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## Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting with speakers  
focussing on Earthquake Emergency

## Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: NIL  
Wedding Anniversaries: NIL

## Minutes of Meeting No. 1459

Date: 28 Baisakh 2072 / 11 May 2015

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1459 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace.
2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha: Mr. Gopi Silwal, RCC Chandibhanjyang Coordinator; Mr. Keshar Chepang, RCC Chandibhanjyang VDC; Mr. Parashar Malla, Nepali Heritage Charity Foundation, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and Mrs. Lalita Thapa (spouse of Rtn. Mahendra Thapa).
3. At the beginning of the regular meeting, President a.i. Kayastha thanked Mr. Parashar Malla, introduced by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha, for the generous support of the Nepali Heritage Charity Foundation and with 50 tarpaulins for the earthquake victims through the RCP. In his presence, the tarpaulins were handed over to Mr. Gopi Silwal for the Chepang VDC in Chandibhanjyang. Mr. Silwal also presented a brief summary of the situation in the village (ref. report in the RCP Facebook page) and submitted a list of planned distribution, which will be done in the presence of PP Rtn. Rajendra Piya from RC Bharatpur on behalf of the RCP.
4. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
5. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Birthday'.
  - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for an ironic situation of having relaxed time as there are not enough patients following the initial period of the tragic earthquake (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for paying all the announced contributions to the PEEF TF (see below).
  - Rtns. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma and Dr. Aruna Upreti – for daughter's completion of 'Master in Law' from the University of Virginia.
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for acquiring a new Mitsubishi car.
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for being 'all safe' from the fearful and disastrous earthquake.
  - Rtn. Narayan Halwai – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA after being there for almost 6 months.
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for the handover of the 50 Tarpaulins brought through his contact.
  - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for his spouse's first time attendance of the RCP meeting.
6. **Other Contributions:**
  - Rtns. Matsyendra Lal and Chandralekha Kayastha handed over a cheque of NRs. 90,000 for previously announced contributions to the PEEF TF.
  - Several 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.
  - Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma also collected NRs. 10,000 for advertisements in the Lalitdhara Souvenir.

7. **Contributions to the Earthquake Relief Fund of the RCP: President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha appealed to all members, who have not yet done so, to contribute and also encourage their family and friends to do so.**
8. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty informed on the District Grants Management Seminar being held on 22 May 2015 to which participation of President Elect and/or TRF Chair is mandatory. Also, the postponed District Membership Seminar will now take place on the same date.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty also informed that the RCP report on earthquake relief work so far has been sent to the District. She also briefed on the contacts made by a Canadian Rotary Club for a possible Global Grant with the RCP – they are organising a concert for fund-raising.
  - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi briefed on the clothing distribution to the earthquake victims coordinated by him that has now been completed (See RCP's Facebook Page for details on distribution and participation of the RCP family).
  - Rtn. Som Paneru informed about the temporary 'Day Care Centres/Safe Houses' opened by the Nepal Youth Foundation (NYF) for children in the earthquake affected areas till the schools are open. Members could contact him with any suggestion to open additional centres in needy areas, which the NYF team will evaluate.
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan also informed about schooling help till Grade 10, provided by 'Guru Ramdev's Patanjali Yoga Institution' to orphans at Mandikatar.
  - Some discussion took place on possible areas and focus of the RCP's longer-term support as the immediate relief is almost done. It was noted that good assessments need to be done with more information collection on possible areas involving expertise available in the RCP.
9. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai - Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, Quezon City, the Philippines; Club ID 26146; Chartered: 1989; & Members: 91. District: 3780, Clubs: 101, and Members: 2443.
10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President a.i. the Secretary announced: contributions to the 'Sunshine' Fund - NRs. 4,000 (including the top-up of NRs. 100 by the President a.i.), attendance – 3 guests, 1 Rotarian spouse, 25 members & 7 make-ups.

### **Decisions/Minutes of the RCP's 12th Board Meeting of RY 2014-15 held on 8 May 2015**

The 12th Board Meeting chaired by President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha was held at 8 a.m. at the Dhokkaima Café, Yala Maya Kendra, and hosted by IPP Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha. The 'House' noted the information and endorsed/approved the decisions of the Board as follows:

1. Decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were briefly reviewed.
2. The RC Patan's immediate earthquake relief response summary as well as a summary of suggestions received from RCP Members were presented by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty. These will also be shared with all.
3. Board noted the status on clothing donations already made to Rasuwa and plans to donate to Chauni Camp, and possible Dhading under the coordination of Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi.
4. Based on the information from the RCP Facebook page, a press release in Nepali was prepared by Rtns. Bharat N. Joshi and Kamalmani Dixit that will be shared with media.
5. Contributions so far announced to the RCP's earthquake emergency fund has reached over NRs. 1.3 million.
6. Suggestions were sought to distribute some 100 pcs. of Tarpaulin (50 from those obtained by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha from the District Rotary and 50 by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha from Nepal Cultural Heritage Foundation, Vancouver, Canada). Suggestions were to give 5 to Sankhu VDC, and others after checking the real need to Bulaki Chaur (Bhattedanda), Dukuchhap, and Chandibhanjyang.
7. Board noted that immediate relief should now wind down, and the RCP should move to provide relatively longer-term support depending upon expected funding. Possible needs/mechanism of support to be explored would be in the areas of safe water/sanitation – pipes; concrete block machine to help support local construction; low-cost housing; and training. Following review of these including through contacts with the Nepalese Architects' Society, possible global grant proposals could be made. These issues need further review/discussion to ensure that the RCP's support is effective and in areas of our association.
8. It was agreed to focus the RCP's regular weekly meetings, including possible speakers, for some time on earthquake related issues. It was also suggested that the next Birthday Fellowship should be postponed by one month.
9. The next Board Meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan and will be held on Saturday, 30 May 2015, with a brunch.
10. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha gave the 'vote of thanks' to the host Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha for organizing this meeting including the breakfast.