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Today's Programme: Business Meeting	Congratulatory Events Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil
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Minutes of Meeting No.1674

(34th Charter Day)

Date: 12 Bhadra 2076 / 29 August 2019

The Rotary Club of Patan, on its 34th Charter Day, held three meetings: (i) District Governor's Official Club Visit and meeting with club officials, (ii) Club Meeting and 4th Club Assembly, and (iii) Charter Day Celebration.

(i) District Governor's Official Club Visit and meeting with club officials

District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha accompanied by Assistant Governor Rtn. Manish Ghiraiya and District Secretary Rtn. Rajendra K. Dahal, met with the RCP Team of President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, President Elect Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, and Secretary Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa presented the file with all the required documentation following which, all aspects of club management and service were discussed. Key issues from these discussions are reflected in the District Governor's comments on the presentations below.

Following the above meeting, the District Governor and the District Team also met the President and Secretary of the Rotaract Club of Patan.

(ii) Club Meeting and 4th Club Assembly

Master of Ceremonies (MC) Rtn. Preeti Khemka started by requesting President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, Chief Guest and District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha and Secretary Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal to take their seats at the head table. She welcomed spouse of District Governor Mrs. Gita Shrestha, Past District Governors, Immediate Past District Governor, Assistant Governor, District Secretary, District Officials, Rotaract Club of Patan President, Inner Wheel President, other guests, members of the RCP and spouses.

MC Rtn. Preeti Khemka also welcomed special guests Mrs. Sarswati Shrestha, Honorary Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha, Mrs. Mishu Shrestha, Mr. Arun Chaudhary, and Dr. & Mrs. Sanjib and Soni Shrestha.

IPP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and President Elect Nirmal K. Pradhanang honoured all the senior Rotarians and special guests with 'Khada' on behalf of the RCP.

President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa welcomed all and called the meeting No.1674 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa then requested the District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha to preside over and conduct the 4th Club Assembly.

District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha presided over the 4th Club Assembly of the RCP and requested the Committee Chairpersons individually to make their presentations. Committee Chairpersons/Directors made their presentations with 'power point' support in the following order:

Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Kiran Thapa
Fellowships and Events by Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha
Membership by Chairperson Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha
Public Image/Relations by Chairperson Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha
The Rotary Foundation by Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi
Service Projects by Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, and
Youth Service by Director Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary

District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha appreciated the presentations, commented on each individually, and thanked the presenters for an excellent report of the club's achievements and plans. Overall, he praised the RCP for a wonderful work in all areas and mentioned it as an exemplary club. Key points made by the District Governor during the meeting with the President and club officials and on the above-mentioned presentations are highlighted below:

- All documents presented are complete, in order and as per the checklist provided by the district;
- The RCP's engagement in 5 ongoing global grant projects is highly appreciated;
- With its reputation and professionalism of senior members and leaders of the club, additional efforts were expected to increase contributions to TRF as well as the number of members;

- The RCP is also encouraged to take leadership role in enhancing the capacity of other less active clubs with increased collaboration with them;
- Considering the praiseworthy activities of RCP, the District Secretary also committed that Rotary News will have half page dedicated to the RCP for write-ups sent by 10th day of every month.

(iii) Charter Day Celebration

Honouring Charter Members and Members with more than 25 years with the RCP: On behalf of the RCP, senior Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha and Siba B. Rajbhandary honoured with 'Khada' the Charter Members - Rtns. Lochan Gyawali and Matsyendra L. Kayastha (Rtns. Bijaya Bajracharya and Kamal B. Nyachhyon couldn't join) and Members with more than 25 years with the RCP - Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi, Pushkar M. Shakya, Tirtha M. Sakya, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Yagya B. Shrestha (Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Santa K. Shrestha couldn't join).

Induction of new Members: Membership Chairperson Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha welcomed and introduced new members - Rtn. Bijaya Laxmi Shrestha and her spouse Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Rtn. Sita Gurung, and Rtn. Suraj Pradhan and his spouse Mrs. Meera Pradhan. Assistant Governor Rtn. Manish Ghiraiya made the induction remarks welcoming all the three new members to Rotary, DG Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha pinned the new members with 'Rotary Pin', PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya honoured them with 'Khada', and President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa honoured the spouses with flower bouquets and presented the new members with a package each of "membership kit" for information and use.

Pinning of Major Donors: DG Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha also honoured RCP's two new major donors Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya L. Shrestha with The Rotary Foundation's Major Donor Pins acknowledging their recent contributions.

Release of '34th Lalitdhara Souvenir Issue': Chief Guest and District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha together with President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya unveiled the annual '34th Lalitdhara Souvenir Issue' of the RCP on its Charter Day. The Souvenir was produced by the Souvenir Publication Committee of the RCP led by its coordinator Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha with the membership of Rtns. Bharat N. Joshi, Kiran Thapa and Preeti Khemka.

Contribution of Sarswati Govinda Foundation (SGF): Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty welcomed special guests Mrs. Sarswati Shrestha, her daughter Honorary Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha and her daughter-in-law Mrs. Mishu Shrestha from the SGF.

The RCP is saddened by the absence of late Honorary Rtn. Govinda Das Shrestha who passed away in January this year. But he would be happy watching the continuation of his wish to support the education of needy children through the RCP's PEEF scholarship programme.

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the contribution of the SGF to the RCP's PEEF scholarship programme. This is the 3rd year of its annual contribution NRs. 10 Lakh, which is the largest annual contribution by a Nepali to Rotary in Nepal, and the RCP is truly honoured for this trust in its work. He iterated that the main reason for the success of this scholarship programme is the participation of the entire RCP family and ownership it takes to run it with 'zero' administrative cost.

He also thanked two additional major contributors to PEEF, Mr. Arun Chaudhary and Dr. Sanjib Shrestha, and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha who introduced all the three of them to the RCP.

Mrs. Sarswati Shrestha, who has the mantle to carry-on the wish of late Govinda Das ji, has assigned Honorary Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha to take the lead in the collaboration between the SGF and the RCP. They handed-over this year's contribution cheque of NRs. 10 Lakh to President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa in the presence of District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha. On behalf of the RCP, DG Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha also honoured Honorary Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha with a 'Paul Harris Fellow' (PHF) Pin and a Certificate by the Rotary Foundation of the Rotary International for SGF's exemplary support to needy children's education through Rotary.

Honorary Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha appreciated the PHF award from the RCP and spoke a few words remembering her philanthropist father and his dedication towards helping others in need.

Contribution from RCP's KPAD Fund: President Elect Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the establishment of the RCP's additional flagship project to support people with disabilities named after initial contributor to this fund - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey's late parents. As the first activity from the KPAD Fund, he read the letter of hand over of supplies to 20 visually impaired students of Karnali secondary school, affected by the recent storm. Bright Star Society Chairman and Vocational Award Recipient from the RCP Mr. Bashudev Adhikary received this contribution and spoke a few words of appreciation on behalf of the affected students and the Bright Star Society.

District Governor's Address: Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi gave a brief introduction of Chief Guest - District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha. Following his introduction, District Governor Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha made the keynote address to the meeting congratulating the RCP for a very successful 34th Charter Day. He also iterated some of the comments and suggestions he had made during the Club Assembly. He concluded by appreciating the exemplary work the RCP is doing.

Conclusion: President Elect Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang gave a 'vote of thanks' to all on behalf of the Rotary Club of Patan. Prior to vote of thanks, he announced a contribution of NRs. 50,000 by Mrs. Mithila Rajbhandary in the name of her six grandchildren to KPAD Fund. Secretary Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal announced the attendance of – 16 visiting Rotarians and guests, 3 Rotaracts, 32 members, 18 Inner Wheels/Spouses, and 5 make-up in today' meeting. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa once again thanked all for their participation and adjourned the meeting with a request to join in the fellowship dinner.