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Today's Programme: Virtual Weekly Meeting

Talk Programme by Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma on 'Psychological impact of Covid19 and its potential effect on community'

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – 9 May

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – 14 May

Minutes of Meeting No. 1704

Date: 22 Baishakh 2077 / 4 May 2020

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the virtual RCP Meeting No. 1704 through 'zoom' 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. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and contribution to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha (NRs. 500) – for 'Happy Birthday'.
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Birthday' again as per calendar record (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Kiran and Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for having helped a Sri Lankan family in distress while in Nepal who are now helping the Nepalese with relief items during the Covid-19 pandemic (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shanta K. and Nirmala Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information: President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa shared information sent by the District about submissions for 'Awards' by end May 2020. Details will be shared later. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya also informed about TEACH Award submission requests.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – RC Multan, Punjab, Pakistan; Chartered: 2007 & Members: 22. District: 3272, Clubs: 81 & Members: 1749.
7. A contribution of NRs. 3,500 was pledged for the RCP's sunshine fund. Attendance: 23 members and 2 Rotaracts.

Summary of the 'Talk Programme' by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht on Covid-19

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Ph.D. in Veterinary Epidemiology) made an excellent presentation supported by ppt and video clips. He elaborated on the pandemic at the global, regional, and national level with detailed status of it in Nepal. As warned by Bill Gates in 2015, (video clip on this shared by Viber), he highlighted the lack of preparedness to deal with such pandemic in the whole world. Historically 70% of all infectious diseases have been coming from wildlife in the last 50 years.

He summarized the action areas emphasizing the 'Iceberg' effect, i.e. many more asymptomatic infections that are not visible. It is of utmost importance for countries to flatten the curve of infected people to a level that can be managed by the local health care system through appropriate lockdowns and social distancing measures. In terms of future challenges, development of a vaccine and staying connected (no country should be left behind) are of utmost importance.

He emphasized the need to change the behaviour to bring down the infection rate taking examples of the situation of various countries in the world. In SAARC, so far Nepal has lowest number of infections (75) except in Bhutan (7). Following extremely useful Q/A session, on behalf of all present, President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa thanked Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht for his excellent educational presentation and responses to members' questions.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty

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| Q. Name of the 'Rotary Month' for May | A. Youth Services Month |
| Q. When will Rotary International hold its first ever Virtual Convention? | A. 20-26 June 2020 |
| Q. Number of years Assistant Governors may serve | A. 3 one-year terms and with a 2 year break again for 3 one-year terms |

10th Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2019-2020 held on 2 May 2020

Secretary Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the minutes/decisions of the 10th Board meeting, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'. The 10th Board meeting was conducted via internet using 'zoom' application on 2 May April 2020 during the 'lockdown' against the COVID-19 pandemic. Twelve Board members participated in the meeting.

The meeting was hosted by Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa. There was no post-board fellowship, but Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund. On behalf of all Board members, President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa gave a special 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa for his contribution.

The minutes/decisions of the 10th Board Meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 9th Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. The Board approved a contribution of NRs. 20,000 in support of NRCL's initiatives related to Covid-19 pandemic. This support is being provided through Lalitpur municipality. It was suggested to check if the support could be directed to the Patan hospital as earlier planned. (This was later confirmed by President Lalita C. Thapa).
3. Regarding the suggestion made during the Past Presidents' fellowship, the Board agreed to have a minimum of NRs. 50,000 in the RCP's contingency budget. From this budget, commitments up to NRs. 5,000 could be made by the President without advance Board approval to facilitate expeditious action.
4. It was confirmed that the 11th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma at the end of May 2020 and the 12th Joint Board meeting will be hosted by President Elect Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang at the end of June 2020. The venue/dates will be confirmed later.
5. Request from Rotary Club of New Delhi Premier for international partnership with the RCP for their Global Grant related to Covid-19: The Board decided to decline to take this responsibility as we do not know this club well.
6. On behalf of the Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi, Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka updated on the financial status of the RCP. A financial statement was shared electronically in advance. It was noted that the statements do not include the pledges of contributions made during the lock-down and preparations need to be made in advance for a timely audit report.
7. Bank Accounts and Signatory Panels: Board approved changes in the bank signatory panels with authority to open, operate and close the RCP accounts for the Rotary Year 2020-2021 beginning 1 July 2020. This authority may be exercised by any two of the three signatories named for the respective accounts listed below:
 - i. For all RCP Accounts including FDs with Citizen Bank, Gwarko Branch (0580000048CC-RCP, 0580000049CC-Sunshine Fund, 0580000066CC Club Service Fund and FDs) - Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Bharat N. Noshi and Preeti Khemka.
 - ii. For all RCP Accounts including FDs related to PEEF with Prime Bank Patan Branch (Account No. 00501007CA and FDs); Prabhu Bank, Bhainsepati Branch (Account No. 03011600382170000001 and FDs); Civil Bank, Sundhara Branch (FDs); Citizens Bank, Gwarko Branch (FDs); Central Finance Limited, Kopundole (FDs); Century Commercial Bank, Man Bhawan Branch (FDs); and Muktinath Bikas Bank, Bhainsepati Branch (FDs) - Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Bharat N. Joshi and Bijayashwar Mallapaty.
 - iii. For RCP (GG1640569) Account No. 0080001498SR and for RCP (GG1746726) Account No. 0080001517SR with Century Commercial Bank, Man Bhawan Branch - Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Bharat N. Joshi and Lochan Gyawali.
 - iv. For all RCP Accounts related to KPAD including FDs with (a) Shree Investment and Finance Company Ltd., Dillibazar (Rotary Club of Patan Savings Account No. 2010033000338524 and FDs) and (b) Century Commercial Bank, Man Bhawan Branch (Account No. 0080003556SR) - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Bharat N. Joshi and Bijayashwar Mallapaty.
 - v. The Board also approved to have 'Online accesses' for all the RCP accounts mentioned above to facilitate its management.
8. The Board agreed to recommend to the AGM for the continuation of the Chartered Accountants Maheswarendra B. Shrestha & Co. for the Rotary Year 2020-2021 with a remuneration of NRs. 28,000.
9. Representation of the RCP at NOH for 2020-2021: The Board approved the continuation of Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty and nominate Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa in place of Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha as per the RCP practice.