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Today's Main Programme: Briefing on RI Convention in Atlanta, USA, and First Club Assembly of RY 2017-2018.

Forthcoming Programme:

26 June - Final weekly meeting of 2016-2017 President
30 June - (Friday) Joint Board Meeting followed by Fellowship Dinner

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – 16 June

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – 23 June

Minutes of Meetings No.1563

Date: 29 Jestha 2074 / 12 June 2017

1. As the President is on tour to attend RI convention at Atlanta USA, Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the meeting no 1563 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the Vice President: Spouses Mrs. Mithila Rajbhandary & Ramita Bajracharya; and Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution :
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Sharda Prasai – for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Singapore (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma – for having Rtn. Lalita Thapa chairing today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for get together at Atlanta USA at Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema's daughter's house with Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty; Rtn. Triitha M. Sakya and Spouse Nani Shova; Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha and Spouse Nirmala; Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema and Spouse Shanti; Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskey and Spouse Shova (regretted); Rtn. Ambika Shrestha, Rtn. Bal Krishna Shrestha along with Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha's daughter and son-in-law.
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for having Rtn. Lalita Thapa chairing today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – for successful completion of Global Grant Project for former 'Kamlari' Girls for which donors also congratulated RC Patan.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for trip to Mount Abu, Rajasthan, India and for his son's presentation at Beijing University for his Master's degree.
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang and Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for today's presentation.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for Health camp at Rasuwa where 35 children were examined and 8 out of 35 were found to have heart problem and needed to go for urgent surgery. Out of 4 children in a family, 3 were having the same heart problem and Rtn. Regmi fixed the date of surgery. (NRs 500).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha contributed NRs. 5,000 to the RCP's Fellowship Fund (managed outside the club accounts).
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtns. Padam L. Maharjan, Siba B. Rajbhandary and Nirmal Pradhanang briefed on completed PEEF selection and distribution at various schools. Rtn. Padma L. Maharjan requested all to provide the completed forms of PEEF distribution so that he can start processing for KEEA.
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa informed about DG Installation Program being organized on 1 July 2017 at Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu. District needs to be informed about the number of Rotarians participating in the programme.
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha briefed on the plans for next Monday's meeting. (Please see changed information in the covering note)
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed about next Past Presidents Fellowship being hosted by PP. Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon at his residence on July 14, 2017. Spouses of PPs are also invited.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – Rotary Club of Selje, Slovenia; Chartered: 1997; Members: 27; District: 1912; Clubs: 43 & Members 1037.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the Vice President, the Secretary announced: Contribution NRs. 5,400, (NRs. 2,300 for attendance and NRs. 3,100 for Sunshine Funds); attendance: 21 members, 1 Rotaract, 2 spouses, and 8 make-ups.

Summary of talk programme by Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang on “How a radar operates and how aircraft surveillance is done”

Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang who had given classification talk 2 and 1/2 years ago, gave today's presentation with the support of power point showing the maps of Nepal, America, Europe, Australia, China full of aero-planes.

Worldwide, there are 37.4 million scheduled flights and 40.0 million unscheduled flights per year. Some 200,000 flights per day and 3.4 billion passenger movements; 6000 to 10,000 aircrafts in the air at any given moment. All the aircrafts around the world are fully controlled by communication systems. Constant communication is observed between land and aircraft starting from permission to start the engine to move to runway and then to fly.

The aircrafts are fully under aeronautical surveillance and ground surveillance. There are two types of surveillance namely electrical and voice surveillance. Aircrafts are allowed strictly in fixed routes only.

Surveillance is done by Secondary Surveillance radar where 1000 signals / sec are received; the other being Automatic Dependent Surveillance.

In Nepal, the first radar was installed in 1995 at the Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) in Kathmandu. Recently 2 radars costing \$10 million have been installed - one in Kathmandu/TIA and other in Bhattedanda.

The talk concluded with very interesting questions/answers session. Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang stressed that aeroplanes are the safest mode of transportation. Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa concluded with thanks to Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang for a very interesting presentation.

Rotary Information

(Source: rotary.org)

At the RI Convention, global leaders and key donors affirm their commitment to ending polio

With polio on the brink of eradication, nations from around the world and key donors pledged **\$1.2 billion** to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease.

The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements. "Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Every day I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

RI President John F. Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985. "Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd of nearly 24,000 that, starting 1 July, his foundation will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which will add up to \$450 million to the fight. The new funding will go toward polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the vaccination of more than 400 million children annually.

List of Key Pledges: \$450 million - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; \$154.7 million - Pakistan; \$150 million - Rotary International; \$134.6 million - Nigeria; \$75 million - Canada; \$61.4 million - European Commission; \$55 million – Japan; \$30 million - United Arab Emirates; and many others.