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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Election of RY 2021-2022 Board, and Joint meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 4 Jan – Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1735

Date: 6 Poush 2077 / 21 December 2020

Joint Meeting hosted by the RCP with the Network of Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur (NRCL)

1. On behalf of the host club, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang welcomed all the NRCL Rotarians and called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1735 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Chairperson of NRCL IPP Rtn. Suresh Acharya of RC Kopundole, 10 Rotarians representing 8 out of 16 NRCL Clubs, Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtn. Kritika Sharma, PP Rtn. Peshal Bhattarai, and Interact Club of Godavari President Sudikshya 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. Bijaya Shrestha – for having her college friend Rtn. Gosai K.C. in today's meeting (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for forthcoming Christmas and Gita Jayanti, both on 25 December (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), – for today's NRCL meeting, and the recovery of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya.
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for Christmas and for the recovery of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for hiking with son to Mulkharka from Sundarijal, today's NRCL meeting, and recovery of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 1,000) and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 500) – for the recovery of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for his and spouse's full recovery from Covid-19 (NRs. 5,000).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced the pledges by Mrs. Ilse Hahn (Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's mother) to the PEEF Trust Fund of NRs. 50,000 for one permanent scholarship and NRs. 22,000 to the PEEF Programme Fund. He also announced the pledge by Mrs. Manuela Muecke (Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's sister) of NRs. 21,600 to the PEEF Trust Fund (Total pledges of NRs. 93,600).
6. Rotary News/Information: President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang requested interested members to join the District Strategic Planning Committee meeting for the NRCL being held on 25 December 2020 from 5:30 to 7:0 p.m.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – RC of Ikoyi, Lagos State, Nigeria; Chartered: 1984; & Members: 84. Current President Rtn. Rosalina Nkeiruka Akarutu-Balogun. District: 9110, Clubs: 80, & Members: 2032.
8. **NRCL Meeting:** Following the agenda of the RCP's regular meeting, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang handed over the conduct of the meeting of the NRCL to its Chairperson Rtn. Suresh Acharya. As there would be separate minutes of the NRCL meeting, these are not covered here. During the NRCL meeting, President Nirmal K. Pradhanang also briefed on the RCP's areas of possible collaboration/joint projects with NRCL.
9. A motion of condolence with 15 seconds of silence was observed on the passing away of Rtn. Prithvi Shrestha, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Jawalakhel.
10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 10,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund, and the attendance of 10 NRCL guests, 24 members, 2 Rotaracts and 1 Interact.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal

- Q. Name the 'Marco Polo' of Rotary A. James Davidson who was instrumental in expanding Rotary Clubs to other countries in the early years, chartering 23 clubs in 12 countries from Greece to Thailand.
- Q. The 5 Core Values of Rotary A. Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, Leadership.
- Q. Name the Rotary Club chartered in RY2020/21 in District 3292 with all Rotaractors as its charter members
A. RC Kathmandu Height

Rotary International President Holger Knaack's message: January 2021



January is finally here. As we look forward to 2021, our thinking doesn't have to stop at the end of these 365 days. Are you thinking ahead about what you will be doing in 2022, 2023, and beyond?

We cannot foresee the future, but we can steer ourselves where we want to go. I think it is important that every Rotary club hold a strategic meeting at least once a year. Past RI Director Greg Yank, who has a lot of experience working with clubs on their plans, shares his viewpoint.

A famous aphorism states, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Planning is essential to achieving success in all areas of life, including Rotary, and we're getting better at it every year.

Strategic planning for Rotary clubs works. I have helped many clubs find that pathway by working with them to build what I call a blueprint, a multiyear plan that answers the fundamental question: "What is our vision for our club?" The best plans I have seen are those that are focused, when a club concentrates its resources on the best opportunities it has. Your Rotary club cannot be all things to its members and to the community it serves; it has limited human, financial, and time resources. A successful plan factors in assets and limitations to chart the desired pathway for your members.

Begin building a multiyear strategic plan by brainstorming with your club, asking, "What are our initiatives and priorities for the next two to three years?" Document your answers using action-oriented language that is specific, concrete, and measurable about the goals you want to achieve.

Next, narrow down your initiatives to a core set of three to five priorities. Your club will then develop specific objectives for each initiative, outlining who will be involved, key milestones of achievement, how progress will be tracked, and a timeline for completion. Keep your plan short and simple.

Then go out and do it. Review the progress you make toward accomplishing the initiatives, and revise as needed at least once a year. Rotary has a solid template to assist clubs in their planning, which you can find at my.rotary.org/en/document/strategic-planning-guide.

We want to enrich and enliven our clubs with new discussions and ideas. But how do we attract the diverse professionals, from different backgrounds, ages, and experiences, who are all driven by as strong a sense of integrity as we are?

Through strategic planning, we explore this question to define the very nature of our club and the value it offers to its members and to the community. Each club is different, and each club's value will be unique. During the planning process, clubs may also find that some of the activities they used to do are no longer relevant or attractive.

Once your club makes a strategic plan, it's time to take action and carry out the necessary changes. When we do that — as we engage members in vibrant and active clubs that not only have fun but also serve their communities with projects that have real and lasting impact — our clubs grow stronger. And when we discover what makes our own clubs unique and build upon those core values in all our efforts, Rotary Opens Opportunities to enrich the lives of everyone.