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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Meeting combined with 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Fellowship</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 28 Jan. - 5<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly 4 Feb. – Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – 18 Jan.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No.1643**

**Date: 30 Poush 2075 / 14 January 2019**

1. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the Meeting No. 1643 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: DRFC Rtn. Jitendra Rajbhandary, RC Jawalakhel President Rtn. Bigyan Aryal, RC Chandragiri President Rtn. Rajani Shrestha, RC Mt. Everest President Rtn. Kichah Chitrakar, Awardees Dr. Mahendra Bista & Mr. Bashudev Adhikari, Mr. Sushil Darnal from Rastriya Samachar Samiti, Dr. Sanjib Shrestha, Mr. Sanjeeb Shrestha, Ms. Maheshwari Bista Rawal, Inner Wheel President Ms. Gunu Shrestha and all the Inner Wheels, President Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Rtr. Kritika Sharma from Rotaract Club of Patan, spouses of RCP members, journalists and all other guests.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
  - Rtns. Pushkar M. Shakya & Mahendra B. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for today's Vocational Awards ceremony (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Kedar B. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha, Madan R. Tamrakar, Piyush B. Bajracharya, Nirmal Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Ramesh Maskay, Lalita Thapa (NRs. 500), Kiran Thapa (NRs. 500), Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500) and Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500) - for a very enjoyable RCP family outing, and today's Vocational Awards ceremony.
5. Other Contributions:
  - (i) Dr. Sanjib Shrestha handed over a cheque of NRs. 500,000 to support PEEF scholarships to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade students as pledged earlier.
  - (ii) Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya handed over NRs. 10,000 as pledged earlier to the RCP's 'Khagendra Raj and Piyush Priya Ability Development Fund' (KPAD Fund), which will be matched by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - i. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the condolence visit to late major donor to the RCP and Honorary Member, Rotarian Govinda Das Shrestha's family made by 16 members of the RCP family earlier today.
  - ii. The RCP's annual family outing was very successfully held during 11-12 January 2019 at Lapsiphedhi.
7. Salutation: By PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – RC Jackson, Mississippi, USA; Chartered: 1915; & Members 283. District: 1915, Clubs: 44, & Members 2344.
8. Please see the next page for a summary of the Vocational Award ceremony.
9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 9,200 (NRs. 3,700 for attendance and NRs. 5,500 for sunshine funds), attendance: 11 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 9 Inner Wheels/Spouses, 23 members and 6 make-ups.

***A fifteen seconds of silence was observed in memory of late Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Patan, Rotarian Govinda Das Shrestha who passed away on 9 January 2019***

## Summary of the Vocational Award Ceremony

Coordinator of the RCP's Vocational Awards Committee, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi introduced the special programme of Vocational Awards during this Rotary month dedicated to Vocational Service. He gave a brief background of the importance of vocation as Rotarians are a group of very successful professionals from a wide variety of professions or vocations. The Rotary Club of Patan has been honouring two outstanding personalities with its vocational service award certificates and a token prize money of NRs. 11,000 each sponsored by the RCP and Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi and Nirmal Pradhanang.

Before proceeding with the awards ceremony, Dr. Regmi took the opportunity to brief on the latest developments in Diabetes treatment. Diabetes may cause loss of sight, heart attack, gangrene of limbs requiring amputations, stroke, paralysis and kidney problems. He shared the good news about the development of a new combination drug, which is used for all round treatment and encouraged all to go for early diagnosis and treatment to avoid serious problems.

Awards ceremony: This year, the awards are offered in the field of journalism to Dr. Mahendra Bista and in the field of health to Mr. Bashudev Adhikari. Welcome and honouring of Dr. Mahendra Bista was done by Rtns. PDG Tirtha M. Sakya, President Gabriele Mallapaty and Nirmal K. Pradhanang. Similarly, Mr. Bashudev Adhikari was welcomed and honoured by Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, President Elect Lalita Thapa and Prakash R. Regmi.

Introduction of the Awardees: **Dr. Mahendra Bista**, PhD in Press Freedom in Nepal, comes from Khotang and is the current Executive Chairman of Nepal Television. He has a long career and distinguished service in journalism in various TV and print media and has conducted several research works in the field of press freedom, ethical journalism, journalistic code of ethics, development journalism, conflict and so on. He has been the President of Federation of Nepali Journalists, Board Member of Press Council, Nepal, and Board Member & Chairperson of Minimum Wage Fixation Committee for Working Journalists, Board Member of National Commission for UNESCO and a member of High-Level Committee for Information and Commission. Recipient of several awards, he has been working tirelessly in improving the conditions of service of journalists.

**Mr. Bashudev Adhikari**, MA in Humanities – Nepali Literature, comes from Bouddha and is President of Bright Star Society, which is a volunteers-based venture in support of health. Being without eye-sight has not prevented him from a very active life in the fields of journalism and health. He has participated in hundreds of health camps, donated blood for 23 times, is working as information specialist at the Tribhuvan International Airport and as Glaucoma Councillor at Tilganga Eye Centre. He is a member of Nepal eye donation society and has been a freelance trainer and producer in the fields of radio and journalism including personality development and leadership skills. He has campaigned tirelessly in various health fields and hosts a radio show spreading the words of healthy living.

Mr. Bashudev Adhikari and Dr. Mahendra Bista spoke briefly acknowledging the high honour given to them by the Rotary Club of Patan, which they both valued greatly. Mr. Adhikari demonstrated his outstanding ability to speak in a poetic Nepali language, which must draw a lot of listeners to his radio talk show. He vowed to continue to serve using sightlessness as a strength. Mr. Bista similarly mentioned his support in Rotary District Journo Awards and praised Rotary's work both internationally and nationally. Both awardees mentioned their eagerness to support Rotary in any way possible.

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi thanked Dr. Mahendra Bista and Mr. Bashudev Adhikari for their kind words and further briefed on the key social support programmes/projects that the RCP has been successfully carrying out. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty concluded the session with thanks to all and the RCP's Vocational Awards Committee Coordinator Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and Members Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Mahendra Thapa for organizing this year's very successful Vocational Awards programme.



## 2019-2020: Rotary Connects the World

RI President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, *Rotary Connects the World*, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.