

ललित धारा

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. 1439****Date: 26 Poush 2078 / 10 January 2022****Today's Programme**

Talk Programme by Capt. (Pilot) Phizo Nath Nepali on 'Flight Safety in Nepal' including issues relating to blacklisting of Nepalese Airlines for flights over EU.

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries:
Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya Shrestha – 7 Jan.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1786**Date: 19 Poush 2078 / 3 January 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1786 to order virtually by Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar– for 'Happy Landing' from Canada & being a Board Member for 2022-23 (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for the visit of daughter and grandchild from the USA (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht & Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey–for the 1st regular weekly meeting of 2022 (NRs. 500 each).
 - Rtn. Lochan R. Gyawali – for the visit of daughter from Canada, and 16 hours of driving trip through 'Yalamber Route, (mid-hills highway) (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa–for the completion of consultancy with UNDP on value chain devt. plan (NRs. 500).
4. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced a pledge of NRs. 120,000 from his son and daughter-in-law Ajaya and Dr. Anu Mallapaty from the USA to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged to contribute NRs. 1,850 to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund from her attendance at the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital Board meeting.
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha updated on the status of the RCP's PEEF scholarship support selection and distribution for this year. The remaining six schools are expected to be covered within the next couple of weeks.
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar informed on his and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha's participation at a function at Tri-Padma school. A 'Samman Patra' to the RCP has been received, which is being delivered to the President.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed on the following:
 - Final reminder from the District on the theatre play 'Putali Ko Ghar' by Women in Rotary Committee of District 3292 on 8 January 2022 at Nach Ghar in support of various programmes for women.
 - Reminder on the participation in the District Award Ceremony being held on 14 January 2022 with musical performance by Pawan Deep Rajan from the Indian Idol.
 - Election of Rotary International Director wherein the RCP will have two votes. PDG Basudev Golyan's candidature has been challenged and, therefore, an election is being held with a total of three candidates.
 - The Lalitdhara Souvenir has been printed and Office Assistant Basant Ale Magar will be delivering copies to all members.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the tentative plans for the RCP's trip coinciding with the District Conference being held in Birtamod during 18-20 February 2022. This tour of very interesting sites is being planned for 9 nights/10 days with the last two days at the District Conference. Details are shared by email/viber with a request for indicative interest by the RCP family as soon as possible for planning and cost estimate purposes.
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya briefed on the plans for the handover ceremony of 'Muddita Bhawan' at Anandakuti school on Saturday, 15 January 2022 at 13:00 hrs. He repeated the request for maximum participation from the RCP and confirmation of it by next week.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the recent orientation programme of the District 3292 for the Assistant Governors and Presidents of 2022-2023 participated by herself and Rtn Shiva K. Pradhan, and the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital (NOH) Board meeting participated by herself and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhan from the RCP.

The orientation programme was very well managed and personally sponsored by DGE Rtn. Jitendra Rajbhandary. He discussed RI President Elect Jenifer Jones' priorities as well as the priorities of the District. RIPE covered the focus areas under three colours: purple for girl child, white for peace and conflict prevention, and green for environment. District Trainer PDG Rtn. Sanjaya Giri also presented the plans for the next year including a special seminar on how to make clubs vibrant and support the clubs.

In the NOH Board meeting, various management issues were discussed including the completion of the three-year term of its Director Dr Yubraj Kharel, which was being extended by one additional year with agreed priorities for the year. Other issues discussed included possible establishment of a teaching hospital, an information desk for people with disability, establishment of endowment funds with government's contribution, and review of policy on employees' service. The RCP may also think about collaboration with the NOH withing its KPAD programme.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Peninsula, Hong Kong; Chartered: 1976; and Members:26. District: 3450, Clubs: 105, and Members: 1742. Rtn. Shrestha noted the need to revise clubs data based on the latest Directory and also highlighted briefly on the economy of Hong Kong.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 4,500 to sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 20 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa

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| Q: What is the Rotary designation for the month of January? | A: Vocational Service. |
| Q: When was the Rotary Club of Evanston chartered? | A: On 1 May 1920. |
| Q: Who is the District Publication and GML subcommittee chair for District 3292 in 2021-22? | |
| A: Rtn. Nischal Bahadur Shrestha, RC Rajdhani. | |

6th Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 1 January 2022

Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 6th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal at Manny's Restaurant in Jawalakhel from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs on 1 January 2022 with the participation of 10 Board members (8 physically and 2 via zoom). The minutes/decisions of the Board meeting below were endorsed/approved by the 'House.'

The minutes/decisions of the 6th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 5th Board Meeting were reviewed with updates on status and follow-up actions.
2. District Award & Recognition Ceremony of 2020-2021 being held on 14 January 2022: This event is being held at Hyatt Hotel with a show from Indian Idol's Pawan Deep Rajan. All clubs have been requested to sponsor the event with a contribution of NRs. 10,000 each, and individual member's registration fee at NRs. 5,000 each (For advance registration, it will be NRs. 4,000). The Board decided not to sponsor the event, but encouraged members to participate.
3. Handing over ceremony of Muddita Bhawan reconstruction project at Anandakuti school: Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Pushkar M. Shakya presented the plans for the event on 15 January 2022 during 1300-1500 hrs. For advocacy of this successful project, the RCP agreed to sponsor the ceremony with 'High Tea' and a documentary production in partnership with the Anandakuti Alumni Association. As a 50% contribution from the RCP, a budget of up to NRs. 35,000 was approved for this event. The District Governor (in case of his inability, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakyā) will be the Chief Guest with guests of honour Mr. Jeevan Ram Shrestha, Parliamentarian, and Mr. Ishwar Man Dongol, Ward Chairperson. Other guests including Rotary District officials are expected to total 100. Details will be shared with all members by email.
4. Vocational Service Awards: As suggested by the RCP Committee in this regard, the Board agreed to postpone this event until the RCP is able to have physical meetings instead of via zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Lalitdhara Souvenir of 2021-2022 – President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa confirmed that the Souvenir is now ready and shared the distribution plan for 150 copies of the publication. The print could be increased to 200 copies with an additional distribution plan.
6. The Board suggested for a review of progress of all the three Interact clubs of the RCP.
7. On behalf of the Treasurer, President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa presented the financial status of the club as of December 2021 with a review of the income and expenditure statement.
8. Request from Mahendra Adarsha Higher Secondary School, Imadol, for a toilet: The Board decided that the RCP's regular budget could not fund this large request (Estimated at 16 Lakh). It was suggested that the RCP should discourage receiving these kinds of ad hoc requests.
9. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal for hosting the Board meeting, with an excellent post-Board fellowship.