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Date: 19 Chaitra 2080 / 1 April 2024

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Monthly Business Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha - 4 April</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1895

Date: 12 Chaitra 2080 / 25 March 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1895 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, and Rtr. Aman Shrestha from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. and Ramita Bajracharya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' missed earlier (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv. P. Khemka – for 'Happy Holi' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for son's winning the 'Hackathon' contest (a social coding event that brings computer programmers and other interested people together to improve upon or build a new software programme) during his studies (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' missed earlier, participation in the District Conference in Butwal, and two other District seminars (NRs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from New Delhi, India, after a follow-up medical check with good health results (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for recent thunders and rain (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 500), and Rtn Bishnu P. Sigdel (NRs. 500) – for their participation in the District Conference in Butwal and meeting with Rotary Club of Hetauda.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for participation in the District Conference in Butwal (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for his new vehicle - BMS X5 hybrid (NRs. 1,000).
5. Rotary Information:

- Briefing on District Conference – Rtns. President Mahendra S. Rawal, Lalita C. Thapa, Piyush B. Bajracharya and Bishnu P. Sigdel briefed on the 16th District Conference held in Butwal. It was very well organised in an outstanding venue - 'Butwal Mandap', with several excellent speakers, good programme, and admirable fellowship.

President Rtn. Rawal and Rtn. Sigdel also briefed about their good meetings with the Rotary Club of Hetauda, which they visited after the District Conference. The club owns its own building with rental earnings and has excellent programmes including on micro-credits and eye-camps. They also visited the impressive 'Manav Sewa Ashram' where senior citizens including a few foreigners are well taken care of.

Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha also shared information about the Rotary Club of Chitwan with his contributions to have its own premises and rental earning.

- Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed that PP Rtn. Suresh Acharya from RC Kopundole will be the Assistant Governor for the RCP during 2024-2025. She also informed about President Elect's Training Seminar (PETS) being held in Chitwan during 6 to 7 April 2024.

Rtn. Preeti Khemka requested all for any comments/suggestions as requested earlier on the following by next Monday, 1 April 2024:

- The RCP's proposed committees/members;
 - Strategic Planning final draft document; and
 - Contact information of members that need to be provided to the District urgently.
- Rtr. Aman Shrestha from the Rotaract Club of Patan informed about their plans to have a 'Blood Donation' campaign in memory of late Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat of the RCP at Mangal Bazar on 1 Baisakh 2081. This would coincide with the Rotary's Youth Service Month, and they would be sending more details to the RCP for collaboration and support.
 - Learning Facilitator: Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa was pleased to be the learning facilitator of the RCP for the next year together with Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa. She had participated in the District's Learning Seminar and briefed on Rotary's move from training to learning. In the new approach, she explained the responsibility shifting from the trainer to the learner with the support of the learning facilitators. The new approach would create an atmosphere of learning and sharing from each other as Rotarians are professionals in their respective fields. The RI's learning web has excellent courses/modules for all members and committees, which provides certificates upon its completion. Clubs could plan to have this topic during the regular club meetings to encourage learning.
 - Peace on Earth: Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha shared an extraordinary proposal from Rtn. David H. van de Velde from the USA contacted through his son-in-law Dr. Sanjib Shrestha. The proposal, through the Rotary Club in Orlando, USA is to have the Rotary Clubs in Nepal represented on the Moon inside a capsule in a rocket scheduled to launch for the Moon in late 2024. It involves submission of a photo that shows the banner of the club with members and the signage 'Peace on Earth' before 30 May 2024. This is to promote Rotary's priority on 'Peace' and being part of an endeavour to promote 'Peace on Earth' from the Moon on the UN's 'International Day of Peace' on 21 September 2024.

Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Dr. Sanjib Shrestha and Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty have discussed the proposal with Rtn. David H. van de Velde through internet. It has also been shared with all the Rotary club Presidents/Secretaries and the Governing Council so that many clubs from Nepal could participate.

It was suggested to have the RCP join this endeavour and have the photo with the signage during the weekly meeting of 8 April 2024.

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed about potential collaboration as an Overseas Volunteer Partner (OVP) for receipt of 'sleeping kits' for needy children from an organization named 'Sleeping Children Around the World' based in Toronto Canada. This was suggested to Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey by Rotary Club of Dhaka during his tour to golfing Rotarians in Dacca, Bangladesh. We have initiated contacts and are requesting for more details and conditions for this support.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – RC of Moratuwa WP, Sri Lanka; Chartered: 1985; & Members: 24. District: 3220, Clubs: 64, & Members: 1793. He also briefed on the distinctive features of the country and the club.
 7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 9,000 (50% of NRs. 4,500 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 4,200 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 Rotaract, 18 members, and 11 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa

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| Q. Name of the First Rotary Club chartered outside the USA and when it was chartered?
Manitoba, Canada in November 1910. | A. RC Winnipeg. |
| Q. What is the required quorum of a regular weekly meeting in a Rotary Club? | A. One Third. |
| Q. For how long can a member be granted leave of absence? | A. 12 months. |