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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1716

Date: 12 Shrawan 2077 / 27 July 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP Meeting No.1716 through 'Zoom' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Monika Niroula, RCP sponsored Rotary global scholarship student, Rotaract Club of Patan PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Rtr. Asmita Oli.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today (NRs. 500 to OF).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for joining the virtual meeting (NRs. 200).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the talk programme of Ms. Monika Niroula and Rtn. Lochan Gyawali's participation in today's meeting (NRs. 500 to OF).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (NRs. 200) – for the talk programme of Ms. Monika Niroula.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 500) – for the successful 'Blood Donation' programme with the Rotaract Club of Patan on Saturday, 25 July 2020 at Patan Durbar Square.
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following:
 - Confirmed the payment of RI and District dues as the first club in the District to pay these.
 - Briefed on the successful 'Blood Donation' programme with the Rotaract Club of Patan sponsored by the RCP with contribution from Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa. This year's successful campaign raised 40 pints of blood from various donors.
 - Informed about a request from Ganga Lal Hospital for support in PPE supplies due to Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Shared Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission's (RNLM) slogan to have 100% literate Nepal by the year 2030 and request for clubs to support back to school campaign, WASH in schools, and adoption of schools for TEACH.
 - Informed about the first meeting of Network of Rotary Clubs in Lalitpur (NRCL) of this year attended by himself and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on The Rotary Foundation (TRF) achievements of last Rotary Year wherein Nepal was the 6th highest contributor globally with US \$2.1 million in contributions (2nd highest in South Asia). He also explained the financial situation of TRF and revised rules on Global Grants.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed:
 - On the preparations for the delayed PEEF scholarship distribution due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the absence of the forms from last year's distribution, RCP's PEEF distribution coordinators have made great efforts to get them from individual schools. There are only 6 schools remaining, which are also expected this week.
 - Situation in Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital - With the help from the Mayor and local government authorities, the Nepal Disabled Association offices are being opened. As soon as this is done, NOH is planning to call the Board meeting in which it is expected to get the commitment from the NDA to have the NOH Board function as in the past, with equal members from NDA and the donor group including Rotary.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – RC Papanasam, Tamil Nadu, India; Chartered: 1996 & Members: 40. District: 2980, Clubs: 151 & Members: 5857.
7. Total contributions of NRs. 3,400 were pledged (NRs. 2,400 for the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,000 for the 'OF' of the RCP). Attendance: 1 guest, 32 members and 3 Rotaracts.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty

- Q.** The Principle motto of Rotary is: 'Service Above Self'. Name the second motto of Rotary
A. 'One Profits most who Serves Best'
- Q.** Periodicity of club reporting of its membership changes **A.** Minimum twice: by 1 July and 1 January
- Q.** Name the 100% MPHF Rotaract Club in District 3292 **A.** Rotaract Club of Central Butwal

Summary of talk programme by Ms. Monika Niroula, RCP sponsored Rotary global scholarship student for a master's degree at the University of East Anglia, U.K. in Gender Analysis in International Development

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang welcomed Ms. Monika Niroula and gave some background on Rotary International's educational scholarship programme. RI's annual scholarship support has been US \$7.5 million supporting the sponsorship of some 350,000 students for higher studies in-country and abroad. The RCP is very pleased to sponsor its first ever international scholarship.

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty also welcomed Ms. Monika Niroula and congratulated her on her selection. She introduced young but experienced Ms. Monika Niroula who has a B.A. in International Affairs & Economics from USA, has published numerous publications, and formed a NGO 'Sahaayam' for the sexual rights of women in Nepal. Our international partner for this scholarship is the Rotary Club of Norwich, U.K.

Ms. Monika Niroula thanked the RCP and all the sponsors and talked about the academic programme she is enrolled in focussing on rural livelihood of agrarian societies related to Nepal. She is learning advanced qualitative research methods and benefiting immensely from other participants who are development practitioners from around the world. These will be very practical to her work she plans to do in Terai for the benefit of deprived women of Province 2 such as the 'Mushahar' women.

Her thesis subject has been men and women's relation to land in Madhes and deprived women's overall economic empowerment. She is looking at women's role in women inheritance rights, which may not be claimed for cultural reasons. There are many related issues such as the framework of women's rights, ownership when husband is not there, difficulties in land management, lack of education, difficulties in farming for women, and disempowerment of women. She is doing field research mainly through interviews due to Covid-19 pandemic. She lately had some health problems and may have to extend her stay to complete the course.

Ms. Monika Niroula has made a lot of friends during her studies and was also grateful to the local Rotary Club friends in Norwich, U.K. She has been attending several meetings of Rotary clubs, local schools, and UN organisations. She is also considering pursuing her studies for a Ph.D. if Rotary would continue to sponsor.

Following her presentation, in the Q/A, several RCP members shared/advised on several possible areas to look at for her research, while in U.K. planning and preparations for future work upon her return in Nepal, best contextual practices, exploring sponsorship possibilities, the RCP's experience with several projects supporting income-generating and empowerment of women and so on+.

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang concluded by thanking Ms. Monika Niroula for her presentation and wishing her success on behalf of all the RCP family.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😄😄😄😄😄

Some Flying Rules: - Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory. - Flying isn't inherently dangerous. It's crashing that is dangerous. - The propeller is just a big fan in front of a plane to keep pilot cool. If it stops, you will see the pilot start sweating.

(Courtesy: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal)