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RI District 3292

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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> 5th Club Assembly</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 27 Feb. to 1 March - District Conference 7 March - Board Meeting 9 March – Business Meeting 14 March - ICM on Heart Disease</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Gautam Shakya – 26 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – 25 Feb. Rtn. Gautam Shakya – 22 Feb. (10 Falgun) Rtns. Khurshev Shrestha and Kalpana Pradhan - 26 Feb. (14 Falgun)</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No 1447

Date: 4 Falgun 2071/ 16 February 2015

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1447 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha - Spouse Mrs. Meera Tamrakar and Mrs. Nani Sova Sakya, and Mr. Ramesh Maskey.
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar - for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary', and for a successful completion of the Rotary South Asia Peace Conference held in Lumbini under his Chairmanship of the Organizing Committee (NRs. 400).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtns. Dr. Shivaji B. Silwal, Kedar B. Shrestha, Kamal B. Nyachhyon, Rabendra R. Pandey, and Yagya B. Shrestha – all for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Som Paneru – for the opportunity to remind on 'silent invocation' for world peace.
 - Rtn. Dr. Aruna Uprety – for paper presentation at the World Public Health Conference in Calcutta.
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for conducting Policy Training at the Labour Ministry.
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Tea' from his factory served at the world famous 'Noma' restaurant in Tokyo.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for an interesting trip to join the Rotary South Asia Peace Conference.
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for participation in the inauguration of the 'highest bridge' in Nepal with the Minister of Local Development.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for encouraging announcements of 'Happy News' by members.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for personal photo sessions with RI President Gary C.K. Huang and spouse both in South Korea and in Lumbini (NRs.500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for a wonderful family visit by road to maternal home in Tansen (NRs.500).

5. Other Contributions:

For the statute of 'Goddess Saraswati' in the temple of the Primary School complex of Chepel Village built with contributions from some RCP Members, the following additional contributions were made:

- Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – NRs. 5,000
- Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit – NRs. 5,000
- Rtn. Matsyendra and Chandralekha Kayastha – NRs. 5,000
- Rtn. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – NRs. 5,000

6. Rotary News/Information Sharing:

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty informed on the District Award submission requirements from Chairpersons of Club Committees.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Sapporo-South, Hokkaidi, Japan; Club ID: 13600; Chartered: 1956; Members: 78. District: 2510, Clubs: 71, and Members: 2571.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President a.i., the Secretary announced: contributions to Sunshine Fund - NRs. 4,350, attendance: guest 1, spouses 2, members 19, and make-up 9.

Summary of Rtn. Lochan Gyawali's presentation on 'Tea'

Rtn. Lochan Gyawali made a scholarly presentation on the origins of 'Tea', its usage worldwide, and situation of tea production in Nepal. The power point presentation included very nice and relevant pictures on the subject. A few highlights:

- **Originated** in China's Yunan Province that produces some 260 out of 380 types of tea;
- Legend has it that 'The Cradle of Tea' in China started in BC 2737 during Emperor Shennong's time, with recorded history of tea culture there since some 3000 years.
- Buddhism also spread Tea culture and the 'Tea culture' also helped the development of fine Ceramics; and
- Tea culture spread to Japan in 805 A.D. during Heian Jidai period.

- **In Nepal**, tea was introduced by Col. Gajraj Thapa in 1861;
- First factory in Nepal was none other than a 'Tea Factory' established in 1878;
- Total output of Tea in Nepal was 20 million kgs. in 2012-13, which is a growth of 400% within a period of 12 years, with an export of 10,709 tons worth over 2 billion Rupees;
- Rtn. Gyawali's family Tea industry is called 'Jun Chiyabari' that was established in 2000 in Nigale, Hile, Dhankutta with a plantation area of 75 Hectares, and produces about 25,000 kgs. of Tea per year, primarily for export.

- He also explained a 8 step process that goes through the production of Tea for consumption, from the time it is harvested and brought to the Factory: Plucking > Withering > Rolling > Oxidisation (except for green Tea) > Drying > Sorting > Packing > Sending tea samples to potential buyers.

- Rtn. Gyawali also highlighted that all different types of 'Tea' come from same trees, but the production process separates its variety. He also explained some of the reasons for 'Tea' drinking culture - Health, Social and Relaxation, which has the blessing of all 'Deities'.

Rotary Q/A by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary in preparation for District 'Rota Quiz'

Questions

RCP Members at the highest level of Civil Service, i.e. Secretary level, in Nepal Govt.

Answers

Five – (L.) Charter P. Rtn. Surendra R. Sharma, (L.) PP Rtn. B.P. Dhital, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, PP Rtn. Kedar B Shrestha and Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😄😄😄😄😄

Customer: Waiter, this soup tastes funny.

Waiter: Funny? But then why aren't you laughing?