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Editor's Note: The year saw the easing of Covid-19 pandemic, which allowed regular in-person meetings and fellowships to bring back the RCP family more together. Despite the pandemic, the RCP continued all its service activities demonstrating its commitment and resolve to continue to 'serve' following Rotary's ideals. Not only in the communities of Nepal, but it also helped in the Pakistan flood disaster and around the globe through its District Awards-winning support to the Rotary Foundation's annual and Polio Plus funds.

This will be my 12th consecutive year as the editor of the weekly Lalitdhara since I took over from late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit in 2012. I would like to thank the outgoing Assistant Editor Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha for supporting me since Rotary Year 2014-2015, and for the support of Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht during Rotary Year 2022-2023. I also want to thank the entire RCP family for the encouragement and support and look forward to the new Rotary Year.

Today's Programme:

Installation of Rotary Year 2023-2024 President and Team, and Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthday:

Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – 1 July
Rtn. Keshab H. Mathema – 2 July
Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – 6 July

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Sunil & Anima Gupta – 1 July

Minutes of Meeting No. 1860

Date: 11 Asadh 2080 / 26 June 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1860 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Assistant Governor Rtn. Urvashi Rana, Mr. Bishnu P. Sigdel, Mr. Basant Ale Magar, and 5 Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. and Gunu Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500), Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 500), Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 500), Yagya B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 500), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000), Lila B. Baniya (NRs. 1,000), Ramesh Maskay (NRs. 500), Suraj Pradhan (NRs. 500), Lochan Gyawali (NRs. 500), Jamuna K. Tamrakar (NRs. 500), Ganga R. Gautam (NRs. 500), Pushkar M. Shakya (NRs. 500), Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500), Sunil Gupta (NRs. 500), Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500), Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500), Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 1,000), Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), and Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs.1,000 also for good participation of today) - for the last weekly meeting of the Rotary Year 2022-2023, presence of AG Rtn. Urvashi Rana, and a successful tenure of President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan.
 - Mr. Bishnu P. Sigdel – same as above (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for the last RCP family outing and hospital visit in Mirge (NRs. 500).
 - AG Rtn. Urvashi Rana – for being the Assistant Governor of the RCP (NRs. 1,500),
5. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on the receipt of two honourable awards by the RCP during the District Awards Ceremony of Rotary Year 2022-2023 participated by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and himself from the RCP. The awards – 2nd Runner-up on contributions to The Rotary Foundation, and 1st Runner-up on contributions to PolioPlus brought by him were handed-over to the President.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on Mr. Basant Ale Magar's, former Office Assistant/Accountant of the RCP, very good work with the RCP for the past ten years during 2013 to 2023 and read out the RCP's official 'Certificate of Appreciation'. He also informed about the voluntary contribution of NRs. 76,500 from RCP members as a token of appreciation for his services. President Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan handed over the certificate and cash to Mr. Basant Ale Magar and wished him success in his endeavours on behalf of all the RCP family.

- Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty read a message received from PP Rtn. Ed Engels from RC Tegernsee, District 1843 in Germany sending the RCP family his greetings and eagerness to participate in the RCP meetings upon his return to Nepal sometime in October/November.
 - President Elect Rotaract Richa Aryal of the Rotaract Club of Patan informed about their 26th installation ceremony being held next Saturday at 09:30 a.m. at Buffet Restaurant, Jhamsikhel, and invited all RCP members to join. President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan have been specially invited to participate.
 - President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed about his participation in the Supplementary District Grant Management Seminar held last Friday. He also informed about the RC, Bhaktapur's 20th anniversary with 1000th meeting, which was participated from the RCP by GSR Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary and himself.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Sunil Gupta - RC Macau Central, Macau; Chartered: 1984; & Members: 28. District: 3450, Clubs: 64, & Members: 1,742.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contribution of NRs. 20,250 (NRs. 17,050, including for one phone ring, to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 3,200 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1 guest, 1 Rotarian - Assistant Governor, 5 Rotaracts, 27 members with 6 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar

- Q.** How many members were there as of 1 July 2022 in RID 3292? **A.** 5788.
- Q.** How many female members were there as of 1 July 2022 in RID 3292? **A.** 1086.
- Q.** What is the annual RI membership dues for 2022-23? **A.** For each member 71 USD.

Last Regular Weekly Meeting of Rotary Year 2022-2023

In the last regular weekly meeting of Rotary Year 2022-2023, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan welcomed AG Rtn. Urvashi Rana and invited her to say a few words.

AG Rtn Urvashi Rana mentioned how much she was honoured to be the Assistant Governor of the esteemed club like the Rotary Club of Patan, which in fact is the 'grandfather' club of her club. It was a privilege to be associated with the RCP, which she is committed to continue in the future. The RCP had a great year, and she also learnt a lot during this incredible year of working together. She thanked President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan welcomed President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and appreciated the collaboration with several members of the RCP.

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan thanked and honoured AG Rtn. Urvashi Rana with a 'Token of Appreciation' for her collaboration throughout the Rotary Year 2022-2023. He continued to thank the Board Members of the RCP for RY 2022-2023 and all the members of the RCP with smembers for their support that enabled all the achievements of the RCP. He honoured each member with a special Rotary pin of appreciation for him honouring their contributions during his tenure as the President. In this context, he honoured Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey, Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Chandralekha Kayastha during today's meeting.

On behalf of all the members, Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi, Kedar B. Shrestha, and Bijaya Mallapaty gave their reflections of the year 2022-2023 pointing at the positives as well as areas where we could further improve. Overall, it was concluded that the Rotary Year 2022-2023 had great achievements for the RCP under the dedicated leadership of President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😄😄😄😄😄

Grandma: Back in our days, you could buy bread, milk, soaps, spices, eggs, meat, all for a dollar.
Little Kid: You can't do that now. They have CCTVs everywhere!