



# ललित धारा

RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

Chartered: 29 August 1985

Past President & Editor: Bijaya Mallapaty Past President & Assistant Editor: Chandralekha Kayastha Secretary: Mahendra S. Rawal

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**Today's Programme:** 1. AGM. 2. Talk programme by Ms. Ujala Shrestha, Visual and Comm. Designer - Journeying for a Solo Heroine-50 Days of Madhesh

**Forthcoming Programme:**

19 Aug. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly  
26 Aug. - No Meeting  
29 Aug. - Charter Day and District Governor's Visit

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No.1671**

**Date: 20 Shrawan 2076 / 5 August 2019**

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1671 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Suraj Pradhan, IPP of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai, Secretary Rtr. Kritika Sharma and her father.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for getting building permit of his company's office building (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance (NRs. 500) and participation of Rtn. Kiran Shrestha (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for participation of guests and special award with Presidential Citation received by the Rotaract Club of Patan (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for his convocation as Yoga teacher in the month of Shrawan.
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Nag Panchami' today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kiran Shrestha – for attending today's meeting (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for special award received by the Rotaract Club of Patan (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for completing the PEEF distribution of his assigned school (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for his selection as 'Heart Hero' of Nepal (NRs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty contributed NRs. 3,700 to the PEEF Programme Fund from his participation in Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital committee meetings.
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha and Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha pledged to contribute US \$1,300 each (\$100 to Annual Fund, \$200 to Polio Plus and \$1,000 for Paul Harris Society) to The Rotary Foundation (Total \$2,600).
  - Pledges of contributions to The Rotary Foundation were made by: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (\$100 to Annual Fund and \$100 to Polio Plus); Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka and Rtn. Preeti Khemka – US \$100 each to Polio Plus (Total \$400).
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - IPP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty handed-over the 'Presidential Citation with Platinum Distinction Certificate' issued by RI President Barry Rassin to the Rotaract Club of Patan with compliments from the RI Board of Directors.
  - Youth Service Director Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on the excellent installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Patan. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya as the Chief Guest, President Rtn. Lalita Thapa, Guest of Honour, Rtns. Siba Rajbhandary, Gabriele Mallapaty, Lila Baniya, Jeevan Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty attended.
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary shared information on RC Kavre, Banepa installation with 3 consecutive lady Presidents similar to the RCP (1<sup>st</sup> during this year).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the PEEF distribution just completed in all schools for 7 to 10 grades. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey also shared some suggestions in this regard to the PEEF committee.
7. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on his selection as 'Heart Hero' of Nepal by Nepal Heart Foundation. This was done on the request of World Heart Federation with 200 members from among the civil society and professional society. He was very pleased to be recognized for his overall work in the prevention and control of heart diseases including his work on the prevention of Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) in children in Nepal and abroad. The RCP family was proud to felicitate Rtn. Regmi for this international recognition.
8. Business Meeting – This part of the meeting was restricted to members only. Vibrant discussion and information

sharing took place on internal issues of the club and it was agreed to follow this format in future business meetings. Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed that highest contributor to the sunshine fund in July was Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha with a contribution of NRs. 8,500. Rtn. Kayastha was felicitated as the 'Sunshine Hero' of July 2019 and it was agreed to name 'Sunshine Hero' of the month every month. Please see below for the minutes/decisions of the Board Meeting.

9. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – RC Brattleboro, Vermont, USA; Chartered: 1950; & Members: 81. District: 7870, Clubs: 60, & Members 2409.
10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 8,000 (NRs. 2,900 for attendance and NRs. 5,100 for sunshine fund including a top-up of NRs. 200 by the President), attendance: 2 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 26 members, and 5 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey**

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| <b>Q.</b> First Rotary Club in Asia              | <b>A.</b> RC Manila, Philippines, 1919            |
| <b>Q.</b> Name of the Rotary Month of August     | <b>A.</b> Membership and New Club Extension Month |
| <b>Q.</b> Current Chair of The Rotary Foundation | <b>A.</b> Past RI President Gary Huang, RC Taipei |

### **1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2019-2020 held on 2 August 2019**

Secretary Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the following minutes/decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty on 2 August 2019, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House':

1. Decisions of the 12th Joint Board Meeting of RY 2018-2019 and RY 2019-2020 were reviewed.
2. As recommended by the PEEF Committee, Board approved a change of name of 'PEEF Operational Fund' to 'PEEF Programme Fund' for endorsement of the House so that PEEF Management and Operations Policies (MOP) could be revised accordingly. The new terminology was proposed to reflect PEEF Management by the RCP on entirely voluntarily basis without any administrative cost.
3. Board endorsed the formation of following sub-committees for the management of the RCP's Charter Day and District Governor's visit on 29 August 2019: (i) Documentation committee: Rtns. Lalita Thapa, Gabriele Mallapaty and Nirmal Pradhanang) (ii) Fellowship event/entertainment committee: Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Preeti Khemka (also as Master of Ceremony); (iii) Events setting committee: Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka, Lila Baniya and Kiran Thapa and (iv) Lalitdhara Souvenir: Rtns. Jeevan K. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty.
4. Lalitdhara Souvenir publication progress review was made by Rtns. Lalita Thapa and Jeevan K. Shrestha. It was emphasized to follow-up on remaining articles and advertisements and remind all in the next weekly meeting.
5. Joint initiatives with NRCL: (i) It was agreed to have three representatives from the RCP – President Elect (focal person), President and Immediate Past President. (ii) Three priority areas for the RCP's participation were endorsed – Waste Free Lalitpur, Ethics Symposium and Animal Welfare.
6. RCP's support to district activities: It was agreed to join in sponsorship of the District Conference and Grants Management Seminar.
7. Model UN Assembly of Rotaracts in Pokhara – It was agreed to sponsor two Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
8. AGM of the RCP to approve the audited financial statements and nomination of the auditor for 2019-2020 will be held on 12 August 2019.
9. Board welcomed the proposal for the RCP to award Honorary Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha from Sarswati Govinda Foundation with a Paul Harris Fellow of The Rotary Foundation.
10. Board approved the new RCP membership of IW Bijaya Laxmi Shrestha as proposed by her spouse Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha with immediate effect.
11. Noting a new membership proposal of Mr. Suraj Pradhan introduced by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan, Board agreed to review it by e-mail, to expedite the process, after his attendance of two more weekly meetings of the RCP.
12. Board noted the offer of Nepal Handicraft Association through Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya to collaborate with the RCP in vocational training in handicrafts. The cost range for each training event was more than 4-5 lakhs, which would need other financial sources as RCP's current service project funds are already programmed.
13. Review of registration fee for guests to the RCP's weekly meetings: It was agreed to retain the subsidized rate of NRs. 100 to RCP members' spouses, Rotaracts, prospective new members as well as other guests to expand our outreach. Guest speakers and other invited guests would not be required to pay registration fee as decided by the President.
14. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty for hosting the 1st Board Meeting of RY 2019-2020 followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. The full (all 16 members) participation of the board members, lively discussions and recovery of Ms Ambika Rawal (Spouse of Rtn. Mahendra Rawal) and her presence were the highlights of the event.