



# ललित धारा

RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

Chartered: 29 August 1985

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**Date: 15 Ashadh 2077 / 29 June 2020**

<u>Today's Programme:</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
Business Meeting  Last weekly meeting of Rotary Year 2019-2020	<u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – 1 July Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – 2 July <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1711**

**Date: 8 Ashadh 2077 / 22 June 2020**

1. President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa called the virtual RCP Meeting No. 1711 through 'Zoom' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Current Assistant Governor Rtn. M.K. Ghiraiya and RY 2020-2021 Assistant Governor Rtn. Dinesh Manandhar.
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. Sharada Prasai – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. and Gunu Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Happy Father's Day' (American+) (NRs. 500 to OF).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for today's Joint Club Assembly in the presence of both AGs (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the above with good participation (NRs. 1,000 to OF).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for being the 'admin host' of today's 'Zoom' meeting and joining the RI Convention (virtual) for the first time since joining Rotary (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good participation in today's virtual meeting (NRs. 500 to OF).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty conveyed Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi's request to all members to give a separate cheque for the club dues (NRs. 25,000 for RY 2020-2021 by end June 2020) to facilitate year-end accounting.
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya informed and requested participation of the RCP members to a District Vocational Service Seminar on Wednesday, 1 July 2020 on the subject of vocational education and its importance in Nepal Interested speakers on the subject from the RCP should also contact him.
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya updated on the ongoing fund-raising for the school construction by the Alumni of Anandakuti School.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa informed about several virtual meetings arranged by the District as informed through e-mails.
  - President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa informed about the RCP's forthcoming Joint Board Meeting on 27 June 2020, and the ongoing virtual RI convention. Registration to the next RI Convention in Taipei with discounted rates is available till 26 June 2020.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – RC Badulla, Uva Province, Sri Lanka; Chartered: 1976 & Members: 37. District: 3220, Clubs: 65 & Members: 1793.
7. Total contributions of NRs. 4,000 were pledged (NRs. 2,000 for the sunshine fund and NRs. 2,000 for the 'OF' of the RCP). Attendance: 2 Rotarian guests and 30 members.

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

- Q.** Name the latest Rotary Club chartered in District 3292 **A:** RC Kathmandu Kalanki on 11 June 2020
- Q.** Past Rotary International President (1978-79), Clem Renouf, died last week at age 99. What is he credited with?  
**A.** He helped propel Rotary toward its top goal of eradicating polio worldwide.
- Q.** District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. What do District Grants support?  
**A.** Humanitarian projects, Scholarships, Youth programmes, and Vocational training teams.

## Summary of the 5<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly of RY 2019-2020 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly of RY 2020-2021 with the participation of Assistant Governors for both years

President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa made a power point presentation of the Rotary Year 2019-2020 annual report. She started by recalling the Rotary's strategic vision "Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves". The presentation was summarised as per the Plan of Action following the four strategic priorities: increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt.

To increase our impact, she reported on the achievements of all the RCP's community service projects in education, water and sanitation, health and economic growth/income generation; vocational service, youth service, increase in contributions to the TRF and the RCP's endowment funds.

To expand our reach, she reported on the RCP's membership growth and retention; expanded outreach to communities; expanded our partners to outreach communities; and regular and effective communication for public image and fund-raising.

To enhance participant engagement, she highlighted members' participation in service projects; maintenance of a vibrant club through engaging fellowship programmes; members' participation in district and international events; and engagement with Partners-in-Service.

To increase our ability to adapt, she summarised the maintenance of good historical records of the club including timely renewal of club registration and a smooth handover mechanism from one year to the other; conduct of regular weekly meeting, board meetings and club assemblies.

Assistant Governor of RY 2019-2020 Rtn. M.K. Ghiraiya thanked President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa for a comprehensive and excellent presentation in all areas of service and avenues of Rotary. He saluted the RCP for being a role-model in applying the strategic plan in all its aspects. He mentioned how privileged he felt for being associated with a club of the RCP's stature where he also learnt a lot. He congratulated the whole RCP team for being a 'jewel in the District' and suggested to continue to lead in inspiring other clubs.

President Elect Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang made a power point presentation outlining his vision for the next Rotary Year 2020-2021 with the Rotary theme of 'Rotary Opens Opportunities' wherein RI President Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to create opportunities to strengthen leadership thereby helping to put service into action for improving lives of the needy people. The District Governor's theme of 'Trailblazer' also encourages leaders to blaze a trail to guide others.

He highlighted twelve key goals for the RCP, which followed the citations of the RI President and presented his club officials and Directors/Chairpersons of all the committees represented in the RCP Board.

In this first club assembly of the next year, Rtn. Pradhanang mentioned that the goals have been guided by the RCP strategic plan (2019/20 – 2023/24), RI citations, district goals, district training assembly recommendations, district strategic planning webinar, and the RI priorities recommended for the clubs of 'Impact, Reach, Engagement and Adapt'. High level goals for each area/committee was presented for finalisation with a detailed plan of action for the 2<sup>nd</sup> club assembly in July 2020.

Assistant Governor for 2020-2021 Rtn. Dinesh Manandhar, coming from RC Patan South sponsored by the RCP, welcomed the opportunity to work with a senior and well-known club like the RCP with excellent record of achievements. He has had the opportunity to know several members and worked together in the network of Rotary clubs of Lalitpur (NRCL). He also appreciated the RCP's focus on 'Leadership' for the next year matching the Rotary International's and the District's vision and looked forward to working together.

Both President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and President Elect Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked both the Assistant Governors for their appreciation and encouraging comments. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya also added his words of thanks to both the AGs.

### Rotary Information

(Source: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org))

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a **new area of focus: supporting the environment**.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.