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









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<u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting

Forthcoming Programme: To be announced

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha - 8 April

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Date: 16 Chaitra 2071 / 30 March 2015

Minutes of Meeting No 1453

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1553 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace and happiness.

- 2. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted with the following corrections:
 - The guests Michael and Kristine Lynes were not Rotarians but their parents were.
 - The contribution from Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha was NRs. 500.
- 3. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa for Wedding Anniversary (NRs.500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha for happy news about Rtn. Sanjay Giri of RC Birgunj elected as District Governor Nominee Designate for the Rotary Year 2017-18.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Bajracharya for attending the club meeting and receiving special invitation.
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang for his granddaughter being admitted in class 1.
 - Rtn Kedar B. Shrestha for being able to attend the Club Meeting after a long gap.

4. Other Contributions:

- Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya–for attending PETS training & for commending RCP Rtn. Mahendra Thapa as one of the trainers (NRs. 5,000). The contribution is to sponsor PETS seminar from the RCP.
- Rtn. Lalita Thapa handed over the cheque of NRs.8000 (earlier committed) for Club Trust Fund.
- Rtn. Bijay Bajracharya committed NRs. 15,000 for Club Trust Fund. This will make the Club Trust Fund reach its target of NRs. 10 lakh.
- Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha topped up NRs. 800 as committed earlier, and also committed to top up with 10% to the above new contribution announced for the Club Trust Fund.
- Rtns. Kamala and Padam L. Maharjan, Piyush Bajracharya and Lalita Thapa for not wearing Rotary Pins (NRs.50 each)

5. Rotary News/Information Sharing:

- President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha shared the news about the Joint Meeting with Kantipur Rotary Club at Hotel Shanker. Very few members from the RCP were able to participate in the meeting. The Flags of other Clubs were exchanged.
- Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa also shared his experience as a District Trainer and facilitated the PETS training. He received very positive feedback on his performance and was able to keep up with the reputation of the RC Patan. He also thanked all members for the support provided to him for this successful event.

- 6. Salutation: By PP Bijaya Bajracharya Rotary Club of Patan West, sponsored by the RCP; Club ID 31143, Chartered: 1995, Members: 28. District: 3292, Clubs: 88, and Members: 2938.
- 7. 5th Monday Entertainments: To celebrate the 5th Monday of the month, as requested by the President a.i., the Sergeant—at-Arms Kedar B. Shrestha thanked all the members who have complied his request to attend the meeting and requested to share interesting anecdotes related to their personal or professional life, jokes and any interesting subjects. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha volunteered to start with some of his own episodes when he was serving in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and an event at State Hall in Singha Durbar, the State Visit of late King Birendra in the US. Similarly. Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha shared his experiences of terrible air turbulence while air lifting a national gift of a pair of baby Rhinoceros to the people of then Burma, and also while coming back from Bangkok by air. Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang and Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan shared their mutual experience when they were in Australia during a training programme, Rtn. Mahendra Thapa and Rtn. Dr. Nabal Pajiyar also shared a couple of jokes. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha concluded the entertainment programme thanking all the participants.
- 8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President a.i. Rtn. Lalita Thapa announced: contributions to 'Sunshine' Fund: NRs. 3,550, attendance: 21, and make up 8.

RI President Gary C.K. Huang's message for April 2015: Magazine Month

Today, there are so many more ways to communicate than ever before. In the age of video conferences and instant messages, we can work together from almost anywhere, and always be in touch; we can share our Rotary work on Facebook, on Twitter, and on Rotary.org. But there will always be a tremendously important role for the magazine that you are holding in your hands – or reading on an electronic device – right now.

The Rotarian is one of the oldest continuously published magazines in the world, with an unbroken publication history dating back to its first issue, featuring Paul Harris as a contributor, in 1911. Back then, the magazine was printed in black and white, and was only a few pages. The type was small, the pictures were few, and the advertisements were for piano dealers, haberdashers, and a hotel fully equipped with hot and cold running water!

Now, you can read *The Rotarian* on your phone or tablet, and regional magazines are published in 24 languages. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners have written for the magazine, including Mahatma Gandhi, Desmond Tutu, George Bernard Shaw, and Nicholas Murray Butler. Every month, The Rotarian brings us a snapshot of the best of the Rotary world: It engages, entertains, enlightens, and inspires.

In an age of constant communication, with so many ways to find new information, do we still need a Rotary magazine? Absolutely. Because the magazine is now, as it has always been, one of the best ways to spread the word about Rotary. It has allowed me to share the fun and excitement of Rotary Days, it showcases the good work of Rotarians around the world, and it puts a spotlight on important issues affecting us all. The Rotarian isn't just enjoyable for Rotarians – it's a great way to boost Rotary's public image, and show the world the work that Rotarians do.

So when you're done reading this issue, pass it along. Ask yourself who might be particularly interested in this month's articles. Give the issue to a friend, a co-worker, or a colleague. Share it with someone you've invited to a Rotary club meeting. Visit www.therotarianmagazine.com to share stories on social media, or send links through email. Use it to *Light Up Rotary* – just as Rotarians have been doing for more than 100 years.

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

Questions Answers

Four elements of an effective club 1) Sustain or increase membership, 2) Implement

successful projects, 3) Support the Rotary Foundation

and 4) Develop leaders beyond club level.

Paul Harris' first job Newspaper Reporter

RI officer in the District District Governor.