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<p>Today's Programme: 5th Club Assembly</p> <p>Forthcoming Programme:</p> <p>24 April - Classification Talk of Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha</p> <p>1 May - Business Meeting</p> <p>8 May - Talk Programme on 'SPLASH' and its work on Water, Sanitation & Hygiene in Ktm. Valley public schools by Mr. Dhruva Karki, Director and Ms. Katelyn Galloway, Programme Manager.</p>	<p>Congratulatory Events</p> <p>Birthdays: Nil</p> <p>Wedding Anniversaries:</p> <p>Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi-15 Apr.</p> <p>Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar-21 Apr.</p>
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Minutes of Meetings No.1554

Date: 28 Chaitra 2073 / 10 April 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting nos. 1554 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Spouses Ms. Mithila Rajbhandary and Ms. Ramita Bajracharya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for happy 'Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for extensive media coverage in TV, Print and Radio (NRs. 500).
 - Ms. Mithila Rajbhandary (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan (NRs. 500), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), & Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for having their friend Mr. R.K. Manandhar as today's guest speaker.
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for installing a steam room in the house (NRs. 300).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for completing a supervision trip of Dhunche Hospital site.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for being the 'Thakali' (senior most in age) of the RCP (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for a successful supervisory visit of spouse Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha with their son to Dhunche Hospital site (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – for writing an article in the Souvenir of Basnyat Group and for having Sagarmatha Insurance Chairman Mr. R.K. Manandhar as a guest speaker today (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha contributed NRs. 10,000 to the Club Service Fund.
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali handed over a cheque of NRs. 32,640 for former RCP Rtn. Chandra Sekhar Gyawali's annual contribution to the PEEF Operation Fund.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - A brief update on the status of preparation of the Global Grant for Micro-Hydro Project for community development in Chepel was made.
 - Reminder was made on the 5th Club Assembly meeting being held next Monday, 17 April 2017.
 - Reminder was also made on the District Training Assembly (DTA) and Grants Management Seminar (GMS) being held on 29 and 30 April 2017 respectively, with a request to confirm participation to President Elect as soon as possible.
 - INGO 'SPLASH' is working on improving Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in all public schools in Kathmandu valley. Contacts were made with them with arrangements for a talk programme on 8 May to brief RCP family.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat - Rotary Club of Minsk, Belarus; Chartered: 1994; & Members: 26. District: 2230, Clubs: 122 & Members: 2637.
8. Please see next page for a summary of the Talk Programme.
9. Before the closure of meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 7,500 (NRs. 2,600 for attendance and NRs. 4,900 for sunshine funds); attendance: 1 guest, 2 spouses, 24 Members and 6 make-ups.

Summary of Talk Programme by Mr. R.K. Manandhar, Founder Chairman of Image Group of Companies

Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha introduced Mr. R.K. Manandhar, Founder Chairman of Image Group of Companies as a former Rotarian. Mr. Manandhar did a M.A. degree (Political Science 'Gold Medal') in 1970 and started his first service in Civil Aviation. Currently he is Chairman/MD of Image Channel and CMD/Director of 7 different companies related to electronics, television, media, insurance, pharmaceuticals and the Chairman of General Insurance Association of Nepal. He has training and wide experience in communication, airways engineering and television, and has travelled many countries of the world.

Mr. R.K. Manandhar presented his career progress from his student life, government service to a successful leader in business in a very interesting manner before presenting the evolution of electronic media in Nepal. He went on to present 'Image' as a pioneer in electronic media as the first private TV channel in the country established on 15th of January 1996 (1 Magh 2052).

He shared interesting anecdotes of his experience with FM media, mobile business and music video business.

The FM licence for Image and Kantipur was received at the same time. The FM broadcasting licence was received on 7 January 1998. He started with a dozen staff capacity in 1996 which has now reached 270, and Image channel is self-sufficient in man-power - both in FM and TV. Image has 7 FM stations in the country including one news station in Kathmandu. The FM stations through FM 97.9 and FM 103.6 reach a population of 7 million people with satellite operation from 15 January 2004.

Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, who has been working very closely with Mr. R.K. Manandhar since his early days of broadcasting work, gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Mr. Manandhar for his excellent talk on behalf of all the RCP family. Several of the RCP members are friends of Mr. Manandhar. He particularly highlighted Mr. Manandhar's courage and bold decisions, even when there was personal financial loss, as keys to his successful leadership in the electronic media of Nepal.

Following a Q/A session Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty presented a 'Lalithdara Souvenir' and 'Rotary Ka Kura' as a token of appreciation on behalf of the RCP family.

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