

Issue No. 1421**Date: 17 Bhadra 2078 / 29 August 2021**

<u>Today's Programme:</u> 4 th Club Assembly – District Governor's Official Club Visit	<u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil</u>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1769**Date: 7 Bhadra 2078 / 23 August 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the RCP Meeting no. 1769 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai; Rtr. Sugat Shakya and Rtr. Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Bajracharya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba).
 - Rtn. Sita Gurung – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Rabindra R. Pandey – for the RCP's KPAD Project progress with the conclusion of the MOU between the Project Partners (TRFC, ADSoN and RCP) and the Implementing Partner (Shijan Organics) shared with all the RCP members (NRs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the 'Gai Jatra' festival (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha pledged to contribute \$50.00 to Polio Plus Fund and \$50.00 for Annual Fund each (Total \$200.00).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay pledged to contribute \$100.00 to Annual Fund and \$50.00 to Polio Plus Fund (Total \$150.00).
6. Salutation: by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – RC Cork, Ireland; Chartered: 1926; and Members: 26. District: 1160, Clubs: 75, and Members: 2365.
7. Rotary News / Information:
 - District Membership Seminar for Region 1, 2 and 3 is being held on Aug. 28, 2021 both physically and virtually where 5 members from RC Patan are expected to attend including President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa with 2 new members. The President requested other interested members to attend the Seminar.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed that publication of the 36th 'Lalitdhara Souvenir' will be delayed due to the effects of COVID-19 at the printing press office.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha informed about the modalities of RC Patan's Charter Night Celebration. As there are only 6 days left for the Charter Day, physical celebration is not possible. Hence, virtual charter night celebration together with the DG Visit will be held on Sunday, 29 August 2021. All the committee chairs will make virtual presentations with time limits. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha requested President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa to send email and viber messages to all members requesting to be present virtually together with spouses at 5:00 PM and that there will be no weekly meeting on Monday Aug. 30, 2021. Closed Meeting with DG will be from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the main programme will start at 5:00 p.m.
8. Summary of Presentation by Club Administration Chair: Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary made presentations for approval of the revised By-laws, and for the endorsement of the Financial Management Plan, and the Strategic Plan of the RCP. The documents were already shared with all members by email.
 - Financial Management Plan for Global Grant Projects: For. For each grant project a separate account with low or non-interest bearing shall be kept. Signatories to bank accounts of the Global Grant Projects will be the President, the Treasurer and the Primary contact of the project with any 2 signatures required for all payments. All disbursement will be approved by Primary Contact, or in his/her absence, by one of the secondary contacts.
 - Strategic Plan of the RC Patan: Rotary Clubs of Patan has the Strategic Plan for 2019/20 - 2023/24. Area of focuses has been increased from 6 to 7 with the addition of supporting the environment. In Membership, increase

our membership with priority of having female members, young professionals, and especially in classification areas not represented such as legal and media.

- RCP By-laws: The RCP By-laws has been revised with only change by an addition of “The meetings may be held physically and virtually”.

All the In the three documents mentioned above were approved/endorsed unanimously by the ‘House’.

9. Brief Summary of sharing of experience by members:

- By Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha was invited to RC Kathmandu by the then President Rtn. Kunja Bihari Singh in 1984 while RC Kathmandu was celebrating its Silver Jubilee (25 years) of Club. At that time there were only two clubs in Nepal: RC Kathmandu and RC Biratnagar. The RC Patan was formed with him together with Late Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit as GSR with 27 charter members. Late Rtn. Surendra R. Sharma was Charter President and himself the Charter Secretary. Though it was the third club of Nepal, due to delay in chartering, it became the fourth chartered club of Nepal. Today, there are only 4 charter members in the club. He is the second President of the club for two consecutive years. He also became the Club President later for the 3rd year.

He has been involved in several social service projects undertaken by the Club like Orthopaedic Hospital, Jorpati; Cancer Hospital, Bhaktapur; and PEEF Scholarship Programme. He has the satisfaction that the PEEF Scholarship Programme, for which he was among the initiators, has become RCP’s flagship programme. Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha expressed that by joining Rotary, he got opportunities to contact senior businessmen, Industrialists and got opportunity to promote for professional promotion by providing consultancy services to fellow Rotarians e.g. Rtns. Gyawalis, Mallapatys, and current President Mahendra B. Thapa. He is happy that he invited Mallapatys to join Rotary through his profession.

- Rtn. Lalita Thapa - Before joining Rotary in 2012, Rtn. Lalita Thapa had the assumption that Rotary is a ‘Rich Man’s Club’ with some social work to gain social status. She was invited to Rotary by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan. She was inclined to do social service since she was 16 years old. After joining Rotary, she found that Rotary is an international social organisation working beyond international borders. Similar to the United Nations, Rotary is an organisation doing sustainable long- term work for needy people in a large scale. Rotary is a place where one meets people from diverse professions and learn/interact with professionals of many different professions.
- Rabendra R. Pandey - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey joined RC Patan in late eighties/early nineties. He was invited to join RCP by Rtn. Bishwo K. Mainali before having any knowledge about Rotary. He was proposed to be the President by late Rtn. Kamal M. Dixit when there was no succession planning in the RCP like today. But he had a big dream. He did Matching Grant/3H Grant Project in RCP with Rtn. Robert Rose from the USA. He recalled that out the three large scale 3H Grant Projects that Nepal had done, one was done by the RCP under his leadership. It was for creating and raising awareness on people with disabilities in Nepal.

He expressed Rotary as eternal - a wheel with automatic rolling. It is like a vehicle to move ahead. He also talked about promoting the second flagship project of RCP - KPAD, which he hoped to be another historic programme of Rotary in Nepal. Rtn. R.R. Pandey has been in RCP for 35 years.

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked all the three Rotarians for their time, talent and energies that they have been contributing to Rotary.

10. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 1,500 to the RCP’s Sunshine Funds and attendance: 21 members and 3 Rotarac

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay

- Q.** Who is the Chair of the District 3292 Membership Committee for RY 2021-22 **A.** Rtn. Sushil Prasad Rijal.
- Q.** How many members did District 3292 have on 1 July 2021? **A.** 5,857 members (source Rotary reports online).
- Q.** Globally, which day of the week do most Rotary Clubs meet in the RY 2021-22?
- A.** Most clubs meet on Tuesdays (8,724) followed by Thursdays (8,122) and Wednesdays (7,728). Fewest clubs meet on Sundays (991).