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Today's Main Programme: Talk Programme by Guest Speaker
Mr. Ishwor R. Balami on 'Acupuncture'

Forthcoming Programme:
4 Dec - Business Meeting and Talk Programme by Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai
from Thailand on 'Prevention from unseen killer called Metabolic Syndrome'

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – 26 Nov.

Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – 30 Nov.

Minutes of Meetings No.1585

Date: 4 Mangsir 2074 / 20 November 2017

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1585 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary; spouse Mithila Rajbhandary; and Rotaracts - President Rubina Shakya and Sajal Khadka.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (pledged by e-mail NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Padam L. & Kamala Maharjan (NRs. 500), Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 500), Mahendra B. Thapa, & Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500) – for the talk programme of today by Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary (daughter of Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary).
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for his interview on Kantipur TV (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha – for the successful trip of the RCP Team to Chandibhanjyang during 9-10 Nov.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for wide coverage of his interviews in TV channels and print media regarding heart attacks and related issues in the context of the recent demise of Mr. Prakash Dahal (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary handed over his contribution of NRs. 5,000 to the RCP's Club Service Fund, which was matched by Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha as pledged.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty handed over a cheque of **NRs. 10,71,117.12** (Rupees ten lacs seventy-one thousand one hundred seventeen and Paisa twelve only) received **from M/S Kunda and Kanak Dixit in the name of their father late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit**. This is their contribution to the RCP's Club Service Fund for 'Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award' (KEEA) given annually to select merit students from among the RCP's PEEF scholarship recipients. A Team of Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty had approached the Dixit brothers for possible donation of funds (with Sinchahiti Cooperatives in the name of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit) to the RCP, which they gladly contributed.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty also handed over the contribution made by Rtn. Jorgen Andersen, RC of Point Reyes Station, California, USA, of NRs. 3,370 to the PEEF OF.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha reminded on several information already shared via e-mails: DRF Seminar and DRFR programme; Global Polio Update; RNLFC Conference being held in Biratnagar, and the request for Rotary song during meetings.
 - On the talk programme of Karna Shakya coordinated by RC Lalitpur Mid-Town, Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan gave a summary brief.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa gave a summary brief on the talk programme by Dr. Bhimarjun B. Acharya coordinated by RC Jawalakhel.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on the District Grant Management Seminar hosted by RC Butwal where they remembered the RCP as their grandparent club.

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the **83 bedside chairs/stools being provided by the RCP to the Kirtipur Hospital utilizing the NRs. 100,000 contributed by Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon. A handover event is being planned for which maximum participation from the RCP is requested.**
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha also briefed on meeting of Presidents of the Rotary Clubs in Lalitpur (10 out of 16 participating) to brainstorm on possible Rotary support to 'Road Safety, Cleaning and Maintaining Greenery' in Lalitpur as per details provided by Rtn. Nugal Vaidya shared earlier.
7. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – Rotary Club of Rarotonga, Cook Islands; Chartered: 1969; and Members: 29. District: 9920, Clubs: 49, and Members: 1715.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced contribution of NRs. 5,000 (NRs. 1,700 for attendance, and NRs. 3,300 for sunshine funds, including a top-up of NRs. 200 by the President), attendance: 1 guest speaker, 2 Rotaracts, 1 spouse, 16 members, and 6 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa

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| Q. What is the age group of RYLA? | A. 14 – 30 years |
| Q. What does 'RAM' stands for? | A. Rotarians against Malaria |
| Q. What is current year in Nepal Sambat | A. 1138 |

Summary of Talk Programme by Guest Speaker Guest Speaker Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary on Social Protection in Nepal

Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan introduced Paul Harris Fellow Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary, daughter of long-time friends Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary. Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary was born in Lesotho, and grew up and studied in several countries in Africa, U.K. and the USA. After getting her Master's Degree in Int'l Devt from American University in Washington D.C., she returned to Nepal in 1997. She is married to Mr. Girish Man Shrestha and has one son.

She has worked for human rights NGOs, Save the Children, DFID and since eight years with the World Bank in Kathmandu as a senior social protection specialist.

Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary made a power-point presentation and talked comprehensively about the situation of social protection in Nepal. Defining the concept of social protection as insurance against risks, protection against poverty, and access to economic opportunity and human capital development, she elaborated on three key platforms for social protection:

- Pensions/Social insurance;
- Social safety nets/Social assistance for equity, and
- Labor market programmes and opportunities.

While Nepal compares relatively well with other South Asian countries in terms of social protection spending (3.76% of GDP in 2016-2017), Ms. Rajbhandary mentioned that the impact has been rather limited for a multitude of reasons such as safety nets not being shock responsive, limited monitoring and evaluation, and fragmentation and proliferation of programmes and policies. She also elaborated on the reforms needed and support underway from the World Bank with its current five-year programme of US \$150 million with the Government of Nepal.

After a lively Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Ms. Jasmine Rajbhandary for her excellent presentation. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha concluded the session with the presentation of a 'Token of Appreciation' to Ms. Rajbhandary.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😊😊😊😊😊

"My wife suffers from a drinking problem"

"Oh, is she an alcoholic?"

"No, I am, but she's the one who suffers"