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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. 1433****Date: 13 Mangshir 2078 / 29 November 2021****Today's Programme:**

- Joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan
- PP Rtn. Man Kazi Pradhan from RC Kavre-Banepa will handover 450 tiffin boxes for the RCP's PEEF scholarship supported students in 2021

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays: Nil****Wedding Anniversaries:**

- Rtn. Keshab B. & Shanti B. Mathema – 30 Nov.
Rtn. Lila B. & Sudha Baniya – 2 Dec.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1780**Date: 6 Mangshir 2078 / 22 November 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called to order the first physical RCP meeting, No. 1780, with facility for participation via 'zoom', with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. The meeting was held at a new venue – Shangri la Blu Hotel, Maitri Marg at Bakhundole, Lalitpur.

Sergeant-at-Arms & Events Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on the trial of this new venue. If the Hotel's both meeting halls become unavailable, they will inform the RCP by Friday every week. In this situation, meetings will be held only virtually via 'zoom.' Therefore, Rtn. Shrestha requested all to check their e-mail/viber regularly.

Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the logistics of the 'hybrid' meeting with both - physical as well as zoom participation. This will be further improved as we learn more about 'hybrid' meetings.

2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest speaker Mr. Shirish Pokhrel from Splash/Prabhav, Nepal, three Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan – Rtrs. Peshal Bhattarai, Sudip Chhetri and Anup Pokharel, and guests from Germany - Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte and Ms. Susanne Kraft of 'Friends of Chepel'.

3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.

4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':

- Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' & for the start of PEEF distribution/selection of 2021 (NRs. 1,500).
- Rotarians Siba B. Rajbhandary (From Mexico NRs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), Maheswari Bisht Rawal (NRs. 500), Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500), Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 500), Kamal B. Nyachhyon (NRs. 500), Suraj Pradhan (NRs. 500), Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 1,000), Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500) and Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 1,000) - for today's first physical meeting after a long time, and for having guests including from Germany.

5. Other Contributions:

- Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha confirmed the payment of earlier pledged contribution of NRs. 20,000 to KPAD Fund.
- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey confirmed payment of the balance of his earlier pledge to match contributions to the KPAD Fund totalling NRs. 405,000.

6. Rotary News/Information:

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the process of this year's PEEF distribution/selection, which was delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic and school closures. Together with Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty all preparations have been completed with the consolidated distribution plans and guidelines shared with all.
- President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa:
 - Informed that there has been challenges to the nomination of PDG Rtn. Basu Dev Golyan for the RI Director position, which will now go through a voting process in December 2021.

- Confirmed that there has been only one candidate, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, for the District Governor nominating committee from the RCP. This candidature was unanimously agreed by the 'House'.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang - Rotary Club of Bamako, Mali; Chartered: 1961; and Members: 36. District: 9100, Clubs: 107, and Members: 2984. He also briefed on socio-economy and history of Timbuktu & Mali.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution of NRs. 11,400 (NRs. 8,000 & a pledge of NRs. 2,000 by zoom to sunshine fund, and NRs. 1,400 to operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 3 guests, 3 Rotaracts, and 25 members (14 physical presence and 11 by zoom).

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon

Q: Who was the first Indian national to have served The Rotary Foundation as its Chairman?

A: Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo in 1996-97.

Q: What is the motto of The Rotary Foundation? **A:** Doing Good in The World.

Q: Who was the first District Rotary Foundation Com. Chair (DRFC) of District 3292 **A:** PDG, Rtn. Basu Dev Golyan

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

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed Engineer Mr. Shirish Pokhrel from Splash/Prabhav, Nepal for the above-mentioned briefing and introduced him. Mr. Pokhrel has a bachelor's in engineering, a masters in rural development, and has been working with Splash/Prabhav Nepal for the past six years.

On behalf of Splash/Prabhav, Nepal, Mr. Shirish Pokhrel briefed on the successful implementation of WASH facilities in three community schools in Solukhumbu district with a comprehensive power-point presentation. Two of these schools were sponsored by a Rotary District Grant and fundraising effort of Rotaracts from Germany (Partnership of Rotary Club of Bingen in Germany and the Rotary Club of Patan) and one was sponsored by 'Friends of Chepel, Germany. Rotary sponsored Madan Ashrit Basic School, Maskarkhat, and Sotang Basic School, Sotang, while Friends of Chepel sponsored Khumblu Lidhuna Basic School, Khumblu, Lidhuna, covering a total of 450 beneficiary students.

The project of comprehensive water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) facilities in schools followed the model the RCP/Splash had implemented in twelve of the RCP's PEEF supported schools. It included the provision of treated safe drinking water with hand-washing stations, separate clean toilet facilities for boys and girls, sustainable personal hygiene awareness and training for a sustainable system in the community schools to have 'Happy Schools'. The project followed Nepal government guidelines applying the 'Seven Flags Approach of Total Sanitation' (7FATS) in schools - a concept developed by the World Health Organization in Nepal towards sustainable WASH improvements.

The project required actual field work by Splash/Prabhav, Nepal, of 20 days, which was completed in October 2021 with a total budget of about 2.1 million Nepalese Rupees.

Mr. Shirish Pokhrel also explained the mechanism of sustaining the WASH facilities with repair and maintenance by Splash/Prabhav Nepal for two years, establishment of repair fund by the schools for the future, and refresher training on hygiene practices. Continuous monitoring of the 7FATS approach will be done by the school management and students.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Patan, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Mr. Shirish Pokhrel for a comprehensive briefing of the successful project in the three remote schools of Solukhumbu district despite the difficulties faced during a period of COVID-19 pandemic. She also thanked the donors of RC, Bingen and Friends of Chepel in Germany, and mentioned the key oversight and support provided by our partner Mr. Karma Sherpa of Chepel. Following a brief Q/A session, President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa concluded the session with his own words of thanks to Mr. Pokhrel and Splash/Prabhav, Nepal.