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RI District 3292

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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Regular Club Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>7 March - Board Meeting 9 March – Business Meeting 14 March - ICM on Heart Diseases in Nepal</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Satya Pradhan – 4 Mar. (20 Falgun)</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – 27 Feb. (15 Falgun) Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – 27 Feb. Rtn. Bijaya Bajracharya – 2 Mar. Rtn. Shiva Pradhan – 3 Mar. (19 Falgun)</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No 1448

Date: 11 Falgun 2071/ 23 February 2015

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1447 to order with 'Rotary Day Greetings' and 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha – AG Rtn. Maheswor B. Shrestha, Mr. Ramesh Maskey, Rotaract President Sudeep Shakya, and Rtn Raghu N. Ghimire from RC Kavre, Banepa.
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Gautam Shakya – for 'Happy Birthday' and 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs.1,000).
 - Rtns. Bharat N. Joshi, Khruschev Shrestha and Kalpana Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for attending the Rotary 'DTTS' in Biratnagar as a Trainer.
 - Rtn. Satya Pradhan – for 'Happy Landing' from Calcutta, India.
 - Rtns Kamala and Padam L. Maharjan – for Sajha Yatayat's operation of a new route from Swayambhu to Airport (includes stop in front of his house in Durbar Marg) since last week (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for a very interesting talk programme on 'Tea' by Rtn. Lochan Gyawali.
 - On behalf of RCP participants in 'Rotary South Asia Conference on Peace' in Lumbini, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha handed over a balance of NRs. 500 to the 'Sunshine' funds.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for a pleasant surprise of finding Rtn. Mahendra Thapa as a 'Trainer' at the Rotary 'DTTS' training recently held in Biratnagar (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:

Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang successfully completed a consultancy with an Australian Company for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Int'l Airport Master Plan. On this happy occasion, he contributed NRs. 10,000 to the Club Trust Fund.
6. Rotary News/Information Sharing:
 - The ICM on 'Heart Diseases in Nepal' is being held on 14 March 2015 at Himalaya Hotel.
 - President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha requested Rtn. Ganesh Shrestha to represent him at the District Conference in Chitwan where the RCP is one of the Co-Hosts. He also requested for a maximum participation from the RCP family. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha will also carry the RCP's contribution of NRs. 25,000 and the Club Exhibit already prepared by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary - Rotary Club of Smithtown Sunrise, New York, USA; Club ID: 63276; Chartered: 2003; Members: 22. District: 7255, Clubs: 75, and Members: 1812. Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai is making a presentation to this Club on RCP activities on 26 February, as he is currently in the USA.
8. President a.i. Kayastha and AG Rtn. Shrestha handed-over the recognition 'Pins' from the RI for bringing new Members to Rotary to Rtns. Siba B. Rajbhandary (for 2 members), Prakash R. Regmi, Santa K. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty. Certificates received from the RI President in Lumbini for contributions to the TRF by the RCP (\$10 each member) was handed over to the President a.i. Also, President a.i. handed over the 'PHF' certificates to those who were not able to go to Lumbini.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President a.i., the Secretary announced: contributions to Sunshine Fund - NRs. 5000 including the top-up of NRs. 150 by President a.i. Kayastha, attendance: guest 1, visiting Rotarians 2, Rotaract 1, members 25, and make-up 7.

Summary of 5th Club Assembly Meeting

Welcoming AG Maheswor B. Shrestha, President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha started the 5th Club Assembly Meeting and requested each Chairperson/Director of different Club Committees to report on the achievements and plans.

Club Administration – Chairperson Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma mentioned that he was greatly relieved from his work as the RCP is well organized, disciplined, and punctual and run with the highest standard of Rotary norms. He then gave a summary of club activities that took place including meetings, fellowships, family outing, club assemblies, project site visits, vocational awards, and participation in District Conferences and Seminars. He also reported on attendance and Rota Quiz activities.

Membership – Chairperson Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha updated on the status of club membership that increased from 39 to 43. During the current Rotary Year, the RCP has been able to maintain 100% retention, which is noteworthy. The RCP is also proud to have 9 female members with 5 'couple' members representing a diverse classification of 38 professions.

Service Projects – Chairperson Rtn. Lalita Thapa presented a comprehensive summary status of the Service Projects of the RCP. She updated on the ongoing club funded projects - PEEF and the KMDEEA; MG/GG on Prevention of Rheumatic Heart Diseases, Vocational Education for 'Kamlari Girls', and Mental Health Project with Koshish; new GG proposals on Community Development with Heifer Int'l in Chandi Bhanjyang, Chepel Village Hydro-Power Project, Nutritional Outreach Camps with NYF, and Burn and Cleft with Kirtipur Hospital. Rtn. Thapa also briefed on the completed projects of the RCP during this Rotary Year.

Youth Service – Director Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on 3 areas of 'Youth' programmes, i.e. Rotaracts, Interacts and Youth Exchange. On the activities of Rotaract Club of Patan, its President Sudeep Shakya provided the details of its activities and plans. As for the Interact Clubs, the Club at Sunakothi is active; for the newly opened Club at Pragati School in Kupondole, the Charter Certificate has been received; and information from the third Club in Chandibhanjyang is awaited. For 'Youth Exchange', our District 3292 has not been certified.

TRF – Chairperson Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave the status of MPHFs and PHFs that include 4 Major Donors. Against the target of raising \$5,000, the RCP has already raised US \$3,350. This includes PHF/MPHF contributions, US \$10 each by all Members, and President's contribution of \$50. He also mentioned the Co-Hosting of District TRF Seminar held in December 2014, and the recognition of TRF contributors by RI President during the recent Peace Conference in Lumbini.

Public Relations - Chairperson Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi presented the achievements and plans for this committee under 14 headings. Overall, very good public relation activities were noted with excellent awareness events; good communications through 'Facebook' page, Souvenir publication, Vehicle logos and Rotary advocacy pamphlets. He also mentioned work needed to have a club brochure and to further improve media relations possibly by bringing a new member from this profession to the Club.

Comments by AG - AG Rtn. Maheswor B. Shrestha complemented the RCP for excellent achievements including 100% retention of members. He also noted the RCP's contributions to the District with many senior members in various District Committees. Finally, he pointed out that 'How good is Rotary?' can only be measured by 'How good is its image that we create in the society' and appreciated the good work of the RCP.

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

Questions

*First Rotary Club President
Rtn. Paul P. Harris' Presidency*

Answers

*Rtn. Silvester Schiele, Chicago, in 1905
3rd President of Rotary Club of Chicago. In August 1910, Rotarians gathered in Chicago for their first national convention. The existing 16 clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs and elected Rotary Founder Paul P. Harris as the organization's first President.*