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Talk Programme by Mr. Pranaya Rana from 'The Record' on independent journalism

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka – 12 Feb., Padam L. Maharjan – 13 Feb., and Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 17 Feb.
Wedding Anniversaries: Rtns. PDG Tirtha M. & Nani Shova Sakya – 14 Feb., Kedar B. & Shanta Shrestha, and Kamal B. & Sulochana Nyachhyon – 15 Feb.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1791**Date: 24 Magh 2078 / 7 February 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1791 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. Suraj and Meera Pradhan - for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for recovery of the whole family from COVID-19 infection (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for being happy grandparents again with the birth of twins (boy and a girl) by brother Hridaya's daughter (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for recovery from COVID-19 infection (NRs. 500).

4. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa:
 - Requested interested members to join the talk programme on 'Sustainable Menstruation' being hosted by RC Biratnagar Downtown on 9 February 2022. Link is being shared by e-mail.
 - Request received from District (ERRRP) to submit necessary reports to close the projects from its funding. The RCP has completed the Anandakuti Vidyapeeth School Project and will be submitting the final reports.
 - Requested interested members to join a virtual activity on 'Rotary Leader' on how to make it more effective and successful as per link shared separately.
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed of a fire in the backyard of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital with its laundry area burnt. More information to follow.
- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed about the meeting with Rotary Club of Bingen in Germany and Friends of Chepel, Germany, who have sponsored WASH facilities in Chepel area schools. The schools in Mashkarkat and Sotang are funded by RC Bingen/Rotaract Club of Bingen and in Lidhunga by Friends of Chepel. Our international partners have been very pleased with the completion of the project and would like to partner with the RCP to do more projects.

Upon request of our local partner Mr. Karma Sherpa and together with him, the RCP (with sponsorship of Rtns. Lochan Gyawali, Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty) has provided two idols of goddess Saraswati to two schools in Mashkarkat and Sotang. This has been very popular with the locals who contribute to build the temples, and there is an additional request for the same in the third school in Lidhunga. The cost of the idol is NRs. 50,000. Interested RCP members may pledge to contribute.

5. ***Briefing on 'Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers'***: Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on this subject with the support of a PowerPoint presentation. She gave a history of Cadres in Rotary since its start in 1995. There are currently 700 Cadres globally who are experts of various fields in the seven areas of focus of Rotary and in the grant planning/financial management field.

The Strategic Plan 2020-2022 states that Cadres increase the impact of Rotary's grants by assisting Rotarians in panning project and safeguarding Foundation funds. Rtn. Mallapaty also emphasized a recent survey of Cadres indicating the need to clarify its structure to enable their active and purposeful engagement. Therefore, current priorities and objectives include improvements in communication. She explained the three main areas of Cadres work as review of grant applications, visit project sites and perform programmatic audits. Cadres made over 900 visits around the globe with concentration in programme countries like India between 2015 to 2020.

In Nepal, there are currently 11 Cadres including herself from the RCP. While Cadres may support club's/District's own GG preparation, they may not review projects in the same District. She gave the details on how to become a Cadre and encouraged members to join specifically from clubs like the RCP, where we do have strong expertise.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty - Rotary Club of Babati, Tanzania; Chartered: 2009 and Members: 25. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, and Members: 3981. He also provided brief highlights of the country and the club.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 3,500 to sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 21 members with 5 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal

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| Q: What is the Rotary designation for the month of February? | A: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. |
| Q: What is President-Elect Jennifer Jones' presidential theme for 2022-23? | A: Imagine Rotary. |
| Q: Name the District Interact Representative of RI District 3292 in 2021-2022. | A: Interact Himacharya. |

7th Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 5 February 2022

Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary via zoom from 18:00 to 19:00 hrs on 5 February 2022 with the participation of 12 Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board meeting below were endorsed/approved by the 'House.'

The minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 6th Board Meeting were reviewed with updates on status and follow-up actions. The Youth Services Director was requested to review the status of Interact Clubs of the RCP, which have not been active.
2. Strategic Planning Committee: As requested by the District, the RCP formed a strategic planning committee consisting of Rtns. Mahendra B. Thapa, Shiva K. Pradhan, & Nirmal K. Pradhanang, President, President Elect and IPP, respectively.
3. Global Grant Project for Laligurans community hospital, Mirge, Dolakha with ambulance, medical equipment, and training: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the status of progress of this GG that had been delayed due to several reasons. As the funding from donors and government requirements for an ambulance have now been cleared, the project preparation is going ahead with a total budget of US \$ 42,915. The contacts for this project from the RCP was revised to be Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang as Primary Contact and Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka and Gabriele Mallapaty as Secondary Contacts.
4. Management and Operational Policies (MOPs) for KPAD endorsed by the KPAD Committee: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty presented the KPAD MOPs capturing all previous Board approvals of the KPAD. The Board reviewed and approved it. The board also recorded its appreciation of Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty for preparing the KPAD MOPs in a very short time.
5. First quarter progress report of KPAD project on organic vegetables and poultry farming skills training: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the project with the first batch of training started on 2 January 2022 despite all the difficulties of a start-up particularly during the pandemic. From the RCP, he and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty have been actively working in a committee of the three partners (TRIFC, RCP and ADSoN) to manage the project with the implementing partner Shijan Organics Pvt. Ltd. Rtn. Pandey also presented the highlights of the first quarter progress report submitted by the implementing partner.
6. Cycle Rally on International Women's Day (March 8) being jointly organized by Lalitpur Metropolis, RCP, Rotaract Club of Patan, and Cycle Society: The Board reviewed the plans and agreed to sponsor this important public image activity with a budget of up to NRs. 50,000 while deciding not to cover the bicycles' cost. Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Mahendra S. Rawal were requested to be the focal points to liaise with the partners in its organization.

It was noted that Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal is already representing the Lalitpur Metropolis. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi mentioned that, upon receipt of a request from the organizers, Nepal Heart Foundation will be willing to partner if heart related messages are also promoted.

7. The 8th Board Meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang on Saturday, 5th March 2022 from 11:30-12:30 hrs. If the pandemic does not permit physical meeting, Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi (in USA) will be requested to host it virtually.
8. Vice President and Joint Treasurer, Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club as of January 2022 with a review of the income and expenditure statements. The reports included all funds managed by the RCP. The Board also approved to have a mobile phone sim in the name of Rtn. Preeti Khemka for easy access to QR code and confirmation of all contributions deposited into the RCP's Citizens Bank Account.
9. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed on the plans to have a talk programme on peace and conflict resolution, and classification talks by RCP members.
10. Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary was pleased to host this RCP Board meeting virtually while in the USA and pledged to contribute NRs. 35,000 to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary for hosting the virtual Board meeting and appreciated his contribution to the PEEF Trust Fund.