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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov. <u>Wedding anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1728

Date: 3 Kartik 2077 / 19 October 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang greeted everyone on the occasion of 'Vijaya Dashami' and called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1728 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa (NRs. 500 to sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to OF) and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500) – for 'Happy Vijaya Dashami'.
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – for sponsoring the first international award from 'Dr. Mukti Narayan Praveena Foundation, Nepal' to Prof. Dr. Michael Day, a global towering figure in veterinary medicine for World Veterinary Community's WSAVA Global Meritorious Service Award 2020 (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for hiking to 'Champadevi' following Rtn. R.R. Pandey and for 'Happy Vijaya Dashami' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the above (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for 'Happy Vijaya Dashami' and the RCP meeting with Anandakuti Alumni Association (AKAA) (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance (NRs. 500 to the OF).
4. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang:
 - Briefed on the District's webinar of 'Ethics-day-16 October'. During this event, 15 clubs were chartered with RIPN Sekhar Mehta as the chief guest. The ethics seminar had prominent speakers from Rotary International and the government of Nepal. District's new website and the mobile app 'Rotary at a glance' were also launched.
 - Briefed on the RCP meeting with the alumni of Anandakuti school (AKAA) on the planned project of reconstruction of school held on 18 October 2020 at the initiation of Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya. Forthcoming RCP Board will be reviewing the proposal with funding from District's ERRRP and AKAA.
 - Informed on the completion of a 30 second video spot with animation on awareness-raising on Covid-19 as planned by the RCP (the video spot is shared separately and also posted on RCP's Facebook page & website).
 - Highlighted e-mail message by Rtn. Ratna M. Shakya for 'World Polio Day – 24 October' (Full message has been shared electronically stating only Pakistan and Afghanistan as two remaining countries in the world with Polio).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the Rotaquiz held for Region 7 successfully completing the zonal round. An interesting new app was also used allowing for responses from all the groups on all questions at the same time.
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha briefed on the sponsorship of 'Dr. Mukti Narayan Praveena Foundation' to eight national and one international awards. The first international award from this foundation was awarded to Veterinarian, Prof. Dr. Michael Day for Global Meritorious Service in the field of veterinary medicine. He also informed about pig vaccines for Cysticercosis Epilepsy in people, which are not currently available in Nepal. Therefore, Rabies vaccination could be continued in different Lalitpur villages this year with possible collaboration with Veterinary Practitioner's Association, Nepal.

- Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on her efforts to support single women's group (primarily widows). The group with 15 to 16 thousand members is active against mistreatment of single women in the society and does income generating activities. She has been supporting them with the marketing of vegetables in her own apartment at Sunrise Apartments Complex since over a month and exploring support for cart/vehicle for the collection of vegetables for this effort on empowering the women. In this regard, it was suggested to have an outline of a project for the RCP's review.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on a video message shared electronically from Dr. Sanjiv Hoyju in the USA on home remedy for Covid-19 – a presentation and patients testimonial. The video highlights important aspects of prevention and care in different stages of Covid-19 infection. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht also reinforced the messages on the above-mentioned video.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha shared his experience and findings from a lot of internet-based research on Covid-19 highlighting 'prevention is better than cure'. He also briefed on various useful Ayurvedic products for strengthening immunity against Covid-19, many of which he has been sharing via Viber. It was suggested that a summary list of these would be useful to all.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – RC Abergele, Conwy, Wales, United Kingdom; Chartered: 1972 Current President - Rtn. Haydn for 2020/21 & 2021/22; & Members: 11. District: 1180, Clubs: 66, & Members: 2022.
6. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contributions of NRs. 4,500 (NRs. 3,500 to the sunshine fund and NRs.1,000 to the operational fund of the RCP), attendance: 26 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang

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| Q. Rotary's monthly theme for the month of October | A. Economic and Community Development |
| Q. Dates of Rotary's Reconnect Week in 2020 | A. 5-11 October is the Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week |
| Q. Number of years Assistant Governors may serve | A. Three one-year terms and with 2 years break again for 3 one-year terms |

Rotary Information: World Polio Day – 24 October

(source: rotary.org)

World Polio Day, held every year on 24 October, is an opportunity for Rotary members to rally the world around the fight to eradicate the disease forever. The theme for World Polio Day 2020 is "A win against polio is a win for global health." The program will provide a status update on Rotary and our partners' polio eradication efforts and will also focus on how investment in polio eradication is critical for other global health initiatives, such as the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The future of the fight against polio

Rotary's challenge now is to eradicate the wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Routine immunizations must also be strengthened in Africa to keep the virus from returning there.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality immunization campaigns must be carried out each year in polio-affected and high-risk countries. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary to maintain populations' immunity against polio while also protecting health workers from the coronavirus and making sure they don't transmit it.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to polio eradication since it launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, and it is committed to raising \$50 million each year for polio eradication activities. Because of a 2-to-1 matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, that means that, each year, \$150 million goes toward fulfilling Rotary's promise to the children of the world: No child will ever again suffer the devastating effects of polio.