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RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Classification talk of Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1821

Date: 20 Bhadra 2079 / 5 September 2022

- President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP Meeting No.1821 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the President: Dr. Surendra Tamang, Laliguras Hospital, Mirge, Mr. Sunil Gupta, Inner Wheels Meera Tamrakar and Shobha Maskay, and Rotaract Club of Patan President Sandip Chhetri and Rtr. Puja Poudel.
- The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- 'Happy News' contributions:
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for the successful club visit of the DG and the RCP's Charter Day (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Khadak S Bisht – for attending the District strategic planning meeting (NRs. 500), and Charter Day entertainment (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for DG's official club visit and special honour by Sinchahiti Cooperatives and Shanti Bidhya Madhyamic school (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for granddaughter's 'Pasni' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for very good presence of PDGs during the DG's official club visit (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for a successful DG's official club visit (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the above, and presence of Dr. Surendra Tamang today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for attending South Asia Rally in Bangladesh, and the presence of IW members during DG's official club visit (NRs. 500).
- Other Contributions: Please see separate e-mail & viber message for the pledged to the Pakistan Emergency.
- Rotary Information:
 - As reviewed by the Board, it was noted that the DG's official club visit and the Charter Day was successful.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya briefed about the RNLM's ICM event 'SPARK' being held on 23 September 2022 as shared by the District's e-mail with all. RNLM has a goal to make Nepal 100% literate for a peaceful, developed, and prosperous Nepal through a decentralized approach. RI Director Elect Rtn. Aniruddha R. Chowdhury, Secretary General of Rotary India Literacy Mission will be gracing the event. Rtn. Chowdhury was the last DG of RID 3290 (of which Nepal was a part until 30 June 2008). He requested at least the President, President Elect and RNLM/TEACH chair from the RCP to attend this event. Participation fee is NRs. 2,500, and he also requested for a sponsorship by the RCP with a contribution of NRs. 10,000.
 - President of Rotaract Club of Patan briefed on the 'Blood Donation' programme being organized jointly by the Rotaract club of Patan and IW Club of Patan. He requested all the RCP members to participate in the event. Details with date/time to follow.
 - Following the Rota Quiz, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa made some suggestions to make it more interesting and ask experienced members to add to the questions.
 - Rtn Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the background of the RCP's Global Grant Project in Mirge and about our international partner Prof. Chris O'Brien from U.K., who is visiting Kathmandu on 4 November 2022.
- Salutation: By Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – Rotary Club of Dortmund, Germany; Chartered: 1954; and members: 81. District: 1900, Clubs: 77, and members: 4086.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 7,650 (NRs. 5,650 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 2,000 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 2 guests, 18 members, 2 Rotaracts, 2 IW/Spouses, and 8 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa

- Q.** What is the 'Rotary Award of Honour' and when was it established?
A. The Rotary Award of Honour was established by Rotary International in 1990 to be given to heads of state and other dignitaries who have made a significant contribution to international understanding and goodwill.
- Q.** What Rotary recognition did HRH Prince Charles receive in June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda?
A. The 'Rotary Award of Honour' for his longstanding focus on nature-based solutions to address the climate crisis.
- Q.** Which Rotary Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Patan in 1985?
A. The Rotary Club of Kathmandu.

2nd Board Meeting of RY 2022-23 held on 3 September 2022

Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting, hosted by Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on 3 September 2022 at Bakery Café, Pulchowk, with the participation of 13 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting, which are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 1st Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. Review of DG's club visit, 4th Club Assembly, and Charter Day: Everything went smoothly, and the RCP had another excellent Charter Day. DG's comments/suggestions were noted (Lalitdhara 1474 has details).
3. Lalitdhara Souvenir was excellent, thanks to the Editorial Committee with Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang as its coordinator. For the future, it was noted that the Annual Report was lengthy and for programmes which have separate articles a brief summary would suffice. It was also suggested to add 'PHF status' in the members list.
4. Board noted that PEEF scholarship support distribution is currently ongoing.
5. Club Registration has been completed at the Tax Office and Lalitpur Municipality by Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Bijaya Mallapaty. For the last step at the CDO Office, the RCP is planning to have its AGM, after which it would be completed. With the support of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, the RCP obtained a certificate from Lalitpur Ward No. 3 office that an office room provided by him for the RCP is free of rent. This has waived the mandatory rent tax of NRs. 3,600 paid annually to the Lalitpur Municipality.
6. The Board agreed to use the RCP's accumulated points for the PHF Pins recently pledged by five members of the RCP totalling US \$1,500. This discounted contribution by members will be credited equally to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund and KPAD Fund, subject to agreement of individual members.
7. Board approved to proceed with the preparation of a Global Grant for Echocardiography Screening for Diagnosis of Rheumatic heart disease (RHD) by using trained nurses and simple echocardiography device. The project budget is tentatively estimated to be US \$40,000. Proposed international sponsors are a Rotary Club and NGO 'Gift of Life' in New Jersey, USA. DDF funds from our district are also sought. From the RCP, a contribution of US \$500 was agreed. In addition, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal pledged to contribute US \$100 and from Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi's earlier pledge to TRF, US \$900 would go to this GG. Therefore, there would already be a commitment of US \$1,500 from the RCP. Board also named Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi as the Primary Contact for this project with Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty, Mahendra S. Rawal, and Preeti Khemka as secondary contacts.
8. Concept Note for a sister club relationship - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa briefed on the preparation of this document, which will be shared with Board members for finalization by the next Board meeting.
9. TEACH/RNLM – Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the need and difficulties faced to move ahead with the activities in the three adopted schools. Board suggested to have a small group including Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal, Mahendra B. Thapa, Khadak S. Bisht and Ganga R. Gautam to review and come-up with suggestions.
10. District is organizing an ICM on Waste Management on 10 September 2022 wherein Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan will also be a speaker. Board agreed to sponsor this event with NRs. 10,000.
11. It was agreed to continue with the modality of weekly meetings for the time being.
12. President Nominee and Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club with details of income and expenditures as of end August 2022. Board advised prudence in administrative/contingency expenses given the limited budget.

Board approved separate QR codes for the following RCP bank accounts with Citizen Bank, Gwarko: A/C No. 05801000008201, A/C No. 0580100000839201 (Sunshine), & Ac No. 0580100000837201 (Club Service Fund).
13. Next Board meeting host is Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi and for the following it was suggested to have Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha to host.
14. World Heart Day – This annual event will be held on Thursday, 29 September 2022 with external sponsorship through Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. Because of this, there will be no regular weekly meeting on Monday, 26 September 2022.
15. Pakistan Disaster – Due to the current disaster in Pakistan, the Board agreed to have a token support from the RCP with at least around US \$3,000. The RCP will contribute NRs. 50,000 with the rest being sought from members as voluntary contributions. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty will communicate more details on this.
16. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and, on behalf of all present, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner to the entire RCP family. On behalf of the hosts, Rtn. Preeti Khemka acknowledged and appreciated the opportunity to host this Board meeting with fellowship with all.