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Today's Programme: Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha's Talk Programme:
'Memories of Kathmandu of 60/70 years'

Forthcoming Programme:

22 May - Talk Programme by Ms. Indira Shrestha, Founder President of
Shtri Shakti on 'Women and Community Development'
29 May - 5th Monday Entertainment Programme
5 June - Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: NIL

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Gabriele & Bijaya Mallapaty
14 May

Minutes of Meetings No.1558

Date: 25 Baisakh 2074 / 8 May 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting nos. 1558 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Mr. Dhruva Karki, Director of INGO 'SPLASH'; and Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha - for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – for attending the meeting after a while.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for having SPLASH Director Mr. Dhruva Karki as guest speaker (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for grand family reunion with members joining from Canada and Dubai; and being nominated as District Rotary Ethics and 4 Way Test promotion committee (NRs. 500),
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for SPLASH support already given to Janasewa School, Kirtipur.
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha handed over NRs. 1,500 collected during the Grant Management Seminar from the sale of ten copies of 'Rotary Ka Kura'.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed that the Birthday Fellowship had to be postponed by a week and will be held on Friday 26 May 2016 (Time: 6.45 p.m. Venue: Korean Peace Family Restaurant - between British School and Hasapota Ganesh temple).
 - President Elect Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha briefed on the successful Grant Management Seminar. She participated together with Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty from the RCP. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary from the RCP also participated as resource persons.
 - Annual PEEF Distribution/Selection Campaign: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Distribution Manager of PEEF, briefed that this year's distribution is ready and will start as soon as the schools are open after the 14 May election. He will be giving the funds and required forms to all the group coordinators shortly. We plan to complete this year's campaign before the end of this Rotary Year.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema - Rotary Club of Suva North, Fiji; Chartered: 1971; & Members: 39. District: 9920, Clubs: 49 and Members: 1715.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 4,050 (NRs. 2,300 for attendance and NRs. 1,750 for sunshine funds, including by 2 members for not wearing the Rotary Pin); attendance: 1 guest, 1 Rotaract, 23 members, and 5 make-ups.

Talk Programme by Mr. Dhruva Karki on 'SPLASH' and its work on Water, Sanitation & Hygiene in Kathmandu valley public schools

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty introduced Mr. Dhruva Karki, Director of INGO 'SPLASH' with whom we have been working to collaborate for a Global Grant project on water and sanitation in the RCP supported PEEF schools in Lalitpur district. Having worked with Care International, UNICEF and Save the Children, Mr. Karki has taken up the job to head this INGO recently and is keen to collaborate with the RCP.

Mr. Dhruva Karki gave a comprehensive presentation on the work of 'SPLASH' founded by Mr. Eric Stowe from the USA and headquartered in Seattle. SPLASH is a social INGO committed to the poor in urban areas, and providing potable water and sanitation focused on children. In Nepal, it has a local implementing partner 'Prabhav' that was registered in 2017 as a local NGO.

SPLASH started in Nepal and now works in seven countries – Nepal, China, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Myanmar, and Ethiopia. Conceived in 2007, SPLASH started to work in 2012 and plans to support all the public schools of Kathmandu valley by 2020. There are 578 public schools in the valley and SPLASH is supporting 260 schools in its first phase. SPLASH provides high quality system currently produced in the USA to ensure potable water and upgrades school sanitation. It promotes hand-washing, personal hygiene and environmental awareness through schools. By establishing 'Safa Clubs' of the children in the schools and engaging/orienting the teachers, it raises awareness. Excess potable water is also sold at reduced rates in pilot schools as income generating activities by the schools.

SPLASH is working with the Ministry of Education to produce a WASH guideline for the schools. It wants to work with Rotary, Private Sector, and other partners working in WASH in Nepal.

Following Mr. Karki's presentation, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the background of RCP's collaboration with SPLASH. RCP gives priority to support its flagship PEEF programme in the schools of Lalitpur district, and whenever possible, expand its support in other areas including water and sanitation for a holistic community development of the supported school community. Given our good work with the successful execution of the recent global grant project for the Kirtipur Hospital, Rotarian friends from Italy were interested to work with us on Water and Sanitation. As this matched RCP's priorities, we have been looking for partners. Through UNICEF contacts, we have been exchanging ideas with SPLASH to collaborate through a global grant project in as many of the PEEF supported schools as possible.

Following a Q/A session, Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of the RCP to Mr. Dhruva Karki for an excellent presentation, responses to the questions, and possible areas of collaboration. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty concluded the session with the presentation of 'Lalithara Souvenir' and 'Rotary Ka Kura' as a token of appreciation on behalf of the RCP.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😊😊😊😊😊

- We park on a 'driveway' and drive on a 'parkway'!
- A person who plays the piano is called a 'Pianist', but a person who drives a race car is not called a 'Racist'!
- Overlook and Oversee mean opposite things!
- If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?
- Boxing 'rings' are 'square'!
- The longest word in English is 'pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis', which refers to a lung disease