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**Today's Programme:** District Governor's Official Club Visit, 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly and 35<sup>th</sup> Charter Day of the Rotary Club of Patan

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1720**

**Date: 8 Bhadra 2077 / 24 August 2020**

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP Meeting No.1720 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 Rtr. Kritika Sharma (with 'Happy Birthday'), PP Peshal Bhattarai and Rtr. Asmita Oli.
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. Bijay Bajracharya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Sita Gurung – for 'Happy Birthday' of self and her daughter (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for a happy meeting (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the completion of home quarantine of his daughter (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for participation in RC New York meeting at the UN (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for PCR tests starting in Nepal Medicity Hospital, Nakhu (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha – for Inner Wheel Kirtipur opening the Rotary Club of Kirtipur (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for his interview on NTV related to Covid-19 and heart patients (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for getting excellent feedback on her article about Nepali society's superstition on menstruation, which was published online in Khabar Express (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for the success of his daughter in SEE exam with A+ result (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500) – for the article of Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal mentioned above.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's good attendance (NRs. 500 to OF).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka pledged to contribute (1) for TRF Polio Plus US \$200, and (2) for PEEF Trust Fund NRs.50,000.
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa for TRF for 'PHF' pin US \$300.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed his annual pledge of NRs. 50,000 to KPAD Fund.
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged US \$50 to TRF for Polio+ and confirmed her annual pledge of NRs. 10,000 to the Rotaract's blood donation campaign.
  - Summary of pledges for KVAS Khokana Child Care Centre – toilets for boys and girls and drinking water system (including pledges made earlier): RCP – NRs. 90,000, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – NRs. 10,000, Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya Shrestha – NRs. 10,000, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – NRs. 5,000, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – NRs. 10,000, Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty NRs. 50,000, Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – NRs. 5,000, Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – NRs. 10,000.

The pledges so far totals NRs. 220,000 against the revised requirement of NRs. 280,000. Additional funding need is NRs. 60,000. It was also suggested to request the local community for contribution in the form of labour support.

- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi pledged US \$100 to the TRF for Polio+ and confirmed his pledge of NRs. 65,000 for the RCP's Graduate Studies Scholarship Award.

- Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty confirmed the payment of US \$400 to TRF for Polio+ in the name of Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty as pledged earlier.
- Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat pledged US \$50 to the TRF for Polio+.
- Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the contacts with Rotary Club of Beirut, Lebanon, on the recent disaster following the major explosion. The RCP has hosted RC Beirut's appeal in the RCP Facebook page. As per the appeal, the following members pledged to contribute towards the reconstruction of the paediatric hospital through the RC of Beirut:

Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty	US \$200
Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi	US \$100
Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang	US \$200
Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka	US \$100
Rtn. Lila B. Baniya	US \$ 50
Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey	US \$100
Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya Shrestha	US \$100
Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat	US \$100
Total Pledges for Beirut:	<b>US \$950</b>

#### 6. Rotary News/Information:

- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi urged members to contribute to the TRF, particularly for 'PHF' pin by those have not yet contributed and noted that the RCP is a 100% PHF club.
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following:
    - RNLM e-learning committee's proposal to support schools with a smart TV and Midas learning software in the adopted schools. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya also provided more details on the proposal, which is being piloted in Gandaki Province. This will be part of the TEACH support with adoption of schools that were requested from all clubs.
    - Club Officials Training Seminar (COTS) is being organised by the District Support and Strengthening Committee on 30 August 2020. Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Mahendra Thapa are participating and other interested members may join.
    - RI's website has been upgraded, but some problems/bugs are still being experienced with My Rotary.
    - Updated on the plans for the District Governor's official club visit, 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly and the RCP's 35<sup>th</sup> Charter Day celebrations on Saturday, 29 August. Maximum participation of members was requested. Further details with programme schedule will be shared shortly. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha added the dress code for this important day.
    - Because of the above, there will be no regular meeting on Monday, 31 August 2020.
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey updated on the plans for the public awareness programme on Covid-19. The budget for this will be reviewed during the forthcoming Board meeting on 28 August 2020.
7. The revised By-Laws of the RCP shared with all members were unanimously adopted by the House as per Rotary's requirements.
8. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – RC Vimmerby, Sweden; Chartered: 1953 & Members: 69. District: 2410, Clubs: 73 & Members: 3188.
9. Total contributions of NRs. 6,200 were pledged (NRs. 5,700 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the 'OF' of the RCP). Attendance: 3 Rotaracts and 33 members.

#### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka**

- Q.** Name of the first woman President of a Rotary Club **A.** Sylvia Whitlock of RC Duarte, California in June 1987
- Q.** Name of the first RI President to visit Nepal with month and year **A.** Rajendra Saboo, April 1992
- Q.** District Number when Rotary Club of Kathmandu was admitted to RI **A.** District 325