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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Lochan and Mrs. Sangita Gyawali</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1694

Date: 13 Magh 2076 / 27 January 2020

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1694 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Vocational Award Recipients Ms. Bhagawati Nepal and Dr. Nimananda Rijal, Mr. Khem Raj Nepal, Mr. Parag Dhungana, Rtn. Prachanda Pradhan from RC Chitwan, 6 Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan including President, IPP and Secretary, and 8 spouses of RCP members.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma and Dr. Aruna Uprety – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, - for today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony'.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the above, return of Rtns. Mallapaty couple, the success in fund-raising for RHD Research Fund with his initial contribution of NRs. 10 Lakh, which has now reached NRs. 30 Lakh, and the Nepal Heart Foundation AGM (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for his talk to professionals on 'Human & Animal Health' (NRs., 500).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kiran Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh Maskay (NRs. 500), – for the success in Rota Quiz regional round, the return of Rtns. Mallapaty couple, and today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony'.
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany, the success in Rota Quiz, and today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony' (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 500), Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500) Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 1,000) – for the success in Rota Quiz regional round & today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony'.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the above & Rtn. Preeti becoming MC at Narayan Reiki event in Ktm.(NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from Egypt.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (NRs. 1,000) – for the success in Rota Quiz, today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony', and a very successful District Seminar on 'Technical and Vocational Education for Development and Role of Rotarians'. The seminar was coordinated by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya who also gave a talk on the same to RC Tripureswor on 26 January.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony' and good attendance (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony, the success in Rota Quiz, participating in the AGM of Nepal Heart Foundation and the District's Vocational Seminar, and good participation of spouses in today's ceremony (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for today's 'Vocational Award Ceremony' also participated by former Secretary Mr. Khem Raj Nepal and Rtn. Prachanda Pradhan from RC Chitwan (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha handed over their contributions equivalent to US \$100 each to TRF Annual Fund as pledged earlier.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty handed over a cheque of NRs. 100,000 for the Kirtipur Hospital Cleft and Burns Centre as pledged earlier by Mrs. Ilse Hahn (Gabriele's mother) and Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty. He also briefed on our fund-raising efforts for the burn victims with positive response from our Rotary partners in Italy, Belgium and Canada.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Lalita Thapa reminded on the information already shared by e-mail on Rotary's 'Scale Grants' and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's pledge to contribute US \$50 million to Rotary for Polio eradication.

- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave an update on the RCP's participation in the forthcoming District Conference in Pokhara. Further updates will be made via Viber. He requested all to read and reply to confirm the arrangements.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – RC Bali Taman, Indonesia; Chartered: 1991; & Members: 30. District: 3400, Clubs: 89, & Members: 1617.
 8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 17,100 (NRs. 3,200 for attendance and NRs. 13,900 for sunshine fund), attendance: 7 guests, 30 members, 8 spouses, 6 Rotaracts and 4 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht

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| Q. Chair of 'Women in Rotary' District 3292 Committee Chair | A. Rtn. Manju Lamichhane Karki |
| Q. Club and District Support Rep. in RISAO for District 3292 | A. Mr. Jatinder Singh, RI South Asia Office |
| Q. Club where DG Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha was GSR | A. RC Damauli |

Summary of the Vocational Award Ceremony

Coordinator of the RCP's Vocational Awards Committee Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi introduced the special programme of Vocational Awards during this Rotary month dedicated to Vocational Service. He introduced two other members of the committee being Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa.

Rtn. Regmi first welcomed the two recipients – Mrs. Bhagawati Nepal and Dr. Nimananda Rijal and congratulated them for their outstanding service in their respective vocations in the Health and Education fields. Rtn. Regmi gave a brief background on Rotary's Vocational Awards. This award is given for outstanding vocational service in any profession for the betterment of humanity. It acknowledges and encourages the recipients. Following the 'Four Way Test' of Rotary, the Vocational Awards recognizes the integrity of the individuals in their professional work and service. Informing about the work of the RCP's committee he mentioned the selection of two distinguished personalities this year.

Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya elaborated on the Vocational Awards of Rotary mentioning January as the Rotary's month of Vocational Service. He also talked about the recent RI District 3292 seminar on 'Technical and Vocational Education for Development and Role of Rotarians', which was coordinated by himself as the Chair of the District Committee on Vocational Service. There is an increasing need of vocational training in Nepal both for those going abroad and to encourage local level work to avoid dependence on foreign workers. He is working to expand work in this area with Rotary.

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi introduced **Ms. Bhagawati Nepal** who did a B.A. in Home Economics, B.Ed., in Social Science and M.A. in Home Science (Nutrition and Social Science) all from the Tribhuvan University. She participated in numerous training events and seminars/workshops in language, community development, reproductive health, gender and women development policies. She is the Executive Chief/Language Teacher at Sarathi Language Training Centre and has been teaching Nepali to foreigners for the last 27 years.

She has been the National Adviser and Women's Group Organizer of Namsaling Community Development Centre (NCDC) in Ilam since 1990 and Founder Chairperson of Mahilako Haat, a NGO which takes care of women at risk, since 2001.

She has been the Vice-Chairperson of Nepal Diabetes Society since 2010 where she started as General Secretary in 1990. She is also an Adviser in the Central Committee of the Nepal Heart Foundation. She has made significant voluntary contribution in the field of non-communicative diseases, particularly in Diabetes, for the last 30 years.

Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang introduced **Dr. Nimananda Rijal** who has been contributing to vocational training all his life. He did his I.Ed., B.Ed., & M.Ed. from Tribhuvan University and Ph.D. from Sainath University, Jharkhand, India in 2019 on 'Role of Technical and Vocational Education in Economic Development of Nepal'.

Dr. Rijal started his career in Arghakhanchi as a pre-vocational teacher for a year and moved to Kathmandu in 1977 where he continued his studies. After his master's degree in 1985, joined Lalitpur Technical School as Senior Instructor. In 1988 he moved to Botswana as an UNV where he served for 17 years till 2005 doing training work in the education sector. In 2007, he established the Lamjung Skill Development Foundation to train youth in technical and vocational education. He has published many research articles on the issue of technical and vocational education and has contributed in the expansion of technical and vocational education. His two TOT manuals have been published in the ADB web page and has several other publications including books for classes 6 to 8. He is currently piloting craft mapping in metal statue making of Lalitpur municipality, a joint project of ILO and FHAN.

The Awardees were welcomed with 'Khada' and flower bouquets by President Rtn. Lalita Thapa, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya honoured them with the Award Certificates, and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya presented cash prizes on behalf of the RCP.

Both award recipients spoke a few words appreciating the recognition, which they valued greatly. Ms. Bhagawati Nepal pledged to match the cash prize and contribute it to the RHD Research Fund established at the Nepal Heart Foundation. And Dr. Nimananda Rijal pledged to use the cash prize for the vocational education of poor students.