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Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting with classification talk of Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Mahendra S. & Ambika Rawal – 26 Nov.
Rtn. Keshab B. & Shanti Mathema – 30 Nov.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1879

Date: 4 Mangshir 2080 / 20 November 2023

Joint Meeting with the Rotary club of Baglung

This special joint meeting was held with the Rotary Club of Baglung at 'Hotel the Rajan' in Baglung during the field visit with health camps of the Rotary Club of Patan and Nepal Heart Foundation Team. Members of the Rotary Club of Patan in Lalitpur also joined the meeting via Zoom connection.

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed all the participants and called the RCP's Meeting No.1879 to order. Similarly, President of RC Baglung, Rtn. Dipendra B. Ghimire, welcomed all the participants and called their meeting No. 770 to order. A '15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness was observed.
2. Both Presidents appreciated this special joint meeting and introduced the participants from their respective clubs, the Nepal Heart Foundation Team from Kathmandu, and the Nepal Heart Foundation Team from Baglung.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News contribution pledges:
 - Rtn. Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (ha.ba.).
5. Rotary and Other Information:
 - The Rotary Club of Baglung and the Rotary Club of Patan expressed their keen interests in collaborating with each other as well as with Nepal Heart Foundation for possible joint activities in the heart health field in Baglung.
 - Galkot/Baglung Trip (18-22 November 2023): President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the trip and the RCP's global grant project on Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD). From the RCP, several members, which included Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht provided general information about the work of the RCP in various social fields. Rtn. Bisht also briefed on the RCP team's interaction in Galkot with the prospective members of the planned new club there. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, who comes from Galkot, highly appreciated the excellent health camps in his hometown of Galkot and Baglung under the RCP's Global Grant project in collaboration with Nepal Heart Foundation.

The health camps covered the examination of close to 1,200 persons (about 1,000 children for RHD and over 180 adults for their heart health). The examinations included general check-up and for RHD in children with ECG and ECHO as required. Medicines were also provided to those who needed. A few serious cases diagnosed are being sponsored by the project for free treatment.

Representing Nepal Heart Foundation team, Dr. Prem R. Baidhya talked about the need for curative as well as preventive aspects of heart health and possible collaboration between Rotary and Nepal Heart Foundation in Baglung.

- President of the Rotary Club of Baglung, Rtn. Dipendra B. Ghimire, together with several of his colleagues from RC Baglung shared information on their club and its various activities. He also presented a 'Token of Appreciation' of the RC Baglung to RC Patan.

- On behalf of all the participants, Past President of RC Baglung Rtn. Netralal Neupane gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to all for having this joint meeting in Baglung, which was greatly appreciated by the RC Baglung.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the Presidents, Joint Secretary of the RCP, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced the meeting attendance of the RCP members of 27 (team of 16 with 13 members, 2 spouses, and 1 guest in Baglung and 14 members via zoom); 1 guest Rotarian from Germany, Nepal Heart Foundation Team, and the RCP Baglung Team.

[Rotary Information](#)

(Source: Rotary.org)

RI Board elects 2024-2028 Rotary Foundation Trustees

The Rotary International Bylaws provide that Rotary Foundation trustees are nominated by the president-elect and elected by the Board in the year before the trustees are to take office. At the October Rotary International Board of Directors meeting, the Board elected the following Rotarians to serve as Rotary Foundation Trustees beginning 1 July 2024 to serve terms of four years each:

Ann-Britt Åsebol , the Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen
 Ching-Huei Horng, the Rotary Club of Panchiao West
 R. Gordon R. Mcnally, the Rotary Club of South Queensferry
 Ijeoma "Pearl" Okoro, the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt

[November is The Rotary Foundation Month](#)

Message of Rotary Foundation trustee chair: OUR GOAL IS IN SIGHT

(Source: Rotary.org)

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends of Rotary,

On October 24, we renew our commitment to our top humanitarian goal for World Polio Day. This year let's remember a young health worker in Pakistan known as Bibi Marjana (Miss Marjana). She braves the snow and cold in the mountains to vaccinate 84 children in rural areas, visiting each home, often miles apart.

Marjana is one of the thousands of frontline workers in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and outbreak areas I consider heroes in the final push to end polio. The work they do, coupled with the vision of our partners and the support you give, is moving mountains.

With Rotary's partnership, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is aggressively pursuing two key goals from its 2022-26 strategy. First, we aim to halt wild poliovirus type 1 transmission. This year, only seven cases have been documented as of this writing. Could this be the year we see the last of these poliovirus cases? We're cautiously optimistic that it might.

Second, we aim to report the final case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2, or cVDPV2, in outbreak countries. About 80 percent of cVDPV2 cases last year occurred in subnational areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and Yemen. We must implement tailored strategies to stop the virus in these areas.

Other challenges persist, including political tensions, security risks and access issues, and the lasting effect of the pandemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Despite these challenges, we are making progress. Poliovirus strains are diminishing, as is the number of affected regions where polio once prevailed. A new vaccine we have introduced reduces the incidence of the circulating vaccine derived virus type 2.

Rotary is the organization that had the audacity to take on a global effort to protect children everywhere from disability or even death due to polio. We must have the tenacity to see it to the finish line.

What can you do to help us get there, you ask? Join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district and engage all members in this historic moment. And don't forget that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to amplify Rotary's donations to polio eradication with a 2-to-1 match for every dollar.

You can also advocate the cause of polio eradication with governments to secure political and financial support and promote Rotary's leadership role in all media.

Like Marjana marching up the mountain, we have our goal in sight, and we will keep going until we get there.

Rtn. Barry Rassin, Rotary Foundation trustee chair