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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>12 November - Joint Meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan 19 November - Talk Programme: 'The benefits of traditional Nepali oil massage for new born babies' by Nasma Scheibler, and Germany's role and contribution in Bhaktapur Renovation Project from 1974 to 1981 by Giovanni Scheibler</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No.1633

Date: 12 Kartik 2075 / 29 October 2018

1. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the Meeting No. 1633 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests Welcomed by the President: Chair of National Polio Plus Programme PDG Rtn. Ratna M. Sakya, Rotaracts - President Peshal Bhattarai and Kritika Sharma, Inner Wheel Chair Gunu Shrestha and spouses of RCP Members.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for participating in the meeting alone (spouse Rtn. Lalita Thapa on travel) (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for PolioPlus walk, and presence of PDG Rtn. Ratna M. Sakya (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for 'Happy Landing' from Dubai.
 - Rtn. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for the Health Camp in Bhattedanda, PolioPlus walk, and PDG Rtn. Ratna M. Sakya's presence today (NRs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the RCP's 1st Group's Happy Birthday fellowship today.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi & Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for a very successful Health Camp in Bhattedanda.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the forthcoming birthday of Rtn. Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's fellowship and good attendance (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for Dashain family gathering (Nakhatya) of 80 people.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for Inner Wheel District Chairman's felicitations of his spouse IW Mithila at the District Chairman's Installation and IW Mithila's pledge to contribute NRs 50,000 for the construction of Inner Wheel District building (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contribution: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha handed over his pledged contribution of US \$100 to PolioPlus. As of to date, the RCP members have already contributed US\$ 2550 out of a target of US\$ 3,000.
6. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the successful 'Health Camp' held in Bhattedanda on 27 October 2018 in collaboration with Nepal Heart Foundation, SETCO and local authorities. Two hundred people were examined with 2 cases of RHD and 1 with a hole in the heart. A 'hand washing' session was done as part of the Global Grant Project for this site.
 - On 'World Polio Day – 24 Oct., walk, 13 from the RCP and 4 from the Rotaract Club of Patan participated.
 - Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Ramesh Maskay are travelling to Mirge, Dolakha GG Project site for a monitoring visit during 31 October to 2 November 2018.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed that from the next weekly meeting, the RCP will start blood pressure measurement of the RCP family attending the meeting.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – RC Bologna, Italy; Chartered: 1927; & Members 134. District: 2070, Clubs: 102, & Members 6340.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 7,150 (NRs. 2,600 for attendance and NRs. 4,550 for sunshine funds including for 1 telephone ring), attendance: 1 visiting Rotarian, 2 Rotaracts, 25 members, 14 spouses and 5 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka

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| Q. RI designation for the month of October | A. Economic and Community Development Month |
| Q. Sponsor of RC Kathmandu (1 st club of Nepal) | A. RC Darbhanga |
| Q. Second largest country of the world by area | A. Canada |

Summary of update on PolioPlus programme by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and remarks by the Chair of Nepal PolioPlus programme PDG Rtn. Ratna Man Sakya

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty made a presentation on the global status of PolioPlus with the help of power point and video spots. Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) currently has five partners: Rotary, UNICEF, CDC, WHO and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She was representing UNICEF for 5 years in this group while in New York till 2008.

Out of the three types of Polio viruses, only 'Type 1' has not yet been eradicated. Wild Polio Virus may affect the nervous system which can paralyse a child. Viruses may also be vaccine derived. There are two types of vaccines – one is OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) and the other is IPV (Inactivated Polio Vaccine), which is through injection. OPV is the vaccine of choice used for the eradication programme, including during NIDs (National Immunization Days).

In 1988, when Polio eradication efforts started, there were 350,000 cases of Polio in 125 polio-endemic countries. Today, there are only 22 cases in 2 countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan) with only 3 polio-endemic countries that includes Nigeria. This is a reduction of 99.9%. But until Polio is eradicated in all countries, there is always the risk and, therefore, the global effort on eradication continues.

Since 1988, 76 public and private sector donors have contributed US \$14 billion to GPEI of which Rotary's contribution has been US \$1.2 billion. Today, anticipated funding need is US \$7 billion for the period 2013-2020. Of this, US \$5.5 billion funding has been confirmed. For the remaining balance of US \$1.5 billion, Rotary's efforts at the Atlanta Convention brought pledges of US \$1.2 billion. Therefore, if all pledges come through, the gap is only US \$300 million.

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty added that the Rotary Club of Patan's modest contribution target of US \$3,000 is the highest in our District and that to date, US \$2,550 has already been contributed. With the 1:2 pledge by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this targeted contribution will become US\$ 9,000.

Chair of National PolioPlus Programme, PDG Rtn. Ratna M. Sakya complimented the presentation and briefed on the status of PolioPlus programme in Nepal. He emphasized the importance of awareness raising and advocacy in the efforts to eradicate Polio.

As the Rotary's Chair of National PolioPlus programme for the past eight years, he shared his experience in this regard. He also emphasized that the efforts are to finish the Polio virus from the world by 2020, but certification of it would still require three additional years, i.e. till 2023.

Nepal had its first NID in 1996 with a success rate of 116% vaccination, which was because of the inclusion of people from neighbouring India. While Nepal had no Polio cases already in 2000, because of cases from India it did not become Polio free. The last case of Polio in Nepal was on 30 August 2010 and therefore, it is now Polio free. As India has also been Polio free since 2014, it is expected to remain Polio free. However, we must continue to give OPV to all children before reaching the age of 5, until Polio is fully eradicated globally.

PDG Rtn. Ratna M. Sakya also emphasized how polio work has contributed in institutionalizing and providing immunization facilities all over Nepal for all vaccinations required as per WHO guidelines, and improved the overall public health system of Nepal.

On behalf of the RCP family Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty thanked PDG Rtn. Ratna M. Sakya for his excellent briefing with the history of the PolioPlus programme in Nepal.