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RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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Issue No. 1435**Date: 27 Mangshir 2078 / 13 December 2021****Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting with election of RY 2022-2023 Board, and nomination, if any, of a candidate for DGN for Ry 2024-2025 from the Rotary Club of Patan

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – 12 Dec.

Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Minutes of Meeting No. 1782**Date: 20 Mangshir 2078 / 6 December 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the hybrid meeting (physical as well as by zoom) number 1782 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: All the spouses of the RCP members.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
 - Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht & Maheswari Bisht Rawal - for 'Happy 33rd Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 500), Piyush B. Bajracharya (NRs. 500), Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Kuldeep R. Tuladhar (NRs. 1,000), Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), PDG Tirtha M. Sakya (NRs. 500), and Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500) – for the first happy occasion of 'Birthday Fellowship' of the entire RCP family in two years.
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for recovery of Rtn. Lalita Thapa with the discharge from hospital (NRs. 1,000 by zoom).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha handed over the contributions pledged last week to the RCP's KPAD Fund as follows:
 - By his nephew (bhatija) Mr. Bharat Bhakta Shrestha from Houston, USA: NRs. 250,000
 - By his nephew (bhanja) Mr. Shridhar L. Shrestha from New York, USA: NRs. 200,000
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the activities of the Lalitpur Municipality: the '16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence' in Nepal during 25 November to 10 December 2021. This has been marked by the United Nations under the global theme set by the UN Secretary-General's UNiTE campaign: "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!". She also elaborated on the one stop crisis management centre (OCMC) at Patan hospital and suggested that the RCP could collaborate with the Lalitpur Municipality where she is leading the women's section.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed about the next Rotary International Convention for which discounted registration deadline is 15 December 2021. He also reminded members to register for the District Conference.
7. RCP's 'Birthday Fellowship': Following briefing by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, the RCP family celebrated the 'Birthday Fellowship' of all its members as this had not been done for almost two years due to COVID-19 pandemic.
8. International Day of Persons with Disabilities – 3 December: To celebrate this day, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a brief talk explaining the annual observance of this Day since 1992 to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities. This year's theme is 'Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world'. He elaborated on the situation of persons with disabilities in Nepal and various organizations working in this area. Explaining Rotary's and the RCP's involvement, he highlighted the RCP managed District's 3H Grant Project to raise awareness, which was successfully implemented during 2008 to 2012. However, he also pointed out that following this success, there has not been much efforts for a sustainable District level programme to support persons with disability and hoped to work with the District Governor during the forthcoming Rotary Year 2022-2023 in this regard.
9. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty - Rotary Club of Drammen, Norway; Chartered: 1936; and Members: 105. District: 2310, Clubs: 55, and Members: 2350. He also briefly talked about Norway.
10. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Vice President & Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: contribution of NRs. 10,600 (NRs. 7,500 & a pledge of NRs. 1,000 by zoom to sunshine fund, and NRs. 2,100 to operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 33 members (21 physical presence and 12 by zoom), 7 spouses and 5 make-ups.

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

- Q:** What is the Rotary designation for the month of December? **A:** Disease Prevention and Treatment.
Q: Who is the chair of the District 3292 Finance Committee for RY 2021/22? **A:** PDG Rtn. Chintamani Bhattarai
Q: This year's Nobel Prize for Chemistry was awarded to a Rotarian of which Rotary Club? **A:** RC Mülheim in Germany, Rtn. Benjamin List

5th Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 4 December 2021

Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha at Bakery Cafe from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs on 4 December 2021 with the participation of 11 Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board meeting below were endorsed/approved by the 'House.'

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

1. The minutes of the 4th Board Meeting were reviewed with updates on status and follow-up actions.
2. Board noted satisfactory progress on the 'hybrid meeting'. For further improvements, it was noted to inform all about the parking facility 'on the grounds of the former Entrance Restaurant' nearby. It was also suggested to make further efforts on social distancing, use of masks and sanitizer during the physical meetings.
3. It was confirmed that the nominating committee coordinated by President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan will be presenting the proposal of club officers/Board members for 2022-2023 during the regular weekly meeting of 13 December 2021.
4. Anandakuti School Reconstruction Project: It was suggested to have the opening ceremony at the project site together with the RCP's regular weekly meeting and 'high tea', tentatively on 8 January 2022. The committee of Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal, Pushkar M. Shakya and Jeevan K. Shrestha was requested to confirm the arrangements and the date accordingly.
5. Application for District Grants for 2021-2022 have been sought. It was noted that the RCP had not applied for this (\$1,000 matching for approved projects) as priority has been given to new clubs and clubs without global grant projects.
6. World Disability Day falls on 3 December. It was agreed to celebrate this day during the weekly regular meeting of 6 December 2021. Following the business meeting, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey was requested to talk briefly on this subject.
7. Dates and hosts of next board meetings:
 - 6th Board Meeting to be hosted by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal on Saturday, 1 January 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
 - 7th Board Meeting to be hosted by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang on Saturday, 5 February 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
8. Vocational Service Awards during this Rotary Year: The RCP committee consisting of Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi (Coordinator), Jamuna K. Tamrakar, Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rabendra R. Pandey was requested to come up with a proposal in this regard.
9. Joint Treasurer, Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club as of November 2021 with a summary review of the income and expenditure statement. She also presented the contribution status of all RCP Funds, including contributions to TRF Annual Fund and PolioPlus Fund. The Board suggested to remind all who have already pledged to contribute as soon as possible, and request those who have not pledged to contribute to the Annual Fund to meet the RCP's target in this regard.
10. Nine members have paid Rotary dues for only the first half of Rotary Year 2021-2022. They are requested to pay for the second half before the deadline of 31 December 2021.
11. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed about a request for support from Mahendra Adarsha Higher Secondary School, Imadol, for a toilet for boys. It was suggested to get more detailed information with estimated budget and school's contribution, for further review by the RCP.
12. On behalf of all Board members and invited guests, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha for hosting the Board meeting, with an excellent post-Board fellowship.