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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Classification Talk by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya with focus on Tourism Industry of Nepal</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 2nd Club Assembly on 22 July 2019</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No.1667

Date: 23 Asadh 2076 / 8 July 2019

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1667 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Sita Gurung Piya, IPP of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Secretary Rtr. Kritika Sharma.
3. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa confirmed the membership of **Rtn. Sita Gurung** to the RCP and welcomed her to Rotary on behalf of all the RCP family.
4. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
5. 'Happy News' Contribution:
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi & Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for 'Happy Birthday' on 21 July (not 10 July - editor's error) (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for good attendance in today's meeting (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for attending the first meeting of President Lalita Thapa and raising half a million rupees for 'Ability Development Society of Nepal' through a charity Golf tournament at Gokarna (NRs. 1,000). Additional contribution: as per his annual pledge, contribution in the name of the highest sunshine contributor during Rotary Year 2018-2019 – Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 5,000).
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA and having the 5th grandchild Aashna Rae Cunningham from Poonam Maharjan & John Cunningham (NRs. 700). He also paid earlier pledged NRs. 1,300 by Viber during the meeting of 24 June for participating in the yoga in the UN General Assembly and in the panel discussion in the UN security council.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the 'Best President of Region III' award received by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and to welcome Rtn. Lalita Thapa's presidency (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for being the second highest contributor to the sunshine fund of the RCP last year and to welcome the new member (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for participating in the 'Nature Lovers' Group' camp and to welcome President Rtn. Lalita Thapa's tenure (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for being the highest contributor to the sunshine fund last year (NRs. 5,000).
6. Sunshine Fund - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty announced and congratulated the ten highest contributors as well as five highest couple contributors during Rotary Year 2018-2019 as follows:

Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha	NRs. 43,872	Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty	NRs. 15,700
Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty	NRs. 27,600	Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka	NRs. 14,100
Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha	NRs. 22,000	Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha	NRs. 12,700
Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi	NRs. 20,600	Rtn. Lalita Thapa	NRs. 12,050
Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha	NRs. 17,950	Rtn Rabendra R. Pandey	NRs. 12,000

Couple contributors (includes the above):

Rtns. Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha	NRs. 61,822
Rtns. Gabriele & Bijaya Mallapaty	NRs. 43,300

Rtns. Lalita and Kiran Thapa
Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka
Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan

NRs. 22,300
NRs. 21,300
NRs. 18,500

7. Other Contributions: With the objectives and priorities of this Rotary Year 'Expanding the outreach and connecting the World', President Rtn. Lalita Thapa announced a pledge of NRs. 50,000 (couple contribution of Kiran and Lalita Thapa) to the Club Service Fund, which will facilitate invitation of deserving guests to the RCP meetings and events. The criteria on the use of this fund will be discussed in the Board meeting.

She also handed over her annual contribution of NRs. 10,000 for the Blood Donation programme with the Rotaract Club of Patan.

8. Rotary News/Information:

- Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary informed about two District Awards worth NRs. 5 Lakh each (Total of NRs. 10 Lakh) every two years in Police and Judiciary fields with the contribution of Rtn. Surendra G. Joshi.
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha reminded on the request for advertisements and articles for the Lalitdhara Souvenir.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed on the planned meetings of Past Presidents of the RCP on 22 July 2019 and the 5th Monday meeting of the RCP family on 29 July 2019 with the theme of 'cooking'.
9. RI Convention Trip Photo Presentation – Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty showed a power-point slide show of photographs of the RCP participants trip to attend the RI convention in Hamburg, Germany, followed by tours of Berlin, Prague, Kulmbach, Munich and Italy.
10. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – RC Giza Cleopatra, Egypt; Chartered: 2005; & Members: 33. District: 2450, Clubs: 142, & Members 4499.
11. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 18,450 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance and NRs. 15,750 for sunshine funds including NRs. 50 for a missing Rotary Pin), attendance: 2 Rotaracts, 26 members, and 4 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

- Q. Number of years of collaboration of Rotary with the United Nations **A. 75** since the signing of UN Charter
Q. Name of RI President's spouse **A. Gay Maloney**
Q. What is referred to as the Rotary World Magazine Press? **A. The Rotarian and all licensed regional magazines**



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The king wanted to go fishing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain.

So, the king and the queen went fishing. On the way they met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and he asked the man if the fish were biting. The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rainstorm."

The king replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him." So, the king continued on his way.

However, in a short time a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked. Furious, the king returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist.

Then he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of the royal meteorologist. The farmer said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain". So, the king hired the donkey.

And thus, began the practice of hiring asses to work in the government and occupy its highest and most influential positions.

(Courtesy: Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema)