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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. 1419**Date: 32 Shrawan 2078 / 16 August 2021****Today's Programme:**

District Membership Coordinator Rtn. Sushil Rijal as a speaker during the Rotary month of 'Membership and Club Development'

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays**

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – 19 Aug.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1767**Date: 25 Shrawan 2078 / 9 August 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1767 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Ankit Basnet, Rtr. Sandeep and Rtr. Aman.
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. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the start of Singapore Airlines flight (Boing 787) to Kathmandu from 8 August 2021 after a break of 20 years (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the completion of his house renovation (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for today's meeting - 3rd Club Assembly/preparation of DG's club visit (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed about the RY 2020-2021 contribution of the RCP's former Rotarian Chandra Sekhar Gyawali (father of Rtn. Lochan Gyawali) to the PEEF. An amount of NRs. 100,000 (NRs. 32,640 to the Programme Fund and NRs. 67,360 to the Trust Fund) has been received.
 - TRF Chair Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi **requested all to pledge their contributions to the TRF for announcement during the District Governor's club visit on 29 August 2021.** He himself pledged to contribute US \$1,000 (\$900 to the Annual Fund and \$100 to PolioPlus).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang had already pledged US \$1,000 to the GG Project of Ambulance to the Mirge Hospital. He added additional pledge of US \$100 to PolioPlus.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey pledged to contribute US \$1,000 for the continuation of his PHS.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa pledged to contribute US \$150 to the Annual Fund and US \$100 to PolioPlus.
6. **Proposal of two new members:**

The 'House' welcomed and approved the proposal of two new members to the RCP made by Membership Chair Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya - Mr. Nabin Bikash Maharjan, Anthropologist, and Mr. Kuldeep Ratna Tuladhar, Structural Engineer. Their induction programme will follow soon.
7. Rotary News/Information:
 - Coordinator of Lalitdhara Souvenir Committee Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal reminded all to expedite submitting their articles and colour photos for a timely publication of this magazine.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed about two District events – Zoom sessions on support to environment participated by himself, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey; and a meeting of the District Public Image Committee.
8. **3rd Club Assembly - Preparation for District Governor's official club visit on 29 August:**

The 3rd Club Assembly was held to review the RCP's presentation and to update on the preparations being made. Members/Chairs of the committees commented on the latest version of the draft power-point presentation consolidated by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty. A revised presentation incorporating the comments/suggestions made today will be shared with all before finalization.

In terms of the modality of the DG's visit, (physical or virtual), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed that we could confirm it one week before the visit day considering the evolving pandemic situation and the restrictions in place. Other preparations in terms of documentation, agenda etc. are being made by the President.

9. Salutation: by PP Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa - Rotary Club of Bodrum, Turkey; Chartered: 1989; and Members: 44. District: 2440, Clubs: 62, and Members: 1704. She also gave a short briefing about the history of Rotary Clubs in Turkey.
10. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 2,000 to the RCP's sunshine fund and the attendance of 24 members and 3 Rotaracts.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan

- Q.** Name the four Presidential Initiatives for 2021-22? **A.** Each One, Bring One; Empowering Girls; Rotary Days of Service; Presidential Conferences.
- Q.** Who was the Charter President of the RC Patan and for how many years was he a member? **A.** Late Surendra Raj Sharma. He was a member from 1985/86 to 1992/93.
- Q.** Name of the spouse of District 3292 Governor for 2021-22, Rtn. Santosh Rijal? **A.** Rtn. Nabinita Rijal, Past President of RC Biratnagar Downtown.

Rotary Information

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Gordon R. McNally of Scotland selected to be 2023-24 Rotary International President

Gordon R. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

McNally lauded Rotary's ability to adapt technologically during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the approach should continue and be combined with the best of our past practices as Rotary seeks to grow and increase engagement.

"We have learned there is a willingness within communities to care for one another," he says, "and we must ensure that we encourage people who have recently embraced the concept of volunteering to join us to allow them to continue giving service."

McNally says that senior leaders' ability to communicate directly with club members online will be one positive legacy of the changes Rotary has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction."

The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McNally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McNally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."

He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McNally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.

A Rotary member since 1984, McNally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and vice chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McNally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.