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Today's Programme: Classification talk of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht

Forthcoming Programme:

5 Oct. – Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1724

Date: 5 Aswin 2077 / 21 September 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1724 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Kritika Sharma & PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai.
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. Nirmal K. Pradhanang - for good attendance (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'World Alzheimer's Day' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for her spouse Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht taking 'Bipasana' in Shivapuri which would complete all the family taking it (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'World Peace Day' (NRs. 200).
 - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for 'Batman Day' and elder son going to Poly Technic University in Hong Kong (NRs. 1,000 each/Total NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's good attendance (NRs. 500 to OF).
5. Other Contributions:

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Youth Services Director Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the Rotaract Club of Patan's initiative to support the feeding programme to the victims of landslide in the Barhabise area of Sindhupalchowk District in partnership with the voluntary organization Blood on Request Nepal (BORN). Rotaract President Rtn. Kritika Sharma also gave additional information. The support will be 'in kind' and include edibles like beaten rice, lentils, oil, salt, and soybean.

The RCP agreed to support it with the pledges of contributions by members as follows: RCP – NRs. 10000; Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Kiran Thapa – NRs. 10,000; Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – NRs. 10,000; Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – NRs. 5,000; Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – NRs. 10,000; Mahendra S. Rawal – NRs. 5,000, and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – NRs. 10,000. Total pledges: NRs. 80,000.

Any additional pledges should be confirmed with Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha by 22 September 2020. It was also suggested to work in close collaboration with the local government of the area for this support.

6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on RC Kathmandu's initiative on RNLM by giving training on online classes to clubs adopting schools. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal updated on the RCP's contacts with several schools to adopt two to three schools as per RNLM guidance being finalised by the RNLM/TEACH sub-committee as soon as possible.
 - On behalf of the Inner Wheel Club of Patan, IW Gunu Shrestha extended an invitation to all the RCP members to participate in a virtual talk programme by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi on 'Women's Heart' being held on Saturday, 26 September 2020 at 3 p.m. (Link is being provided).
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – RC Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India; Chartered: 1970; & Members: 27. District: 3070, Clubs: 113, & Members: 3387.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contributions of NRs. 4,400 (NRs. 3,900 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the operational fund of the RCP), attendance: 28 members, 1 spouse and 2 Rotaracts.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kiran Thapa

- Q. International sponsors of a global grant were required to contribute at least 30% of the grant funds. The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees has now reduced this amount to what percentage? **A. 15%**
- Q. Name of the Chair of District 3292 Finance Committee in the RY 2020-21 **A. PDG Rtn. Sanjay Giri**
- Q. The first lady Rotarian to become club President in Nepal
A. Rtn. Ambica Shrestha, RC Kathmandu Mid-Town, 1991-1992.

Summary of briefing on RNLM/TEACH programme by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya

PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya started the briefing by saying that as a blessing in disguise, the 'lockdown' due to the Covid-19 pandemic has benefitted the RNLM/TEACH management in the District by allowing the preparation of all the plans and documentation as well as having many meetings/briefings virtually with clubs all over the country.

He summarised the background of the establishment of RNLM/TEACH to achieve the goal of 'Total Literacy and Quality Education' as per the Kathmandu declaration in 2012 South Asian Conference on Literacy. The aim is to have, by 2030, all Nepalese literate with quality education.

By the end of September, District RNLM/TEACH team would be providing all the necessary documents including the concept paper, 5-year strategic plan, manual with all the procedures to all the Rotary clubs in Nepal. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya also elaborated on the structure of management of the Steering Committee with the membership of the Council of Governors of Rotary District 3292, Government of Nepal, UNESCO, UNICEF, Rotary District Literacy Chair, and all relevant committees. All the Provinces/Districts in Nepal are being covered by the Rotary structure of 7 regions, each under a PDG, grouping all the 132 Rotary clubs.

Under the RNLM/TEACH, each Rotary club is requested to adopt 2/3 schools with MOUs signed with the adopted schools. Once the MOU with the school management is signed, a 'School Improvement Plan' should be drawn with 1st year plan with detailed activities to work on each aspect of TEACH (Teacher Support, E-learning, Adult Literacy, Child Development and Happy School) to establish child friendly happy schools.

It is planned to have an award ceremony with the participation of all the schools, which would boost Rotary's public image tremendously. Other activities of Rotary should also be focused in the adopted schools such as health camps for maximum coverage with the involvement and support of Rotaracts and RCCs.

RNLM/TEACH District team is planning to start a series of orientations in October and complete the paperwork including signing of MOUs with individual Rotary Clubs and start implementation by the beginning of 2021.

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang concluded the session by thanking PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya on behalf of all the RCP members for this important briefing.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😊😊😊😊😊

A general is standing in front of the vending machine at the Army base when he realizes that he doesn't have enough change for a drink. Seeing a private walking past, he asks him, "Hey, do you happen to have an extra quarter?"

The private nods and digs into his pocket, replying, "Sure thing, man! Let me just find it for you..."

The general scowls and draws himself up. "Man? Young man, I am a general, and you will address me with the proper respect! I expect the first and last word of every sentence you say to me to be 'Sir!' Now, let's try that again! Private, do have an extra quarter?"

The younger man snaps to attention, his back ramrod straight as he gives a jaunty salute. "Sir, no I do not, General Sir!"