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Today's Programme:

Business Meeting, and Briefing on the RCP's plans of 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' project activity by Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha on behalf of the RCP's Committee on this.

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Lila B. & Sudha Baniya – 2 Dec.
Rtns. Khadak S. & Maheswari Bisht Rawal - 6 Dec.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1880

Date: 11 Mangshir 2080 / 27 November 2023

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1880 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Ananda Ghimire, and Rtn. Ed Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News contribution pledges:
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Lochan Gyawali (NRs. 500) – for 'Happy Birthday' ha.ba.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. and Ambika Rawal – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary', today's classification talk, and the successful Galkot trip (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Keshab B. & Shanti Mathema – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000) – for the successful Galkot trip of the RCP family and Nepal Heart Foundation Team with RHD check-up of children under the global grant project, and heart health check-up of adults.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the above with appreciation of the support for his wife during the trip, and 'Happy Landing' from a Rotary golf tournament trip in Calcutta, India (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Kuldeep T. Tuladhar – for his participation in the meeting today (NRs. 300).
 - Rtn Bijaya L. Shrestha – for the successful launching of the book on her father (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ed Engels – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany and with greetings of his daughter (NRs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey:
 - Handed over TRIFC's matching contribution cheque of NRs. 260,000 to the RCP's KPAD Fund (matching the contributions of Mr. Navraj Ghimire, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal), and
 - Handed over his pledged contributions of \$500 to the PolioPlus and \$500 to the annual fund of TRF.
 - During The Rotary Foundation month of November, as the club's TRF chair, he requested all members to pay the pledges already made or to make new contributions to TRF with a minimum of \$25 for the RCP to be an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club.
6. Rotary Information: President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Briefed on the RCP's participation by himself and Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa at the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital function on 24 November 2023 during the visit of Rotary Foundation Regional Grants Officer, Ms. Laura Bradley.
 - Informed on the planned KEEA function at the aviation museum together with a training session for the RCP's PEEF supported schools' headmasters on 11 December 2023.
 - The receipt of a proposal from Organisation of Women Scientists in Nepal (OWSN) to collaborate in improving the science education in the RCP's adopted schools.

7. Galkot/Baglung Trip (18-22 November 2023):

- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the successful completion of the trip. The trip had a total of 23 participants, 16 from the RCP and 7 from the Nepal Heart Foundation, for the implementation of the Global Grant funded RHD project on Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) in children. This was the first trip with the medical team of senior cardiologists that included three newly trained nurses/auxiliary health worker from the project. Highlights of the health camps and the trip in collaboration with Nepal Heart Foundation and the local government/schools:
 - Heart screening of school children in two schools of Galkot and one school in Baglung
 - Heart health check-up of adults in Galkot.
 - A total of about 1,200 check-ups were done (over 1,000 children and about 180 adults/senior citizens) with two cases of surgery in children being done free of cost in Kathmandu, and several cases requiring medication provided free of cost on site from the project.
 - An interaction in Galkot with the prospective members of the planned new club there.
 - A joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Baglung in Baglung with participation of the RCP members also from Lalitpur via zoom.
 - Following the health camps, visits to interesting places in Galkot and Baglung – Galkot Durbar; longest suspension bridge, Saligram Museum and Kalika mandir in Baglung.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and the entire team highly appreciated Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam's, who comes from Galkot, successful efforts with a deep sense of commitment to make the trip a memorable grand success. The team appreciated the excellent leadership of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and support of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht in the management of the entire trip. The team appreciated the contributions of Rtn. Kamal N. Nyachhyon who contributed 200 school bags and 20 t-shirts for school children through the local government. The team appreciated the support of the entire RCP participants to the medical team throughout the health camps. The team also appreciated Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey's contribution of sweets/chocolates/chips etc. including the organisation to view the Cricket world cup live in Galkot – all to make the trip entertaining.
 - It was suggested to have such a trip with the combination of service and fellowship of the RCP family at least once a year.
8. Salutation: By Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – RC of Sfax, Tunisia; Chartered: 1978; & Members 33. District: 9010, Clubs: 75, & Members: 1371.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced happy news contributions of NRs. 14,800 (50% of NRs. 7,400 each to the sunshine and operational funds of the RCP), NRs. 5,450 for attendance including for one phone ring to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 guest, 22 members, and 9 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by: Rtn. Shiv P Khemka

- Q. When Nepal joined the Rotary International, which serial number was Nepal given? **A. 111**
- Q. Which RI Zone does RID 3292 falls under? **A. Zone 6**
- Q. What is the full form of EREY? **A. Every Rotarian Every Year**

Summary of the classification talk of Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal introduced Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel as his childhood friend and requested him to give his classification talk. Rtn. Sigdel thanked Rtn. Rawal for introducing him to Rotary and started by mentioning that while he was born in Thankot, Kathmandu, he moved to Hetauda where he made his home until his recent move back to Kathmandu.

From his school days, he developed a hobby of painting, which later became his profession. In Hetauda, he continued to work with devotion at artwork and painting and opened a business called 'Sigdel Art' as early as when he was still studying in grade 9. His commitment to artwork and quality of his work brought him fame and he progressed in life to make himself a self-made man in Hetauda where he established a home. He gained recognition for his artwork, particularly in the army during the royal visits in the area and beyond. He invited all the family to stay in Hetauda and grew his family.

He is married to Ausara and has two sons and a daughter - all married. His children did extremely well with elder son having done his MBBS with a gold-medal in MS from Maharajgunj in Kathmandu and further specialisation in cardio-vascular surgery in the USA. He now lives in the US with his wife who is also a medical doctor. The second son is a senior government official in Nepal with the rank of Under-Secretary.

Motivated by his friend Rtn. Rawal and his own passion for service as an artist, he joined the Rotary Club of Patan in February 2023. He has taught artwork to two students with disability in the RCP's joint project on organic vegetable and poultry farming for people with disability. He has travelled extensively in the USA during his visits there covering 31 states of the USA. Rtn. Sigdel appreciates the Rotary Club of Patan family and is always eager to volunteer his services in social work through the RCP.