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Today's Programme: Joint Meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan with talk programme by Dr. Huma Bokkxim on "Creating informed consumers on Food"

Forthcoming Programme:

20 Mar. - Classification Talk by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka

27 Mar. - About Rotary: Q/A and discussion

3 Apr. - Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: NIL

Wedding Anniversaries: NIL

Minutes of Meetings No.1549

Date: 23 Falgun 2073 / 6 March 2017

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting no. 1549 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: All the Inner Wheels and spouses of RCP Members; IW Rajya Laxmi Bajracharya
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Bijaya Bajracharya & Ramesh Maskay – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba).
 - Rtns. Shiva Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtn. Siba & Mrs. Mithila Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' and for being the Co-Chair of 5th USA Nepal Humanitarian Awards function (NRs. 700).
 - Rtns. Nirmal Pradhanang – for '40th Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for a successful heart camp with Nepal Heart Foundation and Rotary Club of Dhading in Dhading, and for good appreciation on today's Radio Sagarmatha interview on RHD (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha – for a successful veterinary conference at Himalaya Hotel.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for new controls on alcoholic products sale/advertisement (NRs. 1,100).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for having 25 members' attendance in today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha & Bijaya Mallapaty – for having the USA Nepal Humanitarian Awards function.
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi handed over a cheque of NRs. 27,250 (equivalent to US \$250.00) for the earlier pledged contribution to a PHF Pin through the RCP.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - A well-managed 5th USA-Nepal Humanitarian Award Ceremony was held on 4 March 2017 wherein the RCP was very well represented, and cited for the success of its flagship 'PEEF' programme.
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha informed about the large scale 'Bagmati Cleaning Campaign' being held on Saturday, 11 March 2017 from 7 a.m. along the Bagmati river routes. Interested RCP members were encouraged to join at Kopundole point (below the main Bagmati bridge joining Patan to Kathmandu) at around 7 a.m.
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty shared a 'one pager' summarizing all the RCP Grant Projects – both approved and under preparation with summary information on funding, contacts, and status. This is also being shared electronically.
 - Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on the RCP family picnic scheduled for Saturday, 18 March 2017 to at Godavari Resort at around 10.00 a.m. with planned return by 4 p.m. Since this day picnic has been organized to have maximum participation, everyone was requested to make an effort to join.
 - A monitoring trip to Mirge, Dolakha sometime next week is being planned by the Primary Contact of our Global Grant Project, Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang. He is looking for a couple of additional members to join on this trip. Interested members are encouraged to contact him.
7. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty appealed to all to consider making contributions to the Club Fund, including through the purchase of PHF Pins offered by the Club.

8. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – RC of Larnaca, Cyprus; Chartered: 1953; & Members: 75. District: 2450, Clubs: 142, & Members: 4499.
9. Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi presented four communication video spots (versions of 15, 30, 60 or 90 seconds) of RCP's Global Grant, supporting Primary Prevention of Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) in children, produced for publicity in TV and other media channels nationally and internationally.
10. Please see below for a summary of today's business meeting.
11. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 8,000 (NRs. 3,000 for attendance and NRs. 5,000 for sunshine funds, including a top-up of NRs. 150 by the President); attendance: 5 Inner Wheels, 25 members, and 7 make-ups.

Rotary Q/A presented by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan

- Q.** What is 'PETS'?
- A.** Presidents Elect Training Seminar
- Q.** Who was the Charter President of the first Rotary Club in Nepal?
- A.** General Kiran Shumsher

8th Board Meeting of the RCP held on 3 March 2017

Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the following minutes/decisions of the 8th Board Meeting hosted jointly by Rtns. Piyush Bajracharya and Mahendra Thapa, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

1. E-mail decision of 22 Feb. 2017 to contribute NRs. 5,000 to the Rotaract club of Patan for a joint 'heart awareness programme' on 25 Feb. 2017 supported by Nepal Heart Foundation & Heart Club Nepal was noted.
2. It was agreed to add two additional secondary contacts to GG 1640569 (Providing Drinking Water to Earthquake Affected Communities). Rtns. Jeevan K. Shrestha and Mahendra S. Rawal were named in agreement with them.
3. Decisions of the 6th Board Meeting were reviewed.
4. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the financial status of the Club as of 28 February together with a summary report. As RCP's current fixed deposits are at a very low rates (ranging from 4 to 6.25%), he was requested to review the current interest rates offered by different banks to try to get better rates for the existing and/or expiring fixed deposits in the next two weeks.
5. Mrs. Munu Rajkarnikar contributed NRs. 100,000 for two KEEA in the name of late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai. Given the usefulness of KEEA for the advocacy of PEEF programme, it was agreed to give a value of NRs. 8,000 to the awardees in perpetuity in view of the above contribution. It was also agreed not to increase the current number of 10 awardees. The KEEA committee is requested to propose revised distribution of amounts to take into account the above additional contribution.
6. RCP has received the information that District Governor Nominee will be elected. While the process is being received from the District, it was agreed that RCP will have the selection process by secret balloting in the House.
7. Update was made on the plans for the RCP Family picnic on Saturday, 18 March. Further details will be provided by Fellowship Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha.
8. Request of Udaya Kharka School for material support was reviewed. It was agreed that the RCP should not support this kind of unsolicited ad hoc requests.
9. Hosts for the next Board Meetings are as follows:
 - 9th Board Meeting – Host Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi at 5:30 p.m. on Friday 31 March 2017;
 - 10th Board Meeting – Host Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary
 - 11th Board Meeting – Host Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang
 - 12th Board Meeting – Joint hosts President and President Elect
10. From the donations-in-kind of medical supplies and equipment in a container for the Kirtipur Hospital received from Hospital without Borders in Belgium through our Rotarian contacts there, 10 Hospital Kits and 5 Dispensary Kits are being provided to the NOH.
11. On behalf of the Board Members and the invited spouses and guests, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Piyush Bajracharya and Mahendra Thapa for hosting the Board Meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner.