned to his service in Nepal.

In the government service with the Ministry of Forestry, he served in various positions and postings - as a Wildlife Conservation Education Officer, Warden, Divisional/District Forestry Officer (DFO), Regional Director, Deputy Director-General, and reached the level of a First Class Officer as the Director-General of Forestry. He regretted that despite being the 1st among 81 candidates recommended by the Public Service Commission for the 27 vacant positions at the Secretary level, he was not selected, as candidates were chosen based on political connections and preferences. Following this, he resigned from government service in 2064 B.S. He also explained how they attempted to frame him in a false corruption case while he was the Director-General of Forestry Department. While the Royal Commission's investigation eventually found him clean, the experience demonstrated how a civil servant could be mentally tortured and exploited so wrongly.

Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar shared very interesting experiences of his foreign visits, royal visits to Chitwan National Park, hunting expeditions with the then King, life-threatening encounters with animals etc. during his 34 years of government service. He now spends happy married life with one son with family living in Canada, one son working as a senior Pilot and living in Kathmandu with his family, and one daughter working in Kathmandu.

On behalf of the RCP family, President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha appreciated Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar's very interesting classification talk with so many memorable stories and an accomplished life.