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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting with discussion on the RCP's next strategic plan</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – 12 Feb. Rtns. Bishnu P. Sigdel & Padam L. Maharjan – 13 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Ganga Gautam and Madhavi Ghimire – 10 Feb. Rtn. Kedar B. & Shanta Shrestha – 15 Feb. Rtn. Kamal B. & Sulochana Nyachhyon – 15 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1889

Date: 22 Magh 2080 / 5 February 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1889 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Singapore attending wedding of friends (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for passing the IRS certification in the USA with 100% marks and continuing the tax volunteer service for the Nepalese in the USA (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Briefed about the District badminton tournament for the Rotarians being organised at the Police Club, Halchowk and requested interested RCP members to participate. The details of the tournament have been shared electronically.
 - Informed about a Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) awareness programme in a school with Rotaracts planned for coming Friday and requested Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal to help organise it.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka briefed about the preparation of a new Strategic Plan for the RCP for the next 5 years and suggested to have a discussion on this during the next regular weekly meeting of the RCP.
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal informed about the venue she managed to obtain at Tri Padma school for the Rotaract Club of Patan's regular monthly meetings. The Rotaract Club of Patan would need to maintain the venue after their meetings.
 - On point 5 of the RCP Board's decision on proposed Women Empowerment project, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal presented and provided further clarifications on the self-sustaining project proposal and planned meetings with stakeholders on it. It was suggested to share the proposal with all members of the RCP for further review and comments. It was also suggested that the proposal be presented to the KPAD committee for possible sponsorship as the project relates to people with disability.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – RC of Amman Jerash, Jordan; Chartered: 1993; & Members: 26. District: 2450, Clubs: 142, & Members: 4499. He also gave brief highlights on Amman, Jordan where he was posted with UNICEF for 5 years.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 2,000 (50% of NRs. 1,000 each to the operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 22 members, and 14 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by: Rtn. Preeti Khemka

- Q. When and where did RI establish its Regional Office in Asia for the first time? **A.** In 1984, New Delhi, India.
- Q. Who is the official representative of RI in the District? **A.** District Governor.
- Q. What are the mandatory training to be attended by a President Elect, before s/he may serve as Club President? **A.** PETS (President Elects Training Seminar) and DTA (District Training Assembly).

7th Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 3 February 2024

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on 3 February 2024 at The Bakery Café, Lalitpur, with the participation of 7 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting with some edits as follows:

1. The minutes of the 6th Board meeting were reviewed with updates on actions taken so far discussed in detail.
2. MOU for the Eye Camp: President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the proposed MOU to organize an eye camp in collaboration with B. P. Eye Foundation (CHEERS) for the students at Siddhi Mangal School, which had also been discussed with Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey. The proposal suggests starting with one school during a period of two years, with the possibility of extending the project to other schools in the future. The Board noted the proposal positively and suggested that it be reviewed by the KPAD committee.
3. Funds for Interact Club Stall: The board discussed a proposal presented by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal from the Interact Club of St. Xavier's School, Godavari, for a stall for the fair, and agreed to allocate Rs 6,000.00 for this project. This initiative should provide valuable experience for the students and help them develop essential skills.
4. Rotaract Club of Patan's proposal for International Cultural and Youth Exchange Program (ICYEP): This was deemed highly beneficial, and it agreed to contribute NRs. 10,000 to support this initiative, which would provide a platform for cultural and youth exchange, foster mutual understanding, learning and growth among participants. The proposed plan is an excellent opportunity for young people to broaden their horizons and develop a global perspective.
5. Women's Empowerment Proposal: The business proposal (Wheel's Power Thrift and New Store) is focused on women's empowerment and aims to support two individuals with disabilities to make them self-sufficient and financially independent. The plan involves selling old/new goods at low-cost with an estimated project cost of NRs. 15 Lakh to cover a four-month period required for the project. The board recognized that further discussions and analysis are necessary to ensure that the proposal is feasible and sustainable in the long term and suggested sharing the proposal with all board members on Viber for further input and feedback.
6. Closure of Rotary Club of Patan GG2129083 Project Bank Account: As requested by the Primary Contact of this project, the Board approved the closure of this bank account as the Project has been completed since August 2023. The small balance in the account will be deposited to the RCP's operational funds.
7. Action Plan for Girls Empowerment Activities: The Board reviewed an action plan to empower young girls in schools that includes various activities tailored to help girls build confidence, knowledge, and skills. Some of the proposed activities are inter-school quiz events, STEM projects, self-defence, and career counselling. The Board agreed to start the activities soon and decided that RCP adopted schools and Interact schools would be invited to participate in the quiz.
8. Zoom Subscription Renewal: The cost for renewing the RCP's subscription for Zoom amounts to \$149.90. The Board decided to cover this essential cost from the RCP's operational budget and requested Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka to proceed with the renewal pursuing any discounts.
9. Financial Status Report: President-Elect and Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented an overview of the club's financial status as of end January 2024. The Board acknowledged the receipt of the second half of membership dues from all members. It was also noted that the Rotary International invoice as of 1 January has been received and will be settled shortly.
10. Next Board Meeting: The Board suggested Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon to host the next Board meeting upon confirmation with him.
11. On behalf of all present Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha initiated a 'Vote of thanks' to Rtn. Siva K. Pradhan for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner with fruitful discussions. Rtns. Preeti Khemka and Maheshwari Bisht Rawal also added their words of thanks. Host Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan expressed his gratitude for everyone's participation.