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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Business Meeting of the RCP</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthday:</u> Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – 6 May Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar – 8 May Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – 9 May</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1852

Date: 18 Baisakh 2080 / 1 May 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1852 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Bishnu P. Sigdel, Rtn. Gyan Maharjan, and 3 Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha and Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Birthdays' in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtns. Lalita C. and Kiran Thapa, Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan, and Rtn. Santa K. and Nirmala Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversaries' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Sunil Gupta – for his classification talk today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka – for the above (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'batash ma udyo simmal ko bhuwa' (NRs. 200).
5. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the TEACH committee meeting held with four members from the RCP and one member from the Rotaract Club of Patan. Three issues were discussed – preparation of the planned 'Quiz contest' at schools by the Rotaract Club of Patan, training plan of ECD teachers in PEEF schools with the support of ECD expert Ms. Sarita Khadka, and review of training manual on menstrual hygiene drafted by Ms. Hanna Schwartz. On the draft manual, it was suggested that members, particularly female members, review it for finalisation and continuation of its training at schools.
 - Rtn. Puja Bhujel presented the plans for the Quiz contest to raise awareness about Rotary among schools supported by the RCP. The Quiz contest is planned to be held at Siddhi Mangal School possibly next Friday.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht suggested to create a Viber group of all headmasters and their deputies of the RCP's PEEF supported schools for quick and effective communication.
 - Rtn. Hricha Aryal of Rotaract Club of Patan reported on the tree plantation programme held on 22 April 'World Earth Day' at two schools (Vidya Sadan and Mahendragram schools) in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Patan. For this programme, tree saplings were provided by Green Valley Green Nepal through the initiative of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi and logistics costs were sponsored by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka. The programme was very successful with good participation from the community. The Rotaract Club of Patan's twin club, Rotaract Club of Hinduza College, New Delhi, also simultaneously held a similar programme in India.
 - The District has extended the deadline for proposals from clubs for the revision of District By-laws till 10 May 2023. The RCP plans to review it at its meeting of 8 May 2023. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and Rtn. Pushkar M. Sakya shared some ongoing thinking on suggestions for revisions.

- President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan shared a letter received from 'Nagarik Sewa Guthi', which will be reviewed by the RCP Board.
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha shared his invitation to the RCP family on the occasion of his son's wedding and requested all for the blessings on 9 May 2023 at Alice Receptions, Gairidhara.
 - Rtn. Gyan Maharjan from Rotary Club of Patan East and a world cyclist since 2013, shared his plans to promote Rotary and peace through his cycle tours in many countries of the world including to Australia during the forthcoming Rotary International Convention.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Sandhya Regmi - Rotary Club of Batroun, Lebanon; Chartered: 1985 & Members: 29. District: 2450, Clubs: 142, & Members: 4499.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 3,500 (NRs. 1,700 to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 1,800 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 guest, 3 Rotaracts, 13 members and 12 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya

- Q.** Who was the first District Governor of 3290 from Nepal and in which Rotary year? **A.** Rtn. Temas Manekshaw from RC Kathmandu, in RY 1996-1997.
- Q.** Give the full name of the prestigious Vocational Award established under RID 3292 and when (year) was it established. **A.** Gopal-Kamala Rajbhandari Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence, established on 29 Oct 2010. (Awarded every two years in October with a cash award of Rs 1 million).
- Q:** What is the current number of members of the Council of Governors, RID 3292? **A.** 15

Summary of classification talk by Rtn. Sunil Gupta

Rtn. Sunil Gupta gave his first classification talk to the RCP providing details on his family, profession, and social work. He has been a member of Rotary Club of Patan South for eight years including as its president during 2013-2014. After a break of eight years with Rotary, he re-joined the RCP upon introduction of Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya. His classification in Rotary is 'Business - Imports/Trades'.

He started his presentation with a motivating poem and first briefed about his family with two brother, mother, wife, and twin daughters. His family is currently in the USA with the children studying there. Rtn. Gupta is from Birgunj with education in Darjeeling, Ramaiah College in Bangalore and an MBA from University of Lincoln, U.K. He also did several additional professional diplomas and degrees in the areas of his business and interests.

He has diversified businesses that includes, travel, construction, imports, furniture, block manufacturing for construction industry, and trading of various commodities. His company Mahabir Engineering & Construction Pvt. Ltd. is a 'A' class construction company in Nepal.

Aside from his businesses, he has been a highly active social worker. During his time with Rotary club of Patan South from 2006 to 2013, he did many community level service projects. He is a member of health and ambulance service, founder chair of BPK foundation since 2014, founder chair of Asha Kiran Kendra, Birgunj, since 2015, which runs a day care centre for special children including with autism. He also shared his positive experience with support in the libraries in schools. He has been doing several health camps that also conducts cataract surgeries particularly in remote areas. He also manages an old age home at Matatirtha and had substantially supported post 2010 earthquake victims. He is actively raising awareness of Cerebral Palsy in several schools.

Following a Q/A session, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan thanked Rtn. Sunil Gupta for his extensive social service before concluding his classification talk.