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<p><b><u>Today's Main Programme:</u></b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment Programme</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b></p> <p>5 Feb. - Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> NIL</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtns. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma &amp; Aruna Uprety – 26 Jan Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – 30 Jan.</p>
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**Minutes of Meetings No.1594**

**Date: 8 Magh 2074 / 22 January 2018**

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1594 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha and Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for '80<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday'. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha honoured him with 'Doshalla' and 'Flower Bouquet' on behalf of all the RCP family. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha contributed NRs. 29,200 equivalent to 80 x 365 days to the 'Fellowship Fund' of the RCP members. In addition, he presented individualized mugs with photograph for each member of the RCP (at the cost price of NRs. 300 each or NRs. 500 for two). The proceeds of the contributions received on account of the mugs will also be donated to the 'Fellowship Fund'.
  - President Rtn. Chandralekha and Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha - for having an old friend Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha as today's guest speaker (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for starting a cardiology service OPD at Kirtipur Hospital (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for having an old friend as today's guest speaker.
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa– for 'Happy Birthday' of Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, and for today's talk programme (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Ahmadabad, India (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA and for today's talk programme (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contribution: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty contributed NRs. 1,850 received from his participation in the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital Board Meeting to the PEEF Operational Fund.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha reminded on information already shared by emails: regional round of Rota Quiz being held on Saturday, 27 January 2018; new member orientation programme; national literacy and WASH seminar; Rotary Peace Fellowship Application; Rotary's semi-annual dues, and the District conference.

In addition, she briefed on the request for e-voting of RI Director for Zone 6A from the RCP. Her proposal to vote for the selected candidate by the nominating committee was agreed by the House.

  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha informed that Rtn. Preeti Khemka will be speaking about her experience as one of the new members of Rotary during the forthcoming District Conference in Birgunj.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – RC Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil; Chartered: 1935, & Members: 47. District: 4390, Clubs: 53, & Members: 1065.
8. Please see below for a summary of the Talk Programme of today.
9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 4,600 (NRs. 1,900 for attendance and NRs. 2,700 for Sunshine Funds); attendance: 1 guest, 1 Rotaract, 19 members, and 7 make-ups.

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

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| <b>Q.</b> Year RI adopted the Club Leadership Plan | <b>A.</b> 2004  |
| <b>Q.</b> Full form of 'AWARE'                     | <b>A.</b> Accept Women as Rotary Equals                           |
| <b>Q.</b> First Women President in the world       | <b>A.</b> Isabel Martinez Cartas de Peron of Argentina (1974-76). |

### **Summary of Talk Programme by Guest Speaker Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha on 'Humanitarian Service'**

Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha introduced guest speaker Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha, Charter President of RC Kasthamandap. Rtn. Shrestha is the Honorary Consul-General of Sweden to Nepal and has been in several capacities in Rotary including as an AG, and currently is a District Advisory Council member. He comes from an industrialist family of Nepal. He has been in several advisory capacities, and has been promoting international goodwill and understanding particularly with Japan, Scandinavia and the European Union.

Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha was very pleased to be with the Rotary Club of Patan where he knew many friends, district senior leaders and distinguished personalities. He talked about his friendship and long-time relations (with interesting anecdotes of his contacts) with several RCP members that included PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha (who designed his house), and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha.

"Rotary itself is Humanitarian Service" said Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha that draws from our ancient scriptures like 'Mahabharata' where 'Punya' and 'Pap' are described as doing good and bad to others respectively. Rotary is very much motivated with these ancient words and values in its service and social orientation. In our civilization, service has always been advocated and respected.

Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha emphasized that Rotary has been one of the oldest living social organizations doing service. He cited the grand example of global polio eradication campaign Rotary started in 1988, and that is almost a reality today. Another example of early work in Nepal by Rotary was the establishment of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital, where RCP and his brother Dr. Anil Shrestha have done immense work.

To encourage Rotarians to be even more active, he talked about the impact of 'Tell, Act, and Involve', with 'Involve' being most effective. He cited an old Nepali adage that means do not work only for attendance, and do not go abroad with the intention of not returning (Hajir garna jagir nakhau; nafarkine gari bidesh najau). Praising Paul Harris as a visionary leader, Rtn. Shrestha said that visionary leaders have the art of seeing the invisible, and they translate vision into reality. Today, Rotary's identity is of great importance. Again citing a Nepali adage he mentioned that when one is born, there is breath - no name, and when one dies, there is no breath - but only name. He concluded by encouraging all to try to do what you can for others – the essence of being a true Rotarian!

Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha presented a book 'History of Sweden' to PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, another book 'A guide to Swedish Architecture' to President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, and a pocket-book calendar each to all present during the meeting.

Following a Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Gajendra L. Shrestha for his presence in the RCP meeting and for his excellent motivational talk on 'Humanitarian Service'. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha added her thanks and concluded the session with the presentation of a 'Token of Appreciation' to Rtn. Gajendra B. Shrestha on behalf of the RCP.