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Date: 15 Jestha 2080 / 29 May 2023

Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting with the RCP's Birthday Fellowship and 5th Monday celebrations

Congratulatory Events

Birthday:

Rtn. Kamala Maharjan – 29 May

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1855

Date: 8 Jestha 2080 / 22 May 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1855 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Bishnu P. Sigdel, Rotaracts Puja Bhujel and Sandhya Chaulagain.'
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 4,000), for 'Happy Landing' from Australia (NRs. 2,000), and previous ha.ba. (BM NRs. 2,000 & GM NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for previous (500), and successful completion of son's marriage (NRs. 2,500).
 - Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000), Piyush B. Bajracharya (NRs. 500), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 1,000), Maheswari Bisht Rawal (NRs. 500), Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500), and Mr. Bishnu P. Sigdel (NRs. 500) – for the RCP's successful handover of ambulance and equipment to the Laliguras Community Hospital in Mirge, Dolakha, heart screening of the community, and an excellent RCP family outing.
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for the above and her husband's birthday (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the above and his wife's birthday celebration during the trip (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal confirmed his pledge to contribute NRs. 10,000 to the KPAD Fund. Please also see next page for the pledges to contribute to the Mirge hospital.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan briefed on the Past Presidents fellowship held on 18 May 2023 hosted by Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha and some of the suggestions made on how to further improve the club. It was also agreed to invite the current President Elect in the next fellowship of the Past Presidents.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the 'International Biodiversity Day' being celebrated worldwide today.
 - Rotaract Puja Bhujel and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on a planned interaction during this month of Youth Service in Rotary among the RCP, the Rotaract Club of Patan and the Interact Club at Pragati School coming Saturday with a programme of Futsal (Indoor game played like football) games. It was also suggested to revive the existing Interact Clubs and establish new ones at the RCP's adopted schools including at an additional school to be adopted.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal reminded on the need to comment on the draft training manual on menstrual hygiene shared by Ms. Hanna Schwartz and suggested Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal to take a lead on this.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty - RC Sintra, Portugal; Chartered: 1979; Members: 32. District: 1960, Clubs: 72, & Members: 1,423. She also showed a video presentation of the interesting sites of Sintra and briefed on key activities of the club.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 19,800 (NRs. 17,500 to the sunshine fund, and NRs. 2,300 to the operational fund of the RCP. Ha.ba. of NRs. 3,000 already recorded earlier), and the meeting attendance of 1 guest, 2 Rotaracts, 16 members and 11 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha

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| Q. What does TRFC stand for? | A. The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies. |
| Q. What does TRFB stand for? | A. The Rotary Foundation Bylaws. |
| Q: Give the full form of COL? | A. Council on Legislation. |

Summary the RCP's handover of ambulance and equipment to Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge, Dolakha combined with the RCP family outing.

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal, and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on the excellent programme of handover of ambulance and equipment to Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge, Dolakha combined with an equally excellent RCP family outing to Jiri, Kalinchowk, Dolakha Bhimeswor and the surrounding areas during 19-21 May 2023. A heart health screening camp was also conducted for the local community. The following key points were noted:

- The Global Grant Project with Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang as Primary Contact and Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka and Gabriele Mallapaty as secondary contacts was very well managed and with this handover of the ambulance and equipment costing close to NRs. 50 Lakhs, will be closed now. The Team was thanked for their excellent work.
- Special thanks were given to Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for his dedication and excellent work on the hand over as well as managing the RCP's family outing that was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants (19 from the RCP family).
- The handover event was well covered by the local (and now national – Gorkhapatra) media and had a very good participation from provincial parliamentarian, local government officials and the community.
- The RCP also appreciated the efforts of international Rotary partners of this project and particularly Prof. Chris O'Brian and his family for being the main movers of this Global Grant project with a total budget of US \$42,850 that started in June 2022.
- Efforts were made to raise awareness of the community on the need to sustain the hospital with increased participation of the community during the handover ceremony.
- On lessons learned, it was noted that the project was undertaken due to a strong interest of the sponsors. Much need to be done to change the perception of the community to own it and make it sustainable as there are also several ambulances in the area (3 in six close rural municipalities).

In this context, need for a strong oversight was recognised to monitor and manage the support provided to the hospital by Rotary for its sustainability. Facilities with a physiotherapy equipment was recognised as much needed during the last health camp done with the support of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital doctors. For this, establishment of a fund of NRs. 500,000 was agreed with the hospital management. The RCP members pledged to contribute NRs. 300,000 (NRs. 100,000 already contributed by Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya) with the condition that the community come up with contributions of NRs. 200,000. The following RCP members pledged to contribute:

Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – NRs. 20,000, Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Maheshwari Bisht – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Ishwar M. Pradhan (from another Rotary club) – NRs. 25,000, and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – NRs. 65,000. Total: NRs. 200,000.

It was agreed that the above is reviewed by the RCP Board to establish an oversight structure.