

## Issue No. 1397

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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Classification Talk of Rtn. Lochan Gyawali</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b></p> <p>15 March - Regular Weekly Meeting 22 March - Guest Speaker: Ms. Kusum Tamang with a talk programme on 'Child Abuse and Prevention'.</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. Nirmal K. and Bijaya Pradhanang – 6 March Rtn. Ramesh L. and Shobha Maskay – 6 March Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary – 8 March</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1745

Date: 17 Falgun 2077 / 1 March 2021

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual meeting No. 1745 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. Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
  - Rtn. Piyush B. and Ramita Bajracharya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. & Rita Shakya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' & having newly born granddaughter of elder son (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Bijaya and Rajani Bajracharya, and Rtn. Shiva K. and Tika Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' of spouse Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka on 12 Feb. (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the good news of the govt.'s vaccination plans re Covid-19 (NRs. 500 to OF).
  - Rtn. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for attending the 73<sup>rd</sup> AGM of Nepal Council of World Affairs (NRs. 500).
4. Other Contributions: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty confirmed the receipt of the contribution of NRs. 300,000 from Mr. Arun Chaudhary towards the RCP's PEEF programme.
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following information:
    - Good progress noted during the inspection visit and meeting at Anandakuti school reconstruction project on 1 March 2021 by six members of the RCP.
    - Update on the plans of the 'Cycle Rally' sponsored jointly by the Lalitpur municipality, Nepal Cycle Society, and the RCP on the International Women's day on Monday, 8 March 2021 on the theme of Women's Empowerment and Environment. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal added further details and requested maximum RCP family participation for visibility at this Public Image event at 7 a.m. at Jawalakhel. Detailed schedule will be communicated by e-mail.
    - Reminded on the forthcoming District Conference and the Classification talk programme of Rtn. Lochan Gyawali focussing on 'Tea'.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed the following:
    - The shipment of a container (on board on 21 Feb. 2021) load of disinfectant from our partners in Italy for the Ministry of Health and Population. Once the container arrives at the Birgunj dry port, with the help of Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, RCP is organising its transport and delivery from Birgunj to the MOHP in Kathmandu.
    - Rtn. Sita Gurung has not been able to join the meetings as she recently got treated for her illness and has been advised to rest for three months. We all wish her a speedy recovery.
    - The situation of the Nepal Orthopaedic Board (NOH) - In witness of the Mayor and Ward Representatives of the local government, Donors/Rotary group has been insisting on the reinstatement of the Board as per past practice of membership. However, despite agreement in the last NOH Board, it has not been resolved.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – RC of Ariyalur, Tamill Nadu, India; Chartered: 1967; and Members: 36. District: 3000, Clubs: 79, and Members: 3213.

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 21 members.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka**

- Q.** What is the Rotary designation for the month of March?      **A.** Water, Sanitation and Hygiene month.  
**Q.** What does RPFSA stand for?      **A.** Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association.  
**Q.** IPDG, Rtn. Kiran Lal Shrestha has been nominated for a regional leadership position. What is it?  
**A.** Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Chair (ARRFC)

### **8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 26 February 2021**

Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha. The virtual Board meeting was conducted at 5 p.m. on 26 February 2021 with the participation of eleven Board members. The minutes/decisions below were endorsed/approved by the 'House' noting the following:

- On point 2, it was suggested to try the proposed physical meetings together with video conferencing facility available at Summit Hotel to allow for maximum participation.
- On point 4 GSSA, it was noted that for sponsorship of one-time master's level study of one student, the contribution amount would be NRs. 84,000.

The minutes/decisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were reviewed with implementation status on all decisions. Some follow-up issues are taken up in the agenda of the 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. On KPAD, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey updated on the planning work with suggested partners, which may be presented to the next Board.
2. Finalization of new meeting venue & the possibility of in-person meetings/activities: While search for possible alternatives continued, the Summit Hotel has re-opened and the RCP could continue its meeting there. As to the appropriate timing to resume physical regular weekly meetings, it was agreed to plan to have it from mid-April 2021 while monitoring the situation of Covid-19. It was also suggested to have the physical meeting combined with zoom meeting for those unable to join the physical meeting.
3. Cycle Rally: Board approved to sponsor this as a Public Image event of the RCP on International Women's Day on 8 March 2021 in support of women's empowerment and environment. The event is being hosted jointly by Lalitpur Municipality, Nepal Cycle Society, and the Rotary Club of Patan. The RCP agreed to allocate NRs. 50,000 from its Public Image budget for this event.
4. The RCP's Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA): Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty presented a summary of the report prepared by the sub-group established by the Board with the membership of Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Prakash R. Regmi and Bijaya Mallapaty. Board approved the recommendations made by the sub-group dated 17 February 2021, which has been shared with all Board members (and being also shared with all members). In summary, as agreed earlier, the GSSA for master's level study initiated by Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Prakash R. Regmi will start from this year for two students. With the intake of two new students each year, support will expand for up to 12 students in six years. The RCP will also advocate for scholarship support at a fixed contribution of NRs. 300,000 for each additional student's master level study on a continued basis.
5. Secretary/Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial report with details of income and expenditure as of end February 2021. It was noted that membership dues have been paid by all members.
6. The Board agreed to honour Mr. Arun Chaudhary with a 'PHF' for his continuing support to the RCP's PEEF programme.
7. The remaining Board meeting hosts were agreed as follows:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting on Friday, 2 April 2021 by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting jointly by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting by Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Board Meeting by President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa.
8. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, host Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund.
9. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha for hosting this virtual Board meeting, and for his contribution pledge towards the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund.