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This is a special issue of Lalitdhara sharing the minutes of meeting number 1701 of 16 March 2020. The Rotary Club of Patan had decided not to have regular weekly meetings of 23 March and 30 March 2020 as a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19. In the meantime, the Nepalese government has declared a nationwide 'lock-down' till 31 March 2020. As the lock-down by the government is expected to be extended further, our regular weekly meeting will also be postponed accordingly. Confirmation of this will be forthcoming once the dates of the lock-down extension is announced. In the meantime, stay safe and take care of yourselves.

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1701**

**Date: 3 Chaitra 2076 / 16 March 2020**

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1701 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract Club of Patan IPP Peshal Bhattarai and Secretary Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News'/Sunshine Contribution and Contribution to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for his 'Mother's Anniversary' (NRs. 500 to OF).
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for a wonderful trip to Rara (NRs. 1,000) and (NRs. 1,000 to OF).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for joining the meeting after some time and for doing a study project with the Ministry of Land Management, Cooperative and Poverty Alleviation (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500) and (NRs. 500 to OF) and Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500 to OF) – for a wonderful trip to Rara.
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for spouse Rtn. Lalita Thapa's birthday (NRs. 500 to OF).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for his grandson Aayan M.S. Pradhan's 2 years' anniversary (NRs. 1,000) and (NRs. 1,000 to OF).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtns. Lalita and Kiran Thapa handed over the contribution of US \$200 (US \$100 each) to the TRF Polio Plus programme as pledged earlier.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa:
    - Reminded about RI President Mark D. Maloney's message shared with all electronically about Rotary's actions and suggestions with regards to Covid-19 pandemic.
    - Reported on the progress of GG project activity in Bhattedanda with water supply provision to villagers completed.
    - Briefed on the readiness to do the traffic awareness activity in three schools as planned with Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. However, this has been postponed because of planned school closures due to Covid-19 pandemic.
    - Discussed the possible mask-making training (possibly to the RCP's project trainees at Khokana) in the context of action by Lalitpur municipality. It was suggested to consult Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal in this regard.
    - Informed about the postponement of the NRCL workshop on the planning for the next year.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the status of preparations for this year's PEEF scholarship distribution. The distribution may be delayed as we have not received the documentation from Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan (expected to return only in early May) and uncertainty with planned school closures in view of Covid-19 pandemic.

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed about the postponement of the 'Birthday Fellowship' planned for 21 March 2020. Following discussions on the recommended preventive measures due to Covid-19 pandemic, **it was also decided to cancel the regular weekly meetings of 23 March and 30 March 2020.**
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced that Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha was the highest contributor to the 'Sunshine Fund' of the RCP during the month of February 2020 with a contribution of NRs. 8,900.
7. Rara Trip: Rtns. Shiv P. & Preeti Khemka and Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty had visited there during 11 to 14 March 2020. A PowerPoint presentation with photos/videos of this wonderful trip was shared with all. Rara lake is the largest and deepest lake in Nepal.
  8. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – RC Aveiro, Portugal; Chartered: 1954; Members: 40. District: 1970, Clubs: 86, & Members: 2091.
  9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: total contribution of NRs. 9,600 (NRs. 3,500 for sunshine fund and NRs. 6,100 to OF including for attendance), attendance: 21 members, 2 Rotaracts and 7 make-ups.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa

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| Q. The year when RI officially adopted the '4 Way Test' | A. 1943                                     |
| Q. Purpose of President Elects Training Seminar (PETS)  | A. Prepare and motivate incoming Presidents |
| Q. Required frequency of reporting membership changes   | A. Minimum twice: 1 July and 1 January      |

### Rotary Information

*(Source: rotary.org)*

#### Rotary monitors the coronavirus impact

Rotary is closely monitoring the pandemic of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members. Health and safety of Rotarians are always Rotary's top priorities. Please go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) for information on Rotary activities that may be affected. The website page on Corona virus is being updated as new information becomes available.

In the near term, Rotary International recommends that districts and Rotary and Rotaract clubs meet virtually, cancel, or postpone meetings and events following the advice of national and local health officials.

Rotary encourages members and their families to take precautions to protect themselves from contracting the virus by: washing your hands often and thoroughly, putting distance between yourself and others if COVID-19 is spreading in your community, and staying home if you are sick.

A summary of information and suggestions on how to keep working on the following areas are found in the webpage of the Rotary International:

Grant options to respond to COVID-19  
 District grants  
 Disaster Response Grants and Rotary's Disaster Response Fund  
 Global Grants  
 Rotary International Convention  
 Other major Rotary events  
 Club and district meetings  
 Rotary leadership, committees, RI secretariat  
 Rotary Youth Exchange  
 Rotary Peace Fellowships and other programs  
 Rotary-funded travel