

## Issue No. 1393

**Date: 26 Magh 2077 / 8 February 2021**

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Classification talk of Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b></p> <p>Rtn. Suraj and Meera Pradhan – 8 Feb.</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1741

**Date: 19 Magh 2077 / 1 February 2021**

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual meeting No. 1741 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Nepal & 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. Lochan & Sangita Gyawali – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (NRs. 500 paid in advance).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for being 'Happy' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for good participation in today's meeting (NRs. 500 to OF).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for good recovery of health from home treatments (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for full day's hiking to Shiva Puri (Bishnu Dwar) with son (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared information already shared by e-mail on:
    - The RI Convention in Taiwan, which will be held virtually due to Covid-19 pandemic.
    - The District TRF Seminar and Recognition Programme being held on 20 February at Hotel Everest with Chief Guest RI President Elect Sekhar Mehta. Interested members should register with the District. The registration charge is NRs. 3,500.
    - The invitation to join in the inauguration ceremony of the start of Anandakuti School Reconstruction Project on 3 February 2021 with a lunch programme. Interested members are requested to inform him.
  - As suggested in the Board, Members interested to donate used but working computers to Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha sponsored school in Doti, Siliguri, were requested to inform President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang accordingly.
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty updated on the status of the planned District Grant Project with the Rotary Club of Bingen, Germany, for a WASH Project in Madan Ashrit School in Solukhumbu with a total budget of NRs. 7.42 Lakh. The finalised proposal is expected to be approved in May 2021.
5. PEEF Briefing Session: Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal, Ganesh R. Shrestha and Bijaya Mallapaty made a comprehensive briefing on this year's scholarship distribution to grades 7 to 12, and student selection in grade 7. As this event has been delayed for long due to the Covid-19 pandemic, group coordinators were requested to make special efforts to complete this flagship activity of the RCP as soon as possible in consultation with the school headmasters. Group Coordinators will be provided with all the distribution materials (WASH Handbook, Menstruation Comic Books in Nepali and English, Lalitdhara Souvenir and Rotary Ka Kura) and necessary student lists with cash by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha. Suggestions with regards to the monitoring of what the students do after the end of their scholarship receipts beyond 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be reviewed separately.

Initial work on KEEA and Graduate Studies students selection have also been completed, and these are also planned to be executed as early as possible.

6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – RC of Santa Rosa, El Oro, Ecuador, South America; Chartered: 2007; and Members: 26. District: 4400 (Peru & Ecuador), Clubs: 65, and Members: 1307.

7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 3,500 (NRs. 3,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the OF of the RCP); and the attendance of 26 members.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya

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| Q. Rotary designation for the month of February | A. Peace & Conflict Prevention and Resolution |
| Q. The Rotary Foundation's former name          | A. The Rotary Endowment Fund.                 |
| Q. Full form of RNLM in RI District 3292        | A. Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission              |

### 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 29 January 2021

Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'. The virtual Board meeting was conducted at 5 p.m. on 29 January 2021 with the participation of twelve Board members.

The minutes/decisions of the 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the Vocational Award Ceremony has been postponed due to Covid-19. On KPAD, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the progress of the work, which will be presented to the next Board following KPAD Committee sub-group review.
2. Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal & Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the PEEF scholarship selection and distribution plan. Letters and required forms to most schools have been sent. The remaining six schools are being contacted. A detailed briefing to the Group Coordinators and all members is planned during the general weekly meeting of 1 February 2020.
3. Secretary/Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial report with details of income and expenditure as of January 2021. It was noted that only one member's second half due is outstanding.
4. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang presented a mid-term overview of the RCP budget. While there has been Board approved expenditures, which were not planned at the time of the preparation of the budget including for Covid-19 pandemic, overall, there is under expenditure. It was agreed to revisit the budget in the next Board meeting for specific allocations and adjustments of the budget.
5. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the plans to start the graduate studies scholarships that are sponsored by Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. Two best students have been identified from PEEF supported schools. It was noted that the costs of graduate studies are much higher, especially for studies in science subjects, compared to the planned scholarship support of NRs. 14,000 each. Following deliberations, the Board suggested a sub-group of both the above sponsors and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty to review and propose plans for this year as well as on a wider perspective for a graduate study programme.
6. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang presented the request for support received for computer classes in Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha supported school in Siliguri, Doti. It was suggested to request all members if they have used but working computers/laptops to donate for this purpose.
7. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal suggested to start a cycling initiative by a RCP group, considering the health benefits of bicycling as well as for image building of Rotary. It was suggested that Rtn. Rawal led this possible initiative starting with the formation of a group of interested members in bicycling.
8. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, host Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund.
9. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan for hosting this virtual Board meeting from his hometown of Bandipur, and for his contribution pledge toward the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund.

**Rotary Information**



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