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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Regular Weekly Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 2 March: Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – 22 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Bharat N. & Meera Joshi– 25 Feb. Rtn. Piyush B. & Ramita Bajracharya – 27 Feb. Rtn. Pushkar M. & Rita Shakya – 27 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1697

Date: 5 Falgun 2076 / 17 February 2020

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1697 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Spouse: Ms. Mithila Rajbhandary and Rotaracts – IPP Peshal Bhattarai, Secretary Kritika Sharma and Ankit Basnet
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan and Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500) and for the RCP Team's Rota Quiz win during the District Conference and the Dhampus trip (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Madan & Krishna Tamrakar – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. & Shanta Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000), and for good attendance today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kamal & Sulochana Nyachhyon – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kiran & Dhruva Shrestha, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. & Nani Shobha Sakya, Rtn. Rabendra & Chandra Lekha Pandey and Rtn. Yagya B. & Mary Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for RCP Team's Rota Quiz win and participation in the District conference.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the inauguration of 'Shiva' temple under his chairmanship, RCP Team's Rota Quiz win, participation in the DC and being an aid to Rtn. Rabishankar Dakoju (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 1,000) and Rtn. Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500) – for 'Happy Landing' from Ahmadabad, India, RCP Team's Rota Quiz win and for SPK's birthday ha.ba.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for his talk programme on 'Heart & Life' given to Shyama Shyam Dham Divine Youth Club, Bhaktapur (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the RCP Team's win of the Rota Quiz and for the appreciation of his role in Grants committee of the District by all four speakers during the 'Foundation Dinner' in Pokhara (NRs. 700).
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for increased 'Happiness in Family' following the RCP Team's Rota Quiz win for the third consecutive win (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for today's meeting (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty handed over two cheques as follows as pledged earlier:
 - 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.
 - Following contributions were handed over as pledged earlier for the 'KPAD Fund':
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha: NRs. 10,000
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa: NRs. 20,000
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay NRs. 10,000
 - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa urged everyone to contribute to:

- the 'KPAD' Fund to meet its target of reaching NRs. 1 crore within three years. Contribution by the RCP family will be matched (100%) by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey.
- to the Club Service Fund so that income from the Fund could support club activities and operation. She will match 10% of the contributions made to this Fund.

6. Rotary News/Information:

- **District 3292 Conference during 7-9 February 2020 in Pokhara** - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa appreciated the successful completion of this year's District Conference with the participation of 35 Rotarians/spouses and 1 Rotaract from the RCP family. The RCP's review of the DC highlighted the positives and areas where improvements could be made. It was appreciated that for such a grand gathering, organization and logistics including arrangements for food and beverages are extremely difficult. There were very good speakers. The role of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya in the general direction of the conference was noted and appreciated. She thanked Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi, Rabendra R. Pandey and Jeevan K. Shrestha for the coordination and arrangements of the trip for the RCP family. She also appreciated the support of Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty during the trip.

In terms of areas of possible improvements, following were noted:

- Need for more national speakers (key speakers were mostly from India).
- Too much time spent on felicitating each of the PDGs while their absence was noted during the sessions specially towards the end.
- Need for senior Rotary leaders from abroad and the District to interact with all participants to send a message of inclusiveness, equity and diversity. There was a sense of segregation felt by many.
- The message of 'Walk the Talk' should not only be limited to speeches of leaders but be observed and felt by all participants in practice.
- Lack of explanation on senior government leaders' participation although they were listed in the programme brochure.
- Regular delay and non-observance of timing - the tone was not set right from the beginning when there was a long delay due to the late arrival of RIP nominee for a very brief presence. Instead, a tele-conference or video message could be considered.

One specific area where the RCP strongly disagrees with the DGE's remarks is his suggestion that spouses should preferably be not in the same club as Rotarians but join other clubs. This is neither in line with Rotary International's policy nor does it encourage Rotary's family friendly objectives. Contrary to his experience and suggestion, the RCP's experience in this respect has been extremely positive. RCP has many couple members, functions effectively, and in a family atmosphere.

- Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha requested for a review of the status of Senior Citizen's Home handed over to the Kitini School. It was agreed to have a separate meeting in this regard.
- Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced that Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha was the highest contributor to the 'Sunshine Fund' of the RCP during the month of January 2020, with a contribution of NRs. 8,400.
- Fellowship & Event Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed of the postponement of the 'Birthday Fellowship' due to the ongoing 'wedding season'. A new date will be communicated as soon as possible.
- Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the progress of the WASH GG in school project. Both hardware and software components have been completed in all the 12 PEEF supported schools. It is now time to monitor the sustainability of our support. In this respect, **all the Coordinators of PEEF schools were requested to join the planned monitoring visits** to ensure that RCP's contributions are well managed and maintained by the schools in a sustainable manner. Rtn. Rawal will be sharing the schedule of the planned visits.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – RC Gazipur, Bangladesh; Chartered: 1991; Members: 53. District: 3280, Clubs: 158, & Members: 4415.

8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 13,400 (NRs. 2,800 for attendance, NRs. 10,600 for sunshine fund), attendance: 27 members, 1 spouse, 3 Rotaracts and 4 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Sita Gurung

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| Q. RIPR of the District 3292 conference of 2020 | A. Rtn. Ann Britt Asebol, PDG from Sweden |
| Q. What did Paul Harris saw as a symbol of int'l understanding & goodwill | A. Planting friendship trees |
| Q. Names of documents containing regularly updated policies and procedures of Rotary | |
| A. Rotary Code of Policies and the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies | |