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RI District 3292

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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting with discussion on 'Significance of Birthday celebrations and fellowships' followed by Birthday Fellowship of RCP members (Group 1)</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1814

Date: 2 Shrawan 2079 / 18 July 2022

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the regular weekly meeting number 1814 to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaracts Puja Bhujel, Rashik Adhikari, Sugat Shakya and Sandhya Chaulagain from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy news' Contributions:
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for the successful ceremonies of grandson's 'Bratabandha' and granddaughter's 'Coming of Age', no longer requiring oxygen by Rtn. Matsyendra ji, and for the wedding anniversary (ha.ba.) (NRs. 4,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for granddaughters Mala's and Bala's birthday and 'Bel Bibah' (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for the reopening of his son's restaurant 'Wok & Roll' with a pub (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for sharing of her TV interview and success in learning swimming (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan – for the participation in today's meeting of Rtns. Kayastha after some time (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – for Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha coming off the oxygen (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for successful PEEF distribution at Dukuchaap and Udaya Kharka schools with Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha where both of them provided additional one-time support to three needy students (NRs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Shanta K. Shrestha – for 'Bhagvat Saptaha' TV programme on Deep TV mentioned earlier (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on the forthcoming Birthday Fellowship of Group 1 of the RCP. This is being held at Alice Conference on Monday, 25 July 2022 immediately after the regular weekly meeting, at 7 p.m. He requested for maximum participation. In view of the savings in the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund, a minimal participation fee of NRs. 1,000 per person (for couples NRs. 1,500) will be required.
 - PEEF: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty mentioned that the 10th grade examination results are not yet out but expected any day. Therefore, distribution coordinators should contact the Headmaster of the school to confirm before going to the schools. We may need to go twice to cover grades 11 and 12 after the 10th grade results are out and 11th grade admission have started. Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty also added to ensure obtaining the results of grades nine and eleven on the distribution sheets as these are required to determine Kamalmani Education Excellence Awards (KEEA) and Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht suggested participation of Rotaracts in the RCP activities such as briefing session at PEEF supported schools and other service project activities.
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya suggested sponsors of new members to mentor them on a regular basis to encourage their attendance. He also suggested to review possible recognition awards for good attendance as was done some time back for 100% attendees to the regular weekly meetings.
6. RI President's Initiative with the 'Caring Club' video and related discussions: Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht moderated this session following Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's showing of two video spots of RI President Jennifer Jones on her theme of 'Caring Club'. Rtn. Bisht further clarified the priorities of 'DEI' (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), championed by the RI President, and need of its practice in all clubs. Several members including a Rotaract spoke on these themes and how these are relevant for the betterment of Rotary and the clubs. Please see next page for more on the RI President's Theme for 2022-2023.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – Rotary Club of Ulsan-west, South Korea; Chartered: 1983; and members: 58. District: 3720, Clubs: 102 & members 4204. He also gave a briefing on the city and about the club.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 11,500 (NRs. 9,500 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 2,000 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 4 Rotaracts, 20 members, and 7 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha

- Q. When (Month & Year) did RI announce that it was forming a separate District for Nepal? A. March 2006
Q. John Hewko is the SG of RI. Name the 1st Secretary of RI. A. Chesley Reynolds Perry from 1910-1942
Q. Name the main reference book for Rotary Leaders. A. Manual of Procedures (MOP)

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones' Initiatives Overview



Rotary International President Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and make the most of their club experiences. During her year, Jones will focus on four presidential initiatives that Imagine Rotary: advancing our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); creating a welcoming club experience; empowering girls; and expanding our reach.

Imagine: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Diversity is one of Rotary's longstanding core values and greatest strengths. Jones knows there is more to be done to ensure that Rotary's culture exemplifies our values of [diversity, equity, and inclusion \(DEI\)](#). Rotary, with input and guidance from the [DEI Task Force](#), has strengthened our commitment to DEI, resulting in a greater focus on celebrating every individual's contributions, advancing equity, and creating a more welcoming and inclusive culture. President Jennifer Jones encourages each of us to do our part to ensure Rotary is a welcoming and inclusive community by:

1. Learning more about DEI in Rotary, including understanding [definitions](#) and how to celebrate and respect our differences.
2. Determining why DEI matters to our club and community and how using DEI principles can help our club grow and become stronger.
3. Raising awareness of DEI, including creating a DEI committee in your club that reflects the demographics of your community.
4. Taking action on DEI in our club and community for instance educating yourself about underrepresented groups in your community in order to become a more knowledgeable and effective advocate for DEI.

Imagine a welcoming club experience: Comfort and Care

Rotary has an important role to play to ensure that the club environment and experience is welcoming, inclusive, and enjoyable for all members and participants. Surveys show that comfort and care is the single greatest driver of satisfaction and our most powerful tool for retention. This begins with listening to and understanding what members and participants want out of their Rotary involvement. We often speak of the importance of "exit interviews" to better understand why former members leave. But why wait for them to leave? Jones urges club leaders to incorporate "entrance interviews" as well to understand the needs and expectations of new members at the outset. And of course, be sure to regularly survey all existing members, to ensure they have an opportunity to share thoughts about their membership experience.