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RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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Today's Programme:

Talk by Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi
on 'Meditation and Heart'

Forthcoming Programme:

- 6 Dec. - District TRF Seminar
- 8 Dec. - Kamalmani Dixit Educational Excellence Award
'KMDEEA' Ceremony
- 15 Dec. - Election of 2015-16 Officers

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 22 Nov.
Rtn. Dr. Nabal Pajiyar – 23 Nov.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No 1434

Date: 1 Mangsir 2071 / 17 November 2014

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1434 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha – Rtn. Sanjaya Giri, RC of Birgunj.
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from East Timor (Timor Leste) attending a conference with paper presentation.
 - Rtn. Gautam Shakya – for today's 'Classification' talk.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for conducting the Club Assembly as AG at RC Yala in the presence of IPDG Dilendra Shrestha.
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Chandralekha Kayastha – for celebrating 'Second Birthday' of grandson Pranish (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information Sharing:
 - (i) President a.i. Kayastha shared information about the RI Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, which is also mentioned in the last Lalitdhara.
 - (ii) Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit briefed on the Interact Club of Rato Bangla School. He pointed out the need for counselling of students completing 'A' level schooling, and those who do not get admission in the schools in the USA. Upon request of Rtn. Dixit, Rtn. Som Paneru and Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan were identified as possible resources for this.
 - (iii) Rtn. Sanjaya Giri of RC Birgunj, a Rotarian since 27 years and current District Trainer, briefed on the activities of his club. RC of Birgunj is the fifth club of Nepal established in 1987.
 - (iv) Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha highlighted some of the positive aspects of the RCP such as punctuality, timely completion of weekly meeting, regular publication of the weekly 'Lalitdhara', and weekly salutation of an international club with information to the saluted club.
 - (v) Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha also announced the final list with the names of 22 participants to the RCP's annual family outing this year to Gorkha Gaun Resort during 19-21 December 2014.
 - (vi) Membership forms of 'Karunadeep Foundation' were distributed. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha pledged to join the Foundation with the contribution of NRs. 10,000.

6. Salutation: By PP Jamuna K. Tamrakar - Rotary Club of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; Club ID 6915; Chartered: 1926; Members 72. District: 4110, Clubs: 76, and Members 1457.
7. Please see below for a summary of the 'Classification' Talk given by Rtn. Gautam Shakya.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President a.i., Jt. Secretary Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan announced: contributions to Sunshine Fund: NRs. 2,000 (including NRs. 100 top-up by President a.i. Kayastha), attendance: members 16, visiting Rotarian 1, and make-up 9.

Summary of the Classification Talk by Rtn. Gautam Shakya

Rtn. Gautam Shakya, a resident of Chakupat, Lalitpur, is married to Mrs. Moti Shanti Shakya. They are blessed with two daughters and a son, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Shakya is active in different social organisations including the Patan CBR, where she has been able to bring in several matching grant projects through the Rotary Club of Patan West.

Rtn. Gautam Shakya is a manufacturer of curios of special crystals, which are exported to Europe and America. His grandfather was a pioneer of this type of curio manufacturing and his son is also continuing this profession, thereby extending it to the fourth generation. Rtn. Shakya has a show-room at Durbar Marga called 'Curio Gallery', which gives job opportunities to 20/22 families.

Rtn. Shakya's interests are travelling and learning about art and culture of different countries of the world. Other interests are fellowship and social work, which are the reasons for his joining the Rotary.

ROTARY INFORMATION: WHERE IS MEMBERSHIP GROWING AND WHY?

(Some interesting excerpts from RI website)

Last year, Rotary membership hit a 10-year low, at 1,185,000, though we've since rebounded, raising the figure this year to **1,207,102**. For RI President Gary C.K. Huang, that's not good enough. He hopes to increase membership to 1.3 million by the end of his term.

Countries with biggest

Membership gains, 2003-13 **KEY REASONS**

- Taiwan +7,567 (+49%) - focusing on alumni, people who were in Group Study Exchange and former Rotaractors.
- India +34,068 (+38%) - recognizing those who recruit new members, encourage participation from second-generation Rotarians, inviting prospective members to half-day seminars to learn about Rotary, & target former Rotaractors
- Germany +11,114 (+27%) - emphasis on personal connections between members and their families, not to overwhelm with financial requests, and value club life with programmes & events in which many play an active role.

Korea +12,671 (+26%) and Brazil +4,045 (+8%)

Countries and areas with largest Membership declines, 2003-13

- United States -58,481 members (-15%)
- Japan -23,248 (-21%)
- England -7,743 (-16%)
- Australia -5,260 (-14%)
- Canada -4,167 (-14%)