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<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b>	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b>
Fifth Club Assembly of RY 2019-2020 and First Club Assembly of RY 2020-2021 (Assistant Governors of this year and the next year have been invited to join)	<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Sharada Prasai – 14 June Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – 16 June <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Jeevan K. and Gunu Shrestha

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1710**

**Date: 1 Ashadh 2077 / 15 June 2020**

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the virtual RCP Meeting No. 1710 through 'Google Meet' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract Club of Patan IPP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
  - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for her last but two meetings as President (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for a successful Inner Wheel District training programme (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the birthdays of his twin granddaughters on 6 June (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for resuming the sport of Golf after the lockdown relaxation (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good participation in today's virtual meeting (NRs. 500 to OF).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - The RCP's contribution of NRs. 200,000 through the District to the Government's Covid-19 pandemic fund pledged earlier has been made. Contribution to the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital of NRs. 100,000 has also been made. Members who had pledged to contribute are reminded to reimburse the RCP as soon as possible.
  - The membership dues (NRs. 25,000 per member) also need to be paid before 1 July 2020 by all members.

**Deposits through the bank for all dues/pledges could be made as follows (with confirmation to Basant Ale Magar):**

(i) By direct deposit at any Citizens Bank Branch to Rotary Club of Patan Account No. 0580000048CC  
and/or

(ii) By electronic mechanism such as e-sewa to Citizens Bank for Rotary Club of Patan Account No. 058010000036301

- Reminders were made to settle the contribution for the advertisements in the Lalitdhara Souvenir (3 outstanding).
- President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, and President Elect Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on various virtual programmes/meetings arranged by our District:
  - Grant Management Seminar
  - 'Bhajan' programme in memory of RI President Nominee Sekhar Mehta's late father

- Strategic Planning Workshop
- Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission presentation and related meetings with the Education Minister and another one planned with the Health Minister.

- President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa mentioned, as also suggested by Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema, that the RCP's in-house resources should be used more often for briefings to enrich our members on various topics such as on violence against women, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), government budget and foreign relations (in view of current issues being highlighted by various media) and explore opportunities that these would provide for future work of the RCP.

Rtn. Kiran Thapa added that if RCP wants the issue of 'violence to women' by men as a strategic issue to be incorporated in all our projects (not just guest speakers remind us of it once in a while, with no long term consequence), it would be a good move if we frame our own gender strategy to guide every project we undertake. As we learn from implementing these projects, we will have the actual data to understand the evolving patterns to determine gender relationships and the power relations between men and women, and other disadvantaged groups such as 'dalits' and 'untouchables'.

- PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya confirmed that the District is contributing one crore Nepalese Rupees to support the government's efforts on Covid-19 pandemic. Shortfall between contributions raised from clubs and the pledged amount will be covered from the District's disaster relief funds.
- Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary updated that Nepal has become the highest recipient of global grants worldwide with US \$4.4 million approved for 35 projects this year.
- Virtual Rotary International Convention 20-26 June 2020: Please refer to Lalitdhara 1357 of 25 May 2020 for suggestions to register, which is free of cost.
- Following discussion on the pro and cons of different virtual mechanisms for our meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic, it was agreed to use 'zoom' with subscription to avoid its forty minutes time limit. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht volunteered to start the subscription for 'Zoom' meetings from next week. It was also noted that a protocol with 'Do's and Don't's' for a more efficient management of virtual meetings would be helpful.
- Next weekly meeting will be the 5<sup>th</sup> club assembly of this Rotary Year, led by the current President and the 1<sup>st</sup> club assembly of the next Rotary Year, led by the President Elect.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – RC Bang Khen, Thailand; Chartered: 1984 & Members: 31. District: 3350, Clubs: 88 & Members: 2427.

7. Total contributions of NRs. 4,500 were pledged (NRs. 4,000 for the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 for the 'OF' of the RCP). Attendance: 28 members and 1 Rotaract.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty**

- Q.** Who said: "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves"?
- A.** Paul Parcial Harris, The Founder of Rotary
- Q.** Who has been credited with starting the Rotary Theme?
- A.** Percy C. Hodgson, Rotary's President in 1949-50. Hodgson's 83-word theme, which included a list of four objectives, was substantially longer than today's punchier themes.
- Q.** Name the first Rotary International President from India and his theme.
- A.** Nitish C. Laharry, 1962-63, His theme was: '*Kindle the Spark Within*'

### **Rotary Information: Statement from Rotary International**

*At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.*

*We have more work to do to create more just, open, and welcoming communities for all people.*

*We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.*

*Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.*

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