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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b></p> <p>Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – 13 Feb., Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 17 Feb., Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – 18 Feb. &amp; Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – 18 Feb.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b></p> <p>Rtn. Madan &amp; Krishna Tamrakar – 13 Feb., Rtn. Kiran &amp; Dhruva Shrestha – 13 Feb., Rtn. Tirtha M. &amp; Nani Shobha Sakya – 14 Feb., Rtn. Kedar B. &amp; Shanta Shrestha – 15 Feb. Rtn. Kamal &amp; Sulochana Nyachhyon–15 Feb., Rtn. Rabendra &amp; Chandra Lekha Pandey-18 Feb. and Rtn. Yagya B. &amp; Mary Shrestha – 19 Feb.</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1696**

**Date: 26 Magh 2076 / 9 February 2020**

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the special RCP Weekly Meeting No. 1696, held in Dhampus during the trip of many RCP family members to participate in the District Conference in Pokhara, to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: All the spouses of the RCP members to this special meeting.  
During the meeting, ten minutes were allocated especially for viewing the beautiful mountain range with close views of Fish Tail, Dhaulagiri and the Annapurna range.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 500), Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kiran Thapa (NRs.500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya (NRs. 500), Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (NRs. 500), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), - for winning the Rota Quiz for the third consecutive year by the RCP team, and for today's special weekly meeting during the trip to Pokhara and Dhampus.
  - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for the above and for the time extension of one of their projects (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for the special win of the Rota Quiz by the RCP team (NRs. 5,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the Rota Quiz win, special meeting in Dhampus and his recent win in a golf tournament (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for the special meeting in Dhampus and the Rota Quiz win with excellent support of the RCP family (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for her first participation in a District Conference of Rotary and for the Rota Quiz win of the RCP team (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi handed over a contribution of NRs. 14,000 from Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka to the Club Service Fund.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced two pledges:
    - From Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's sister Ms. Manuela Mücke, Germany of NRs. 18,750 to PEEF Trust Fund.
    - From Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty's aunt's contact Mr. Rob McDevitt, USA, in the names of 'Mr. Rob McDevitt and Ms. Mala Singh' NRs. 100,000 to PEEF Trust Fund.
  - In order to encourage contributions to the RCP Club Service Fund, President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa announced a pledge to contribute 10% matching on contributions by RCP family to this Fund from this date.
  - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa also announced a pledge from her sister's friend in New Zealand to contribute New Zealand Dollars 150 (about US \$97.50) to the RCP.
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey encouraged everyone to raise funds for the 'KPAD' Fund to meet its target of reaching NRs. 1 crore within three years. **In this context, he pledged to match 100% of contributions**

**made by RCP members from this date.** Following this announcement, pledges were made as follows:

- Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay: NRs. 10,000
- Rtn. Lalita Thapa: NRs. 20,000
- Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya NRs. 10,000
- Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha NRs. 10,000

With the 100% matching of Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, i.e. NRs. 50,000, a total of NRs. 100,000 was pledged. The fund-raising efforts will continue including in the forthcoming weekly meetings.

6. Rotary News/Information:

- District Conference & Dhampus Trip: As a first-time attendee, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal gave a brief impression of her participation in the District Conference including the trip to Dhampus. She shared a very positive experience and appreciated to be in the RCP family team. On the conference, she suggested for some opportunity to give feedback by participants. It was agreed to send some observations and recommendations for the future by the RCP.
- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on Nepal Heart Foundation's planned health camps to three areas of Nepal. Since the RCP is collaborating with the NHF, he encouraged interested members join in these trips. He will be providing more details with dates later.

7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contribution of NRs. 29,500 (NRs. 2,000 for attendance, NRs. 13,500 for sunshine fund, and NRs. 14,000 for Club Service Fund), attendance: 14 members, 6 spouses and 8 make-ups.

**February: Rotary Month of Peace Building and Conflict Prevention** *(Excerpts from rotary.org)*

**Rotary's peacebuilding history around the world:** From a pre-World War I resolution calling for "the maintenance of peace" to our continuing support for Rotary Peace Centres, Rotary and its members have a long history of promoting peace and working to address the underlying causes of conflict in communities around the world.

**Lending our influence:** Rotarians from Hamilton, Canada, proposed before the 1914 Rotary Convention that the International Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International) "lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world." Delegates at the convention, which took place just weeks before Europe became engulfed in war, agreed.

**The Objects of Rotary:** With memories of the Great War fresh in their minds, delegates to the 1921 convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, amended the association's constitution to include the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service."

**Institutes of International Understanding:** In 1934, a programme was organized to encourage and foster international understanding. In 1936, Rotary International suggested that other Rotary clubs emulate it. Over the next decade, 965 clubs in the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand sponsored hundreds of institutes that drew thousands of people eager to learn more about the world beyond their own borders.

**World War II:** During World War II, Rotary members looked for ways to create a stable and peaceful world. In 1940, convention delegates adopted a statement, Rotary Amid World Conflict, which emphasized that "where freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live nor its ideal prevail."

**The United Nations:** Rotary was present at the start of the United Nations in 1945. Rotary International was one of 42 organizations invited to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, California, USA (commonly called the UN charter conference). Today, Rotary International holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council (UNESCO).

**Scholarships:** Rotary founder Paul Harris recognized the connection between international understanding and peace. Scholarships for graduate study in other countries became the first program of The Rotary Foundation in 1947. The idea of sending a student abroad for at least a year of university study was part of an effort to encourage higher education and promote greater understanding between people of different cultures and nationalities.

**Peace Forums:** To raise awareness about issues that cause conflict and activities that promote peace, Rotary created Peace Forums. In 1990, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation broadened the programme and named it Rotary Peace Programmes.

**Rotary Peace Centres:** Rotary approved the creation of Rotary Peace Centres programme in 1999, and the inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies in 2002.

**Peace for all time:** Rotary's goal today is to create environments where peace can be built and maintained through sustainable and measurable activities in communities worldwide. Peacebuilding remains a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization.