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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting with sharing of experience by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Shiv P. Khemka - 12 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversary:</u> Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam & Madhavi Ghimire - 10 Feb. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. & Nani S. Sakya - 14 Feb. Rtn. Kedar B. & Shanta Shrestha – 15 Feb. Rtn. Kamal B. & Sulochana Nyachhyon - 15 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1840

Date: 23 Magh 2079 / 6 February 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1840 (on Zoom) to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for 'Happy Landing' from a family holiday in Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for successfully completing advance IRS training on US taxes and volunteering to teach neighbourhood friends, and father's happy visit to the USA (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for conducting the zoom meeting for the first time today (NRs. 200).
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for forthcoming 'Happy Birthday' on the 13th in advance (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha updated on the progress for the implementation of this year's anti-rabies vaccination programme. This will be finalised shortly in a meeting of the sub-committee on animal welfare for public health. The sub-committee will determine the sites as well as the details of the programme including fund-raising and possible spaying (birth control of dogs).
 - Entertainment Programme: As an extension of the 5th Monday entertainment programme of last week, those who could not participate last time were given the opportunity to speak for a few minutes each. Taking advantage of the zoom facility Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Padam L. Maharjan, and Lila B. Baniya entertained the audience with some jokes and interesting information from abroad.
 - President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan informed about the forthcoming golden jubilee wedding anniversary of Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha. Advance information was given to RCP members on his planned invitation on 19 February 2023 at Himalaya Hotel at 18:00 hrs.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha - Rotary Club of Georgetown, Guyana; Chartered: 1959; & Members: 62. District: 7030, Clubs: 69, & Members: 2026. She also gave some highlights on the country.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting, by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 2,700 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 18 members & 14 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya

- Q. Who was the PRIP that attended the inauguration of RI District 3292 in 2008? A. PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
- Q. Which was the first 3H Grant project of Nepal? A. Bhaktapur Cancer Care Centre
- Q: Who was the first major donor to RI from Nepal clubs? A. Rtn. Temas Manekshaw

7th Board Meeting of RY 2022-2023 held on 4 February 2023

Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht from 11:30 to 12:30 on 4 February 2023 at Alice Conference, Lalitpur, with the participation of 13 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, which are listed below.

On agenda item 7, two points were noted: (i) Dress for Mirge school children, interested members may volunteer to contribute following Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang's interest to contribute, and (ii) The RCP should also have some budget for unplanned/emergency type of activities.

1. The minutes of the 6th Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. Board approved to contribute an amount of NRs. 10,000 to the Rotaract Club of Patan for the successful 'Slam Poetry' competition they hosted on 28 January 2023.
3. The Board decided to request the Rotaract Club of Patan to complete their club registration/renewal process as also required by the District.
4. TEACH programme – The Board agreed to support the logistics costs required for the Teacher Training programme on school leadership and a Quiz Contest of students being held in the RCP supported schools.
5. The Board agreed, in principle, to support an activity on 'International Women's Day – 8 March' in collaboration with Lalitpur Metropolis to enhance Rotary Image as done in the past. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal with the support of Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka was requested to be the focal point for this activity and propose details of the activity together with estimated budget.
6. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end January 2023 shared electronically. It was noted that the RI invoice for the second half of this Rotary Year has not yet been paid. The Board requested the President/Secretary to settle this immediately.
7. Other support requests: The RCP has received several requests for support – (i) Dress for school children in Laligurans school in Mirge, (ii) Support for desks and benches by Lubhu school, (iii) Support for Lele school with boards, and (iv) Sponsorship for Bright Star Society's activity for the blinds. The Board reviewed all these requests and decided not to sponsor these ad hoc requests and noted that the RCP should rather concentrate on sustainable activities where the RCP has already been actively collaborating. The Board suggested to take these kinds of ad hoc requests into account during the preparation of next year's budget for advance planning. In this context, the Board also suggested to request the Rotaract Club of Patan to submit their planned activities in advance so that these could be reviewed for the allocation of the RCP's budget for the next Rotary Year.
8. Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa updated on the sister club plan, which is being shared electronically with details of planned activities for one year.
9. The Board noted tentative dates for Teacher Training/KEEA/Graduate Studies programme on 20 February and Vocational Awards on 27 February 2023.
10. Hosts of next Board meetings:
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – 8th Board meeting on Friday, 3 March 2023 at 17:30 hrs.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha 9th Board meeting.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey 10th Board meeting.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi 11th Board meeting.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal 12th Joint Board meeting.
11. On behalf of all present, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan initiated and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and spouse Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship lunch. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi added his words of appreciation and thanks as the hosts also took the opportunity to thank all for the enjoyable participation.