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Today's Programme:

Talk programme by Ms. Sandhya Regmi on the topics: 'Measures of mitigation of Environment Pollution'.

Congratulatory Events

Birthday & Wedding Anniversary: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1844

Date: 22 Falgun 2079 / 6 March 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1844 (on Zoom) to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Sandhya Regmi, sister of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. Ms. Regmi introduced herself as an electrical engineer with some 20 years of professional experience in infrastructure development, environment and project management in Nepal and abroad. She is also a PhD research scholar on environmental pollution mitigation.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Shiva K. and Tika Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. and Bijaya Pradhanang – for 46th 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (See Other Contributions below).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. and Shova Maskay, Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary, and Rtn. Nabin B. and Sunita Maharjan - for 'Happy Wedding Anniversaries' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for celebrating 'Holi' with his mother & the participation of today's guest (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for his 'Golf' trip with Rotary fellows to Assam (NRs. 1,000).
 - Ms. Sandhya Regmi – for her participation in today's RCP meeting (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang contributed NRs. 4,600 to the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund on the occasion of their 46th 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced a contribution by former Rotarian Chandra S. Gyawali of NRs. 100,000 to the RCP's PEEF programme (NRs. 67,360 to the Trust Fund and NRs. 32,640 to the Programme Fund).
6. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on a planned health camp with Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital doctors to Mirge Community Hospital supported by the RCP. He requested interested RCP members to join on this trip (On Microbus) from 10 to 12 March 2023 with confirmation to him.
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the programmes on 'International Women's Day – 8 March', which is also sponsored by the RCP in collaboration with Lalitpur Municipality, Rotaract Club of Patan, and several other partners. She requested the RCP family to join at 7.30 a.m. at Jawalakhel. Further details of the programme will be shared via Viber.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on his fellowship trip with Rotary's group of golfing Rotarians of South Asia in Digboi Assam, India, which was participated by three Rotarians from Nepal.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty - Rotary Club of Dublin, California, USA; Chartered: 1971; & Members: 50. District: 5170, Clubs: 56, & Members: 3937.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting, by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 2,500 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 1 guest, 19 members and 10 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht

Q. What is the name of the only Rotary Club in Bhutan and when was it chartered (date, month and year)?

A. Rotary Club of Thimpu, chartered on 24 April 2012.

Q. Name the Rotarian who was club President when he was Finance Minister? Which Club did he belong to?

A. Rtn. Madhukar SJB Rana, RC Jawalakhel.

Q: Who was the Chartered President of the First Rotary Club in Nepal? A. General Kiran Samsher Rana.

8th Board Meeting of RY 2022-2023 held on 3 March 2023

Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 8th Board meeting, hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 3 March 2023 at Yala Maya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur, with the participation of all 15 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 8th Board meeting, which are listed below.

1. The minutes of the 7th Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. Board noted a very successful completion of the KEEA and GSSA programmes, especially with the presence of all the RCP's PEEF supported school headmasters for leadership training just preceding the awards programmes.
3. For the GSSA programme, the Board agreed to have three categories for possible sponsoring by the RCP members following the agreed policy on GSSA:
 - (i) Perpetual sponsoring of one student every year to reach 6 students per year in six years at a one-time advance payment of NRs. 222,000 and annual payment of NRs. 65,000 as done by Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Prakash R. Regmi.
 - (ii) Perpetual sponsoring of one student every year at a one-time advance payment of NRs. 300,000.
 - (iii) Sponsorship of one student till graduation (up to six years) at a one-time advance payment of NRs. 84,000
4. Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha pledged to sponsor one student perpetually as per point 3 (ii) above with a contribution of NRs. 300,000 in the name of Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya Shrestha.
5. Board noted another very successful programme on Vocational Service Awards this year with plans to open the awards to all focus areas of Rotary with the participation of all from the RCP. In this regard, the Board requested the Vocational Awards Committee to come up with detailed recommendations for this programme from next year.
6. The Board approved additional costs of about NRs. 60,000 on the Vocational Service Awards function to be borne from the RCP's Club Service Funds interest income.
7. International Women's Day programme: The Board approved an allocation of NRs. 50,000 for this programme to enhance Rotary's image. Funds will be provided through the Rotaract Club of Patan for this programme being held in collaboration with Lalitpur Municipality and other partners. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal will be sharing the details of the programme that include a walk, cycle rally, fair and other activities. Members may also donate bicycles for women attending the ongoing bicycle training.
8. As per District's request, the Board approved to contribute NRs. 15,000 to join as a co-host of this year's District Conference being held during 17-18 March 2023. Maximum participation from the RCP was suggested.
9. WASH programme review: The Board noted the RCP's implementing partner Splash Nepal doing an assessment of the current status of the WASH support provided by the RCP to twelve of its PEEF supported schools.
10. RCP Meeting Venue: The Board approved the proposed new meeting venue at Yala Maya Kendra from 13 March 2023 onwards. Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Khadak S. Bisht and Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty had visited the place following contacts with Mr. Kunda Dixit and agreed upon the terms.
11. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end February 2023.
12. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed hosting the 9th Board meeting at his residence on Friday, 31 March 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
13. The Board noted that contributions for the wheelchairs obtained through the District could be made through the RCP's KPAD. The KPAD committee was requested to manage this.
14. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi also added his words of appreciation as the hosts took the opportunity to thank all for the enjoyable participation.