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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 14 Dec – Talk programme on 'Ayurvedic treatments' by Mr. Sumir K. Rimal 21 Dec – Joint Meeting with NRCL 28 Dec – Election of RY 2021-2022 Board, and Joint meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding anniversaries:</u> Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht & Maheswari Bisht Rawal – 6 Dec.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1732

Date: 15 Mangshir 2077 / 30 November 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1732 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest singers Mr. Dipendra Bikram Thapa & Mr. Kiran Pradhan, IW President Meena Shakya and IWs/spouses of RCP members, Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Kritika Sharma and PP 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. Keshab B. & Mrs. Shanti Mathema – for 'Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lila B. & Mrs. Sudha Baniya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000 to the OF) – on the occasion of Rtn. Keshab B. and Mrs. Shanti Mathema's 50th wedding anniversary.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the above and for playing golf after some time (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for having friends Dipendra Bikram Thapa and Kiran Pradhan as guests for the RCP's 5th Monday entertainment programme (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for all the RCP family being happy and joining the virtual meeting (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Keshab B. and Mrs. Shanti Mathema pledged to contribute NRs. 50,000 to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund for the permanent scholarship of one student on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey confirmed the payment of US \$1,000 (\$500 to Polio+ and \$500 to AF) to TRF as pledged earlier.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang:
 - Briefed on the successful virtual District Rotary Foundation Seminar held on 28 November. Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary from the RCP was one of the speakers from our District in addition to several very good speakers from India and Kenya. Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary added that the participation of our Mirge project partner Prof. O'Brien for the entire 3-hour duration of the seminar was appreciated.
 - Informed of good recovery of the health of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya.
 - Informed about the formation of a District Blood Bank Committee led by PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated on the status of the following:
 - Global Grant Project 1746726 on incoming generating activities in Khokana has been officially closed with the approval of the final report by The Rotary Foundation. This project has been managed successfully by the Primary Contact of the project Rtn. Lochan Gyawali and the team.

- The proposed donation of disinfectant from our Italian partners PP Rtn. Corrado Barani of RC Vignola-Castelfranco, Italy, and the owner of Barchemicals Group has been officially approved by the Ministry of Health and Population. The MOHP appreciated the proposed donation (total estimated value of NRs. 55 Lakh) especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. The process of shipment will now start.
7. Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema and Mrs. Shanti Mathema spoke a few words on their life on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Notable was the information that they saw each other only after their arranged marriage. Happy life continued after their marriage and for a long time abroad. Their daughter and son are both living abroad with their families.
 8. Salutation: By President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – RC of Boonah, Queensland, Australia; Chartered: 1946; & Members: 38. District: 9640, Clubs: 56, & Members: 1405.
 9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 5,500 (NRs. 4,500 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,000 to the 'OF' of the RCP), attendance: 2 guests, 24 members, 8 IWs/spouses, & 2 Rotaracts.
 10. The 'House' passed a motion of condolences to the family of Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha on the passing away of his elder brother on 29 November 2020.

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

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| Q. Name of the highest donor to TRF after Bill Gates
RC Bangalore Orchards donated I. Rs. 100 million on 1 July 2018 to TRF. | A. Rtn. Dokoju Ravishankar, President |
| Q. Sponsor club of the first Rotary Club of Nepal, RC Kathmandu | A. RC Darbhanga, India. |
| Q. Names of the five Rotary clubs that got together to build a Cancer Care Hospital in Bhaktapur | |
| A. RC Kathmandu, RC Patan, RC Kathmandu Mid Town, RC Patan West, and RC Kathmandu North | |

5th Monday Entertainment Programme

The first 5th Monday entertainment programme of the RCP family was conducted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal introduced two of his friends who were invited as guest performers.

Mr. Dipendra Bikram Thapa had been a senior official (Ex-Secretary of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology) in various ministries of the government of Nepal including the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation. Music has been his hobby. He has performed modern songs and bhajans in Radio Nepal and is a Hubert Humphrey Fellow.

Mr. Kiran Pradhan is a professional singer of Radio Nepal since 2028 B.S. He has made a major contribution in Nepali music and singing sector. He also produced a Nepali film 'Kasturi'. He is the Founder Principal of Holyland English School, Balaju, and is actively involved in the education sector.

Both Mr. Thapa and Pradhan performed several solo songs with the support of guitar and harmonium respectively to the excitement and appreciation of all the RCP family. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked them for their excellent performance on behalf of all the RCP family and also thanked Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal for introducing them to the RCP for this long-awaited entertainment programme.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😊😊😊😊😊

- *A guest is ordering at a restaurant, "Do you think you could bring me what that gentleman over there is having?" The waiter looks at him sternly, "No sir, I'm very sure he intends to eat it himself."*
- *Father looks at his teenage son, "Shyam, you've been adopted." Shyam jumps up, "Adopted! I knew it! I want to meet my biological parents!" Father laughs, "No...no, Shyam, we are your biological parents. But you need to get packing, your adoptive ones will be here in an hour."*