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<u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
<u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 10 Apr.– Talk Programme by Mr. R.K. Manandhar, Founder Chairman of Image Group of Companies: Evolution of Electronic Media in Nepal 17 Apr. – 5 th Club Assembly	<u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil

Minutes of Meetings No.1552

Date: 14 Chaitra 2073 / 27 March 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting nos. 1552 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance in today's meeting with over 25 members' attendance.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – contribution to match the amount that was reported in Lalitdhara of last week for 'happy news' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha's participation in PETS in Butwal.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the visit of son, daughter and granddaughter from the USA.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for a successful completion of his 'Guthi' term.
 - Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka, Ramesh Maskay, Nirmal Pradhanang, and Gabriele Mallapaty – for the good progress in the implementation of RCP's GG Project in Mirge, Dolakha.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka, for the above and for the good health messages on Khokana water tank (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for participating in the PETS (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma – for the very successful RCP family picnic a week earlier (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for healthy walking to the meeting venue today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for good progress in the RCP's Global Grant projects (NRs. 300).
4. Other Contributions: Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha handed over NRs. 12,000 being the proceeds from the sale of 80 copies of 'Rotary Ka Kura' during the PETS in Butwal.
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha participated in the President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) held in Butwal during 24-26 March 2017. She briefed on the successful training with good participation.
 - The blood donation campaign planned for Sat., 25 March 2017 was postponed due to scheduling difficulty of the Red Cross. A new date will be announced as soon as possible.
 - Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Mahesh Maskay made a 2 day monitoring visit of the RCP's GG Project in Mirge, Dolakha. Primary contact of the project, Rtn. Pradhanang, briefed on the very good progress of the project.
 - Rtns. Lochan Gyawali (Primary Contact), Jeevan K. Shrestha and Mahendra S. Rawal made a planning review trip to the RCP's GG project in Bhattedanda and Satkanya. Rtn. Rawal briefed on the trip including meeting with a local partner 'Dilasa'.
 - Progress on the painting work on the water tank in Khokana was made. Some water proofing inside the tank was needed to complete this project.
 - Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit used to contribute NRs. 5000 in the name of the highest contributor during the Rotary Year to the 'Sunshine Fund' of the RCP. Contributor/s were sought to continue this tradition.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Grahamstown, South Africa; Chartered: 1949; Members: 35. District: 9320, Clubs: 49, & Members: 1126
7. Please see below for a summary of today's Rotary Learning Session
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 8,000 (NRs. 2,600 for attendance and NRs. 5,400 for sunshine funds); attendance: 26 Members and 6 make-ups.

Summary of Rotary Learning Session

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty moderated the session that was much appreciated. Members with a lot of experience contributed to make the session lively and participative. The areas covered during the session were summarized under the following four headings:

1. Donor Recognition covering 8 types of recognitions, club banner recognitions as well as endowment and term gift opportunities;
2. Rotary Programme and Global Networking Group – seven programmes and various Rotary fellowships and Rotary action groups;
3. Rotary's Areas of Work: Humanitarian, Educational and Polio Plus; and
4. Grants – global and district.

A detailed note of the materials covered has been shared with all the members.

Rotary: Presidential Message of April - Maternal and Child Health Month



Globally, in developed as well as in developing countries, child mortality is on the decline and life expectancy on the rise. In 1960, 182 of every 1,000 children born died before turning five; today, that number is down to 43. A child born in 1960 could expect to live an average of just 52 years; by contrast, a child born this year can expect to live to 71.

Then as now, the factors most likely to determine a child's fate are set at birth: where he or she is born, the educational and economic condition of the family, the availability of medical care. Yet one of the most important advances in public health has reached every country and must now reach every child: immunization.

The use of vaccines has, in many parts of the world, nearly eliminated diseases that once were widespread, such as diphtheria, tetanus, and rubella. Thanks to vaccines, 20 million lives have been saved from measles since 2000. Smallpox has been eradicated – and polio is next.

Thirty years ago, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year worldwide. As this issue of *The Rotarian* went to press, only 37 cases of polio had been recorded in 2016 – the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought, were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable, and inexpensive vaccine.

Overall, the World Health Organization estimates that immunization prevents an estimated 2 million to 3 million deaths every year. It also averts a tremendous burden of disability and economic loss. Yet we could be doing so much better: An additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided by improving vaccine coverage worldwide.

This month, from 24 to 30 April, we join WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating World Immunization Week, raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health. This year's theme is "Vaccines Work" – and they do. Increased use of vaccines has broader repercussions for public health: controlling viral hepatitis, reducing both the need for antibiotics and the development of antibiotic-resistant microbes, and reaching more children and adolescents with essential health interventions. In every part of the world, routine immunization is as crucial as ever to ensure that all children have the best chance at a healthy future.

In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, Rotary is truly *Serving Humanity* – now and for generations to come.