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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 26 Aug. - No Meeting 29 Aug. - Charter Day and District Governor's Visit 2 Sept. - Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Bijaya Bajracharya – 23 Aug. Rtn. Sita Gurung – 25 Aug.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No.1672**

**Date: 27 Shrawan 2076 / 12 August 2019**

1. President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1672 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Ms. Ujala Shrestha (Rtns. Ganesh and Bijaya Shrestha's daughter), Mr. Suraj Pradhan, Ms. Gosai K.C., Ms. Bivuti Tamrakar, IPP of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Rtr. Ankit Basnet. She also specially welcomed new member Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha to her first meeting.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution:
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for reaching over a million Nepalese Rupees of contributions under his initiative to the PEEF (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for TV coverage (Sarokar Channel) of his talk on junk food (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Lalita Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Kiran Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500) – for the talk programme of Ms. Ujala Shrestha.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's attendance of over 25 members (NRs. 500). He also announced a pledge to contribute NRs. 1,000 each time attendance reached 30 members and NRs. 5,000 for 100% of members.
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (US \$1,300), Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha (US \$1,300), Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka (US \$100), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (USD \$100), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (US \$100), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (US \$200) and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (US \$200) confirmed the payment of pledges to The Rotary Foundation made earlier (Total US \$3,300).
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Lalita Thapa informed about two invitations to attend the Model UN Assembly of Rotaracts in Pokhara (RCP sponsoring two Rotaracts) and requested to let her know if any members of the RCP could join.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed that grade 11 registration has started from Shrawan 2076. Therefore, group coordinators were requested to check with the headmasters of the concerned school to start the scholarship distribution to grades 11 and 12 students. Funds being provided by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha.
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on the excellent 1<sup>st</sup> club assembly of the Rotaract Club of Patan. The Rotaract Club of Patan is also starting a new avenue on Professional Development.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the District Membership and Public Image seminar held on 10 August 2019 with the participation of 5 members from the RCP (PDG Tirtha M. Sakya, Lalita Thapa, Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Maheswari Bisht Rawal). He elaborated on the increased flexibility on membership and the conduct of Rotary meetings.

- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the request for support received from Mr. Basudev Adhikari of Bright Star Society (Blind Vocational Award recipient from the RCP) for 20 blind students of Karnali Secondary School in Sati affected by the recent storm that damaged their braille copies and educational materials. Estimated cost of some NRs. 56,000. It was suggested to propose this to the RCP Board by e-mail for support using the RCP KPAD funds.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – RC Santa Ana, El Salvador; Chartered: 1929; & Members: 22. District: 4240, Clubs: 53, & Members 1239.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 8,400 (NRs. 2,800 for attendance and NRs. 5,600 for sunshine fund), attendance: 3 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 26 members, 18 Inner Wheels and 8 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka**

- Q.** 5 Rotary clubs that got together to build the Cancer Care Hospital in Bhaktapur  
**A.** RC Kathmandu, RC Patan, RC Kathmandu Mid-Town, RC Patan West and RC Kathmandu North
- Q.** Annual per capita due of RI for 2019-2020 **A.** US \$68.00
- Q.** Term period of Rotary's Fiscal Agents **A.** 2 years with possibility of reappointment not exceeding 6 years.

### **Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan**

President Rtn. Lalita Thapa opened the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan and requested the Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi to present the Audit Report for the Rotary Year 2018-2019 as well as proposals related to the Audit.

Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the Audit Report, which had also been shared with all RCP Members electronically. The auditor has certified that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rotary Club of Patan as of 30 June 2019. The AGM approved the report.

A proposal to appoint Chartered Accountants Maheswarendra B. Shrestha & Co. for the Rotary Year 2019-2020 with a remuneration of NRs. 28,000 was made. The AGM approved the proposal following which the AGM was adjourned.

### **Summary of Talk Programme by Ms. Ujala Shrestha**

President Rtn. Lalita Thapa welcomed with a flower bouquet Ms. Ujala Shrestha, Visual and Communication Designer, for her talk programme on 'Journeying for a Solo Heroine – 50 days of Madhesh', which was sponsored by the British Council. She introduced her as a multi-disciplinary visual artist with a B.A. in visual communications and graphic design from India.

Ujala talked about her multi-disciplinary work that included drawing for art exhibitions, murals on bridges, pen art for various places including a large one (40' x 12') in the LinkedIn offices in Bangalore, digital illustrations and sketches.

She has a passion for travelling that has taken her to various parts of Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Indonesia Thailand, Malaysia and Australia. Her favourite destination has been south India, particularly Kerala, where she has been visiting every year since 2014. In 2019, during the 60 years of British Council in Nepal, it offered sponsorship for women artists to create Heroines. 12 artists were selected from South Asia and the UK. Through this sponsorship, Ujala travelled to the entire Terai/Madhesh region of Nepal. She made a power point presentation with very interesting photographs and artwork covering the 50 days of her solo journey.

Ujala narrated her very positive experiences of travel and connections to the local people with unique interactions that enriched her with the knowledge and understanding of the people of Terai/Madhesh. She conducted workshops in five towns. The goal was to create heroines among young girls meeting possible role models from selected women doing different things successfully. The varied stops included towns like Mahendranagar, Surkhet, Birgunj, Biratnagar, Ilam, to many villages, an old refugee camp community in Damak supported by UNHCR and border crossing points. She found that Terai/Madhesh was unique with tolerant people living in harmony practicing different religions side by side. Exchanges between people are very important to learn from and about each other.

Ujala is currently preparing to write a book about her solo travel experiences with all the artwork and how she planned and managed it all travelling in public transportation and living with the communities, available hotels and as guest of friends. The solo travel greatly enhanced her social skills and she was proud to have done it.

After some questions and answers, President Rtn. Lalita Thapa thanked Ms. Ujala Shrestha for a wonderful presentation and sharing her experiences with the RCP family with very good presence of Inner Wheel members.