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| <u>Today's Programme</u> | <u>Congratulatory Events</u> |
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| Virtual Regular Weekly Meeting through 'Zoom' | <u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – 29 April <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – 29 April |

Minutes of Meeting No. 1702

Date: 8 Baishakh 2077 / 20 April 2020

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the virtual RCP Meeting No. 1702 through 'zoom' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and contribution to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Birthday' in accordance with Nepali lunar calendar (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for health clearance of Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha following third hospital check (NRs. 3,000 each/total NRs. 6,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. and Upasana Regmi – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. and Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. and Meera Tamrakar – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary, first 'zoom' meeting of the RCP and good health of all during the Covid-19 pandemic (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (NRs. 1,000), Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500 each/total NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500), Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500 each/total NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500), Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya (NRs. 500) – for the good health of all RCP members during the Covid-19 pandemic and for the first virtual regular weekly meeting through 'zoom' today.
 - Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – for his son Barun's interview on Covid-19 as an epidemiologist by CNN (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for two meetings not held and for attendance in this 'Zoom' meeting (NRs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for daughter's return from IIT in Mumbai and for RCP members health (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the return to good health of son's family of five who had all fallen sick in London (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the pleasure of getting to cook during the lock-down of Covid-19 (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for his son's safe return during lock-down from Chandragadhi and for today's 'Zoom' meeting (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for the 'Zoom' meeting, health of all, and for today's good attendance (NRs. 500 and NRs. 500 to OF/total NRs. 1,000).
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for 'Happy New Year 2077' and for everyone's health (NRs. 1,000).
3. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the financial difficulties at the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital and their request for urgent supplies – PPE gowns, N-95 masks, gloves etc. It was agreed to contribute NRs. 50,000 from the RCP immediately. The following Rotarians pledged extra contribution to make a total contribution of NRs. 100,000 from the RCP:

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| Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty | NRs. 20,000 |
| Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha | NRs. 10,000 |
| Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha | NRs. 20,000 |

4. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary and PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya briefed on activities of District 3292 during this lock-down period due to Covid19 pandemic. A few highlights from these meetings:
 - Several virtual meetings within the District and with international participation were held using 'Zoom'. The participation in these meetings have been particularly good.
 - Importance of Strategic Planning were highlighted with focus on Literacy, WES, Health, and attention to environmental protection.
 - Training is also planned to be done on-line.
 - Many of the district activities are postponed and planned towards the end of June.
 - Need to increase the participation of Rotaract/Interact/RCC, more Rotary/Non-Rotary meetings and explore increase in CSR funding.
 - Possibility of establishing zonal awards.
 - Paperless documentation for DG visits.
 - Emphasis on the use of 'My Rotary' – currently only 56% enrolled districtwide (The RCP has 80 to 90%).
 - Global grants for COVID-19: RI fund increased to \$3 million and District 3292 already got global grants of US \$882,000 approved as of 20 April 2020 (On 21 April, approvals reached US \$1,045,000).
 - Special Governing Council meeting being held this week.
 - Plan to establish national level fund and work both at national and local government levels.
 - Focus on large programmes instead of projects only.
 - Grant initiation by NRCL for Patan Hospital.
 - The importance of reviewing the RCP's role in terms of its long-term work was noted as the economic situation of the country would be greatly impacted because of COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the preparations already being done by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and himself for this year's PEEF scholarship distribution, which will be completed once we have the sheets from last year's distribution. He alerted that there would be a need of concerted effort as the distribution is going to be delayed.
5. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – RC Fielding, New Zealand; Chartered: 1943; Members: 40. District: 9940, Clubs: 60 & Members: 2079.
6. **The next virtual meeting through 'zoom' will be held on Monday, 27 April 2020 from 4 to 5 p.m.** President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa requested everyone to join.
7. A total contribution of NRs. 26,000 was pledged (NRs. 25,500 for sunshine fund and NRs. 500 for OF of the RCP) with the attendance of 30 members.

9th Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2019-2020 held on 3 April 2020

The 9th Board meeting was exceptionally conducted via internet connection using 'zoom' application on 3 April 2020 during the 'lockdown' of the country in connection with prevention against the COVID-19 virus. Thirteen Board members participated in the meeting.

The meeting was supposed to be hosted by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. However, due to the reasons mentioned above, President Lalita Thapa called this cyber meeting with the IT support of Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka. There was no post-board fellowship. Therefore, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi pledged a contribution of NRs. 30,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund. A special 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi for this contribution.

The 'House' is apprised of the minutes/decisions of the 9th Board Meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 8th Board Meeting was reviewed.
2. Letter from Rotary International TRF Chair re RI's Disaster Response Fund, Global Grants and District Grants to respond to the COVID-19 emergency: Different possibilities were discussed and it was agreed that best possible immediate support for the RCP was to contribute to the District for the Government of Nepal established relief fund for COVID-19 emergency at this stage.
3. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa confirmed the contribution from the RCP members of NRs. 200,000 to the Rotary District 3292 for the Government of Nepal established relief fund for the COVID-19 emergency.
4. The weekly meetings/club assembly will not be held until the 'lockdown' announced by the government is over. Next regular weekly meeting date will be announced later.
5. On behalf of Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi, President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa updated on the financial status of the RCP as normal and noted nothing significant to report at this stage.
6. It was noted that a Disaster Management Plan for the RCP could be reviewed for the future.
7. Some updates were made on ongoing project activities.
8. The members were requested to be cautious on their travel movements even after the 'lock-down' due to potential danger of spread of the virus.