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Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting with speakers focussing on the recent earthquakes

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Sharada Prasai – 14 June

Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – 16 June

Wedding Anniversaries: NIL

Minutes of Meeting No. 1463

Date: 25 Jestha 2072 / 8 June 2015

1. President a.i. Matsyendra L. Kayastha called the Meeting No. 1463 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for peace.
2. Guests welcomed by President a.i. Kayastha: Guest Speaker Prof. Dr. Megh R. Dhital, and a Rotarian spouse Mrs. Munu Rajkarnikar
3. The last meeting's minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary', and interview in 'The Gorkhapatra' with photo (NRs. 400).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskey – for participating in the distribution of relief materials to earthquake victims in remote places by his daughter's organization (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Bajracharya - for 'Happy Landing' from Japan where he met high level government officials on the recent earthquakes in Nepal.
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Lochan Gyawali handed over a cheque on behalf of his daughter Prerana Gyawali and her friends from Canada and Denmark for the RCP Earthquake Relief Fund.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - The District Training Assembly will be held on 13 June 2015 at DAV School, Jawalakhel. The whole Team of 2015-2016 that include President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Chairs of Administration, Membership, Public Relations, The Rotary Foundation and Service Projects are required to participate in the Assembly.
 - The District Grant Management Seminar and the District Membership Development Seminar will be held on 14 June 2015.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai - Rotary Club of Zagreb, Croatia; Club ID 2771; Chartered: 1991; & Members: 50. District: 1913, Clubs: 45, and Members: 1075.
8. Please see the next page for a summary of the Guest Speaker Prof. Dr. Megh R. Dhital's presentation.
9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President a.i. the Joint Secretary announced: contributions of NRs. 3,500 (from attendance - NRs. 1,300 and to the 'Sunshine' Fund - NRs. 2,200); Attendance: 1 guest, 1 Rotarian spouse, 21 members & 7 make-ups.

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

Questions

Answers

RI President who put the case to have a separate District in Nepal

President Glen Estees

Nobel Peace Laureate who joined Rotary recently

Oscar Arias (President of Costa Rica, 1986-90 & 2006-10)

Summary of Presentation of Guest Speaker Prof. Dr. Megh R. Dhital on Earthquakes

Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary introduced Prof. Dr. Megh R. Dhital, Professor of Geology in TU Central Department of Geology. Born in Dang, Dr. Dhital has a M.Sc.(Hon.) from Moscow and D.Sc. from Japan and is the National Coordinator of Mountain Risk Engineering Unit.

Dr. Dhital made a power point presentation with animated photos about earthquakes and geological conditions on the Earth's surface. Earthquake is a natural phenomenon that happens every day somewhere around the world, where there is a fault line with movement underneath that causes it. Every year in Nepal, there is some 10 cm movement of earth towards the south, but the recent earthquake was caused by a movement of some 400 cm.

During an earthquake, 3 types of waves are expected: (i) Primary wave, (ii) Secondary wave, and (iii) Surface wave, which comes last. Normally, we get some 10 to 15 seconds of time before 'surface wave' comes, which should allow us brief moments to take safety measures.

Dr. Dhital concluded his presentation stating that the Himalayan geology is dynamic and diverse and, therefore, it is very important to build structures in Nepal depending on the nature of the soil. He further iterated that the issue is not that high rise buildings cannot be built in Nepal, but that it should be properly designed and constructed to ensure safety.

Following a 'Question/Answer' session, on behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Prof. Dr. Megh R. Dhital for his excellent presentation and responses to the questions raised.