'LALIT DHARA' Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Patan (Nepal)









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<u>Today's Programme:</u> Regular Weekly Meeting

<u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays</u>:

Forthcoming Programme:

30 January – 2nd Group Birthday Fellowship

31 January – 8th Board Meeting

Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - 18 Jan.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No 1442

Date: 28 Poush 2071 / 12 January 2015

- 1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1442 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness.
- 2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha: Rotaract President Sudeep Shakya.
- 3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- 4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya and Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya for younger members of the family getting interested in 'Guthi' events.
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa for 'Happiness'.
 - Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty and Bijaya Mallapaty for 'Happy Landing' from Thailand and Myanmar.
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha for attending the 'International Inner Wheel's Day' celebrations. Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha was the Chief Guest. Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha is the Founder President and RCP's Inner Wheel Club is the first one registered in our District.
 - Rtn. Kamala Maharjan for celebrating 'International Inner Wheel's Day'.
 - Rtn. Som Paneru for completing 20 years of social work with the Nepal Youth Foundation this month.

5. Other Contributions:

- Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya confirmed a contribution equivalent to US \$500 to The Rotary Foundation made through the District Office for one additional PHF.
- Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa handed over a contribution cheque of NRs. 5,000 to the Club Trust Fund.
- 6. Rotary News/Information Sharing:
 - President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha shared the special Rotary Pins received from RI for Rtns. Siba B. Rajbhandary, Dr. Prakash R. Regmi, Santa K. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty for sponsoring new members to the club. These will be handed over to the concerned in an appropriate ceremony to encourage all to bring in new members.
 - PDG Tirtha M. Sakya informed on the changes in the designated 'Rotary Months', which now will match the focus areas. He also informed on the District's request to all clubs to designate and submit the names of a Monitor, a Web Master and a Mentor from each club, as well as 5 members designated to represent each letter of the 'TEACH' for the District Literary programme.

- Rotaract President Sudeep Shakya informed about the Leadership Development Training during 30 to 31 January 2015 being organized by the Rotaract Club of Patan and the District E-Club at Scout Training Centre in Kakani, Kathmandu.
- 7. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha Rotary Club of Cannanore, Kerala, India; Club ID: 15834; Chartered: 1960; Members: 40. District: 3202, Clubs: 95, and Members: 3756.
- 8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President a.i., the Secretary announced: contributions to Sunshine Fund- NRs. 2,550, attendance: members 17, Rotaract 1, & make-up 11.

<u>Summary of Presentation made by Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty</u> <u>on Myanmar based on their recent visit</u>

Rtn. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty made a Power Point presentation with photos of their recent visit of Myanmar. The visit included interesting sites in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Heho (Inle Lake) and Tounggyi. Before going through the photo presentation, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the historical and current geo-political situation of Myanmar where they also have roughly 500,000 people of Nepali origin.

Burmese people are very polite and they have accomplished a lot of progress. The infrastructure development throughout the places were impressive - better than in Nepal. Two surprising things - the vast number of Pagoda/Stupas/Monasteries where everyone has to take off shoes including socks to enter the complexes. The second thing was a remarkable absence of security presence in public despite being a country dominated by the Military.

Among the remarkable sites were the famous Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon; Shwe Kyaung Pagoda on the hill of Mandalay with 777 steps; sleeping Buddha (200+ feet large) in Yangon; countless Pagodas/Stupas/Monasteries everywhere, but particularly in Bagan; Inle Lake with water-gardens, markets in houses over the lake and the unique technique of one legged rowing of boats; excellent craftsmanship of Lacquerware, Marble (particularly magnificent Buddha statues of all sizes), Gold leaf making for offerings in Buddhist Pagodas etc. Other interesting sites were unique local markets including those selling famous Myanmar Ruby and other jewellery, and various local products.

Rotary Information - Message from Rotaract President Sudeep Shakya

Respected Rotarians,

First of all, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. I am writing to you in regards to <u>Leadership Development Training (LDT)</u> being organized by Rotaract Club of Patan in association with Rotary E-club of District 3292. LDT is a 2 day intensive training programme that brings together youth and young adults, ages 20-25, to further develop leadership skills and character, while exposing them to Rotary's values of service, high ethical standards and peace. Through LDT, we aim to develop qualities of leadership, citizenship and personal development among young people in our community. LDT is an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills. LDT will help one discover one's potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in one's community, career, and everyday life.

I humbly request you to share this among your family, organizations to participate in this program. Hoping for your positive response. The details of the program is attached with this mail.

Summary:

Date: January 30-31, 2015

Venue: Scout Training Center, Kakani

Registration Charge: Rs. 1700 (includes 2 way transportation, all meals during the stay at the venue,

stationery materials, accommodation and others)

Deadline: 25 January 2015