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Today's Main Programme: – Talk Programme by Mr. Rishi Shah on wonderful world of planet & galaxies

Forthcoming Programme:

30 Oct. - 5th Monday entertainment programme

6 Nov. - Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays & Wedding

Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meetings No.1580

Date: 30 Aswin 2074 / 16 October 2017

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1580 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: International partner of our global grant project in Mirge, Dolkha, Rtn. Prof. Christopher O'Brien, his wife Dot O'Brien, project partner Mr. Mahesh Pakhrin and his daughter Sumitra Pakhrin; and four Rotaracts from Rotaract Cub of Patan including its President.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for having Prof. Christopher O'Brien and team in today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – for an excellent Past President's meeting and fellowship on 12 Oct. (NRs. 700).
 - Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha – for purchasing a Ford Eco Sport vehicle.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for his classification talk programme of today.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for his son buying a Datsun car.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha enjoying the PP's fellowship (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (through Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha) – for an excellent PP's meeting and fellowship (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for 25+ members attendance in today's meeting.
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Tihar' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for hosting the Council of Governors' meeting at his resort in Bandipur (NRs. 5,000). PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya briefed on the Council of Governors' meeting with the exceptional participation of host Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha at his resort in Bandipur. This was organized in collaboration with RC Chitwan in recognition of his contribution of one crore Nepalese Rupees to the Heart Hospital in Chitwan.
 - Rtn. Prof. Christopher O'Brien – for the Mirge Team's participation in today's meeting (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – same as above.
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for the classification talk of Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary today.
5. Other Contributions: President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha pledged a contribution of US \$300 through the District to the TRF, which will be recognized with a MPH pin.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha urged all to consider contributing to the Club Fund, which will be matched by couple Rtns. Kayastha.
 - She reminded on several information already shared via e-mails: RI President's forthcoming visit, World Polio Day, RCP's quarterly Report sent by Rtn. Mahendra Thapa to the District, and the PEEF annual report sent to the donors by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya briefed on status of the District Earthquake Funds, which still has a balance of eight crore Nepalese Rupees. These funds will be given to clubs for school construction (exceptionally authorized by RI for Nepal until June 2020) on a first come first serve basis through matching up to 30 lacs Nepalese Rupees each.

- To celebrate the World Polio Day, Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi will be talking (10 minutes) during our weekly meeting of Monday, 23 October on the subject of Polio.
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha informed on the 70th anniversary celebration of Tri-Padma Higher Secondary School, Pulchowk, wherein the RCP's KEEA programme was appreciated as the first prize-winner came from that school.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary informed about the RYLA conference being held in Odissa, India during 3-5 November 2017.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – Rotary Club of Limbe, Malawi; Chartered: 1978; and Members: 29. District: 9210, Clubs: 59 and Members: 1292.
 8. Please see box below for a summary of the classification talk of Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary.
 9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced contribution of NRs. 15,000 (NRs. 4,200 for attendance, and NRs. 10,800 for sunshine funds including a top-up of NRs. 200 by the President), attendance: 4 guests, 26 members, 4 Rotaracts and 4 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha

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| <p>Q. Name of RI TRF Trustee Chair</p> <p>Q. 2nd Rotary Club of Nepal</p> <p>Q. Longest river of Nepal</p> | <p>A. PRIP Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee</p> <p>A. RC Biratnagar</p> <p>A. Karnali</p> |
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Summary of the 'Classification Talk' of PP Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary

Past President Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary mentioned that his classification talk would be more about introducing himself as he retired from his employment some 20 years ago. His talk included several interesting personal anecdotes. He is a native of Patan, raised and educated in Patan and lives in Patan. He completed his Masters in English literature in 1959. He worked for some time as a volunteer part time lecturer in Patan College, Public Science College and Nepal Commerce College. After passing the public service commission examination, he joined the civil service of the Government of Nepal. His first posting was in the Home Ministry where he was privileged to receive all kinds of confidential information coming from the offices of Police, Army and the Secret Service.

After about two and a half years, Rtn. Rajbhandary got a scholarship to study in London for a year – nine months at the London School of Economics and three months at Oxford. He recalled that in those days the scholarship money of UK Pounds 75 per month was quite a lot that even afforded him to save and buy a Rolex watch, which he is wearing until to date.

Upon return, he was posted as the CDO (Chief District Officer) in Birgunj, Parsa District for three years, and after some waiting, went back to the Home Ministry as the Private Secretary to the then Minister of Home and Palace Affairs. This gave him valuable insights and experience of working and understanding the functioning of the then Government under the Monarchy.

In 1972, he was appointed to a UN posting in Lesotho in 1972. Rtn. Rajbhandary described his and his spouse's very good experiences in this small country surrounded by South Africa including his first-hand experience of 'apartheid'. Their first daughter Jasmine was born during that posting. After two years, he had to come back to Nepal, as the Government did initially not accept his request for extension. Upon approval later, he went back to Lesotho, but had to bear all the re-shipment costs.

While on his posting in Somalia, he met Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan. During his UN career of 25 years, including 9 years in New York, USA, he mostly worked on African issues. He recalled two of his colleagues became Presidents of Sierra Leone and Liberia respectively, and was pleasantly surprised that they always remembered him.

Upon retirement from UN service, Rtn. Tulasi Neupane introduced him to the Rotary Club of Patan in 1998, and ever since has been devoting his service through Rotary. Within three years with the RCP, he succeeded Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha as the President and had Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha as the Secretary. The journey with Rotary continued and made him District Secretary (twice exceptionally), District Treasurer, and is currently the Chair of District Grant Sub-Committee.

In collaboration with late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai, he initiated several toilet and water projects, and provision of computers to the RCP's PEEF supported schools. He has been a major fund-raiser and has raised the highest amount of funds for the PEEF programme. During his time as the District Secretary, the RCP became 100% PHF club with Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and himself becoming major donors.

Following a brief Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha thanked Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary for his valuable service to the RCP and Rotary movement in Nepal.