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Today's Programme: Business Meeting specially on the

RCP's Earthquake Emergency

Activities

Forthcoming Programme: Follow-up Meetings on RCP's

Earthquake Emergency Activities

Congratulatory Events Birthdays:

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – 9 May

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty - 14 May

Date: 21 Baisakh 2072 / 4 May 2015

Minutes of Meeting No. 1458

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1458 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace.

- 2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha: AG Rtn. Maheswor B. Shrestha.
- 3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- 4. 'Happy News Contributions', as follows, to be given to the RCP's Earthquake Relief Fund:
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha for 'Happy Birthday', and for all the clients and family remaining safe from the earthquake (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary', remaining safe from the earthquake and for being able to support Panga, Kirtipur community through RCP (NRs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' and family & friends remaining safe during the earthquake (NRs.500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma for RCP's good work on 'Earthquake Relief'.
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake.
 - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake.
 - Rtn. Ramesh Maskay for remaining safe in the 'Dhobighat Tower' during the earthquake.
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake (NRs.500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake, which occurred just after the Governor's Visit to the Balaju Club where he is the AG (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gautam Shakya -- for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake, and being able to do support work at Swayambhu (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake, despite some injuries during the fall of Bhaktapur house where son, niece, & niece's husband were present.
 - Rtn. Jamuna Tamrakar or the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake + for 'ha.ba' (NRs.400).
 - Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake.
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty for 'Happy Landing' from the USA & Germany, and 'Happy Birth' of grandson (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake, and safety of all the houses designed by their firm, for which many clients had called to thank them (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa for the whole family remaining safe during the earthquake and being able to provide support to the victims in the area of Bhattedanda village through the RCP (NRs. 500).
 - AG Rtn. Maheswor B. Shrestha for the safety and happiness of all RCP family (NRs. 1,000).

- Other Contributions: Many RCP Members handed over or announced contributions from themselves, their family, relatives and friends to the RCP Earthquake Relief Fund. As a separate statement, with individual details, is updated and shared with all members on a regular basis, these contributions are not repeated here.
- 6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha Rotary Club of Huacho, Lima, Peru; Club ID 7698; Chartered: 1930; & Members: 24. District: 4465, Clubs: 67, and Members: 1396.
- 7. Earthquake Relief Response by the Rotary Club of Patan: All Members are requested to contribute through the RCP as early as possible and also encourage their family and friends to do so. Minimum contribution by each member to the District is NRs. 1,000, which has already been paid to the District on behalf of all members. From the total contribution received from members, any contribution of over NRs. 1,000 specified for the DDRF will be sent to the District later.
- 8. Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented a power point update of the RCP's earthquake relief activities so far.
- 9. Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma made a brief presentation on stress related counselling in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. He summarized the possible problems in three categories (i) immediate, which is fear related, (ii) Deeper, after 2/3 weeks such as 'guilt feeling' 'because of me syndrome' etc., and (iii) longer-term such as insecurity paranoia, agora-phobia etc. within the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- 10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President a.i. the Secretary announced: contributions to the RCP's Earthquake Relief Fund NRs. 13,100, attendance 1 visiting Rotarian (AG), 24 members & 9 make-ups.

<u>Decisions/Minutes of the RCP's 11th Board Meeting of RY 2014-15 held as an</u> 'Emergency Meeting' on 1 May 2015

The 11th Board Meeting held due to the Earthquake Emergency was chaired by President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and held at the RCP' regular meeting venue. The 'House noted the information and endorsed/approved the decisions of the Board as follows:

- 1. The Board noted the decisions taken in the weekly general meeting of 27 April, particularly with regards to the RCP actions in the aftermath of the major earthquake of 25 April.
- 2. Members shared the status of the RCP family and noted that all were safe, despite several with damages to their houses.
- 3. An update on the contributions so far announced for the RCP's Earthquake Emergency activities was provided, which had reached close to about NRs. 600,000 by 1 May 2015.
- 4. From the RCP's Earth Emergency funds, immediate food support to Lamatar, Lubhu had been provided on 30 April by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha and spouse Bijaya Shrestha. A Team of Rtns. Padam L. Maharjan, Kamala Maharjan, Gabriele Mallapaty and Bijaya Mallapaty were delivering food supplies to Panga, Kirtipur and Jolkhu, Dukuchhap. Each location were getting essential food supplies worth about NRs. 30,000.
- 5. It was noted that RCP's Facebook Page was updated with the RCP's Earthquake Emergency activities and that RCP support will be in coordination with the Govt.'s Disaster Relief Committee in the villages.
- 6. It was emphasized that:
 - Direct RCP Members involvement is a prerequisite to ensure proper use of all support;
 - The RCP will not accept conditional funding; and
 - Priority would be given to areas with earthquake victims where the RCP has RCCs, current or previous projects supported by the RCP, schools supported by the RCP, and/or where RCP members can directly monitor its support.
- 7. Immediate priority for support were noted as Shelter (Tents/Tarpaulin/Shelter Boxes), essential food supplies & drinking water, and clothing (collection from members coordinated by Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi). Additional medium-term/long-term support including the possibility of providing temporary toilets will need to be further reviewed.
- 8. Based on a 'needs assessment', global grant proposals will also be prepared to further support the earthquake victims.