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JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Today's Main Programme: Business Meeting, and Talk Programme by
Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha on 'Salt, Sugar and Pomegranate'

Forthcoming Programme: 8 Jan. – 5th Club Assembly
15 Jan. – Vocational Service Award Programme

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meetings No.1590

Date: 10 Poush 2074 / 25 December 2017

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1590 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha, PP RC New Road City, Rtn. Sita Rupakheti and Spouses Shanta Shrestha & Ramita Bajracharya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Piyush Bajracharya, Kiran Thapa and Ganesh R. Shrestha – for welcoming Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha as today's Guest Speaker.
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa - for participation in TOT of Rotary District.
5. Other Contribution: Rtn. Pushkar Shakya handed over a cheque of NRs. 5,000 for RCP's Club Service Fund, which was matched by Rtn. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha as pledged.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha informed:
 - Early bird registration for National Conference on Literacy and WASH in Schools is extended from 15 Dec. to 31 Dec. 2017;
 - About the emails to AG and Rtn. Maheshwor B. Shrestha regarding Semi Annual Report and PR Reports respectively; and
 - About the emails regarding Club Exhibits during the District Conference.
 - Rtn. Mahendra Thapa informed about TOT held on 23 Dec. 2017 in which he had participated as a member of the District Training Team 2018-2019. He also informed about various Training Programme being held by the District for the next Rotary Year.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – Rotary Club of Lviv, Ukraine; Chartered: 1935; & Members: 42. District: 2230, Clubs: 122 & Members 2637.
8. Please see next page for a summary of Guest Speaker Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha's presentation.
9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced contribution of NRs. 3,050 (NRs. 1,800 for attendance, & NRs. 1,250 for sunshine funds including NRs. 50 for telephone ring and NRs. 200 for missing Rotary Pins); attendance: 2 guests, 16 members, 2 spouses, and 6 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kiran Thapa

- Q. Name of Paul Harris's last autobiography? A. 'My Road to Rotary' published in Chicago in Oct. 1945
Q. When was the first Rotary Club Meeting held? A. 23 February 1905
Q. Name of Highest Paid Female Singer of the World A. Taylor Swift

Summary of Talk Programme by Guest Speaker Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha - "Social Impact of Female Labour Migration"

Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha introduced Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha as a Strategic Partnership Specialist in UN Women's Nepal Country Office renowned for her work in Gender and Development for the last 20 years. Mrs. Shrestha obtained a Master's Degree in Gender and Development from the Netherlands and a Master's Degree in Political Science from TU.

Mrs. Shrestha made a very powerful verbal presentation sharing her ideas and experiences on foreign labor migration from Nepal in a global context.

In Nepal, youth population is 54.4%, whereas approximately 1500 to 1700 youth go out to foreign labor market every day of which 4.8% are women migrant workers (WMW). WMW contributed 11% of total remittance during 2008/2010. As per the rapid Assessment of 2010–2011 done by UNW (UN Women), it was found that 2820 WMW were rescued, 415 were mentally unstable, 111 women were in foreign jails, 86 returned with unwanted pregnancy, 82 committed suicide in country of employment, 32 returned with a child, and 31 disappeared in the country of employment.

As per UNW assessment, major issues pertaining to WMW are: women preferring agents than paper works; inadequate skills training & orientation in pre-departure stage; domestic workers not covered by labor laws (practice of 'Kafala System' with no MOU to protect 'domestic workers'); inadequate resource in Nepal Missions; safe market opportunities constrained e.g. in Hong Kong and Israel; and on WMW's return, they face difficulties in re-integration with high social cost in family/marriage.

Women seeking foreign employment from remote villages come to Kathmandu. 50,000 women are involved in 'Dohari Sanjh' with average monthly salary of Rs. 3,400, whereas as per new labor law, minimum monthly salary is Rs. 9,700. Women work in 'Dohari Sanjh' till late night without transport facility and without any security arrangement.

Mrs. Shrestha is optimistic that new political system with seven federal states might be able to give better social protection to WMW. She also suggested that the organization like Rotary along with Rotaract, Interact and spouses provide a good platform to explore possibilities of being involved in taking WMW's issues forward.

After a Question and Answer session, on behalf of RCP family, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha. President Chandralekha Kayastha concluded the session with a presentation of Lalitdhara Souvenir as 'Token to Appreciation' to Mrs. Sharu Joshi Shrestha as well as to the visiting Rotarian Sita Rupakheti who also gave a short briefing on International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) where she has been vice President for several years.

Rotary Information:

January is Vocational Service month and this is the perfect time to begin yearlong vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. In the words of Rotary International Past President John Kenny: "Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary."

As a matter of fact, Rotary distinguishes itself from other service clubs by its central goals of Vocational Service, to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. One of the tools used to do this is "The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions", now revised as the Rotary Code of Conduct.