

## Issue No. 1399

**Date: 9 Chaitra 2077 / 22 March 2021**

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Guest Speaker: Rtn. 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> Rtn. Lalita Thapa – 19 March</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1747

**Date: 2 Chaitra 2077 / 15 March 2021**

### Joint Meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan

1. On behalf of the host club, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang welcomed all the Rotaract Club of Patan members to the joint virtual meeting and called the RCP's meeting no. 1747 to order. Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtn. Kritika Sharma called their meeting no. 596 to order. As there would be separate minutes of the Rotaract Club of Patan, these minutes cover the notes of the RCP meeting including common issues with the Rotaract Club of Patan.
2. A 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Nepal & world peace, health, and happiness was observed.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
  - Rtns. Khadak Singh Bisht and Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for the success of the 'Cycle Rally' programme on the International Women's Day on 8 March in collaboration amongst the Lalitpur Municipality, Nepal Cycle Society and the Rotary Club of Patan & today's joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for completing the PEEF scholarship distribution together with Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha at Shree Bisankhu Narayan School at Godamchaur and today's joint meeting (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for today's 2<sup>nd</sup> joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan of this Rotary Year (NRs. 500 to the OF and NRs. 500 to the Rotaract Club of Patan).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following information:
    - The 2019-2020 District Award Ceremony is being held at Sauraha, Chitwan on 26 March 2021. (Details shared by e-mail).
    - In the monthly meeting, the Assistant Governor shared information on TRF's update on the expenses in Rotary's new and 7<sup>th</sup> focus area on environment.
    - The President Elects' Training (PET) for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 is being held during 17-18 March 2021 in Bhairahawa. President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa is participating from the RCP.
    - District RCC Conference of all the RCCs of our District being held in Dhulikhel and the request received for its sponsorship by clubs. This is being reviewed with the RCP's RCC coordinator.
    - Request received for sponsorship from District Public Image Committee for the RCP's participation in the public image event 'Rotary Away' on 16 April, which is being reviewed with the RCP's Public Image Committee Chair. This Nepal Television programme is broadcast on the first Friday of every month.
    - Request for sponsorship of a 'Quiz Contest' of Interact Club of Balkumari coming Friday. Suggestion was made to check if all the three Interact Clubs of the RCP could participate.
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on the latest status on TRF matching for DDFs, which will be 80% match from 1 July 2021 and for 2020-2021 it will be 100% as long as TRF funding budget is available. (Please see below for the details of the TRF decisions).

- The RCP requested the Rotaract Club of Patan to support/take an advisory role in forming the Interact Club Committees, for the Quiz contest, and handover ceremony of the Charter Certificate to the Interact Club of St. Xavier's.
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal suggested to work with the Rotaract Club of Patan on gender-based violence in schools in collaboration with the Lalitpur Municipality and the RCP.
6. Classification Talk of PP of the Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai – PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai gave his classification talk during this joint meeting. He did his BBA followed by a master's in economics from TU. He joined the Rotaract Club of Patan in Rotary Year 2014-2015 and served in several club positions including as its President during 2018-2019. Currently, he is one of the three approved candidates for the position of District Rotaract Representative (DRR) for which the election is being held on 3 April during the Rotaract District Conference in Pokhara. Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai has had an excellent support and collaboration with the Rotary Club of Patan. He talked about the successes and failures in several business ventures he tried, and recently he has founded a new venture called 'Eventique Nepal' for events management and research. On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang appreciated his classification talk and wished him best of luck in his candidature for the DRR position.
  7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – RC of Kigali, Rwanda; Chartered: 1966; and Members: 37. District: 9150 (Comprising of 10 West African countries – Rwanda, Burundi, Cameroun, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Chad and Sao Tome & Principe), Clubs: 59, and Members: 1189.
  8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 2,500 (NRs. 2,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the OF of the RCP), and the attendance of 8 Rotaracts and 26 members.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rotaract President Elect Rtr. Ankit Basnet

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| Q. When is Rotaract Week celebrated every year?  | A. The week that includes 13th March. |
| Q. The theme of Rotaract District 3292 for the Rotary Year 2020-21.                                    | A. Creating Value                     |
| Q. How many Major Donors does the RCP have in RY 2020-21 & how many of these major donors are couples? |                                       |
| A. 10 Major Donors; 3 are couple members and 4 are single members.                                     |                                       |

### Rotary Information

(source: rotary.org)

The Rotary Foundation approved changes to funding model, set to take effect 1 July 2021 as follows:

1. District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50% instead of 100% by the World Fund before being matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation will continue matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$50 million per year.
2. The World Fund match of DDF will be reduced from 100% to 80% when being used for global grants. For 2020-21, as long as funds remain available, DDF will continue to be matched at 100% as long as applications are submitted by 31 May and approved by 30 June. Applications that are not approved this Rotary year will need to be resubmitted with adjusted financing.
3. Five percent of the current year's Annual Fund-SHARE contributions will be taken equally from the World Fund and DDF to help fund operating expenses. Currently, a \$100 Annual Fund-SHARE contribution is divided as \$50 for DDF, \$45 for the World Fund, and \$5 for operating expenses. Starting 1 July 2021, a \$100 contribution will be divided \$47.50 to DDF, \$47.50 to the World Fund, and \$5 to operating expenses. As shown by the Foundation's reviews from several independent charity ratings, our stewardship of contributions has made The Rotary Foundation one of the most highly rated and effective non-profits. We received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for 13 straight years.
4. The ability to roll over unused DDF will be limited to five years. Districts are encouraged to fully use their DDF to make a positive impact through our programs, but the amount of DDF rollover remains high — on 1 July 2020, \$48.8 million was carried into the current Rotary year. At the end of each Rotary year, starting 1 July 2026, DDF that has been held for more than five years will be applied at the district's discretion to PolioPlus, areas of focus Endowment funds, Rotary Peace Centres, the Endowment Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, or the World Fund.