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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>14 Nov: Talk Programme by Mr. Robin Marsten – Tourism and his 39 years' residency experience in Nepal</p> <p>21 Nov: 4th Club Assembly</p>	<p><u>ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH</u></p> <p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> NIL</p>
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Minutes of Meetings No. 1531

Date: 8 Kartik 2073 /24 Oct. 2016

- Due to the President's travel abroad, Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the meeting no. 1531 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
- Guest welcomed by the Vice President: Guest Speaker Dr. Nirendra Dhoj Maskey, Rtn. Christopher O'Brien, Mrs. Dorothy O'Brian, Mr. Mahesh Pakhrin, Mr. Surendra Pakhrin, Mrs. Nina Cannigham, IPP. Himalayan Sigdya/RC Pokhara and Rtn. Kiran Lal Shrestha/RC Pokhara.
- The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for attending 'Birthday Fellowship' dinner of another club of Lalitpur, hosting upcoming Board meeting at his residence, and for participating in the 'World Polio Day' Rally (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Pushkar Shakya – for happy landing (several times) and for completion of his tenure as VP of World Crafts Council (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Christopher O'Brien - for being able to attend today's meeting (NRs. 2000).
 - Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma – for having many guests in today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for having many guests and for special guest speaker (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang – for successful take-off of Mirge GG Project, for having the 'Primary Contact' from RC Wollaton Park, UK, and for participating in the 'World Polio Day' rally.
 - Guest Mr. Mahesh Pakhrin – for being in today's RCP meeting (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for completion of wedding ceremony of their daughter Poonam with John Cunningham, which was attended by many fellow Rotarians; Mrs. Nina Cunningham's (Poonam's mother-in-law) attending the RCP meeting; and family travel within Nepal with guests from India and USA (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for having guest speaker Dr. Nirendra D. Maskey and for participating in the 'World Polio Day' rally.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for having the special guest speaker.
- Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha informed about the next Board meeting being hosted by him on Nov. 5, 2016 at his residence. Rtn. Shrestha also briefed about the completion of PEEF scholarship distribution and informed that Programme Manager Rtn. Padma L. Maharjan will take further actions.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary informed about 'Rotary Foundation Seminar' being held on Nov. 11, 2016 at Hotel Radisson, Lazimpat, which will also be celebrating TRF centennial year where contributing members will be recognized.

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed about the first 'Birthday Fellowship' of RCP on Nov. 12, 2016, Saturday.
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang introduced the Guests: IPP Rtn. Christopher O'Brian, Primary Contact from RC Wollaton Park, UK; his wife Mrs. Dorothy O'Brian who is also an Inner Wheel member; Mahesh Pakhrin's and his son Surendra, who is studying MBBS in China to serve his village after completion of studies; and briefed about Mirge GG Project.
 - Rtn. Christopher O' Brien briefed on the works that he has been involved in Mirge GG Project. His wife had first met Mr. Mahesh Pakhrin during trekking in that area ten years ago and since then they have been involved in many development activities and had built many structures which were destroyed by the April 2015 Earthquake. They have been able to re-build all the structures with additional rooms in the last 18 months. They are now involved in literacy and skill development programmes in Mirge village.
 - Rtn. Kiran Lal Shrestha, RC Pokhara, briefed about the successful Literacy Conference at Pokhara which was held in Sept. 2016 where 486 Rotarians had participated and President of Nepal, Mrs. Bidya Bhandari was the Chief Guest. RC Pokhara is working in Literacy Programme with other Clubs of Nepal and has sister relations with International Clubs in Kolkata & Bangladesh.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar - RC of Edwardstown, S.A., Australia; Chartered: 1958; Members: 38. District: 9520, Clubs: 53, and Members: 1467.
 7. Please see below for a summary of today's talk programme related to earthquakes by Guest Speaker Dr. Nirendra D. Maskey, Geo-Science Expert.
 8. Before the closure of the meeting by the Vice President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 10,200 (NRs. 3,900 for attendance and NRs. 6,300 for Sunshine Fund); attendance: 3 visiting Rotarians, 5 guests, 19 members, and 7 make-ups.

Rotary Q & A presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal

Questions

What does the Acronym 'PHS' mean in Rotary?

What does the Acronym 'RIPPR' mean in Rotary?

Answers

Paul Harris Society.

Rotary International President's Personal Representative.

Summary of talk programme by Guest Speaker Dr. Nirendra D. Maskey, Geo-Science Expert related to Earthquakes

Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha introduced Dr. Nirendra D. Maskey. Dr. Maskey is a Geo-Science expert, a retired Senior Divisional Geologist, former President of Nepal Geological Society and President of East-West Centre Association, Nepal Chapter, Kathmandu. His work experience includes geotechnical investigation for dam sites, reservoirs, core drilling, Luzean test, adit mapping, construction material survey, installation of 4 micro seismic stations and preparation of geotechnical maps, cross section and writing geotechnical reports.

Dr. Maskey talked about the Mega Earthquake of April 25, 2015 of magnitude 7.8 causing 9,000 dead, 23,000 injured and 800,000 houses collapsed. He also talked about 441 aftershocks above magnitude 4.0. Dr. Maskey talked about the past Earthquakes of 1833 and 1934 on Geological and Technical map of Nepal.

As the whole of Kathmandu valley was once a lake, most of the areas in the valley consist of black cotton soil, which is considered unsuitable for construction, as indicated in Engineering and Environmental Geological Map of Kathmandu valley. For the preparation of Engineering and Environmental Geological Map of Kathmandu valley, research is being done by drilling work. The drilling research is done by TU/Geological Department, and a Japanese companies. There is also a risk of liquefaction during earthquakes which can cause buildings to tilt. Dr. Maskey recommended soil testing before erecting any tall structures and to design the foundation of buildings as per the soil test report.

On behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha gave 'Vote of Thanks' to Dr. Nirendra D. Maskey for the presentation related to earthquakes and for his suggestion of soil test for design of foundation of buildings; and Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa presented 'Lalitdhara Souvenir' and 'Rotary Ka Kura' as a 'Token of Appreciation'.