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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Sandhya Regmi – 7 March</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Siba B. & Mithila Rajbhandary – 8 March Rtn. Nabin B. & Sunita Maharjan – 8 March</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1892

Date: 21 Falgun 2080 / 4 March 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1892 to order 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. Sunil Gupta – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. & Tika Pradhan (NRs. 500), Rtn. Nirmal K. & Bijaya Pradhanang (NRs. 4,700 for 47th Anniversary), Rtn. Ramesh L. & Shova Maskay (NRs. 1,000), and Rtn. Kuldeep R. & Meera Bania Tuladhar (NRs. 5,000 for 32nd Anniversary) – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.
 - Rtn. Krishna & Kamal Hachhethu, and Rtn. Bijaya & Rajani Bajracharya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from New Delhi, India (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for his son purchasing a house near London, U.K. (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Reminded on the District Governor's request for maximum participation from the RCP in the forthcoming District Conference in Butwal during 15-17 March 2024. So far five from the RCP family are planning to join (Rtn. Piyush B. and Ramita Bajracharya, Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa, Bishnu P. Sigdel and Mahendra S. Rawal).
 - Briefed on the 'Mental Health' awareness programme organised by RC Kathmandu, which he and Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel participated from the RCP. Several senior professionals including Hon. Dr. Toshima Karki had participated. He mentioned that the RC of Kathmandu is doing extensive awareness work related to mental health issues. In the context of health services, he also wished to see if the RCP could include coronary heart diseases (CHD) in its programme of RHD. The RCP had a heart screening of school children in Sanga Kavrepalanchowk on 28 February 2024 under its global grant project on RHD.
 - Requested to look at RC Kantipur's request (shared electronically) to recommend names of teachers for excellence awards, which could be made by the RCP's TEACH committee.
 - On behalf of the Rotaract Club of Patan, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka reminded about their fund-raising efforts through a special music band programme with the theme 'celebrating womanhood' at Hard Rock Café, Durbar Marg on 9 March 2024 during 4 to 9 p.m. RCP family and friends were requested to support it by buying the tickets for the event (NRs. 500 each). Several members pledged to buy it. Others may confirm the purchase with Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty
 - Reminded on PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya's invitation to all the RCP members and spouses to the ceremony to remember his spouse late Mrs. Nani Shova Sakya on Monday, 11 March 2024 at 7 p.m. at 'Bhway Chhen' opposite Bagaicha restaurant, Jawalakhel.
 - Briefed on PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya's health as they met in New Delhi where PDG Rtn. Sakya is undergoing treatment.
 - The House passed a motion of best wishes for improvements and recovery of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya's health.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar – RC of Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan; Chartered: 1935; & Members: 90. District: 2500, Clubs: 66, & Members: 2294.

6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 13,200 (50% of NRs. 6,600 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 18 members, and 15 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha

- Q. Who was the first Secretary of Rotary International? A. Chesley Reynolds Perry (During 1910-1942).
Q. What is the main source of funding for the District Grant Projects? A. DDF-District Designated Fund.
Q. Which date Nepal celebrates 'National Senior Citizens Day', and what % of the RCP members are senior citizens? A. Every year on the 11th of Poush, and 83% of the RCP members.

8th Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 1 March 2024

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 8th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 1 March 2024 at The Bakery Café, Lalitpur, with the participation of 12 Board members. Following some clarifications and language edits, the 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 8th Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 7th Board meeting were reviewed.
2. Vocational Awards: Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the plans for two vocational awards (with cash award of NRs. 25,000 each) in any of the four areas – Health, Education, Disability, and Media). RCP Members are requested to propose suitable candidates, which will be reviewed by the RCP's vocational awards committee with the membership of Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi (coordinator), Rabendra R. Pandey and Nirmal Pradhanang. The planned date for the awards ceremony is 18 March 2024
3. Update on the revision of the Strategic Plan of the RCP – The RCP's strategic planning committee has been working on it and has prepared a final draft. Upon return of the President Elect, this will be shared with all for finalisation.
4. Revision of the RCP's By-Laws for the next Rotary Year: Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty mentioned that the RCP's By-Laws will need to be revised for the next year to include the recent changes. Draft proposals will be presented to the Board and to the House for review and approval as required.
5. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal updated on the status of work with the Organisation of Women Scientists in Nepal (OWSN). A needs assessment is being done by OWSN in Baisakh 2080. A revised MOU for Eye Camps with B.P. Eye Foundation (CHEERS) has been received with indication of a maximum amount for each eyeglass. The RCP's KPAD committee has been requested to review this, which should also include establishing a financial ceiling commitment from the RCP's KPAD fund. The zero-plastic campaign in schools has also been included as part of the environmental aspects of the MOU.
6. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the status of several requests from the Rotaract Club of Patan. For the RCP's certification that the RCP and the Rotaract Club of Patan are associated for the continuation of their Bank Account with Prabhu Bank, a proposed draft letter has been requested from the Rotaract Club of Patan. On the RHD screening in Birgunj, the RHD team's current schedule cannot accommodate these. Other requests need to be further reviewed by the Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal with the Rotaract Club.
7. Request to transfer the balance of funds of the closed RCP's GG Project 2129083 to Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge: Request from the Project Primary contact Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang was reviewed. Board members felt that this could be an opportunity to involve ourselves for a sustainable management of the hospital. Therefore, a team of President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi was formed with a request to discuss the possibilities and make a recommendation in this regard. It was also noted that funds transfer should be for specific purposes with the expenditures to be monitored by the RCP.
8. Financial Status Report: On behalf of the Treasurer, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented an overview of the club's financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end February 2024. The Board noted that all the contributions, except one, for the advertisements in the RCP's annual Lalitdhara Souvenir publication have been received, and follow-ups have been made to receive the last contribution.
9. International Women's Day – As a specific budget for this was not allocated and in view of the short time remaining, it was decided to participate without financial sponsorship for this activity this year.
10. Next Board Meeting: The 9th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty on Friday, 29 March 2024.
11. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan gave a 'Vote of thanks' to Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi also added his words of thanks.