

# ललित धारा

**RI District 3292****Club No. 23126****Chartered: 29 August 1985****President: Mahendra Thapa Past President & Editor: Bijaya Mallapaty Past President & Assistant Editor: Chandralekha Kayastha****Issue No. 1417****Date: 18 Shrawan 2078 / 2 August 2021**

<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Business Meeting	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b>
<b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 9 Aug. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly/Preparation for DG's official club visit	<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1765****Date: 11 Shrawan 2078 / 26 July 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1765 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Mr. Nabin B. Maharjan of AKA, Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Ankit Basnet and Rtr. Aman Shrestha.
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. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Guru Purnima' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Preeti and Shiv P. Khemka – for getting vaccine against Covid-19 (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for his daughter's 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for his daughter getting vaccine against Covid-19 (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for successfully starting the campaign, both virtually and physically, at Jawalakhel on the improvement of women's conditions (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the anniversary of Agriculture Ministry's strategic plan prepared with his participation (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions: Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa and Nirmal K. Pradhanang contributed NRs. 1,850 each to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund for participating in the Board meeting of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital (NOH).

Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa also briefed on the key discussions held at the NOH Board. The outstanding issue of membership of the NOH Board is taken up in the policy directive - a preliminary draft of which would be presented soon. She also agreed to be in a 5-member sub-committee of the NOH Board to update its staffing policy booklet.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rotaract Club of Patan's President Rtr. Ankit Basnet and Community Service Director Rtr. Aman Shrestha briefed on their 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly held recently and summarized their priority social service programmes. President Rtn Mahendra B. Thapa and Youth Services Director Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha from the RCP had participated in the Club Assembly.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the status of distribution of 400,000 packets of disinfectants from our Italian partners (Value NRs. 56 Lakh) donated to the Ministry of Health and Population through the RCP. Rtn Shiv P. Khemka obtained the detailed distribution list from the Department of Health Services. The RCP and our Italian partners are very pleased to note that 90% of the disinfectant packets has already been distributed to various hospitals and communities throughout Nepal.
7. Salutation: by PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Knysna, South Africa; Chartered: 1962; and Members: 58. District: 9350, Clubs: 61, and Members: 1381. He also gave a short briefing about the club's key activities.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 3,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund and attendance of: 1 guest speaker, 2 Rotaracts and 24 members.

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

- Q.** What does DEI stand for? **A.** Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. At its June 2021 meeting, the RI Board of Directors adopted a new commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Q.** Starting 1 July 2021, club presidents are encouraged to report what additional club committee chairs to Rotary International? **A.** Service projects and Public image
- Q.** What is ShelterBox? **A.** ShelterBox is an international organization whose purpose is to provide emergency shelter to families who have lost their home to disaster, enabling them to rebuild their lives. ShelterBox is a project partner of Rotary.

### **Summary of tutorial on 'Zoom' meetings: Do's & Don'ts' by Rtn Khadak S. Bisht**

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht made a power point presentation as a tutorial on the Do's and Don'ts' of 'Zoom' meetings. Looking back at the District's tips for 'Zoom' meeting attendees, Rtn. Bisht made further elaborated and made a comprehensive presentation explaining all the features of 'Zoom' for the management of its meetings.

Rtn. Bisht explained key tabs and features for practice highlighting many possibilities provided by 'Zoom' and how to use them. He summarized important behaviours to be observed by all the participants and those who conduct the 'Zoom' meetings for its smooth management under Do's and Don'ts. He also provided many practical suggestions and tips.

On behalf of all present, President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht for the excellent presentation, which should help manage our regular zoom meetings.

### **Summary of project presentation on the retrofitting of Mudita Bhawan building of Anandakuti Vidhyapeeth school, Swoyambhu by Mr. Nabin B. Maharjan of AKAA**

Mr. Nabin B. Maharjan, President of Anandakuti Alumni Association (AKAA) made a power-point presentation on the joint project to retrofit Mudita Bhawan building of Anandakuti Vidhyapeeth School supported by AKAA, Rotary District Earthquake Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruct Programme (ERRRP), and the RCP with a total budget of NRs. 64 Lakh. The presentation was prepared technically by Engineer Mr. Kuldeep Ratna Tuladhar of K.D. Associates.

He explained the damage assessment done by K.D. Associates Pvt. Ltd. following the devastating earthquake of April 2015 based upon which AKAA, ERRRP and the RCP joined hands to restore the Mudiuta Bhawan building to bring it to full functioning. He showed detailed photos of the damaged building as well as how retrofitting was being done.

Mr. Maharjan briefed on the progress of the project. Pinus Construction Pvt. Ltd was selected for this retrofitting work in February 2021 and work was progressing very well. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown work had to be stopped for some time and, therefore, there is some delay in its completion. Following the easing of the restrictions, work has resumed in July 2021 and it is expected to be completed tentatively by 7 October 2021. Mr. Maharjan also provided the status of project expenses and hoped that this successful project example would generate interest among prospective donors to fund other damaged buildings of the school.

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked Mr. Nabin B. Maharjan on behalf of all the RCP family for his detailed presentation and progress of the project. He thanked key persons involved in the project from the RCP – Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Mahendra S. Rawal and Pushkar M. Sakya. He further suggested to put a more permanent hoarding board of the project at the site for public image of Rotary and its partners of this project.