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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – 19 Mar. <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1700

Date: 26 Falgun 2076 / 9 March 2020

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1700 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness and best wishes on the occasion of 'Holi Festival'.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution and Contribution to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Rtn. Nirmal and Bijaya Pradhanang – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. and Shobha Maskay – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary – for '50th Happy Wedding Anniversary (NRs. 500), and on the occasion of 'Holi' (NRs. 500 to OF)
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for ha.ba. of 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500) and for 'Holi' (NRs. 500 to OF).
 - Rtn. Shanta K. Shrestha – for being among the Rotarians with 25+ years honoured by the District (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Shiva P. Khemka & Bijaya Mallapaty - to support the operational expenses of the RCP (NRs. 500 each to OF).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa - for 'Happy Birthday' of spouse (NRs. 500) and to support the operational expenses of the RCP (NRs. 500 to OF).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Holi' (NRs. 500).
4. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed that former RCP member Mr. Chandra S. Gyawali appreciated the RCP's work on its flagship programme of PEEF and contributed **NRs. 100,000** (NRs. 32,640 as annual contribution to the PEEF programme Fund and NRs. 67,360 to the PEEF Trust Fund).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary pledged to contribute US \$1,000 (\$900 to Annual Fund and \$100 to Polio Plus) to The Rotary Foundation on the occasion of Mrs. Mithila and his 50th wedding anniversary.
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - RC Patan Durbar Square/NRCL request for humanitarian support for the operation of the extraordinary tumour of Mr. Ali Kawadi (circulated by e-mail) – Rtns. Lalita and Kiran Thapa pledged to contribute NRs. 10,000 and requested other members to join with individual contributions.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the preparatory annual work of PEEF including collection of annual contributions. Since PEEF Programme Manager Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan is only coming back from abroad in early May, volunteers are requested for additional support. In this regard, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha has given the documentation of 11th & 12th grade of last year and documentation for grades 7 to 10 has been requested from Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan.
 - Senior Citizens Home – Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the meeting on this subject held with the participation of Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa, PDG Tirtha M. Sakya, Jeevan K. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty. There have been various approaches made to several RCP members to revive the issue.

In summary, land for the senior citizens home was given by Kitini School to the RCP on lease in 2054 B.S. to establish and run a senior citizens home. With the help of donors the RCP established the senior citizens home. Subsequently in 2058 B.S., the RCP handed over for the senior citizens home to Nagarik Sewa Guthi.

The Nagarik Sewa Guthi was unable to run the home due to financial constraints. Therefore, following the decision of its board of 30.2.2070 B.S., the Nagarik Sewa Guthi requested the RCP to handover the senior citizens home to Kitini School and suggested that Kitini school use it, as far as possible, to support the care home with a geriatric clinic, a nursing training campus and to support the accommodation of poor students.

As per the request of the Nagrik Sewa Guthi, the RCP Board reviewed the situation and handed over (vide the RCP letter dated 3.9. 2071 B.S) the senior citizens home to Kitini School with recommendation to use it for purposes as suggested by 'Nagrik Sewa Guthi'.

Current Status: Kitini School has informed the RCP (vide a letter by its Headmaster dated 22.05.2075 B.S.) that it is making other arrangements for the nursing training and the buildings are currently being used for the accommodation of students.

Following the group's recommendation and house deliberation, it was agreed that individual RCP members should not entertain requests for reviving the senior citizens home and that any requests or questions on this subject should be made officially to the President of the RCP.

- President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa shared the planned district events for appropriate participation by the RCP as follows:
 - District Team Training Seminar (DTTS): 28-29 March in Bhairahawa
 - President Elects Training Seminar (PETS): 6-7 April 2020 in Kathmandu
 - District Training Assembly: 2 May 2020 in Kathmandu
 - Grant Management Seminar: 3 May 2020 in Kathmandu
 - District Membership and Public Image Seminar: 15 August 2020
 - She also informed about a NRCL half day workshop planned for Tuesday, 24 March 2020 to plan/prioritize its action for the next year. A contribution of NRs 5,000 is requested from clubs (includes the participation of two members from the club). Any additional participation will cost NRs. 500 each at the registration. Participation of the President and President Elect is requested.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the planned rabies vaccine activity in Lalitpur ward numbers 13 and 14 by Sneha Foundation during 11 to 23 March 2020 and requested for the participation of RCP members. Detailed schedule will be shared by viber.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the committee's review to implement the first phase of traffic training in three WASH project schools of the RCP in collaboration with the Traffic Police and Prabhav. Details will be provided soon. He and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya also briefed on the possibility of mask making training as a vocational training activity in a school. Possibility of doing the training to the women of the RCP project in Khokana was also suggested.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary and PDG Tirtha M. Sakya shared information on the 'Rotary SAARC Gopal Kamala Rajbhandary Humanity Award for Literacy' of US \$15,000 (planned for 16 May 2020 at the Rastrapati Bhawan) as well as other recently established vocational awards of District 3292.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed about the rescheduling of the planned Birthday Fellowship for Saturday, 21 March 2020. As this will be combined with a weekly meeting, **there will be no meeting on Monday, 23 March 2020.**
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – RC Praia, Cape Verde; Chartered: 1992; Members: 41. District: 9100, Clubs: 107, & Members: 2984.
7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 9,600 (NRs. 4,500 for sunshine fund and NRs. 5,100 to OF including for attendance), attendance: 21 members and 6 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn.

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| Q. Year, when the Rotary Board of Trustees was created | A. 1928 |
| Q. Name of the first female Trustee Chair of TRF | A. Brenda Cressey, RC Paso Robles |
| Q. Minimum number of members required for a new club | A. 20 with at least 50% from local community |