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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly on 22 July 2019</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b></p> <p>29 July - 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment Programme (Theme: Cooking) 5 Aug. - Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No.1668**

**Date: 30 Asadh 2076 / 15 July 2019**

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1668 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: President of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Sajal Khadka, IPP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Secretary Rtr. Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for 'Bishwa Yuba Dachyata Diwas'.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, Rtn. Kiran Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Lila B. Baniya (NRs. 500), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 500), Rtn. Lalita Thapa (NRs, 500) – for the classification talk focused on Tourism in Nepal of Rtn. Lila B. Baniya today.
  - Rtn. Sita Gurung – for signing the attendance book as a member for the first time (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for the inauguration of 'Saraswati Mandir' & 'Ghanta' at the Tribhuvan University by the Prime Minister and its extensive press coverage, and for similar plan in 10 places in the USA (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday of twin granddaughters Mala and Bala (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty contributed NRs. 1,850 to the PEEF Operational Fund from his participation at a Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital committee meeting.
  - Rtns. Lalita and Kiran Thapa handed over a cheque of NRs. 50,000 to the Club Service Fund as pledged earlier to facilitate invitation of deserving guests to the RCP meetings and events.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty gave a brief on the status of KPAD Fund as of 30 June 2019. A KPAD committee meeting is planned for Monday, 22 July 2019.
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa briefed on the forthcoming District Strategic Planning Workshop on 20 July 2019 and District Membership and Public Image Seminar on 10 August 2019 with details shared by e-mail.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the issues related to the implementation of 'Social Security' contribution at the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital as per the mandate of the Government of Nepal.
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan briefed on the status of PEEF distribution and requested for volunteers to cover a school under his responsibility as he is travelling abroad.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – RC Nairobi, Kenya; Chartered: 1930; & Members: 33. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, & Members 3981.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 7,000 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance and NRs. 4,300 for sunshine funds including President's top-up of NRs. 200), attendance: 3 Rotaracts, 24 members, and 6 make-ups.

### [Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay](#)

- Q.** Club of RI President 2019-2020 Mark Daniel Maloney                      **A.** Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA
- Q.** Presidential Theme for 2019-2020    **A.** Rotary Connects the World
- Q.** On 20 July 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to step on the moon. Who was RI President?  
**A.** James F. Conway and his Theme was 'Review and Renew'

### [Classification Talk by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya with focus on Tourism Industry of Nepal](#)

Rtn. Lila B. Baniya first talked briefly about his classification. Following a business career, he moved into Tourism Management since the last 22/23 years. Currently he is a Senior Manager at the Tourism Board responsible for policy issues as well as Visit Nepal Year 2020. He is also involved in other social organizations such as Bandipur Social Development Committee as its General Secretary and Nepali Esperanto Association also as General Secretary. He had joined the Rotary Exchange Programme to Yorkshire, U.K. in 2008.

Rtn. Lila B. Baniya made two excellent presentations with the support of the power point. The first was about the current status of tourism in Nepal. He gave an overview of organizations involved in tourism, infrastructure in place, strategic plan 2016-2025, trends of tourist arrivals reaching the highest so far of 1.17 million in 2018, types and purpose of tourists, revenue from tourism, foreign investment and a comprehensive statistic of tourists coming to Nepal. This power point presentation is also shared as an attachment. The second presentation mentioned below can be provided upon request as it is a very large file.

In his second presentation, Rtn. Baniya talked about 'Visit Nepal Year 2020' with a target of 2 million visitors. The focus of increase is in Indian and Chinese tourists. He highlighted the promotional points about Nepal that included – highest mountains, living culture, ethnic groups and diversity, adventure activities, birds, butterflies, highest altitude lake, flowers, and indigenous plants. Nepal is also known as a 'Living Museum' with its culture and tradition in natural landscape that offers 'The experience of a lifetime'. The rich cultural heritage also offers pilgrimage to many historical sites, viewing of protected wildlife, unique natural beauties and trekking and adventure possibilities.

Following the excellent presentation, Rtn. Lila Baniya responded to several questions from members before President Rtn. Lalita Thapa concluded the session thanking him on behalf of all present.

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