

## Issue No. 1368

Date: 26 Shrawan 2077 / 10 August 2020

**Today's Programme:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly

**Forthcoming Programme:**

17 August – Talk Programme by Retd. Lt. Gen. and President Rtn. K.N.S. Thapa on UN Peacekeeping Operations

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

## Minutes of Meeting No. 1717

Date: 19 Shrawan 2077 / 3 August 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP Meeting No.1717 through 'Zoom' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for return of his daughter from the USA yesterday who is currently in-home quarantine due to the Covid-19 pandemic (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for Rtn. Gabriele's participating in the Rotary Cadre Training for South Asia on 30 July 2020 (NRs. 500 each).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for participating in the NOH Board meeting for the first time (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Janai Purnima' and 'Rachhya Bandhan' festivals (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for the above, for the PPE support to Ganga Lal Hospital by the RCP, for Acharya Bal Krishna's birthday, International Ayurveda Day, and Tree Planting (Total NRs. 3,000)
4. Other Contributions:
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang confirmed his pledge made during the installation programme of the Rotaract Club of Patan to contribute NRs. 25,000 for their service projects through the RCP.
  - For Ganga Lal Hospital's urgent need of PPEs due to Covid-19 pandemic, pledges were made/confirmed by: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Preeti Khemka NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Kiran Thapa NRs. 20,000, and Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary NRs. 10,000. Total NRs. 110,000.  
Interested members in joining the handover of the PPEs, being done as soon as possible, should inform Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi accordingly.
  - For toilets and drinking water to Khokana Women's Awareness Society (KWAS) run childcare centre, pledges were made/confirmed by: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha NRs. 5,000, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary NRs. 5,000, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey NRs. 10,000 and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (amount to be confirmed). (Total NRs. 40,000 +)

**Other interested members were requested to continue to pledge contributions to the above RCP initiatives.**

5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following:
    - Informed about the first GML of this Rotary Year shared with all.
    - Briefed on several District Committees' active with meetings.
    - Informed about Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission's (RNLM) plan to expand its activities particularly in Provinces with small number or no Rotary Clubs. Chair of RNLM, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, elaborated further on RNLM's nationwide plan. Request letter for support is being sent to all clubs in this regard and he suggested that the RCP should confirm its intent to support this initiative by 10 August 2020.
    - Informed on the NRCL monthly meetings (last one not attended by the RCP due to its Board meeting) with strategic plan and activities.
    - Briefed on the 7<sup>th</sup> focus area of RI being added with simplified projects in 26 different areas of environment.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated on the NOH Board participated by Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and himself with likely positive outcome to resolve its Management Board issues.
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on suggestions to raise public awareness on Covid-19 prevention (Social distancing, Mask use and Sanitiser use) thereby also enhancing Rotary/RCP image. Several members commented with suggestions. It was agreed, in principle, that the RCP would support this activity. The Public Image committee chaired by Rtn. Pandey would come up with a detailed proposal in this regard.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – RC Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE; Chartered: 2007 & Members: 56. District: 2450, Clubs: 142 & Members: 4499.
7. Total contributions of NRs. 5,700 were pledged to the sunshine fund of the RCP. Attendance: 22 members.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht**

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| <b>Q.</b> First President of RC of Chicago, the first Rotary Club  | <b>A.</b> Silvester Schiele from Feb 1905- Jan 1906.  |
| <b>Q.</b> Top 5 countries by membership in Rotary  | <b>A.</b> USA, India, Japan, South Korea, and Germany |
| <b>Q.</b> Number of Global Grant Projects approved by the Rotary Foundation for Nepal in the Rotary Year 2019/20.      |   |
| <b>A.</b> 35 Global Grants with a value of US\$ 4.4 million (Includes some grants with host clubs in other Districts). |   |

**1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 30 July 2020**

Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the minutes/decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'. The virtual Board meeting was conducted via 'Zoom' application on 30 July 2020. Thirteen Board members participated in the meeting.

The meeting was hosted by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund. On behalf of all Board members, President Nirmal K. Pradhanang gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary for his pledge.

The minutes/decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary presented the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the RCP to be in line with the latest changes made by the Rotary International. Board endorsed the revised versions. It will be shared with all members for final approval before the visit of the District Governor.
3. The District Governor's visit has been confirmed to be on the RCP's charter day on 29 August 2020. It was decided that this will be held virtually.
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly will be held on 10 Aug. 2020 to finalise the presentation for the District Governor's visit.
5. As the Summit Hotel is going to be closed for some time, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha was requested to explore other possible venues and possibly Himalaya Hotel.
6. Preparation for the Lalitdhara Souvenir publication was reviewed. It was agreed to have it done by 29 August 2020, but no later than by 15 September 2020. A note assigning responsibilities with deadlines for articles and requests for advertisements should be sent out shortly.
7. Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the RCP for the month of July 2020. It was mentioned that 32 members have paid the Rotary dues with a balance of 12 members needing to pay as soon as possible. It was also noted that a google sheet was maintained, which is continuously updated and shared, indicating the latest status of contributions pledged and outstanding dues from members.
8. The audit report for the year 2019-2020 is ready and being signed. It will be shared with members for presentation in the AGM fixed for 17 August 2020.
9. Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa presented the proposal to sponsor an internship of a Rotaract, preferably from Rotaract Club of Patan, to UN or another international organisation for a year. This is to provide professional opportunity to the youth through Rotary. This was welcomed by the Board, and it was agreed to make it sustainable with the RCP's ownership. Details with selection criteria need to be prepared.
10. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the status of PEEF documentation collection from last year. Only four schools' information is awaited, which is expected within a week. After this, a PEEF committee meeting will be held to review and plan the next steps.
11. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the request from Ganga Lal Hospital for urgently required PPE kits due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To establish a partnership with this prominent heart hospital, which is a partner of Nepal Heart Foundation, it was agreed to contribute NRs. 200,000 – NRs. 100,000 from the RCP funds and NRs. 100,000 by raising funds from the RCP members (several members already pledged to contribute).
12. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the request from Khokana Women's Awareness Society (KWAS) for support to their childcare centre with four toilets and provision for drinking water at an estimated cost of NRs. 180,000. The RCP is already doing a GG project with them, but this is not within the scope of the project. Therefore, it was agreed to contribute NRs. 180,000 – NRs. 90,000 from the RCP funds and NRs. 90,000 by raising funds from the RCP members (several members already pledged to contribute).
13. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the projects being planned to support WASH facilities in the Chepel village (site of our GG project on Micro-Hydro) school as well as for sustainable income generating activities for the villagers with initial support with cows/goats. This is being worked out with our international partners 'Friends of Chepel' in Germany led by Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte for a possible District Grant, a club to club contribution or 'Friends of Chepel' contribution with minimum contribution from the RCP.
14. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey agreed to host the next virtual Board meeting on Friday, 28 August 2020 at 5 p.m.