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Date: 29 Mangshir 2077 / 14 December 2020

Today's Programme: Talk programme on 'Ayurvedic/Herbal treatments' by Mr. Sumir K. Rimal

Forthcoming Programme:

21 Dec – Joint Meeting with NRCL
28 Dec – Election of RY 2021-2022 Board, and
Joint meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – 12 Dec.
Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – 14 Dec.
Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – 17 Dec.

Wedding anniversaries:

Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – 11 Dec.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1733

Date: 22 Mangshir 2077 / 7 December 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1733 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':
 - Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht & Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy 31st Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for the World Craft Council's, Asia Pacific Region, granting of an honorary membership last week (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa (NRs. 500 to 'OF'), Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500), Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan (NRs. 500) - for 'International Civil Aviation Day – 7 December'.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 500) – for the above and for news of possible removal of Nepalese flights from the negative list by Europe.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for recovering from sickness, wedding anniversary of Bisht/Rawal couple, and for International Civil Aviation Day (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha – for the publication of daughter's illustration/puzzle in the Kathmandu Post (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for granddaughter's success with the first prize in the recent song contest (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for participation in Nepal on the international '16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence - 25 November to 10 December' (NRs. 200).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for settling the pledge made earlier of US \$ 400 to TRF (\$ 200 to AF and \$200 to Polio +) (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed about the programme during the forthcoming weekly meetings, already mentioned in the Lalitdhara, and requested for maximum participation.
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed about a letter received about the 'Senior Citizen's Home'. The RCP had handed over the home to the Kitini School several years ago. Several members provided insights and status on this subject that needs to be further reviewed in a smaller group and presented to the Board.
5. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – RC of Udhna, Gujrat, India; Chartered: 1965; & Members: 62. District: 3060, Clubs: 83, & Members: 3333.
6. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 8,700 (NRs. 8,200 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the 'OF' of the RCP) and an attendance of 28 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan

- Q.** Rotary designation for the month of December **A.** Disease Prevention and Treatment.
- Q.** Name the RI President who said, "My Dream is for every 17-year-old to become a Youth Exchange student. If we could achieve this, there would be no more wars." **A.** Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer, RI President, 2005-2006
- Q.** Name the Rotary Club chartered in RY 2020/21 in District 3292 with all women members.
A. RC Dharan Foothills.

5th Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 4 December 2020

Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'. The virtual Board meeting was conducted on 4 December 2020 with the participation of twelve Board members.

The minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 4th Board Meeting were reviewed. Regarding further delay in the printing of Lalitdhara Souvenir, it was mentioned that a meeting with the Printing Press will now be held on 7 December for its printing as soon as possible in December 2020.
2. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal updated on the status of Anandakuti Vidhyapeeth School Reconstruction Project. The Board agreed to commit additional NRs. 100,000 from the RCP making its total commitment to NRs. 200,000 out of a total estimated project budget of NRs. 6.4 million.
3. It was confirmed that two members, Rtn. Kiran Shrestha and Rtn. Madan R. Tamrakar, are leaving the RCP at the end of December 2020.
4. Membership dues for the second half of RY 2020-2021 are due by the end of December 2020. It was agreed to remind members, who have only paid the first half, to pay the second half as soon as possible.
5. In accordance with the RCP By-Laws, Board members of the RCP for the RY 2021-2022 need to be nominated by the end of December 2020. The nominating committee of President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha was requested to submit the proposals during the Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 December 2020.
6. Board requests the Vocational Award Committee, Coordinator Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and members Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya and Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar, to submit plans for the vocational awards of this Rotary Year. The month of January is Rotary's vocational awards month. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey also volunteered to be one of the sponsors for this event.
7. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated on the status of global grants and club-managed projects of the RCP. In the WASH GG project, there has been a long delay by TRF to review the final report submitted by the RCP in July. Upon follow-up by the RCP and our International Partner Club in Italy, TRF pointed to several unreasonable queries just recently. These have now been responded by the RCP. Once this is approved by the TRF, the RCP would have 2 GG projects remaining to be closed, which are in its final stages.
8. Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the statement of income and expenditures of the RCP for the month of November 2020.
9. Trophy for Rota Quiz: As the RCP Team won the District Rota Quiz for 3 consecutive years, it will keep the current Trophy. The Board agreed to donate a new Trophy to the District (cost approximately NRs. 5000 + the cost of plaque indicating the RCP's donation). It was also suggested to send a reminder to the District to get the announced cash award of last year.
10. A joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan was agreed to be held on 28 December 2020.
11. Joint meeting with NRCL – It was agreed to host this meeting on 21 December 2020. President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa suggested reviewing possible joint projects following the approved Strategic Plan of NRCL.
12. Taking note of the World Disability Day – 3 December, the Board agreed to Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey's suggestion for the 'KPAD' committee, coordinated by President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, to recommend proposals for sustainable activities from this fund to the next Board meeting.
13. The Board welcomed Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary's suggestion to use the RCP banner and Presidential garland during the virtual weekly meetings. Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan also suggested the use of Rotary Pins.
14. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha agreed to host the 6th Board meeting of RY 2020-2021.
15. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal for his pledge.