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<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Business Meeting	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b> <b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Santa Kumar Shrestha – 5 Nov. <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> NIL
<b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> To be decided	

## Minutes of Meeting No 1431

**Date: 10 Kartik 2071 / 27 October 2014**

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1431 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha: AG Rtn. Maheswor B. Shrestha; the RCP's Vocational Award nominees - Ms. Rita Thapa, Ms. Dil Kumari Chaudhary, and Ms. Geeta Banjara; Rtr. President Sudeep Shakya, Mrs. Sajani Amatya Paneru, Mr. Man Bahadur Chhetri, Dr. Surendra Serchan, Mr. Ramesh Chitrakar, Mr. Khagendra Bhandary, and Ms. Pramila Tuladhar.
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for being able to read a book ('Khushi' by Bijaya Kumar) between Dashain and Tihar festivities.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for the RCP's Vocational Award Day; being on a TV show together with Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha and Piyush B. Bajracharya; and Dr. Kumud Dhital's historic achievement of a successful transplantation of already dead 'Heart' in Australia (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for Dr. Kumud Dhital's (youngest son of Past President late Rtn. Bishnu P. Dhital of the RCP) historic achievement mentioned above.
  - Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit – for the same as above. Dr. Kumud Dhital is the son of a very close friend. Rtn. Dixit lovingly calls him 'Dhebra' and had already written to him congratulating him for this historic achievement (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gautam Shakya – for an excellent celebration of Dashain and Tihar (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – as architects having designed Dr. Kumud Dhital's family house, to celebrate his recent historic success (NRs.500).
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from Sri Lanka where he had presented a paper.
  - Mrs. Sajani Amatya Paneru – for the special occasion of 'outstanding vocational service awards' to the three nominees by the RCP (NRs.500).
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for the 'Vocational Awards' and particularly to long-time friend Ms. Rita Thapa; and an excellent 'Tihar' festivities (NRs.1,000).
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for Dr. Kumud Dhital's (Gorkhali relative) historic achievement, an excellent 'Tihar' festivities, and an enjoyable family trip to Tanchok in Kavre (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information Sharing:

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty shared PDG and District PolioPlus Committee Chair's message on World Polio Day. Two key messages are: request for contributions that will be matched 1 to 2 (for every \$1 contributed by Rotarians, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match by \$2), and on the orientation programmes being organized by the National PolioPlus Committee.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Kemi, Finland; Club ID 9895; Chartered: 1942; Members 42. District: 1400, Clubs: 40, and Members: 1321.

7. Please see below for a summary of the 'Vocational Service Award' ceremony of the RCP.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President a.i., the Secretary announced: contributions to 'Sunshine' Fund: NRs. 6,000; attendance: guests 8, spouse 1, visiting Rotarians 1, Rotaract 1, members 23, and make-up 9.

### **Summary of the RCP's Vocational Service Award Ceremony**

President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha opened this important event of the RCP's Vocational Service Award ceremony, welcomed the nominees and requested the Coordinator of the 'Vocational Awards Committee' Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi to give introductory remarks.

Rtn. Dr. Regmi briefed on the purpose of this ceremony to recognize and honour outstanding vocational service during Rotary's 'Vocational Service Month' of October. He emphasized that outstanding service through any vocation indeed helps nation building. Rtn. Dr. Regmi summarized the process of selection of the nominees through a RCP Committee comprising of Rtns. Nirmal Pradhanang, Gautam Shakya and himself. The RCP is honoured to have this opportunity to recognize and award Ms. Rita Thapa, founder of TEWA for 'Outstanding Social Service', Ms. Dil Kumari Chaudhary for 'Outstanding Service in Women Empowerment' through her work with 'Kamlari' girls, and Ms. Gita Banjara for 'Outstanding Humanitarian Service' through service to Psychiatric patients.

Rtn. Lalita Thapa introduced Ms. Rita Thapa, an 'Ashoka Fellow', renowned at home and abroad for social service and known to her since over 25 years. Ms. Rita Thapa has immensely contributed to social justice and economic well-being of Nepalese women; conflict transformation, peace building and various social development work through the establishment, support, and guidance of national and community level institutions and infrastructures in Nepal.

Rtn. Som Paneru introduced 22 years old Ms. Dil Kumari Chaudhary as a 'Kamlari' turned successful entrepreneur and a great leader of her community. She has an inspiring story of life as a 'Kamlari' for 6 years from the age of 9, completing grade 12 education after being rescued, being the President of the 'Freed Kamlari Development Forum', as one of the leaders of the 'Andolan' resulting in the Government's declaration of 'Kamlari Abolition' in June 2013, and continues to work for girls empowerment through the creation of economic opportunities for them.

Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi introduced Ms. Gita Banjara. A Health Worker from the Mental Hospital and requested the Director of the Hospital Dr. Surendra Serchan to talk about her contributions. Dr. Serchan appreciated this recognition by the RCP on behalf of all the Hospital colleagues. In an environment where society still looks down upon mental health patients as well as health workers supporting them, Ms. Banjara has devoted over 10 years of committed service to support the patients and has been a pillar in the overall development of the Mental Hospital.

Following the introductions, Ms. Rita Thapa, Ms. Dil Kumari Chaudhary and Ms. Geeta Banjara were honoured by President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Assistant Governor Maheswor B. Shrestha and Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi respectively with 'Khada', a Certificate, and a token cheque of NRs. 5,000 each.

Each of the three 'Awardees' spoke a few words of appreciation for this 'Outstanding Service Award' from the Rotary Club of Patan and that they really valued this recognition very much.

### **Rotary News/Information**

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The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of non-profits in the United States.

"Our foundation continues to operate at the highest ethical standard," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Kenny. "We are proud that Charity Navigator has recognized our commitment to accountability and transparency for the seventh straight year."

The 4-star rating, the highest that Charity Navigator awards, recognizes sound fiscal management, accountability, and transparency. Charity Navigator evaluates thousands of non-profits each year, and only one of four earns 4 stars.