

## Issue No. 1402

Date: 6 Baishakh 2078 / 19 April 2021

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Talk Programme by Dr. Dibesh Karmacharya on DNA research on COVID-19 in Nepal</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Jamuna K. and Meera Tamrakar – 21 April</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1750

Date: 30 Chaitra 2077 / 12 April 2021

1. Vice President Rtn. Mahendra S, Rawal called the virtual meeting No. 1750 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Nepal & world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the Vice President: Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Kritika Sharma.
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. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. & Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. & Upasana Regmi – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for the successful closure of the RCP's two global grant projects for which he has been the Primary Contact (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for chairing the meeting today and for Rtn. Bisht Rawal's Happy Birthday (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Chandralekha and Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for a successful year 2077 and wishing a 'Happy New Year 2078' to all. Despite Covid-19 and lockdowns, their company managed to continue work in 2077 and paid full salary to staff (NRs. 5,000).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for a 'Happy New Year – 2078', Happy Birthday of Rtn. Bisht Rawal, and completion of two evaluation projects (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for Happy Birthday of spouse Rtn. Bisht Rawal and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal's chairing of today's meeting (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - Vice President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal started the brief on just completed District Conference, which nominated Rtn. Rajendra Dhoju for the position of Governor Nominee.

Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, who attended the District Conference, gave a more detailed briefing. The DC was successfully completed with most sessions in a timely manner with the participation of a total of 976 participants and guests. Technology was well used with video presentations of many good service projects and a lot of focus on youth/young generation. Rota Quiz semi-finals and final were successfully conducted with the RCP's sponsorship of the 'Shield' for the winning club - RC Biratnagar, through the District Governor. The next District Conference is planned to be held in February 2022 in Jhapa with the theme 'Live to Serve'.

She also informed that the prize money of NRs. 25,000 to the winning RCP Rota Quiz Team of last year has already been paid by the District through Rtn. Manish Ghiraiya. This is being sent to the RCP. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya suggested that this be received during the ceremony on 2 May 2021.

- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht updated on the RCP's 'One Health Committee' meeting with progress of plans for this year's rabies vaccination under the RCP's 'Animal Health for Public Health' project sponsored by 'Dr. Mukti Narayan Praveena Foundation'.
- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on good progress made on the RCP's planned KPAD project. The Project Cooperation Agreement has already been approved by the Boards of our two partners and requested RCP Board Members to approve it by 15 April 2021 so that we can sign the document and move forward quickly. He

also informed about ongoing work on the 'MOU' with the implementing partner and agreement with a Rotarian landlord to lease the land for the project.

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated on the status of 'Disinfectant Container' from Italy. Follow-ups with the MOHP has resulted in the approval of tax-free importation, which needs to have a final approval by the Ministry of Finance. Follow-ups are continuing with the support of Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka. Once received, a handover ceremony by the RCP to the MOHP is planned.
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht informed about the planned talk programme next week on 'DNA Research on Covid-19 in Nepal' by Dr. Dibesh Karmacharya.
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed about the Community Learning Centre in Shikharapur, which is running very well and providing training on animal farming. A talk programme by them was suggested for the RCP to learn more.
  - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya briefed on the plans for the postponed District Awards ceremony of 2019-2020 now being held on 1 May. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, they will have the 8 RNLM TEACH Awards. He also requested that the RCP submit a brief simple report on this by 20 April 2021. On the implementation of TEACH in the adopted schools, he emphasized the need for the Rotarians to give time more than money to make it a success. He also mentioned a planning matrix RNLM is sending to support all the clubs with details of the process.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha - RC of Sundarban, Khulna, Bangladesh; Chartered: 1991; and Members: 25. District: 3281, Clubs: 158, and Members: 4415.
7. Before the closure of the meeting by the Vice President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 9,000 to the RCP's sunshine fund, and the attendance of 25 members and one Rotaract.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka**

- Q.** Name the five District Committees that every District must have?  
**A.** Required Committees are: Membership, Public Image, Rotary Foundation, Finance and Training
- Q.** Who among the Founders of Rotary started the practice of planting 'Friendship Trees'?  
**A.** Rtn. Paul Percival Harris, who saw them as lasting symbols of international understanding and good-will
- Q.** Who is the first recipient of the 'Service Above Self' Award in District 3292?  
**A.** Late Rtn. Gopal Rajbhandary

### **Rotary Information Honolulu to host 2027 Rotary International Convention**

Almost one year after cancelling its international convention in Honolulu due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, Rotary announced it will hold its annual gathering in Honolulu for the membership service organization's 118th convention on June 5-9, 2027.

Held in a different city around the world each year, Rotary conventions bring members from all continents and cultures together to learn from each other and various experts, and to share ideas for delivering long-term solutions to the world's most persistent humanitarian issues. Approximately 20,000 Rotary members from 170 countries were expected to attend the event in Honolulu in 2020, which was estimated to bring \$35-40 million into the local economy.

"After cancelling our convention in 2020 due to COVID-19, we are grateful to the citizens of Honolulu for welcoming us again in 2027," said Rotary International President Holger Knaack. "As a global organization that values bringing people together, we look forward to sharing and celebrating our friendships, cultures and service in the spirit of Aloha."

"Beyond the incredible economic impact this convention will have, the people of Hawai'i will be inspired by the humanitarian causes of Rotary International, to include: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment," said John De Fries, President and CEO, Hawaii Tourism Authority. "As a global community, Rotary members embody the values we cherish here, in Hawai'i."