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| <p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Talk Programme by Mr. Kiran Joshi (NRN, USA) on 'Making Nepal a film destination'</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b><br/>23 Mar.(Sat.) - Joint Meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan at St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel 10-11 a.m.<br/><b>25 March (Monday) - No meeting because of the above.</b><br/>1 April - Business Meeting</p> | <p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b><br/>Rtn. Lalita Thapa - 19 March</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p> |
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**Minutes of Meeting No.1651**

**Date: 27 Falgun 2075 / 11 March 2019**

1. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the Meeting No. 1651 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness recalling today as 'World Plumbing Day'.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Dr. Jagdish Vaidhya, Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtn. Peshal Bhattarai and International Services Director Rtn. Kritika Sharma, and Inner Wheel President Gunu Shrestha with IWS.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
  - Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for attending Women in Rotary event & RC Tripureswor meeting, the success of Mr. & Ms. Rotaract event and having Dr. Jagdish Vaidhya as a guest today (NRs, 1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the successful visit of WASH GG international partners from Italy.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – to welcome Dr. Jagdish Vaidhya in today's meeting.
  - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha honoured as the first lady architect on the Women's Day by Nepal Engineers Association (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today.
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for the talk programme of today.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for the success of Mr. & Ms. Rotaract event, successful visit of WASH GG international partners from Italy, and 1300<sup>th</sup> issue of 'Lalitdhara' publication of the RCP (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for hiking with the 'Nature Lovers Group'.
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma handed over NRs. 10,000 to the 'Khagendra Raj and Piyush Priya Ability Development Fund (KPAD Fund), as pledged earlier.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced the receipt of **NRs. 300,000** from Mr. Arun Chaudhary who had pledged to contribute this amount annually to the RCP's PEEF. On behalf of the RCP, he thanked Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha for introducing Mr. Chaudhary to the RCP and initiating fund-raising on behalf of the RCP. This contribution would ease the funding of RCP's PEEF scholarships to the newly added grade 12 students from this year.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - (i) Rotaract President Peshal Bhattarai briefed on very successful completion of 'Mr. and Ms. Rotaract' final event held at Nepal Academy, Kamaladi on 9 March 2019 with the participation of a large contingent from the RCP family.
  - (ii) Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on a very successful visit of the RCP's WASH GG project international partners (President Rtn. Corrado Barani and Mr. Stephano Betini) from Italy during 8-10 March 2019. They were able to visit four WASH project schools including one where they attended a sanitation conference in the presence of local authorities. From the RCP family, Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty, Lalita Thapa, Mahendra S. Rawal, Ramesh Maskay, Jamuna K. Tamrakar, Preeti Khemka and Mr. Sanjeeb Shrestha participated.

Since the WASH programme is being implemented in 13 schools requiring participation from the RCP on several occasions, in addition to the participation of President, President Elect, Primary and Secondary Contacts of this project, it was suggested to share the participation more widely, specially by the coordinators and team members of the PEEF distribution group for specific schools under their responsibility.

The next sanitation conference is being held in Adarsha Kanya Niketan school in Mangal Bazar on 12 March 2019, to which Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha volunteered to participate. Another sanitation conference is being held on 13 March 2019 in Shree Saraswati HSS, Lele.

- (iii) Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the successful District Stewardship Seminar held on 9 March 2019. From the RCP, in addition to himself, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary participated.
  - (iv) It was reminded that the annual Rotaract Club of Patan/Rotary Club of Patan 'Blood Donation Camp' being held on 16 March 2019 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patan Durbar Square. RCP family is encouraged to join.
  - (v) World Newa Organization is meeting in Kathmandu during 28 – 30 March 2019. A brochure on this was shared.
  - (vi) The RCP's planned picnic on 6 April 2019 will be postponed because of Inner Wheel programme mentioned below.
7. Inner Wheel President Gunu Shrestha briefed on the plan of celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Years Silver Jubilee function of the Inner Wheel Club of Patan and invited all RCP members. She also invited the Rotaract Club of Patan to join. The celebration will be on Saturday, 6 April 2019 at Yak Party Palace, Pulchowk, which will be MCed by Rtn. Preeti Khemka. RCP President was requested for a message in the Souvenir 'Sundhara' being published on this occasion and all RCP members were encouraged to sponsor advertisements.
  8. Salutation: By IPP Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – RC Kampala, Uganda; Chartered: 1957; & Members: 62. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, & Members 3981.
  9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 8,000 (NRs. 3,200 for attendance and NRs. 4,800 for sunshine funds including NRs. 100 for two mobile rings and NRs. 200 top-up by the President), attendance: 1 guest, 2 Rotaracts, 1 spouse, 26 members and 4 make-ups.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Madan R. Tamrakar

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| Q. Name of Late RI President Elect Rtn. Sam F. Owori's club | A. Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda |
| Q. Number of Rotaract clubs in RID 3292 as of 30 June 2018  | A. 122                            |
| Q. Founding Year of SAARC                                   | A. 1985                           |

### Classification Talk Programme with focus on Rural Development of Nepal by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha

Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha first gave an interesting summary of his life and education. He graduated from Belarus Politechnical Institute, Minsk, Russia in 2043 B.S. studying 'Highway' engineering, and pursued his master's level studies at AIT on Urban Planning following which he got married in 2048 B.S. He worked with Kathmandu municipality and after passing the Public Service Commission examination joined the civil service of the Government of Nepal in 2054 B.S. Starting as Senior Divisional Engineer in 2054 B.S., he worked as Project Manager/Chief in several projects and became the Director General of DOLIDAR in 2070 B.S. He contributed a lot in rural development of Nepal.

Rtn. Shrestha gave an overview of rural road network in Nepal emphasizing the vital importance of this infrastructure for the development of the country. Pre 2046 B.S., Nepal only had 8 to 10 thousand kilometres of rural roads while currently it has expanded to 58,029 kilometres. However, most of these roads are not tarmac.

Rtn. Shrestha had done a lot of work on suspension bridges in Nepal. He was the Project Manager during 2060 to 2064 B.S. Nepal has developed the technical know-how and capacity in this unique field and is also able to train other developing countries in the design and construction of these bridges. When the Swiss started to support Nepal in 2020 B.S., we had only 32 Scottish suspension bridges. Currently Nepal has 7,590 suspension bridges with the longest one of 1,453 metres in Dodhara, Chandani in Mahakali river.

The government's target of eliminating the need of Tuins by replacing it with suspension bridges have been quite successful. From 148 Tuins, during the time of Rtn. Shrestha's service, over 130 Tuins were replaced by suspension bridges, with the remaining under construction.

In terms of current difficulties in infrastructure development of roads network in Nepal, he pointed out low expenditure and difficulties of planning in a federal system, which is still in its infant stage.

Following a Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty thanked Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha for a very interesting classification talk with focus on rural development of Nepal.