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**Today's Programme:** 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment Programme

**Forthcoming Programme:**

6 Feb. – Business Meeting

13 Feb. – Talk by Ms. Chandani Joshi on Women Empowerment

20 Feb. - Classiication Talk by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka

27 Feb. - About Rotary – Q/A & discussion

**(Rotary's 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is on 23 February)**

**Congratulatory Events:**

**Birthdays:** NIL

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – 30 Jan.

**Minutes of Meetings No. 1543**

**Date: 10 Magh 2073 / 23 Jan. 2017**

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting no. 1543 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Grishma Rajbhandari, Mr. Udhav Bahadur Khatri and Mr. Keshav Prasad Dhakal, RCP's annual vocational service award winners; Ms. Alice G. Gasser, and Mr. Laxman Rajbhandari.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtns. Drs. Bishwa B. Sharma & Aruna Uprety – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.)
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for conducting today's meeting as 'Joint Secretary'
  - Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Nirmal Pradhanang, Gabriele Mallapaty an Bijaya Mallapaty – for having the Vocational Service Awards today, which is also the Vocational Service month of Rotary.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for participating in the successful health camp in Nuwakot by the Nepal Heart Foundation; "whole day" shooting for a 30 seconds PSA for TV on the Rheumatic Heart Disease project; and for having a friend, Ms. Alice G. Gasser, in Nepal (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for Mountain TV interview on Bandipur.
5. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha - RC of Alta Garcia, Cordoba, Argentina; Chartered: 1950; Members: 23. District: 4815, Clubs: 63, and Members 1077.
6. Please see the next page for a summary of Vocational Award Ceremony of this year.
7. Before the closure of meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 5,000 (NRs. 2600 for attendance and NRs. 2,400 for sunshine fund, including top-up of NRs. 200 by the President and for 2 phone rings); attendance: 5 guests, 22 members, 8 make-ups.



**May the Laugh Bug Bite You** 😄😄😄😄😄

I think my neighbour is **stalking** me as she has been googling my name on her computer.

I saw it through my **telescope** last night.

## Vocational Award Ceremony

Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi conducted the RCP's 2017 Vocational Award Ceremony as the Coordinator of the RCP Vocational Award Committee, which has the membership of Rtns. Nirmal Pradhanang and Mahendra Thapa. The RCP's Vocational Awards (Certificate and cash award of NRs. 5,000 each sponsored by the RCP, Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi and Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang) were given to three persons for outstanding service in their vocation in the Media, Health, and Education fields.

After welcome with flower bouquets by Rtns. Sharada Prasai, Chandralekha Kayastha and Kamala Maharjan, the three awardees Ms. Gishma Rajbhandari, Mr. Keshav Prasad Dhakal, and Mr. Udhav Bahadur Khatri were introduced by Rtns. Nirmal Pradhanang, Dr. Prakash R. Regmi, and Mahendra Thapa respectively, with highlights of achievements summarized below:

### Ms. Grishma Rajbhandari

Daughter of famous Radio Nepal news reader Ms. Krishna Tamrakar, Ms. Grishma Rajbhandari is an energetic, motivated and highly dynamic media professional with extensive experience in audio-visual production, direction and journalism skills with proven success in leading communication strategies and developing new concepts in mass media. Working with Image TV channel and Image FM stations for over 17 years, she has also been a senior reporter of Janamanch weekly, and narrator for Aankhijhyal and Mato le Magdaina. Ms. Rajbhandari has also been decorated with several awards including with a national award 'Trisakti Patta Tesro' by former President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav.

### Mr. Keshav Prasad Dhakal

After spending all his career (some 33 years) as a Nepali Teacher, Mr Keshav Prasad Dhakal who has a Master's Degree in Education (Nepali), has recently joined the Nepal Heart Foundation (NHF) as an Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) Educator under the RCP sponsored global grant. With his long experience in teaching and active social work, he has been instrumental to this new position of RHD Educator to raise awareness in general and in schools in particular. His motivation and enthusiasm have already shown excellent results, and the RHD project with the NHF may be able to replicate this kind of exemplary awareness raising elsewhere.

### Mr. Udhav Bahadur Khatri

Headmaster of RCP's PEEF supported Shree Udaya Kharka Senior Secondary School in Chapagaun, Mr. Udhav Bahadur Khatri has a Master's in Education and has been awarded by many institutions. He has been working in the education field for the last 29 years. His dedication to social improvement of his area brought him back to Chapagaun leaving a much higher remunerated job in another school. He is primarily an excellent mathematics teacher with a strong commitment to improve the public school in his home area, which was a primary school when he joined. His efforts have helped the school to become a senior secondary school where he has been the Head Master for the last 23 years.

The awardees were honoured with the certificate and cash award by Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, Kedar B. Shrestha and Matsyendra L. Kayastha followed by a photo session that may be viewed in the RCP Facebook page.

Each awardee also spoke for a few minutes thanking the Rotary Club of Patan for this outstanding honour bestowed on them with the recognition of their vocational service. They were very much motivated and committed to do more in their respective fields for the benefit of the Nepalese society.

Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi, in his concluding remarks, highlighted the importance of 'Vocation' and how outstanding service in this field is in line with the Rotary's guiding principles. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty thanked the RCP Committee for organizing this award session and all the awardees for their presence and appreciation.