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RI District 3292**Club No. 23126****Chartered: 29 August 1985****President: Mahendra Thapa Past President & Editor: Bijaya Mallapaty Past President & Assistant Editor: Chandralekha Kayastha****Issue No. 1432****Date: 6 Mangsir 2078 / 22 November 2021****Today's Programme:**

Briefing by Splash/Prabhav, Nepal, on the RCP's WASH projects' implementation in schools of Chepel area, Solukhumbu District

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 22 Nov.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1779**Date: 29 Kartik 2078 / 15 November 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1779 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: District Governor Elect (DGE) Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution:
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for DGE Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary's talk programme today, a successful family trip to Pokhara, and golf game with Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500) – for DGE Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary's talk programme today.
 - Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA (NRs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged to contribute to TRF Annual Fund US \$100 and to PolioPlus Fund US \$50.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey confirmed his pledge to contribute US \$1,000 to the PolioPlus Fund and continue his Paul Harris Society membership.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the excellent virtual zoom meeting with the RCP's 3 adopted schools. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya briefed the concerned school headmasters, chairs of school management committees and Parent/Teacher Associations on how to make child friendly and happy schools. From the RCP, 6 members joined the meeting.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on a partnership possibility of the RCP with Nepal Youth Foundation on a HIV/AIDS elimination project in Nepal. With a quick virtual meeting of the RCP Board, the RCP provided a letter of intent (LOI) to partner with NYF. The LOI was required by NYF immediately to meet the deadline of the donor 'Gilead Science Inc.' to apply for a funding of US \$200,000, which could be doubled when two NGOs (NYF and the RCP) collaborate.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the launch of this year's PEEF distribution/selection, which has been delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic and school closures. Together with Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal further briefing will be done as per the consolidated distribution plans shared with all.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang confirmed to host the postponed fellowship lunch of his presidentship, due to COVID-19 pandemic, to the RCP family on Saturday, 20 November 2021. Details to follow by e-mail.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa requested all to participate in the RI's all member survey. He also requested any member (Past Presidents) to inform of his/her interest to be in the DG nomination committee. So far, only one member had shown interest from the RCP.

7. Salutation: By Rtn. Lochan Gyawali - Rotary Club of Durban, South Africa; Chartered: 1925; and Members: 25. District: 9270, Clubs: 49, and Members: 1080. He also talked briefly about the historic city of Durban.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 6,000 to the RCP's sunshine fund, and the meeting attendance of 1 Rotarian guest and 25 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha

- Q:** The idea of establishing an endowment fund was brought forward by RI President Arch Klumph in 1917. What was the initial name of the Rotary Foundation? **A:** The Rotary Endowment Fund.
- Q:** When was the Rotary Foundation formally named and the Board of Trustees created? **A:** In 1928 at the RI Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.
- Q:** Who became the first Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation in Nepal and how much did he/she donate to the Foundation? **A:** Late Rtn. Gopal Raj Bhandari and spouse Kamala of RC Kathmandu. US\$ 10,000

Summary of talk programme by District Governor Elect (DGE) Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary on The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed and President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan introduced today's speaker DGE Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary to speak about The Rotary Foundation. Major Donor of Rotary, DGE Rtn. Rajbhandary comes from RC Kopundole, which he joined as a charter member in 2004-2005. He became the club president in 2004-2005, and served in various District level positions since then, including as an AG, District Trainer, and the DRFC.

DGE Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary thanked the RCP, where he has many senior friends, for the invitation to speak. He was honoured to come to the RCP, which is the parent club of RC Kopundole with Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey as the GSR (Governor's Special Representative now called New Club Adviser) to open the club.

DGE Rajbhandary started by giving a brief history of TRF started by Rtn. Arch C. Klumph in 1917 with the first donation of US \$26.50 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, USA. In 1928, it was formally named The Rotary Foundation of the Rotary International. TRF has spent over 4 billion US Dollars by now in service projects to support needy communities around the world. He talked about the five core values of Rotary – integrity, leadership, diversity, fellowship, and service, as well as the two mottos – 'Service Above Self' and 'One Profits Most Who Serves Best.' He elaborated on TRF's mission and the top priority to end Polio for which US \$2.4 billion have been spent by Rotary from 1985 till 2021. TRF has received the rating of four stars, the highest rating possible, for the 12th straight year from Charity Navigator, an international evaluator.

TRF has received the trust internationally due to the dedication of Rotarians as demonstrated by a strong partnership of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the eradication of Polio. DGE Rajbhandary briefed on Rotary's 7 areas of focus including the new one, 'Supporting the Environment', as well as different types of funds TRF has.

DGE Rtn. Rajbhandary requested all Rotarians to contribute to TRF for the good it does with whatever resources one feels to contribute willingly. He noted that 65% to 70% of the annual fund of TRF comes from small givings of US \$25 to US\$1,000. And 93% to 94% of annual programme fund goes to the cause instead of administration. To promote funding, DGE Rtn. Rajbhandary suggested various mechanism including recognition of contributors in club meetings when district officials and non-Rotarian guests are present and encouraging family members' participation in events. He mentioned that for as little as 60 US cents, a child can be protected from Polio and \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness in a community. He highlighted TRF's slogan – 'Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference.'

DGE Rtn. Rajbhandary was very pleased to have the opportunity to work with the first woman Rotarian and a dynamic & young person as the Rotary International President, Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones, during his tenure as the District Governor for District 3292 in 2021-2022. He also shared the priorities and themes of RI President Elect Jennifer Jones and concluded by quoting RI Director for 2021-2023, A.S. Venkatesh, "Let's do things what we can".

Following a lively Q/A session, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to DGE Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary on behalf of the RCP family for his thorough yet simple presentation on TRF and President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa concluded the session adding his own words of thanks.