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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Birthdays:</u></p> <p>Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov. Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan – 5 Nov.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1827

Date: 14 Kartik 2079 / 31 October 2022

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP Meeting No.1827 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Nirjala Gyawali, ADSoN; Mr. Sunil Gupta; Rtn. Madhu Gadde, RC Arlington, Seattle, USA; and Mr. Dinesh Shrestha, Guest Speaker from FNCCI.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs.1,000), and for the Khemkas' Ayodhya/Benaras visit (NRs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for 'Happy Tihar' with sister (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for 'Happy Tihar' with family/children (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for 'Happy Tihar' with family members visiting from the USA (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for Lalitdhara ads. of NRs. 40,000 and having today's guest speaker (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for a successful Langtang, Gosaikunda, and Suryakunda trek for 11 days at his age of 77 (NRs. 1000).
 - Ms. Madhu Gadde – for being happy with participating in today's meeting (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Landing' from Austria and Germany (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya - for attending the meeting after a gap, and for having today's guest speaker (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha handed over to the Club President a cheque of Rs. 50,000 as his annual contribution (for the year 2022-23) to the KPAD Fund.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey confirmed the payment of his contribution of US \$10,000, as pledged earlier, to The Rotary Foundation for Major Donor Level II.
6. Rotary Information:
 - Four wheelchairs have been received by the RCP from the District following the handover ceremony in the presence of over 70 Rotarians from Taiwan. These will be given to people with disability based on the recommendation of the RCP's KPAD committee.
 - Rtn. Madhu Gadde from RC Arlington briefed on RC Arlington, Seattle, USA, and their social support programmes.
7. Today's main programme: Mr. Dinesh Shrestha, Guest Speaker from FNCCI was introduced by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya. He is the Vice President (Industry) of the FNCCI of Nepal responsible for industry and commerce development areas.

Mr. Shrestha talked about current government policies and the role of FNCCI. He flagged the issues related to control of businesses in Nepal unlike in other developed countries.

Mr. Shrestha also talked about the difficulties associated with remote and semi-urban areas in Nepal. On the investment area, he noted that registration fee is too high with tax rates being the highest in South Asia. He also briefed on the current mechanisms of bank loan, interest rates, wages for the industry in Nepal including the current liquidity crisis. At times, imported raw materials are more expensive than readymade goods, which discourages the industry. Also, VAT is increasing and the collateral requirement for bank loans in Nepal are very high. Other difficulties faced by the industry are the current environment of high inflation and extremely high interest rates.

On behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Mr. Dinesh Shrestha for his presentation and following a Q/A session, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan concluded the interesting session.

8. Salutation: By Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – Rotary Club of Famagusta, Cyprus; Chartered: 1954; & Members: 40. District: 2450, Clubs: 142; & Members: 4499. He also gave the highlights of the country and the club.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 8,900 (NRs. 7,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,900 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1 visiting Rotarian, 3 guest, 16 members and 9 make-ups.

Following the meeting on this 5th Monday of the month, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha and President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan sponsored a fellowship entertainment programme.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya

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| Q. Who are the 6 Global Polio Eradication Initiative Partners?
for Disease Control (CDC), GAVI – the Vaccine Alliance, and the Gates Foundation. | A. Rotary, WHO, UNICEF, US Centres |
| Q. What was the first Global Grant of the RCP about?
Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease. | A. Primary Prevention of Acute |
| Q. Name the high-level official who will visit district 3292 in December 2022. | A. RI President Jennifer Jones |



RI President Jennifer Jones, President 2022-23: November 2022 message

Being asked to Imagine Rotary can seem like a big, heady exercise, but the most important element of it is something quite small, even personal. Not too long ago, Rotary members were expected to perform our acts of service quietly. I understood and appreciated the thought behind that — humility is a wonderful trait, and we should continue to nurture it in other ways.

But keeping Rotary to ourselves has a cost, and by sharing our Rotary moments, we are being generous with others and giving them an opportunity to understand the impact of Rotary. It brings to mind that wonderful aphorism: “People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.”

So how do we make people feel Rotary? The best way is to share our Rotary moments. We have all had them — when the ordinary collides with intention to create something extraordinary. Some people have those Rotary moments the first time they go to a meeting. For others, it can take years, before seeing the joy in the eyes of someone we serve. Or perhaps in hearing from another member something that hit close to home.

As Nick and I share this journey, we are amazed at the work you are performing and the lives that are transforming. Throughout the year, I’m going to share with you the sights and the stories that made those tours meaningful for us. I hope you can do the same in your corner of Rotary. It can be something you share in meetings or on social media. For the most savvy and ambitious, it could be an event you publicize with local media. Even sharing your stories with friends has impact. We need ambassadors for Rotary’s message and our dreams for a better world. The best ambassadors are you. The more you share stories — and share them from the heart — the more you encourage others to partner with us, to join us, and to stay.

To give you just one small example, in the months ahead, I will be turning over this column to Rotary members who will share their personal stories as they relate to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization. It’s important that we hear these stories directly from the people who experienced them as a way of feeling the importance of DEI for the future of Rotary. In everything we do, what people feel about Rotary will shape our future. I can only imagine what you will inspire through the stories you’ll tell.