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Today's Programme:

5th Club Assembly with a review of the activities of past six months and plans of the remainder of Rotary Year 2023-2024

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtns. Pushkar M. Shakya-14 Jan., Kamal B. Nyachhyon-15 Jan., Mahendra B Thapa-15 Jan., & Kedar B. Shrestha-18 Jan.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Ganesh & Bijaya Shrestha – 7 Jan.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1885

Date: 23 Poush 2080 / 8 January 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1885 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. The meeting was followed by the RCP's 2nd Birthday Fellowship of this Rotary Year. All the birthday fellows present were celebrated with 'Tika' and fruits followed by an excellent dinner.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: GSSA recipient Mr. Bir Dhoj Tamang, spouses of RCP members, daughter of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi Ms. Adwitiya Siwakoti, and Rotaracts from Rotaract Club of Patan including its President Rtr. Richa Aryal.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for a 'Happy New Year', 30th anniversary of 'Mahabir Shree Int'l of the Khemka family, today's 'Birthday Fellowship', and their Wedding Anniversary' celebrated in the aeroplane during Thailand travel (NRs. 5,000).
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000), and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500) - for a highly successful 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' programme held on 30 December 2023 by the RCP.
 - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (NRs. 500), Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya (NRs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500) - for today's Birthday Fellowship celebrations.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for attending a cardiology conference in Kolkata, India; and a very special family visit of the USA to attend their daughter's marriage (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Sunil Gupta – for successfully conducting a two-day camp for special children in Birgunj and today's Birthday Fellowship celebrations (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi – for having daughter Adwitiya on holidays from the USA (NRs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions: The following pledges were made to continue the RCP's 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' programme:
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – NRs. 50,000
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – NRs. 10,000
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – NRs. 10,000 (pledged earlier)
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – NRs. 20,000 (Paid)
6. Rotary Information:
 - On behalf of the Committee, Coordinator Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the highly successful 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' programme held at Harisiddhi, Ward No. 29, on 30 December 2023 with advocacy and a comprehensive treatment of rabies vaccination, neutering, and spaying of street dogs. A total of 121 operations were done by our executing partner 'National Zoonoses and Food Hygiene Research Centre (NZFHRC) in a very professional manner. On behalf of the RCP, he thanked all RCP members who contributed to make this a grand success including our major donor 'Dr. Mukti Narayan and Praveena Foundation', Harisiddhi school and the local government. He also requested all to contribute further to continue with subsequent phases in different Wards, possibly with the participation of the Metropolis and the concerned Wards. Several RCP members commended this activity.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka briefed on his virtual participation in a District meeting, and a visit by President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and himself to 'Karkhana' for possible joint activity related to science education in the RCP' adopted schools in collaboration with the Organisation of Women Scientist in Nepal (OWSN).
 - The following members were honoured with the Paul Harris Fellow certificates and Pins for their contributions made to TRF:
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – Major Donor
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – PHF +5, Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema - PHF +4 (not present), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - PHF+4, Shiv P. Khemka - PHF +3, Rtn. Preeti Khemka PHF +2, Rtn. Sunil Gupta - PHF +1, Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – PHF (not present), Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal - PHF, and Rtn. Sandhya Regmi - PHF.
7. Please see the next page for the Business Meeting details.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs.13,000 (50% of NRs. 6,500 each to the operational and sunshine funds of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 4 guests, 3 Rotaracts, 21 members, spouses, and 11 make-ups.

6th Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 29 December 2023

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 6th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 29 December 2023 at his residence, with the participation of 10 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 6th Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 5th Board meeting were reviewed with updates on actions taken so far.
2. Proposal of the Rotaract Club of Patan for an exchange programme with Mumbai Rotaract Club was reviewed. The funding requirement is estimated to be NRs. 200,000 with a request for sponsorship of NRs. 125,000 from the RCP. The Board, noting no budgetary provision in the RCP for this, suggested that the Rotaract Club of Patan do a specific fund-raising campaign, which would also be supported by the RCP.
3. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal outlined a draft proposal on 'Women Empowerment' project. Following initial discussion, the Board suggested to finalise the proposal, share with all members, and submit it for review in the next Board meeting.
4. Action plan for 'Girls Empowerment' activities: Possible areas on career counselling, science interaction, industry visits, and self-defence training were discussed, and the Board suggested to prioritize it with an action plan by the TEACH Committee and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal.
5. President Elect and Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end December 2023. The Board noted that the second half of the membership dues by all members must be confirmed by 31 December 2023 as per Rotary International rules for continuation of membership and requested the President to ensure this.
6. The Board requested the plan for this year's vocational awards ceremony with the Vocational Awards Committee of the RCP.
7. The Board agreed to switch subscription of one Rotary International magazine of the club to an electronic version.
8. Support to blind fire victims of Nepal Netrahin Sangh: Following the meeting with the President of Nepal Netrahin Sangh in Pokhara during the RCP's trip to Galkot recently, KPAD committee has recommended to contribute NRs. 100,000. During the deliberations, while it was agreed in principle to fund this from the RCP's KPAD funds, the following was requested:
 - Confirmation that it is a joint support with the contribution of NRs. 100,000 each by ADSoN and TRIFC;
 - Request Nepal Netrahin Sangh for a list of other sponsors as the total request is for NRs. 841,600;
 - Confirmation that local government has also been contacted; and
 - The support would be direct purchase of materials instead of providing a cash contribution managed/monitored by ADSoN or the RCP.
9. It was agreed to have the next club assembly on 15 January 2023 to have a mid-term review of the RCP's accomplishments of the first half and plans for the remainder of this Rotary Year.
10. The 7th Board meeting of RY 2023-24 will be hosted by Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan on Friday, 2 February 2023. In case of his travel, it was suggested to be hosted by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon.
11. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed about contacts with Hospital for Children, Eye, ENT and Rehabilitation Services, Thimi – CHEERS, for possible joint programmes in the RCP' adopted schools.
12. On behalf of all Board members and guests, Rtn. Preeti Khemka gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Kedar N. Shrestha and his family for hosting the meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht, Shiva K. Pradhan and Bijaya Mallapaty also added their words of thanks to the hosts. On behalf of the family, host Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha appreciated the participation of all.