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Today's Programme:

Business Meeting specifically on RCP's Earthquake Emergency Activities

Forthcoming Programme:

To be announced

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – 2 May
Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – 4 May
Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – 6 May

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Shanta K. Shrestha – 3 May

Minutes of Meeting No. 1457

Date: 14 Baisakh 2072 / 27 April 2015

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1457 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace, especially in the context of the ongoing devastation due to the earthquake.
2. In order to deal with the ongoing emergency, it was decided to hold this exceptional meeting even though the attendance was low. Present in the meeting were: President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Vice President Chandralekha Kayastha, Secretary Gabriele Mallapaty, PDG Tirtha M. Sakya, TRF Chair Ganesh R. Shrestha, Public Relations Chair Dr. Prakash R. Regmi, Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan (left to attend a vehicle emergency), and President Nominee Bijaya Mallapaty. Several members had called to express their inability to come, but suggesting their support to whatever the meeting would agree on with regards to the RCP's support to the earthquake victims.
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted (hard copies in next meeting).
4. It was agreed to postpone the 'Happy News' as well as Other Contributions announcements for the next week, and concentrate on the main agenda.
5. Salutation: By PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – Rotary Club of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (1st International Club); Club ID 167; Chartered: 1913; & Members: 93. District: 5040, Clubs: 51, and Members: 1544.
6. **Main Agenda – Disaster Relief Response by the Rotary Club of Patan**

- A. PDG Tirtha M. Sakya briefed on the District's request, recently circulated to all members, and further follow-up meetings held. In summary, the District is planning to provide immediate support of some Shelter Boxes, Tents and Blankets, and longer term support of low-cost housing estimated to cost around NRs. 250,000 per unit as part of Rotary's contribution for the rehabilitation of the victims of the earthquake. For this District will be using the existing District Disaster Relief Fund and has also launched a fund-raising campaign with a request from all Rotary Members of the District to contribute a minimum of NRs. 1,000. The target is to contribute 15 million Nepalese Rupees. The District has also opened a special account to accept all donations.
- B. Following deliberations, it was agreed that RCP would support the District's efforts and also have its own direct support with information to the District (as also suggested by the District). Therefore, the following was agreed:
 - i. The RCP will provide NRs. 1,000 each from its members to the District Disaster Relief Fund (DDRF) designated for the earthquake victims. **Members need to reimburse this to the RCP.** Members are encouraged to voluntarily add additional contributions to this DDRF through the RCP.

ii. The RCP will also support the earthquake victims directly through the establishment of a Fund where all contributions from members as well as non-members (in-country and supporters from abroad) will be received. A criteria for priority support will be established, wherein direct RCP Members involvement will be a prerequisite to ensure proper use of all support. Possible support areas could include Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) of the RCP in Sunakothi, Lalitpur and Chandibhanjyang, Chitwan, current and previous project sites supported by the RCP, schools supported by the RCP etc. A Committee was proposed for the Management of the Fund with the membership of President a.i. Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha as Coordinator and Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Lalita Thapa as Members. The following was further agreed:

- The RCP will contribute a minimum of NRs. 50,000 (from Club Fund interests).
- The RCP will designate a bank account (Rotary Club of Patan Savings Account No. 00405010034164 with Nepal Investment Bank, Pulchowk Branch, SWIFT Address: 'NIBLNPKT') to receive all donations and disburse funds for the earthquake victims for immediate relief and longer term rehabilitation.
- **All Members are requested to contribute to this designated fund of the Rotary Club of Patan and also encourage their family and friends to do so.**
- For immediate support, it was agreed to provide food stuff to the displaced people of Luvu, Lamatar 7 numbering 25/30 families or about 200 people. This was proposed by Rtn. Dr. Shivaji Silwal who witnessed the situation there, and recommended by PDG Tirtha M. Sakya. The supplies will include rice, lentil, sugar, salt and tea.
- It was also agreed to provide similar support to the displaced people of Panga, Kirtipur, witnessed by Rtns Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan. Details with numbers being provided by Rtn. Maharjan.
- Other priorities and support will be determined in due course, but urgency of raising and receiving funds in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake was stressed.

7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President a.i. the Secretary announced: contributions to 'Sunshine' Fund - NRs. 450 (only for participation by members) and attendance – 9 members & 11 make-up.

[Rotary Information:](#)

[\(Excerpts from the Rotary.org information on support to Nepal Earthquake Victims\).](#)

Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal after a massive earthquake hit the country on 25 April, killing at least 5,200 people and injuring thousands more. The 7.8-magnitude quake, the worst to hit Nepal in more than 80 years, has affected 8 million people in the country's 39 districts, including 1.4 million needing food assistance, according to government officials.

"Rotarians worldwide stand together in expressing a profound sadness at the devastation resulting from this weekend's deadly earthquake in Nepal," says RI President Gary C.K. Huang. "As we mourn the thousands of lives lost, Rotary joins other international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts throughout the country."

Rotary District 3292 in Nepal set up a disaster relief fund to help victims in the hardest hit areas. Immediate funds will go towards food, water, medical supplies, and shelter. For information on how you can help, contact District Governor Rabindra Kumar Piya.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is sending a response team to the affected areas to determine immediate needs. Because of previous disasters in Nepal, the group already has tents and other nonfood items ready for deployment.