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Today's Programme:

Entertainment Programme (Replacement of 5th Monday missed)

Forthcoming Programme:

- 3 Oct: Business Meeting, followed by RCP's TRF Update
- 10 Oct: No Weekly Meeting (Dashain)
- 17 Oct: Talk Programme related to earthquakes by Geo-Science Expert Dr. Nirendra Maskey
- 24 Oct: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal's Classification Talk
- 31 Oct: No Weekly Meeting (Tihar)

ROTARY's BASIC EDU. & LITERACY MONTH

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: NIL

Wedding Anniversaries: NIL

Minutes of Meetings No. 1527

Date: 3 Aswin 2073 /19 Sept. 2016

1. President Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting No. 1527 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaracts - President Mohini Maharjan and Secretary Jenish Shakya.
3. The last meeting minutes were adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha - for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for having a Nepali origin person 'Bal Krishna' in India as a multi-billionaire (25th richest man in India).
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for having a watch, which has the facility for 'health monitoring'.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for a very successful field visit in Gorkha where heart screening of 2,500 students were done and training event for 25 health workers was conducted (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Austria and for attending programmes on Electric Safety there (NRs. 400).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for having over 25 members' participation in today's meeting, and for members of his family being safe from close to 50 feet of the recent explosion in Chelsea, New York (NRs. 400).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for conducting the election of Nepal Engineering Association as the Chief Election Officer.
 - Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA.
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for making a presentation in a NAST symposium on 'Quality Management in Laboratory Services'.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for attending the RCP's weekly meetings consecutively.

5. Rotary News/Information:

- Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit is hospitalized in Norvic Hospital for health monitoring, but is in a steady condition. The RCP family wishes him a very quick recovery.
- Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma lost his nephew in Pokhara and is in mourning. The RCP family is saddened to hear this untimely death and presents its condolences to all the bereaved family.

Participation from RCP Members is requested in:

- New Member Orientation and TRF Seminar for Regions 1 to 3 of our District (RCP is in Region 3) on 24 Sept. at Annapurna Hotel with a registration fee of NRs. 2,000. All interested members are requested to attend - the 'New Members' are particularly requested to attend.

- District Workshop on Economic and Community Development on 24 Sept. at Bagaicha Restaurant, from 0830 – 1230 with a registration fee of NRs. 850.
 - Invitation from Nepal Youth Foundation, on the inauguration of 'Olgapuri Village' in Chunikhel, Bungamati on 25 September at 10:00 a.m. The Chief Guest will be Hon. Sher Bahadur Deuba, former PM of Nepal.
 - Closing ceremony of a training programme for former Kamlaris under our GG Project in collaboration with Nepal Youth Foundation – On 30 Sept. in Nepalgunj.
 - Inauguration of 'National Heart Foundation' on 1 October at 2 p.m. at Kumari Pati. Rtn. Dr. Shivaji Silwal informed that the RCP President will be the Chief Guest, and he specially requested the presence of maximum participants from the RCP family.
 - Charity Event: 'District Interacts Art Exposition' at Grand Hotel on 30 Sept. – Participation with dinner NRs. 2,500 or only viewing at NRs. 300.
 - Conference on Literacy & WASH, Pokhara, 28-29 Sept. – Confirmation of participation of President Rt. Hon. Bidhya Devi Bhandari and Past RI President Kalyan Banarjee.
6. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya - Rotary Club of Ingolstadt, Germany; Chartered: 1969; Members: 69. District: 1840, Clubs: 103, and Members: 5327.
7. Please see below for a summary of the classification talk by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey'.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 5,300 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance and NRs. 2,600 for sunshine fund); with the attendance of 2 Rotaracts, 27 members and 5 make-ups.

Summary of the 'Classification Talk' by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey focused on the development of 'Airline Industry in Nepal'

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, Chairman of Everest Express, GSA for Singapore Airlines and Silk Air in Nepal, gave his classification talk focussed on the airline industry and its historic development in Nepal. He highlighted the crossroads and milestones in the development of the aviation sector since the first single engine plane landed in Nepal in 1947. Since then, Rtn. Pandey noted that Boeing 747, Concorde and the largest cargo plane Antonov had already landed in Kathmandu. In the 1950s Nepal started its own 'Himalayan Aviation' as a private initiative by Mahavir and Madan Shumsher. The Government of Nepal nationalized the private airline and launched 'RNAC' on 1 July 1958, which had the managing agent from India.

RNAC had expanded considerably by the end of the 1980s. In 1990 with the advent of democracy, a 'Liberal Sky Policy' was adopted by the Government, but RNAC now called Nepal Airlines, couldn't take full advantage of it. One of the primary problems he noted was the management of this government run institution. As an example, he cited that in a period of 9 years, it had 13 Boards. Nepal Airlines now has only a market share of 7%.

Rtn. Pandey recalled that Thai Airways started its flight to Nepal in 1968 while Singapore Airlines started its operation in 1987. The first Trans Himalayan flight as well as the mountain flight started in 1976. Today, there are some 40 international flights, and some 250 internal flights in a single day. The maximum number of international flights is from Qatar Airways.

Despite the expansion in the aviation sector, Nepal is far behind in comparison to others who began their journey at similar times, e.g. Thai Airways. There is a lot of potential in the aviation sector in Nepal, but while noting some positive developments lately, one of the key problems Rtn. Pandey flagged is that Nepal Airlines has always been under government control limiting its ability to independently compete in the market.

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey concluded his comprehensive talk with the following borrowed quote: ***"Work for a cause, not for applause; live life to express not to impress; don't strive to make your presence noticed; just make your absence felt"***.

Following some comments and Q/A, on behalf of the RCP family, the President thanked Rtn. Pandey for an excellent classification talk.