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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. 1443****Date: 24 Magh 2078 / 7 February 2022****Today's Programme**

Business Meeting followed by briefing on 'Rotary Int'l Technical Cadres' by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty

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

Rtn. Suraj and Meera Pradhan – 8 Feb.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1790**Date: 17 Magh 2078 / 31 January 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1790 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. Lochan and Sangita Gyawali - for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for their 'Janko' (Bhim Ratharohan) ceremony performed quietly due to the pandemic (NRs. 7,700).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the above wishing them a long life (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for the successful completion and inauguration of the 'Muddita Bhawan', Anandakuti school reconstruction project (NRs. 1,000).
4. Other Contributions: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced receipt of the following contributions:
 - Contribution of NRs. 300,000 received from Mr. Arun Chaudhary to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund in the name of his parents late Mr. Lunkaran Das Chaudhary and late Mrs. Ganga Devi Chaudhary.
 - Contribution of NRs. 32,640 and NRs. 67,360 (total NRs. 100,000) to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund and Trust Fund respectively, by former Rotarian Chandra S. Gyawali (Rtn. Lochan Gyawali's father).
 - Contribution of NRs. 120,000 by Mr. Ajaya and Dr. Anu Mallapaty (son and daughter-in-law of Rtns. Mallapaty), and NRs. 20,200 by from Mrs. Manuela Mücke (Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's sister in Germany) to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund, as pledged earlier.
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the RCP's sub-group's virtual meeting with VPAN (Veterinary Practitioner's Association of Nepal) to plan joint action on the RCP's Animal Welfare for Public Health project sponsored by Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha. This year's rabies vaccination is being implemented by VPAN in collaboration with Lalitpur municipality in four sites tentatively in Falgun (February/March 2022).
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed about the postponement of this year's District Conference planned in February to 1-3 April 2022 in Jhapa due to the pandemic.

He also informed about the District's DCM meeting with a motivational talk programme today, encouraging addition of over 100 new members. Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya participated from the RCP.
6. 5th Monday entertainment programme – Despite the regular weekly meeting conducted virtually via zoom, the 5th Monday entertainment programme was held after a long gap. Fellowships and events coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha managed the event presented by several RCP members with jokes, 'muktak', 'shairi', poems, funny power point presentations, and question answers. Presenters included Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Keshab B. Mathema, Mahendra S. Rawal, Shiv P. Khemka, Khadak S. Bisht, and Bijaya Mallapaty. Members enjoyed the virtual 'laugh and be merry' moments in the midst of the pandemic.

7. Salutation: By Vice President Rtn. Preeti Khemka - Rotary Club of Patiala, Punjab, India; Chartered: 1944 and Members: 33. District: 3090, Clubs: 70, and Members: 2024. She also briefed about the club.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 9,200 to sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 23 members with 6 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema

- Q:** Which Rotary Club in Africa celebrates 100 years in 2021? **A:** RC of Johannesburg, South Africa was chartered on 25 April 1921.
- Q:** RI issued simplified 'Areas of Focus' logos and assigned colours for each – what are these colours?
A: Azure blue: peacebuilding & conflict prevention; cardinal red: disease prevention & treatment; sky blue: water, sanitation, & hygiene; violet: maternal & child health; orange: basic education & literacy; turquoise: community economic development; and grass: environment.
- Q:** Name the Governor Nominee of District 3292 for 2023-24. **A:** Rtn. Rajendra Prasad Dhoju, RC Butwal.

Rotary Information: RI President-elect 2021-2022 Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones from Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada



Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

As the first woman to be elected president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. She also led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon in 2020, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000 people.

Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.