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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Special Weekly Meeting in Pokhara during the trip of many RCP family members to participate in the District Conference</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn Shiv P. Khemka – 12 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – 8 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1695

Date: 20 Magh 2076 / 3 February 2020

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1695 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract Club of Patan IPP Peshal Bhattarai and Secretary Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
 - Rtn. Rtn. Lochan and Mrs. Sangita Gyawali – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for grandson's birthday (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for his interview on 'Arniko' TV (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – to welcome the 'Spring' season (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' announced last week (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's good attendance (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa requested all to pledge their contribution to the Club Service Fund as in the past years. She also requested some further contribution to the TRF Polio Plus to meet the RCP's target of this year, which is very close.
 - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on possible collaboration with Toastmasters Club International for effective communication for leadership development following the participation of herself and Rtns. Sita Gurung, PDG Tirtha M. Sakya and Siba B. Rajbhandary in the event organized by the Rotary Club of Kopundole as a NRCL activity.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha reminded about the meeting point for departure to Pokhara on Thursday, 6 February 2020 at 8:30 a.m. with departure at 9:00 a.m. beside St. Mary's school in Jhamsikhel. Further details on the trip will be confirmed by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi in collaboration with Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey and Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha.
 - **Next RCP weekly meeting will be held in Pokhara on Sunday, 9 Feb. 2020 after the District Conference Therefore, there will be no meeting on Monday 10 February 2020.**
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – RC Seoul Gwanag, Seoul, Korea; Chartered: 1977; & Members: 40. District: 3640, Clubs: 60, & Members: 1666.
7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 6,000 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance and NRs. 3,200 for sunshine fund, including for 2 mobile rings), attendance: 27 members, 2 Rotaracts and 6 make-ups.
8. **Corona Virus:** In the available time, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht made a brief presentation on the current status of the Novel Corona Virus identified on 8 January 2020. Spread from wild animals around the Chinese New Year from Wuhan in Hubei province of China, it has reached around the world today, which has been declared a 'global health emergency' by WHO. Latest figures are 17372 infected with deaths of 361 in China and 1 in the Philippines.
In the case of Nepal, we have diagnosed 1 infected person, and WHO has classified it as a medium risk country. Rtn. Bisht highlighted the difficulties in preventing the spread particularly due to the risk of transmission from an infected person for up to two weeks, who may not show any symptom in the early days. He also elaborated on the difficulties of finding appropriate quarantine place for the planned evacuation of Nepalese from Hubei province.
He suggested precautionary measures as (i) Hand hygiene – constant washing and frequent use of sanitizer (ii) Respiratory hygiene – use of masks (iii) Not touching one's face by hands when in public places (iv) Avoid risky places – crowds, touching of un-sanitized door knobs, railings etc.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kiran Thapa

- Q. RI Theme and RI President's name when the RCP was established in 1985-86
A. RI Theme 'You are the Key' and RI President Edward F. Cadman
- Q. Name of the last 2 clubs chartered in District 3292 A. RC Central Rupandehi (20 Jan.) & RC Lamahi (20 Jan.)
- Q. Number of clubs in District 3292 on 31 Jan. 2020 A. 124

7th Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2019-2020 held on 31 January 2020

Secretary Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board Meeting hosted by Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi on 31 January 2020.

Following his presentation, the 'House' specifically discussed and reiterated earlier Board decision that sunshine funds may not be used for operational expenses of the club, whereas the use of interest earned from the Club Service Fund is determined by the Board as per the needs of the club. Noting this, the 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board as follows:

1. The minutes of the 6th Board Meeting was reviewed.
2. Board agreed to sponsor the registration fee of the District Conference being held in Pokhara for the participation of Rotaract Club of Patan IPP Peshal Bhattarai.
3. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the financial statement as of end January 2020. It was noted that membership dues have been paid by all members. Sponsoring of club meetings by interested members was also regarded as an option to reduce the cost of club's meeting cost. Overall, while over expenditure is expected in operating cost for tea/snacks/venue, there are enough funds for social programmes. Any over expenditure in the operational costs might have to be covered from interest income in the club service funds.
4. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty gave a summary brief on the status of all club service projects – PEEF, KPAD, Animal Welfare for Public Health and the 5 Global Grants. A more detailed brief will be provided in the next Club Assembly after the meetings of all committees.
5. The Board was briefed on the visit by Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Gabriele Mallapaty, Bijaya Mallapaty and Mr. Sanjib Shrestha to the Burns and Cleft Centre of Kirtipur Hospital and participation in their meeting with briefing on daily situation of the Hospital. The Board agreed 'in principle' to work for a Global Grant' for a sustainable support to the Kirtipur Hospital Burns & Cleft Centre considering an acute need in this area.
6. In view of the growing activities of RCP on social programmes, it was considered to review the current Budget of the RCP for adjustments. The Board formed a committee comprising of Rtns. Bharat N. Joshi, Preeti Khemka, Prakash R Regmi, Kedar B. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha, and Bijaya Mallapaty to review the RCP's budget for social activities and recommend allocations.
7. Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary updated on the status of opening the new 'Interact Club of Godavari' with a review of the proposed By-Laws. It was noted that the draft 'By-Laws' needed some revisions to be in line with the RI policy guidelines and mentioning of specific role of the RCP.
8. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi presented the initiative of Nepal Heart Foundation with a plan of 'End RHD Campaign' at the national level covering all the 77 districts of Nepal to reduce RHD burden by 50% by the year 2030. Board agreed, in principle, for the RCP to be a partner of this initiative and collaborate with Nepal Heart Foundation as a part of our Health Sector activities.
9. Road Safety Awareness activity of RCP – Rtn. Lalita Thapa briefed on a 'Concept Note' with estimated costs. It was agreed to review funding allocation after the committee review of the RCP's budget for social activities mentioned under Point 5 above.
10. The next board meeting dates and hosts were proposed as follows:
 - 8th Board Meeting on Saturday, 29 February 2020. Host: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha
 - 9th Board Meeting at end March. Host: Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi
 - 10th Board Meeting at end April. Host: Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa
 - 11th Board Meeting at end May. Host: Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma
 - 12th Joint Board Meeting at end June. Host: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang
11. 'Vote of thanks' to the host Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi and his family on behalf of all present was given by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. It was highlighted that the unique and outstanding fellowship dinner hosted by Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi every year was eagerly awaited by all Board Members.