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RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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**Today's Programme:** 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly & Charter Day

**Forthcoming Programme:**

Business Meeting & Annual General Meeting – 8 Sep.  
5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment Programme - 29 Sept. 2014

**September is New Generation Month**

***Congratulatory Events and Happy News  
will be shared during the next weekly  
meeting of 8 September 2014***

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1423**

**Date: 9 Bhadra 2071 / 25 August 2014**

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1423 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness, and also wished all a 'Happy Father's Day'.
2. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated on improvements in President Khruschev Shrestha's health with him already moved to a room from the ICU. Many from RCP had visited, mostly meeting the family, as it is preferable not to disturb him in his recovery. Following updates from several members, President a.i., on behalf of all the RCP family, wished him well for a speedy recovery.
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Kalpana Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit – for a special 'Happy Birthday' as the actual day coincided with 'Father's Day' according to the Nepali Calendar (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Dr. Nabal Pajiyar – for 'Happy Landing' from Bombay and being able to shake hands with PM Modi during his Nepal visit.
  - Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai – for 'Happy Father's Day' and his wife's 2.8 km walk to Gokarna.
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for a successful first 'DOLIDAR Day' meeting as its Director-General.
  - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for improvements in President Khruschev Shrestha's health.
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Father's Day'.
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for surprise call announcing 'Happy Father's Day' by children from abroad.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for contacts by an Australian Club with interest to sponsor the RCP's Chandibhanjyang Project in collaboration with the Heifer International.
5. Rotary News/Information Sharing:
  - Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty updated on the status of contributions committed by RCP Members in support of the victims of National Calamity due to recent landslides and floods in Nepal.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the progress of work in preparation of the DG's visit, 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly and Charter Day celebrations on Friday, 29 August 2014.
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa briefed on the production of the Lalithdara Souvenir. She shared the good news of its completion and thanked all the Committee Members and Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty for their support. President a.i. Kayastha also thanked Rtns. Bharat N. Joshi, Krishna B. Basnyat and the Team for their work with getting the advertisement contributions.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty shared the good news of an Australian Rotary Club being interested in sponsoring our community development project in Chandibhanjyang in collaboration with the Heifer International, Nepal. She was particularly very pleased to get this possibility as this is one of RCP's high priority projects for Grants in view of substantial work already done with the Heifer International, Nepal and the local community.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat - Rotary Club of Sunrise, British Columbia, Canada, Club ID 50240; Chartered 1997; Members 30. District: 5080, Clubs: 61, and Members: 2805.

7. Please see below for a summary of presentation/discussion on 'Membership' topics.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President a.i., the Secretary announced: contributions to 'Sunshine' Fund: NRs.3,200, attendance: members 24, and make-up 6.

**Summary of presentation/discussion on 'Membership' topics led Membership Chairperson & President a.i. Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha**

President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha opened the session with a brief on the historical development of 'Membership' in the RCP. The RCP started with 27 Charter Members that included Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit and himself. It currently has 42 Members in 37 different classifications. The RCP is also proud to have 5 couples as members with a total of 8 female members and 6 charter members. He emphasized the need to bring in 'suitable' members to join us.

PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya gave an overview of the global situation on 'Membership' in Rotary. In view of a declining trend in total membership, now 1.15 Million from 1.2 Million, RI has set a target of reaching 1.3 Million members by the end of this Rotary Year. This means an addition of 150,000 new members. To attain this objective, separate regional membership plans have been drawn. In this context, a PDG level Officer on Special Duty (OSD) has been appointed by each District specifically for Membership Development and Retention. PDG Tirtha M. Sakya has been given this responsibility for District 3292.

PDG Sakya mentioned low membership clubs as the main concern of the District, with groups of less than 10 and less than 20 members clubs. The District is now requiring all clubs to have a minimum of 25 members by 30 June 2015. While following this requirement, he also emphasized on the importance of 'Quality' members. He suggested that clubs should let go uninterested members with very low attendance. The District is also approaching institutions such as FNCCI to attract highly professional persons to the Rotary, and is expecting 50+ members in all clubs. PDG Sakya also noted the RCP's contributions to the District with 10 clubs sponsored, and 5 District Governors coming from among these clubs.

Comments and suggestions from several members including: having these kinds of sessions led by each Chairperson of Committees, and need for young professionals, particularly female professional members in our club.



**RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: SEPTEMBER 2014**

One of the great privileges of being president of Rotary International is having the chance to visit so many parts of the Rotary world. Usually I travel to participate in Rotary events; speak at Rotary clubs, conferences, and institutes; and encourage Rotarians in their service. But as president, I am responsible for all branches of the Rotary family. This means that it is also my privilege to support the service of Rotary's youngest generations: our Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants.

When I see the work Rotarians do, I am always impressed, always excited, and always inspired. When I see the work of our New Generations, I am all of this – and frequently I am surprised as well. Not by the quality of their work – for I have learned to expect great things from them – but by the creativity and ingenuity of their thinking. I look at what they have done and think not just "What a great job!" but "What a great idea!" Because every generation sees the world in a unique way, and every individual has a unique point of view. Faced with the same problems, we arrive at different solutions. This is why, in Rotary, our diversity – of culture, language, expertise, gender, and age – is our strength.

In Rotary, we try to take the long view in our service. We aspire to serve in ways that will make a lasting difference, that will continue to have an impact after our participation ends. Our younger generations, in my experience, share this sentiment, and apply it globally, by focusing on environmental issues in new and innovative ways. When I became a Rotarian, environmental issues were barely on our radar. To young people today, these concerns are front and center. Their perspective is a valuable contribution to the world of Rotary service, and it is one that we should all encourage and support. Just as they are learning from us, so should we be learning from them.

The young people who are serving in Rotaract and Interact, and participating in Youth Exchange and RYLA today, are the Rotarians of tomorrow. When we support them, we are supporting the future of our entire organization. We are helping to train the men and women who will be the club presidents, district governors, RI directors, and RI presidents of tomorrow.