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Today's Main Programme: Talk Programme by Mr. Narayan Bhattarai on 'Acupressure Therapy'

Forthcoming Programme:
31 July – 5th Monday Entertainment Programme
7 Aug. – Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meetings No.1568

Date: 2 Shrawan 2074 / 17 July 2017

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1568 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Spouses Mrs. Shanta Shrestha & Mrs. Merry Shrestha, and three Rotaracts including President Rubina Shakya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra and Chandralekha Kayastha - for their daughter's family visiting from the USA (NRs. 1000).
 - Rtn. Matyendra L. Kayastha - for getting a gift of new phone from his daughter (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for being invited as guests for the Past Presidents meeting at Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon's residence (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan Shrestha - for 'Happy Landing' from Vietnam and other countries.
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for his family's group celebration of 'Asadh'.
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang – for 2nd birthday of his twin granddaughters Mala and Bala (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – for full participation in the P. Presidents' fellowship hosted by him (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for today's attendance.
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha handed-over NRs.10,000 pledged match of last week to the Club Service Fund.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha reminded all to contribute to the Club Service Fund, which they will match as pledged earlier.
 - A successful Past Presidents meeting followed by fellowship dinner was held at Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon's residence.
 - All Club Chairs are requested to attend the Zone 10 Committee Chairs training, once the venue and dates are announced.
 - A District Membership Seminar is also taking place on 5 August 2017.
 - Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang informed that the election of the new Board of the Interact club of Pragati School in Kopundole last week.
 - Rtn. Ganesh Shrestha informed that the PEEF distribution is completed to 390 students in 27 schools.

7. Please see below for a summary of the classification talk of Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha
8. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – Rotary Club of Paraparaumu, New Zealand; Chartered: 1953; & Members: 43. District: 9940, Clubs: 60, & Members: 2079.
9. **President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha requested all for a moment of 'silence' in memory of late Rotary International President-Elect Samuel F. Owori who suddenly passed away on 13 July 2017.**
10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: Contribution of NRs. 6,600 (NRs. 2,600 for attendance, and NRs. 4,000 for sunshine funds including the top-up of NRs. 50 by the President), attendance: 3 Rotaracts, 24 members, 2 spouses, and 7 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha

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| Q. Full form of RISAO? | A. Rotary International South Asia Office |
| Q. What is the month of July designated to in Rotary Calendar? | A. July is with no specific designation |
| Q. At what temperature is Celsius & Fahrenheit the same? | A. – 40° |

Summary of Classification Talk (Part I) of Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha completed his Master's degree from Bombay and returned to Kathmandu. While in Bombay for four years, he was actively involved in student and cultural activities.

He got married in 1960 and took a leading role at the Nepalese end in organizing the All India Nepali Students' Conference inaugurated by then Prime Minister B.P Koirala in Bombay in October 1960. Two aircrafts were chartered for that purpose - one to carry the PM and the second one for rare artefacts from Nepal Museum accompanied by the then Director of Archaeology Mr Satya Mohan Joshi.

In 1962/63, he joined the Rotary Club. In 1964, he and Mr. Govind Man Maskey jointly established the Jaycees Nepal - with Mr. Bhekh Thapa as President and inaugurated by Crown Prince Birendra amidst a gala black tie dinner on 17th September at the Royal Hotel.

After a brief involvement in business, Mr. Shrestha joined the Foreign Service and was assigned to Bonn, West Germany in July 1965 to open up the new embassy there with Sardar Bhim Bahadur Pande as Ambassador. He recalled the prestige and respect given to diplomats in those days.

He returned to Nepal in 1969 and served in the Protocol where he was involved in many state occasions like incoming and outgoing state visits and the wedding of crown prince Birendra.

He was posted to New York in 1973 in the Nepal UN Mission - was actively involved in Nepal's large scale participation in UN Peacekeeping Mission in UNEF II in Golan Heights between Syria and Israel. He was a Rapporteur of the UN General Assembly's First (Political Committee) in 1976.

He returned to Nepal in 1977 and became Deputy Chief and later acting Chief of Protocol and oversaw and managed many incoming and outgoing State Visits, most notably the one month long round trip of the world of King Birendra to attend the Non-aligned Conference in Havana Cuba in 1979.

In 1980, he was posted to Washington as Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington embassy with Dr. Bhekh Thapa as ambassador. Unforgettable event was the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1981 just 100 meters from the Nepalese embassy. Most memorable event was the State Visit of King Birendra in 1983 for which he was involved in several weeks of advance planning and scouting of different locations around the States for choosing the venue. He returned to Nepal in 1984.