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**Today's Main Programme:** Talk Programme by Guest Speaker Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha on 'Humanitarian Service'

**Forthcoming Programme:**

29 Jan. - 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment Programme  
5 Feb. - Business Meeting

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – 18 Jan.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** NIL

**Minutes of Meetings No.1593**

**Date: 1 Magh 2074 / 15 January 2018**

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1593 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Vocational Service Awardees Ms. Babita Basnet and Mr. Anmol Maharjan and his spouse; District Inner Wheel IPP Ms. Bijaya Shrestha; Rotaract Club of Patan President Rubina Shakya and seven Rotaracts.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtns. Pushkar M. Shakya and Kamal B. Nyachhyon – for 'Happy Birthdays' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany and Ireland, and engagement of their daughter Smriti (NRs. 2,500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for his talk programme on 'Cold weather and Health' in AP-1 Television (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the above very useful programme, a successful 'Birthday Fellowship', and bringing the RCP Facebook page likes to over 1,000 (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the final submission of GG Project Proposal on Sustainable WASH in PEEF Schools to RI.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the progress report on GG 1641893 Mirge Project, which has been approved by RI (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty– for the successful completion of 2 progress reports and 1 final report on GG Projects.

5. Other Contribution:

To cover the travel costs of Rotaract Club of Patan President Rubina Shakya to the RYLA 2017-2018 meeting being held during 19 to 21 January 2018 in Haryana, India, President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha requested contributions from RCP members. An amount of NRs. 17,300 was raised on the spot, which was handed over to Rotaract President Rubina Shakya with best wishes for a successful participation.

6. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha briefed on information already shared by emails: changes in GG reporting format, RYLA 2017-2018 event, and District elections.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – RC Brandon, Manitoba, Canada; Chartered: 1921, & Members: 71. District: 5550, Clubs: 48, & Members: 1715.

8. Please see the next page for a summary of the Vocational Service Award Programme.

9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 7,500 (NRs. 1,600 for attendance and NRs. 5,900 for Sunshine Funds); attendance: 3 guests, 8 Rotaracts, 15 members, 1 spouse, and 7 make-ups.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka

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| Q. Full form of RRFC?                       | A. Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator  |
| Q. Name of Rotary month of January          | A. Vocational Service                      |
| Q. First female Prime Minister of the World | A. Ms. Sirimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka. |

### Summary of the Vocational Service Award Programme

Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi introduced the RCP's Vocational Service Award ceremony as the Coordinator of the RCP's Vocational Service Award Committee, which has the membership of Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Mahendra B. Thapa. The RCP's Vocational Awards (Certificates and cash award of NRs. 11,000 each sponsored by the RCP, Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang) were awarded to two persons for 'Outstanding Service' in their vocations in the Media and Health Sector.

Welcome of the awardees with flower bouquets was done by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha honoured them by 'Khada'. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi introduced Ms. Babita Basnet and Mr. Anmol Maharjan respectively with highlights of their achievements summarized below:

#### Ms. Babita Basnet

A senior journalist, Ms. Babita Basnet has been working in the media field for 27 years. She has been the Chief Editor of 'Ghatna ra Bichar' and has been a strong proponent of women's empowerment, women's rights, gender equality, right to information and social justice. She has been in the frontline of writing on these subjects, on violence against women as well as teaching for a better Nepali society. In 2006, she was a member of the high level drafting committee on right to information formed by the government of Nepal. She has been the President of 'Media Advisory Group' and was also a member of the government's high level 'National Mass Communication Policy Implementation Advisory Committee'. In summary, Ms. Basnet has made an outstanding contribution in the media field to improve the condition of women in Nepal.

#### Mr. Anmol Maharjan

One of the few professional male Nurses in Nepal educated in Nepal and Cyprus (B.Sc. in Nursing and B.Sc. in Microbiology), Mr. Anmol Maharjan returned from Cyprus to work in Bir Hospital in Kathmandu. He has been working as the Programme Manager for the RCP's Global Grant Project with the Nepal Heart Foundation on Prevention of Rheumatic Heart Disease in children for the last three years. The project has been a great success and coming to a successful completion. Mr. Maharjan made a significant contribution to this project with his dedicated, competent and efficient work. While working as a part time staff, he devoted almost full time in making sure that the project becomes an example of success. Mr. Maharjan plans to continue to work in field of disease prevention in the Health Sector.

The awardees, Ms. Babita Basnet and Mr. Anmol Maharjan, were honoured with Certificates of 'Outstanding Vocational Service' by Rtn Keshab B. Mathema and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha respectively. In addition cash prizes were given by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi respectively.

Ms. Babita Basnet and Mr. Anmol Maharjan spoke briefly acknowledging the high honour given by the Rotary Club of Patan. They highly appreciated this honour from a senior professionals club like the RCP. Ms. Basnet promised to continue to work in changing the patriarchal norms and values of our society towards gender equality. Mr. Maharjan mentioned how proud he was to be in the same rostrum with Ms. Basnet, and vowed to continue to work for improvements in the health sector.

President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha thanked the RCP's Vocational Award Committee for organizing this ceremony with excellent selection of deserving candidates.

**Felicitations of Rotaract Rujen Shakya from Rotaract Club of Patan:** On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha congratulated Rtr. Rujen Shakya for being the 'Runner-up' and 'Mr. Intelligent' in the Mr. and Ms. Rotaract contest organized by Rotaract District 3292. He was honoured by flower bouquet and a token of appreciation. Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi pledged to support him with up to NRs. 50,000 for a health related social service programme through the Rotary Club of Patan. Rtr. Shakya was grateful for this recognition by the RCP.