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<u>Today's Programme:</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
Regular Weekly Meeting	Birthdays: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 22 Nov. Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1683

Date: 25 Kartik 2076 / 11 November 2019

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1683 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness. The meeting was followed by the first 'Birthday Fellowship' of the RCP members, which was celebrated with the participation of spouses and guests.
2. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa first welcomed the new member of RCP Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht who was inducted.
3. Other guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Biswas Gauchan from Shangri-La Bank, Rotaract Club of Patan IPP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Secretary Kritika Sharma.
4. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
5. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia. Sunshine contribution made in advance last week.
 - Mahendra S. Rawal – for the first meeting of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as RCP member.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for the meeting combined with 'Birthday Fellowship' in a new environment.
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – to welcome the new member & the new venue (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for 'Happy Landing' from Canada (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from China (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – to welcome her spouse as a new member.
 - Rtn. Madan L. Tamrakar – for a successful hiking on 9 November 2019 with Prakriti Premi Samuha (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for the forthcoming New Year (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – to welcome the new member (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the 'Happy Birthday' group of the RCP (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – to welcome the new member, guest Mr. Gauchan and for the success of KEEA ceremony.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for becoming the RCP member (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for a successful hiking on 9 November 2019 with Prakriti Premi Samuha (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for the opening of a new restaurant 'Wok & Roll' by his sons (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for a successful management of the heart attack of Rtn. Robert Rose (NRs. 1,000).
6. The RCP House passed a motion of best wishes for the speedy recovery of Rtn. Robert Rose following his treatment at KMC and Norvic Hospital.
7. 7th Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA) ceremony: This year's ceremony was successfully held at the Lubhu Secondary School in the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit representing late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit family, the 10 awardees, representatives from the 27 PEEF supported schools and 11 members of the RCP. This was the first time that it has been held outside the club meeting venue. The hosts from Lubhu Secondary School did an excellent job of organisation including vegetarian 'Newari' snacks for all following the ceremony. Certificates and a total of NRs. 100,000 to 7 girls and 3 boys were awarded as follows:
 - First Prize of NRs. 25,000 to Ms. Susmita Thapa from Sri Chandi Adarsha HSS, Chakupat;
 - Second Prize of NRs 15,000 each to 3 students: Ms. Kritika Khadka of Pragati Sikchhya HSS, Kopundole; Mr.

Ayush Thapa of Shree Mahendragram SS, Tikathali; and Ms. Supriya Nepal of Shree Mahendra Adarsha HSS, Imadole; and

- Third Prize of NRs. 5,000 each to 6 students: Ms. Sunita Tamang of Kitini HSS, Kitini; Mr. Kiran Nepal of Phulchoki HSS, Thaiba; Ms. Radhika Chhetri of Sri Krishna HSS, Dhapakhel; Ms. Melina Sundas of Patan HSS, Patan Dhoka; Mr. Mahesh Samari of Tri Padma Vidyalaya, Pulchowk; and Ms. Anisha Waiba of Sri Bal Kumari SS, Sunakothi.

It was noted that due to the distance, participants from the RCP and schools without awardees were less than in the past. Some of the RCP contributing members also could not join. Therefore, the venue and logistics for future ceremonies need to be reviewed further.

8. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa informed about a planned orientation programme for new members by the District in December 2019. Details to follow.
- Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the ongoing training in the RCP's WASH project supported schools. The schedule has been shared and RCP members, particularly the coordinators for the relevant PEEF supported schools, were requested to participate.
- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha updated on the planned Rotary District interaction event with local diplomatic and international organizations' heads from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 at Shangri-la Hotel.
- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi informed that so far 41 members and spouses have indicated their participation at the District Conference in Pokhara. All were requested to pay the registration fee to confirm their participation and facilitate organization of transportation and hotel accommodation. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey is also looking at possible side trip pre or post conference. Details to follow.

9. Induction of new member – PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya conducted the induction programme with welcome of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht by President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, first woman President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha garlanding him with a 'Khada'; and IPP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presenting a 'Bouquet' to his spouse Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal introduced the new member, President Rtn. Lalita Thapa read out the induction speech. The 'Rotary Oath' swearing-in and honouring of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht with a 'Rotary Pin' were done by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya.

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht is the spouse of Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal and brother-in-law of Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. Rtns. Bisht have two sons, currently one is working in the USA and the other in Nepal. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht is a Veterinarian with a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from Malaysia. He has served in the Department of Livestock of the Government of Nepal for 20 years in various locations. He has been working with FAO as a national consultant during 2009 to 2011, an international consultant during 2011-2017 and currently as South Asia Animal Disease Specialist.

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht spoke a few words of appreciation for being welcomed as a member of the RCP. Since he has already been participating in the RCP activities and fellowship as a spouse, he pledged to further support in the work of the RCP following the principles of Rotary.

10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 11,000 (NRs. 3,000 for attendance and NRs. 8,000 for sunshine fund including a top-up of NRs. 100 by the President), attendance: 1 guest, 2 Rotaracts, 30 members and 6 make-ups.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😄😄😄😄😄

A patient runs out of the operation room, screaming. A doctor stops him and asks: "Mr. XXX! What on Earth is happening? Why are you running?"

The patient breathes heavily: "I was about to be operated on, doctor. And then the nurse said: 'Come now, stop panicking. You'll manage just fine!'"

The doctor shrugs: "Oh but that's nice, no? Nurse being supportive to you?"

The patient gets angry: "She was talking to the surgeon!"