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<u>Today's Programme:</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
Business Meeting	Birthdays: Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma – 2 June Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No.1612

Date: 14 Jestha 2075 / 28 May 2018

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the Meeting Nos. 1612 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests Welcomed by the President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha: Rtrs. Rubina Sakya, Peshal Bhattarai and Preetika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RC Patan were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution :
 - Rtn. Kamala Maharjan – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – of 'Happy Birthday' of Kamala Maharjan (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for buying a new Car (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for participation in programmes to mark 'Menstrual Hygiene Day' on 28 May 2018 at Kitini and Shri Siddhi schools.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for completion of distribution of PEEF money to respective Rotarian coordinators.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for attending meeting after long time, for more than a weeklong trek to upper Mustang, for contributing for PHS membership, and for his classification talk today. (NRs. 1000).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for participation in the programme to mark 'Menstrual Hygiene Day' at Harisiddhi School and for the Classification Talk of Rtn. R.R. Pandey.
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Happy Landing' from Dubai (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contribution: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey handed over two cheques: one for **NRs. 106,000** for Paul Harris Society (PHS) contribution for Polio Plus as pledged earlier, and the other NRs. 18,360 being annual contribution to PEEF Operational Fund.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha reminded on information already shared by emails: (i) District Award Ceremony on June 02, 2018. (ii) Regional level ICM held on May 26, 2018 (iii) GML - May 2018 and (iv) Appreciation Certificate in District Award Ceremony to those who have contributed of \$ 1000 or more to Polio Plus Fund of the Rotary Foundation.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the programmes to mark the 'Menstrual Hygiene Day' on 28 May 2018 at Kitini and Harisiddhi schools.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha updated on PEEF Scholarship Distribution: He had received NRs. 990,000.00, which has been given to respective Rotarian coordinators with distribution completed in most schools. As of now, additional funds of NRs. 328,000.00 is required for the remaining 6 schools.
 - Coordinator of the 33rd 'Lalithdara Souvenir' Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha requested for articles and advertisements for the Souvenir of next Rotary Year.

- Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai briefed on the Rotaract Annual Publication and requested for advertisement from the Rotarians.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey - RC Kalmar, Sweden; Chartered: 1934; & Members: 114. District: 2410, Clubs: 73, & Members: 3188.
 8. Please see below for a summary of today's talk programme by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey.
 9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 6,100 (NRs. 2,300 for attendance and NRs. 3,800 for Sunshine Funds including NRs. 200 top-up by Rtn. Kiran Thapa for the attendance of 23 members), attendance: 23 members, 3 Rotaracts and 4 make ups

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kamala Maharjan

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| Q. | In District 3292, how many club names have 'Kathmandu' in it? | A. 16. |
| Q. | Name of the current RI TRF Chair? | A. Paul A. Netzel, RC Los Angeles, USA. |
| Q. | Capital of Azerbaijan? | A. Baku. |

Summary of Talk Programme by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey

As Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey had already given a classification talk sometime back in the club meeting, he made a very interesting presentation (with Power Point) on his recent trek to Lo-Manthang, upper Mustang. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey had gone for this trekking with a team of 7 members and 6 porters during 7 to 18 May 2018.

En route to Lo-Manthang, which lies on the other side of the Himalayas, the team visited Muktinath temple and other very interesting places with spectacular topography. Natural landscape is very different but similar to Grand Canyon of the USA and other canyons. The rocks are scoured by heavy winds, and have many small caves carved for meditation purposes, but with difficult access.

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey also presented the slides of Tiji Festival of Lo-Manthang. Tiji is a fascinating annual three-day festival consisting of Tibetan rituals that celebrate the myth of a son who had to save the Mustang Kingdom from destruction. The festival is indigenous to Lo-Manthang, upper Mustang.

"Tiji" the name is an abbreviation of the word "Tempa Chirim", which means "Prayer for World Peace". This festival commemorates the belief in the victory of Lord Buddha's incarnation Dorjee Sonnu over a demon called Man Tam Ru, a vicious creature feeding on human beings and causing storms and droughts.

The Tiji festival usually takes place around mid-May and lasts for 3 days. The monks of Lo Manthang's "Choedhe" monastery perform ritual dances during the celebration. The harassment of Ma Tam Ru Ta (in a dance called 'Tsa Chham' on the first day), the birth of Dorjee Sonnu as the demon's son (on the second day called "Nga Chham"), and the attempt to return the demon to Lord Buddha's realm (on the third and final day) are enacted during the performances.

The Tiji festival dances are all organized by the Choedhe Monastery, which belongs to the Sakya sect of Buddhism. The monastery is headed by a Rinpoche. About 65 monks from Lo Manthang, Nhenyul and Chhosyer reside in this monastery.

The very interesting talk programme concluded with question and answers. Many members expressed the interest for the trek and suggested to make a programme for a RCP group as well.