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Editor's Note: *The Covid-19 pandemic continued to affect us throughout this Rotary Year. Only from March 2022, we started to have some physical meetings and fellowships. Despite the pandemic, the RCP managed to have outstanding level of service to the community including in Sri Lanka. This will be my 11th consecutive year as the editor since I took over from late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit in 2012. I have been ably supported by Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, whenever needed. The weekly Lalitdhara is a permanent record of the RCP activities while bringing the RCP family closer through regular information sharing. Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha and I continue to seek volunteers to succeed us. In the meantime, we very much appreciate the encouragement and support of the entire RCP family and look forward to the New Year with the RI Presidential Theme of 'Imagine Rotary.'*

Today's Programme:

Installation of RY 2022-2023 Team and Business Meeting

Forthcoming Programmes:

11 July – 2nd Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2022-2023

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha-7 July

Minutes of Meeting No. 1811

Date: 13 Asadh 2079 / 27 June 2022

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1811 to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Krishna B, Bohara from Jyoti Development Bank, and Rotaracts Hricha Aryal & Peshal Bhattarai from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
 - Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany and France (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the engagement of his daughter Bibhuti (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500), Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Lochan Gyawali (NRs. 500), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), – for the successful tenure of the Rotary Year 2021-2022 of President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for special recognition by the DG during the District Award ceremony and for the above (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for the successful Past Presidents' fellowship on 26 June 2022 (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the completion of RY 2021-2022 with the support of all the RCP family (NRs. 500). Please also see under 'Other Contributions' below.
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang contributed NRs. 1,850 to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund for participating in the board meeting of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa pledged to contribute NRs. 25,000 to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund in appreciation of all the support received from the RCP members during his presidency of Rotary Year 2021-2022.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan:
 - Requested all members of the RCP, with spouses, to join the fellowship dinner at 7 p.m. following the joint board meeting being held on 2 July 2022 at Bakery Café, Pulchowk.
 - Reminded on the District Governor's installation ceremony being held at Soaltee Hotel on 1 July 2022 and requested all interested members to join (details on email).
 - Briefed on his participation together with President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya in the Charter Day ceremony of RC Bhaktapur.

- Rotaract Richa Aryal, Professional Development Director of the Rotaract Club of Patan, shared the invitation card and requested all the RCP members to join the Rotaract Club of Patan's Charter Day and installation ceremony of RY 2022-2023 team on 30 June 2022 at 4 p.m.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Preeti Khemka – Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda; Chartered: 1988; and members: 32. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, & members 3981.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha summarized: contributions of NRs. 9,600 (NRs. 7,500 to the Sunshine Fund, and NRs. 2,100 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 2 Rotaracts, 1 guest, and 21 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty

- Q. Who will be the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustee Chair 2022-23? A. PRIP Ian H.S. Riseley.
- Q. How many Rotary International Conventions have been held in Houston? A. Three – In 2022, 1972 & 1914.
- Q. During the RCP meeting of 23.05.2022, what amount was pledged to the RCP's KPAD? A. NRs. 2,176,000

Summary of the Rotary Year 2021-2022 by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa

President's summary of the RY 2020-2021: President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa gave a comprehensive summary with a power-point presentation of the key events and major activities of RY 2020-2021. He made his presentation starting with an outline of the setting using different sketches, symbols, and pictures in an interesting and humoristic manner.

His presentation included all the points covered in the last club assembly by the club committee chairpersons/directors. He further elaborated the situation with a SWOT analysis outlining the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges that the RCP faces. These will be very useful for the new team of Rotary Year 2022-2023 to build upon.

Despite Covid-19 pandemic, the RCP was able to achieve a lot as demonstrated from the club's activities in the various avenues of service including support in Sri Lanka through Rotary there.

President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa appreciated the active support of the Past Presidents, which in RCP outnumbers members who have not yet become presidents, and all the members of the club. He thanked all the 44 members for their contribution and support one way or another during his entire presidency. Instead of acknowledging individuals with token awards, he made a financial contribution to the RCP's flagship programme of PEEF as mentioned under 'Other Contributions' above.

On behalf of the RCP, Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, PDG Tirtha M. Sakya and Ganesh R. Shrestha made some comments and thanked President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa for his successful leadership of the club during the Rotary Year 2021-2022 and for leaving a lot of good advice to continue in the future. Despite the pandemic, the RCP was able to maintain the RCP's high standards in all aspects of its work.

Rotary Information: Rotary International President for 2022-2023 Jennifer E. Jones comes from Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada.

Her Presidential initiatives 2022-23 are as follows:

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.

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