

Issue No. 1373

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<u>Today's Programme:</u> <u>Business Meeting</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays and Wedding anniversaries:</u> Nil
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1721

(35th Charter Day)

Date: 13 Bhadra 2077 / 29 August 2020

The Rotary Club of Patan, on its 35th Charter Day, held three virtual 'zoom' meetings: (i) District Governor's official club visit and meeting with club officials, (ii) Club Meeting and 4th Club Assembly, and (iii) Charter Day celebration.

(i) District Governor's official club visit and meeting with club officials

District Governor Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel accompanied by Assistant Governor Rtn. Dinesh R. Manandhar and District Secretary Rtn. Sushil Rijal met with the RCP Team of President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and Secretary cum Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang presented RCP's report and documentation, and the meeting dwelt on all aspects of the RCP management and service. Key issues of this excellent meeting are also taken up by the District Governor during the 4th Club Assembly meeting summarised below.

Following the above meeting, the Team also met Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Kritika Sharma, Secretary Rtr. Ankit Basnet and PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai.

(ii) Club meeting and 4th Club Assembly

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang welcomed District Governor Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel and his district team members, and called the RCP Meeting No.1721 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: PDG Rtn. Basu Dev Golyan, PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha, PDG Rtn. Sanjaya Giri, IPDG Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha, PDGN Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary, AG Rtn. Dinesh R. Manandhar, DS Rtn. Sushil Rijal, IW Club of Patan members and spouses of the RCP members, Rotaract Club of Patan President Kritika Sharma, PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai, PP Rtr. Rubina Shakya, and Secretary Rtr. Ankit Basnet.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Announcement of contributions:
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha pledged to contribute US \$200 to the annual fund and US \$200 to Polio+ of TRF (Total US \$400).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi pledged to contribute US \$ 500 to the annual fund and US \$400 to Polio+ of TRF (with the earlier announced US \$100 to Polio+ total is US \$1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged to contribute US \$50 to Polio+ (with the earlier announced US \$50 total is US \$100).
 - In addition, she also confirmed a pledge of NRs. 300,000 for a one-year internship programme of a Rotaract through the RCP. This is to contribute to a priority thrust of Rotary to support the youth by sponsoring an internship to the UN or another multilateral organisation.
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya pledged to contribute for a 'PHF' pin (US \$300).
5. Upon request of President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, DG Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel presided and conducted the **4th club assembly of the RCP**. He requested the committee chairs to make their presentations in the following order:

Membership by Chairperson Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha

Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary

Fellowship & Events by its Coordinator and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

The Rotary Foundation by Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi

Public Image by Chairperson Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey

Service Projects by Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty

Youth Services by Director Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha

District Governor Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel appreciated the presentations and commented on each of them individually and thanked the presenters for an excellent report of the club's achievements and plans. Overall, he praised the RCP and mentioned that he was proud to have a club of this stature in our District. Key comments with suggestions made were as follows:

- Need to make extra effort to bring in young members.
- Need to increase the membership – with the RCP's record of excellent retention, appreciated that quality membership and consent of all members before accepting new membership are important. Suggested to have a long-term quantitative goal of membership increase and contributions to TRF.
- Appreciated the attendance, My Rotary registration and high % of female membership.
- Appreciated the highly informative, complete, and impressive club administration and fellowships.

- Commended the RCP on its plans to exceed the targets and suggested to reach a total of US \$10,000 with participation of all members and a focus on annual fund.
- Fantastic plans of public image noted even during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Exemplary service projects appreciated.
- On youth, highlighted participation of Rotaracts as guests even at the RI Board and appreciated the RCP's practice and called the RCP's active senior members as 'senior youth'.

President Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked the DG for his comments and concludes the 4th club assembly.

(iii) **35th Charter Day celebration of the Rotary Club of Patan**

1. Master of Ceremony (MC) Rtn. Preeti Khemka welcomed the District Governor and his team, dignitaries, and guests to the 35th Charter Day celebration of the RCP maintaining RI protocol.
2. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya gave a welcome address and introduced DG Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel who became President of his club during PDG Rtn. Sakya's own Governorship in 2020-2011. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya appreciated DG Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel as a young and dynamic Rotarian of our District who became a DG within ten years of being a President.
3. Honouring of club members with long service and exceptional performance: President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang congratulated and honoured the following charter members who have completed 35 years of service through the RCP. He noted that in view of the virtual meeting, 'Token of Appreciation' could not be awarded but, on behalf of the RCP family, acknowledged their individual contributions through a power-point presentation.

Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Charter Secretary (Classification: Architect)

Rtn. Bijay Bajracharya (Classification: Gemologist)

Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (Classification: Heavy Textile Manufacturer)

Rtn. Lochan Gyawali (Classification: Tea Farmer)

Similarly, President Nirmal K. Pradhanang congratulated and honoured the following members who have completed 25 years of service in the RCP:

PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, 34 years (Classification: Legislative Drafting)

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, 32 years (Classification: Airline GSA)

Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha, 30 years (Classification: Hotel & Tourism & Liquor Manufacturer)

Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, 29 Years (Classification: Carpet Export)

Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, 29 Years (Classification: Rubber Recycling)

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, 29 years (Classification: Cardiologist)

Rtn. Yagya B Shrestha, 26 years (Classification: Revenue Consultant)

Finally, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang congratulated and honoured the following members for 'Outstanding performance' in service to the Rotary Club of Patan.

Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, 18 years, (Classification: Diplomatic Service) for being an outstanding Sergeant-at-Arms and Events/Fellowship Coordinator.

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, 12 years, (Classification: Development Management) for Flagship Projects/Weekly Bulletin

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, 12 years (Classification: Health Services Management) for Global Grant Projects/Social Media

4. Charter Secretary Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha addressed the gathering with having the honour to start the club as the Charter Secretary. Introduced by late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit as a 'young senior', he has now become the senior most with 39 years with Rotary and has served as the President of the RCP for 3 different times. He briefed on his association and experience with the RCP over this long period.
5. New member Rtn. Lila B. Baniya spoke about his experience since joining the RCP. He was motivated as he had joined a Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) tour in 2009 to UK with Team Leader Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya and encouraged by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha. He finds himself lucky to join senior professionals of various vocations in service through Rotary as a platform for learning.
6. District Governor's Address: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal formally introduced the guest of honour, District Governor Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel. District Governor Rtn. Pokhrel made the keynote address congratulating the RCP for a highly successful 35th Charter Day with a glorious history of service through Rotary. Introduced to Rotary by his uncle Rtn. Tek C. Pokhrel and encouraged by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, he was proud to be joining this exceptional Charter Day ceremony of the RCP. He praised the RCP for being exemplary with excellent management and service. He iterated some of the comments made during the club assembly and talked about Rotary's '4 Way Test' and the five important values of Rotary - Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. Considering the RCP's strong capacity and expertise on all areas of club management and service, the RCP was encouraged to further support other clubs, particularly the new ones, in the District. In this context, Rtn. Kiran Thapa suggested that the District takes a lead to coordinate and get clubs to make requests for support needed, which the DG agreed.
7. Launching of the 35th Lalitdhara Souvenir issue: District Governor Rtn. Rajib Pokhrel launched the cover page while printing of the full magazine will be completed as soon as the Covid-19 lockdown permits the opening of the press.
8. Conclusion: On behalf of the RCP, President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa delivered the 'Vote of Thanks' to all for making the 35th Charter Day of the RCP a grand success. Secretary/Jt. Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced the attendance of 8 Rotarian guests, 4 Rotaracts, 35 members, and several Inner Wheel & spouses of RCP members. In closing, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked the DG for his inspiring address, and all the guests and participants for making the RCP's 35th Charter Day a memorable one.