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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 22 Nov.</p> <p><u>Wedding anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – 26 Nov.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1730

Date: 24 Kartik 2077 / 9 November 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1729 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. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for recovery from Covid-19 positive cases of several relatives (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for recovery from Covid-19 with 3rd time negative result (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for recovery from Covid-19 of nephews' families (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' and getting Covid-19 negative result (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500) – for the successful completion of elections in the USA with the Democratic Presidential Team's victory.
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'World Freedom Day' (NRs. 500 to the OF).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for improvements in the health of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for media coverage of Pashupati Ashram's programme with his interview in Arniko Television last Saturday (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – for buying a house in Hattiban Housing with the cooperation of Rtns. Kayasthas' daughter and son-in-law (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for playing Golf (18 holes) twice this week (NRs. 500).

4. Other Contributions:

During this 'The Rotary Foundation (TRF)' month. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang urged members to contribute to the Annual Fund of TRF even small amounts starting from a minimum of US \$25. The following members pledged to contribute:

Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa - US \$500, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – US \$25, Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – US \$25, and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – US \$50. Pledges made by e-mail: Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – US \$25 and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal \$25. Total pledged: US \$650.

5. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang:
 - Informed on the health status of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya. He is improving well and may be out of the hospital in the next couple of days.
 - Briefed on the District's interesting virtual programme of 'Synergy Rotary Friendship Alliance', group of Rotary Clubs of ten countries, including RC Dhulikhel of Nepal led by PDG Rtn. Keshab Kunwar. The key speaker was PRIIP and Trustee Chair Rtn. K.R. Ravindran. Two major themes of the discussion were what next after Polio and the impact of Covid-19 on TRF. There is thinking about prioritizing cervical cancer and as far as the impact of Covid-19, TRF would face similar challenges as all others around the globe. The next virtual meeting is planned for 6 December 2020 and is being hosted by Bangladesh. RI President Holger Knaack will be the key speaker. (Link of the meeting will be shared later).
 - Confirmed that there will be **no regular weekly virtual meeting of the RCP next week, 16 November 2020**, on the occasion of 'Tihar'.
 - Shared the RCP's very good attendance in the weekly virtual meetings in October 2020. An average of 75% was attained.
 - Informed about the planned virtual meeting of the District with briefing on Council of Resolution and Council of Legislation (COR/COL) on 11 November 2020 and requested interested members to participate (Link of

the meeting will be shared later).

- Reminded on submission of names for the Governor Nominating Committee for RY 2023-2024 to the District by 4 December 2020. The RCP plans to review this during the next weekly meeting of 23 November 2020.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa suggested to think how to make the virtual weekly regular meetings more interesting and participatory during the Covid-19 pandemic. One idea was to use the interesting new mobile app. for Rota Quiz during the RCP's regular meeting and involve everyone. It was agreed to test it with a few members first, and then do it during the meeting.
 - Covid-19 and Ayurveda - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya briefed on the role of Ayurveda in the prevention and treatment of Covid-19. Following this, several members commented on various related measures in an open discussion on this subject.
6. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – RC of Agudos, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Chartered: 27 May 1955; Current President - Rtn. Paulo Arthur Orsolini Lopes; & Members: 40. District: 4621, Clubs: 45, & Members: 1016.
7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 7,000 (NRs. 6,500 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the OF of the RCP), attendance: 25 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa

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| Q. Full form of 'DISC' in Rotary | A. District International Service Committee Chair |
| Q. Former name of 'The Rotary Foundation' | A. The Rotary Endowment Fund |
| Q. Venue of RI convention in 2021 | A. Taipei, Taiwan, 12-16 June |

Rotary Information: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

(Source: rotary.org)

A top priority for Rotary is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure we reflect the communities we serve and are inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities.

We are creating an organization that is more open and inclusive, fair to all, builds goodwill, and benefits our communities. To help us achieve our goal, the RI Board of Directors passed a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) statement:

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders.

Making diversity, equity, and inclusion a priority is everyone's responsibility — from Rotary members to staff at the Secretariat.

What your club can do:

- Talk about diversity with your club members and create a member diversity and inclusion action plan using the Diversifying Your Club assessment.
- Invite local diversity, equity, and inclusion experts to speak at your club's next gathering.
- Connect with local organizations that are supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and work with them on projects or events.
- Encourage and support people from underrepresented groups to take on leadership positions in your club and district.
- Encourage club members to take the Building a Diverse Club course in the Learning Center to learn more about diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Create a community advisory board and invite diverse members from the community and from your club to take part. You'll learn what's important to the community and discover ways to work together to take action.

What the Secretariat is doing:

- The Board set a goal to increase the number of women who are Rotary members and who serve in Rotary leadership positions to 30 percent by June 2023. More women are being appointed to serve as International Assembly training leaders, regional leaders, and Rotary International committee members.
- We continue to support Rotary Fellowships that bring together members from around the world who share a common passion.
- We're creating a strategic plan that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion.