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Today's Programme: Business Meeting & briefing on this year's PEEF Distribution/Student Selection

Forthcoming Programme:

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
15 May-Talk Programme by Ms. Indira Shrestha, Founder President of Shtri Shakti

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – 2 May
Rtn Chandralekha Kayastha – 4 May

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 3 May

Minutes of Meetings No.1556

Date: 11 Baisakh 2074 /24 April 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting nos. 1556 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Leonie Buschulte, Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai, Rtn. Carol Vernal, and today's special guest Mr. Sanjeeb B. Shrestha.
3. Rtn. Carol Vernal, CEO of Children's Medical Aid, USA introduced herself and mentioned that she has been supporting the Kirtipur Hospital since a long time.
4. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
5. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday'.
On this special occasion of his '**75th birthday**', on behalf of the RCP Family, Joint Secretary Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha congratulated him and garlanded him with a special 'Khada' and a flower by the President. It was wonderful to have Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha to give his classification talk on this special day. See below for a summary of his talk.
 - Rtns. Lalita and Kiran Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha–for 'Happy Birthday' today following the Nepali lunar calendar (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for the above, and for an excellent Past President's fellowship (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for hosting the PP's fellowship with a record attendance, 'Happy Landing' from Bangkok, trekking to Mardi Himal, and attending the weekly meeting after some time (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for completion of GG applications for Khokana and Chepel.
 - Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya – for interview with Capital FM. He also informed that Capital FM 92.4 gives Rotary interviews every Friday during 8 to 9 p.m.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for his son Mr. Sanjeeb B. Shrestha's honour by the RCP with a PHF recognition.
6. Rotary News/Information
 - Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai informed about the successful completion of the Blood Donation Camp of the Rotaract Club of Patan with the collection of 32 pints of blood despite the rain disrupted day on 22 April 2017.
 - Completion and submission of Chepel Micro-Hydro for community development GG application by all parties to TRF for a total budget of US \$102,000. Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary, District Grants Sub-Committee Chair, praised the proposal's thoroughness and excellent quality as prepared and submitted by the RCP.
 - Reminder: DTA/GMS on 1 & 2 May respectively.
7. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya - Rotary Club of Puerto Octay, Osorno, Chile; Chartered: 1956; & Members: 21. District: 4350, Clubs: 58 & Members: 1039.

8. PHF Awards

- Rtn Shiv P. Khemka was awarded the PHF Certificate and 'PHF Pin' by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya. This was his first recognition as 'PHF'.
- Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi was awarded with 8th 'PHF Pin' by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha.
- Mr. Sanjeeb B. Shrestha was honored as a guest with 'PHF Pin and Certificate' by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary.

President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty introduced Mr. Sanjeeb B. Shrestha who was connected to the RCP through his father Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha. Sanjeeb introduced us to the Italian Rotary Club friends who supported the Kirtipur Hospital (Burns and Cleft Centre) through a global grant with the RCP for over US \$100,000. Throughout the planning and implementation of this GG project, Sanjeeb voluntarily helped us in the management of the grant. In addition, he continued to support us in a second in-kind donation of over US \$100,000 worth of hospital equipment in a container to Kirtipur Hospital provided through our Rotarian friends in Belgium by 'Hospital without Borders'. This 'PHF' from The Rotary Foundation was in recognition of Sanjeeb's selfless social service in association with the RCP.

9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 7,700 (NRs. 3,000 for attendance and NRs. 4,700 for sunshine funds including by 7 members for 'forgetting to wear Rotary Pin'); attendance: 2 guests, 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 Rotaract, 22 Members, and 7 make-ups.

Rotary Question/Answer presented by Rtn. Kamala Maharjan

- Q. Name the First Rotaract Club of Nepal, and its charter date.
A. Rotaract Club of Birgunj. Chartered: 13 March 1991.
- Q. Which was the first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country?
A. RC Havana, Cuba, in 1916.

Summary of Classification Talk by Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha

Past President Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha gave his classification talk as it had been a long time since he had given one in the RCP. Rtn. Shrestha joined the RCP in 1993 with the classification of 'Revenue Consultant'. Today's classification talk coincided with the happy occasion of his 75th birthday. Rtn. Shrestha is married to Mary and has a son and a daughter. His son Subin is married to Dr. Yesa and has returned to live in Kathmandu after 10 years in the USA. His daughter Dr. Sumi is a dentist married to Mrigesh. They have a son, and they work in the USA.

Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha has a M.A. in Economics, and started his career in the Nepal Government service in 2021 B.S., through the Public Service Commission. He worked in the Ministry of Finance in various duty stations and positions including as the Deputy Director of Customs Department until 2049 B.S., i.e. for 28 years, when he was pushed to retire together with several hundred other colleagues.

Rtn. Shrestha described many of his interesting postings, travel and accomplishments. Only a few of the interesting ones are captured below:

- When he travelled to Bangkok in 1967 to attend a seminar, he was on the same plane with former PM late Bishweswor P. Koirala, released from jail by the then Government of Nepal.
- During his first posting to Terai (Bhairahawa), the difficult posting in a very hot weather was facilitated by membership to the British Camp. Several of his other postings in the Terai, travel was only possible via India. Postings included Nepalgunj, Biratnagar, Kakarbhitta, Birgunj, and several airports.
- He travelled widely that included – in London in 1970 and made it to Paris in a cargo plane; Vienna, Austria; Belgium to prepare a customs book 'CCCN', which included how to tax on new items being produced; and the USA on drug enforcement/risks; and several of SAARC countries.
- In this context, he also recalled several of the former King Mahendra's visionary actions to build East-West Highway, road to China, and settle Nepalese displaced from Burma towards the border in the south to strengthen the union of the country.
- After his retirement, he ventured several businesses that did not succeed. Former Rotarian Chandra Sekhar Gyawali introduced him to the RCP. Through the RCP, he contributed to several important social projects including one of the most interesting being the establishment of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital, where he was on its Board for 6/7 years.

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty thanked Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha for an excellent classification talk with so many achievements as 'hidden treasures' that many of the new members of the RCP family did not know.