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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Business Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 11 Nov. - Birthday Fellowship with regular weekly meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Santa K. and Nirmala Shrestha – 3 Nov.</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1681**

**Date: 4 Kartik 2076 / 21 October 2019**

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1681 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the opportunity to celebrate 'Dashain' with daughter after 2005 (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for daughter-in-law getting a job at Medicity hospital. Even after doing Masters in Pediatrics and several short-term attempts at other hospitals in Kathmandu, employment in Kathmandu has been difficult (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for a successful wedding of their daughter. Various special support and participation of RCP family was very much appreciated (NRs. 10,000).

Following the main agenda of the meeting, detailed experience sharing of the wedding was done, which was participated by some 80 persons from abroad.

- Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for an excellent wedding of Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty's daughter (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – to wish a 'Happy Tihar' to all (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for his article published in Naya Patrika.
  - Rtns. Kamala and Padam L. Maharjan – for an excellent wedding of Rtn. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty's daughter and for participating in the Ethics Seminar (NRs. 500).
4. Highest 'Sunshiner' of the month of September: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha with a total contribution of NRs. 4,500.
  5. Rotary News/Information:
    - President Rtn. Lalita Thapa briefed/informed on:
      - Polio Day/UN Day activities planned by the District with a walk at 7 a.m. on 24 October from Bhrikuti Mandap to Pulchowk. She requested maximum participation from the RCP.
      - District's TEACH programme meeting with the Presidents of the Rotary Clubs attended by herself, Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha and PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya from the RCP.
      - NRCL Ethics Seminar attended by herself and Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan with very interesting presentations, both from Rotary and the Private Sector representatives.
      - Rota Quiz zonal round beginning mid-December and need for the RCP to start preparations.
      - Planned visit to Bhattedanda (Global Grant Project site) on 22 October 2019 by herself, Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal, Sita Gurung and Maheshwari Bisht Rawal.

- RIPN Rtn. Shekhar Mehta felicitation programme on 1 November at Hyatt Hotel. Maximum participation from the RCP was requested.
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan briefed on the KEEA plans for this year with student interviews planned for Monday, 4 November 2019. The ceremony date will be confirmed after the Board meeting. All donors for the awards from the RCP were requested to bring the funds on Monday, 4 November 2019.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – RC Wawa, Ontario, Canada; Chartered: 1961; Members: 24. District: 6290, Clubs: 61 & Members 2961.
  7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 15,000 (NRs. 2,000 for attendance and NRs. 13,000 for sunshine fund including a top-up of NRs. 250 by the President), attendance: 20 members and 11 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka**

- Q.** Month and Year of RI announcement on forming a separate District for Nepal. **A.** March 2006
- Q.** Three key activity types of Global Grant funding. **A.** (1) Humanitarian projects, (2) Scholarships for graduate-level academic studies and (3) Vocational training teams
- Q.** Rotarian in Nepal who was club President when he was Finance Minister. **A.** Rtn. Madhukar SJB Rana from RC Jawalakhel.

### **Rotary Information: Rotary provides millions in polio funding as wild poliovirus type 3 is eradicated**

*(source: rotary.org)*

*US\$50 million will impact over 38 million children as the program reaches two key milestones: wild poliovirus type 3 eradication and Africa reaching three years with no wild poliovirus transmission.*

**EVANSTON, (October 30, 2019)** — Rotary is giving US\$50 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio. The funding will provide surveillance, technical assistance, and operational support for immunization activities, and will reach up to 38.4 million children with polio immunizations. The funding comes on the heels of the announcement that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated globally.

WPV3 is just the third human disease-causing pathogen to be eradicated in history, and the announcement means that there is just one remaining strain of wild polio left that continues to affect children. Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners reached another major milestone in August, when Nigeria reached three years without a case of wild poliovirus, thus opening the door for the entire African region to be certified wild polio-free sometime in 2020.

"Both of these milestones are critical steps towards the ultimate goal of a polio-free world," said **Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee**. "The eradication of wild poliovirus type 3 and Nigeria's good news demonstrate tremendous progress, but there is still much work to be done as we address the increase in cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In the face of challenges, reaching these historic benchmarks shows us that polio eradication is possible, and it's important that we harness this momentum to secure the funding and political support needed to end polio for good."

Grants announced today will support ongoing eradication efforts in Nigeria as well as other African countries. Grants will also be directed to efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan.