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Today's Programme:

Talk Programme by Dr. Rinjan Shrestha, WWF Canada,
on 'Tigers of Nepal'

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – 25 May

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1755

Date: 3 Jestha 2078 / 17 May 2021

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual meeting No. 1755, to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Nepal & 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. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' and handover of the disinfectant container to the MoHP (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for handover of the disinfectant container to the MoHP (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500), Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 2,000), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 1,000), and Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500) – for handover of the disinfectant container to the MoHP, and oxygen cylinders to the isolation centre established by the NYF in collaboration with Lalitpur Municipality.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the above, and for beginning the preparatory work of Rotary Year 2021-2022 at the District level (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for the excellent collaboration between Lalitpur Municipality and the RCP on providing the oxygen cylinders to the isolation centre at NYF, and conducting women's group virtual meetings (7:30 to 10 p.m.) on issues of their concern (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang:
 - Informed about the next week's interesting talk programme on 'Tigers of Nepal' and requested for good participation including those of spouses.
 - Updated on the Anandakuti school reconstruction project, which has been stopped temporarily due to current COVID-19 restrictions.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, President-Elect, informed on the District level preparatory work for the next Rotary Year – 2021-2022. This included planned District Training Assembly during 28 to 31 May 2021 in which he request all the RCP Committee Directors/Club officials to participate. Detailed information on the venue/timing to follow.
 - Handover of a container load of disinfectants from Italian Rotarians to the MoHP: Detailed briefing was done by President Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty on this successful support provided by Italian Rotarians through the Rotary Club of Patan. Monitoring of the distribution is ongoing with some press release published in the MoHP site and some media including the RCP's Facebook page. Efforts to further publicise it for RCP/Rotary image was suggested.
 - RCP's support to the current wave of COVID-19 pandemic:
 - (i) President Nirmal K. Pradhanang & Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the successful provision of oxygen cylinders to support the isolation centre with 50 beds established by Nepal Youth Foundation at their nutrition rehabilitation centre at Sunakothi with excellent collaboration with the Lalitpur Municipality. The isolation centre will support poor people who do not have the facility to isolate themselves at home. The RCP's funding for this project was NRs. 200,000.

- (ii) NRCL is planning to support another isolation centre being managed by 'Jyapu Samaj' for which the RCP's support is also requested.
- (iii) **Additional immediate support to frontline healthcare workers at Bir Hospital:** During this tragic time of the renewed COVID-19 pandemic, the RCP family wanted to encourage and support the frontline healthcare workers who have been devoting their time and service. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi proposed to support them with PPEs, various masks, face shields as well as some encouragement gifts. This was very much welcomed by the entire RCP family. A fund-raising effort was suggested for this immediate support as early as possible. In view of the urgency, more details on this will be exchanged and decided via viber/email within this week.
5. Salutation: By President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang - RC of Ndola, Zambia; Chartered: 1953; and Members: 23 (Current President Rtn. Victor Kalenga). District: 9210 covering Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe; Clubs: 61, and Members: 1292.
6. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 8,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP and an attendance of 27 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya

- Q. What are the official colours of Rotary? **A. Gold and Royal Blue**
- Q. In which year was the first Rotary magazine published and what was the name of the publication?
A. In 1911. The first issue was published by the name: 'The National Rotarian'
- Q. How many members are there in the Council of Governors in RI District 3292? **A. 15**

People of Action!

Rotary Club of Patan exceeded its target to raise Nepalese Rupees one million and got commitments of NRs. 1,020,000 within 48 hours for COVID-19 immediate Relief Support to Frontline Health Workers!

In collaboration with Nepal Heart Foundation, the target has been increased to raise Nepalese Rupees two million within this week with planned distribution of support on 26 May 2021

Rotary Information: RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta's Presidential Initiatives

(Source: rotary.org)

Rotary International President-elect Shekhar Mehta will have three special initiatives for the 2021-22 Rotary year aimed at increasing our impact through service and expanding our reach by introducing new members to Rotary. Mehta is asking every Rotarian to make membership a responsibility through the Each One, Bring One campaign. His initiatives are:

- Empowering girls. To address the inequities that girls face worldwide, members will be encouraged to launch a club-based initiative or be part of a district or global grant that improves the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls in their communities and ensures their access to resources.
- Rotary Day of Service. Clubs will be asked to collaborate to conduct hands-on service activities with members of their communities and share those activities on Rotary Showcase.
- Presidential conferences. A series of presidential conferences will highlight club humanitarian efforts in their communities and around the world. Members should invite a friend to one event so they can learn about Rotary's work and be inspired to join us in our commitment to service.