

## Issue No. 1365

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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2020-2021</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – 21 July</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1714

Date: 29 Ashadh 2077 / 13 July 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP Meeting No. 1714 through 'Zoom' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract Club of Patan President Kritika Sharma and PP 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. Kiran Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang's Presidency of RY 2020-2021 (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 500) – for the publication of the RCP's WASH handbook on completion of the Global Grant Project in 12 PEEF supported schools.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000) – for the above and for the RI approval of the final report upon closure of the GG project in Mirge (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Bhanu Jayanti' today (NRs. 500 to OF).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for elder son's success in the board examination with 86% achievement (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for bullet points 2 and 3 above (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today (NRs. 500 to OF).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following:
    - Information on the virtual meetings/webinars held by our District;
    - Strategic Planning workshop for Region 3 of the District;
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly and AGM of Rotaract Club of Patan;
    - District goals on Public Image;
    - Closure of GG Project for Mirge with the RI approval of its final report;
    - Draft timetable/calendar of the RCP; and
    - Update on the printing of the RCP members' ID cards.
  - On the District's Strategic Planning guide, it was noted that the manual/procedures from the District are extremely lengthy. Moreover, the RCP has already revised its strategic plan for 5 years, i.e. 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 following the RI and District guidelines. There has not been any revision from RI in this regard. Suggestion was made to possibly incorporate quantifiable goals with action plan. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang suggested to elaborate on the plan of the RCP in the 2<sup>nd</sup> club assembly next week.
  - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya informed about the forthcoming strategic plan on RNLM /TEACH shortly.
  - It was suggested to request for the District Governor's visit on the RCP's Charter Day on 29 August 2020. This might be by a virtual meeting due to the ongoing pandemic. However, the fellowship of the Charter Day could be done separately on a different day later.
  - For the Rotary Club Central, it was noted that with the two GG recently closed, the RCP would have 3 Global Grants ongoing – 2 earthquakes related and one on post-graduate scholarship in the U.K.

- Guest speaker for 27 July – It was suggested to have the suggested speaker President Rtn. K.N.S. Thapa to focus on his experience with the UN Peacekeeping Operations. (This has now been rescheduled for August).
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – RC Martinez, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Chartered: 1959 & Members: 25. District: 4825, Clubs: 56 & Members: 1012.
7. Total contributions of NRs. 6,500 were pledged (NRs. 5,500 for the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,000 for the 'OF' of the RCP). Attendance: 25 members and 2 Rotaracts.

### [Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha](#)

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| Q. Full form of RCC                | A. Rotary Community Corps  |
| Q. Zone number of RI District 3292 | A. Zone 6  |
| Q. Rotary's monthly theme for July | A. There is no specific theme for July (1 <sup>st</sup> month of RY) |

### [Rotary Information: RI President Holger Knaack's Message - July 2020](#)



This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.

All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly — and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the foreseeable future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times — to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that *Rotary Opens Opportunities* for generations to come