

Issue No. 1413**Date: 21 Asadh 2078 / 5 July 2021**

Editor's Note: *The Covid-19 pandemic year did not permit physical meetings and fellowships, but the RCP managed to have outstanding level of service to the community. The virtual meeting formats allowed me to cover 100% of the meetings while having the security of support from Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha whenever needed. This will be my 10th consecutive year as the editor since I took over from late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit in 2012. The weekly Lalitdhara is a permanent record of the RCP activities while bringing the RCP family closer through regular information sharing. Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha and I continue to seek volunteers to succeed us. In the meantime, we very much appreciate the encouragement and support of the entire RCP family and look forward to the New Year with the RI Presidential Theme of 'Serve to Change Lives'.*

Today's Programme:

Installation Ceremony of President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa & his Team for Rotary Year 2021-22

Forthcoming Programme:

12 July – 2nd Club Assembly

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – 5 July
Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – 8 July

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – 7 July

Minutes of Meeting No. 1761**Date: 14 Asadh 2078 / 28 June 2021**

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual meeting No. 1761 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Nepal & world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Assistant Governor Rtn. Dinesh Manandhar, Guests from AKAA - Mr. Cool Deep Tuladhar and Mr. Nabin B. Maharjan, and Rotaract Club of Patan Past President Rtn. Peshal 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. Mukti N. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. and Gunu Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' from last week (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 2,000), Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 1,000), Santa K. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 500), Rabendra R. Pandey (NRs. 1,000), Ganesh R. & Bijaya Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Kiran Thapa (NRs. 1,000), Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500), Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 2,000), Yagya B. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 1,000), Jeevan K. Shrestha (NRs. 500), – for a very successful completion, despite Covid-19 pandemic, of RY 2020-2021 under the leadership of President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and his team, and to welcome the next year's President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and his team.
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for the presence of two potential new members Mr. Kuldeep Tuladhar and Mr. Nabin B. Maharjan, and successful tenure of President Rtn Nirmal Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the national 'Paddy Day' tomorrow and for the successful completion of President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang's tenure (NRs. 1,000).
 - AG Rtn. Dinesh Manandhar – for a successful year with virtual meetings with President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang & team, and to wish well to President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and his team (NRs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the good work during the Rotary Year 2020-2021 (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance today (NRs. 1,000 to the OF).
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - Next year's DG installation programme is being held at Hyatt Hotel on 1 July 2021 at 09:15 hrs with live telecast of it by Himalaya TV.
 - RCP members contributed NRs. 55,000 to the Sindhupalchowk (Melamchi) flood victims through NRCL, and as planned 275 pressure cookers are being handed-over on 29 July 2021.

- PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai reminded about the 25th anniversary of the Rotaract Club of Patan with installation and charter day ceremonies on 30 June 2021 at 18:00 hrs and invited all RCP members to join.
6. **President's summary of the RY 2020-2021:** President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang gave a brief summary with highlights of RY 2020-2021, which was covered in detail during the 6th club assembly last week. Despite Covid-19 pandemic, the RCP was able to achieve a lot. He elaborated on the achievements grouping them under – Club Administration, Membership, Fellowships/Events, The Rotary Foundation, Service Projects, Public Image and Youth Service. Due to the pandemic continuing the whole year, he particularly regretted that fellowships could not be done physically. Membership retention of 95.45% matches District goals, but the number reduced from 44 to 42. Despite the pandemic restrictions, the RCP accomplished outstanding level of community service in various ways. RCP members contributed a very high amount of 4.77 million Nepalese Rupees for social support, which comes to NRs. 113,682 per capita. He thanked all the 42 members for their contribution and support one way or another during his entire presidency, appreciated the support of Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka, and collaboration of the Rotaract Club of Patan.

Secretary and Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka thanked all the members for their support, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for his leadership and guidance, and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty for his help in Nepali minutes. She presented a list of 5 top contributors to different RCP funds - sunshine fund, rescue efforts, TRF annual fund & Polio+, PEEF, and KPAD. The detailed list is shared by e-mail.

President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for leading the RCP very successfully during this difficult year and mentioned that his guidance would be very much required in the coming year to continue the excellent work of the RCP. On behalf of all the RCP family, he gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for his dedication and for advancing the strategic priorities of the RCP.

PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya congratulated President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for being able to maintain the RCP's high standards in all aspects of its work even during this pandemic year. He thanked all the RCP family for this achievement and mentioned additionally Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, the Mallapaty couple, and Rotaracts Kritika and Peshal. He also thanked Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary for his outstanding work at the District level as the District Grant Sub-committee Chair.

AG Rtn. Dinesh Manandhar added his congratulation to President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and the entire RCP team for an excellent year. He very much appreciated the rapport with the club as its AG while learning from its very high standards. He congratulated the RCP for being listed in the RI Presidential citation and wished President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and his team a successful new Rotary Year.

7. Salutation: Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty saluted our partner club with whom the RCP has done two global grants and through whom the RCP recently received a container load of disinfectant for the MoHP. Rotary Club of Vignola Castelfranco-Bazzano, Italy, RCP's partner club; Chartered: 1973; and Members: 50 (Current President - Rtn. Stefano Tibaldi). District: 2072, Clubs: 56, and Members: 1720.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 20,000 (NRs. 19,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,000 to the 'OF'), and attendance of 2 guests, 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 Rotaract and 32 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Q. How many zones are there in RI and in which zone we belong to? | A. RI has 34 zones. We are in zone-6. |
| Q. What slogan is used in Rotary in reference to Vocational Service? | A. "Respect for the Workplace". |
| Q. Name the first 3-H Grants project of Nepal? | A. Bhaktapur Cancer Care Centre. |

12th Joint Board Meeting of RY 2020-21 & RY 2021-2022 held on 25 June 2021

Secretary Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 12th Joint Board meeting, hosted by President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa. The virtual Board meeting was conducted at 5 p.m. on 25 June 2021 with the participation of 14 Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board below were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

The minutes/decisions of the 12th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 11th Board Meeting were reviewed.

12th Joint Board Meeting of RY 2020-21 & RY 2021-2022 held on 25 June 2021 (Cont'd...)

2. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the following:
 - The financial status of the club as of June 2021 with a summary of the Club Fund, Sunshine Fund and the Club Service Fund. Overall, there are net savings in all the three accounts. During the review, it was noted that some of the unspent fund balances of this year (GG balance and other collections) will need to be earmarked for expenditures next year. Final revised statements together with the balance sheets including the PEEF and KPAD funds will be presented after the closure of the year as at 30 June 2021.
 - A proposed draft estimated budget of NRs. 1,778,000 for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 was presented. This was reviewed in detail, and it was agreed that a revised budget will be presented by e-mail taking into account the comments and suggestions made by the Board members.
3. President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa presented the issues related to the preparedness for Rotary Year 2021-22 as follows:
 - Installation of Club Officers on 5th July: A summary of the planned programme was presented, which will be shared by e-mail with all members for any comments and suggestions.
 - Finalization of committees/subcommittees: It was agreed to continue the membership to the committees/subcommittees with only minor required changes. The revised list will be shared by e-mail with all members for any suggestions.
 - Update on 36th Lalitdhara Souvenir: It was noted that the Lalitdhara Souvenir Committee Coordinator Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal has shared the draft plan with assignment of responsibilities for comments/suggestions of members.
 - Preparations/Formation of Committee for the DG Visit planned for 29 August 2021: It was agreed to have a committee under the coordination of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Fellowships/Events Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha with a couple of additional members to prepare for this important event.
 - Key activities for the next three months: An initial plan for the coming three months was presented, which will be shared by e-mail with all for finalization. It is also planned to have guest speakers possibly related to the Rotary's designated month with suggestions from respective Chairs of the committees.
 - Update on the preparations for the 2nd Club Assembly planned for 12 July 2021: A preliminary power point draft with initial plans/goals has already been shared with all. This is being revised with comments and suggestions from members, for a revised version to be shared again.
 - Hosts of next Board Meetings: The first Board meeting of the next Rotary Year on Friday, 30 July 2021 will be hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha if Covid-19 does not prevent a physical meeting. If it would have to be a virtual meeting, Rtn. Kiran Thapa will host this meeting.

Future Board meetings, where possible, will be hosted by Committee Chairs in accordance with the Rotary Month of the Year. It was also agreed that if virtual meetings are held next year, hosts will have the choice to contribute to the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund or other social projects of the RCP.
4. Final meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021: This handover meeting will be held on 28 June 2021 with a summary of the year by President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang.
5. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked departing Board members IPP Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Membership Committee Chair Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha for their continuous advice and support during the whole year. He added that the advice and support of the IPP Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa had helped him a lot during his presidency.
6. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha confirmed a contribution from Mr. Kunda Dixit in the form of Sinchahiti Cooperatives' shares worth NRs. 243,100 was made to the RCP's KEEA Fund. These will be transferred in the name of Rtn. Bijayashwar Mallapaty who volunteered to deposit the equivalent cash amount to the RCP's KEEA Fund.
7. It was agreed to remind members who have not paid the annual dues and any outstanding pledges to pay by the end of June 2021. As the RI invoice is based on membership on 1 July 2021, personal follow-up to ensure continuation of membership was also suggested.
8. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship. Therefore, host President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa pledged to have a fellowship for all the RCP members with spouses at a later date when the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.
9. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey thanked President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for successfully presiding the club despite the unusual and unprecedented year due to Covid-19 pandemic. Similarly, he wished success to President Elect Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa in the new Rotary Year, and gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to him for hosting this virtual Board meeting and for his pledge to host a fellowship once the Covid19 restrictions are relaxed.