

Issue No. 1423 (Following Souvenir Issue No. 1422)**Date: 21 Bhadra 2078 / 6 September 2021**

<u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
<u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 13 Sept. – Talk programme by Mr. Bharat B. Khanal, Headmaster of Mahendragram Sec. School, on 'Impact of COVID-19 on public schools and its counter measures'.	<u>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1770**(36th Charter Day)****Date: 13 Bhadra 2078 / 29 August 2021**

The Rotary Club of Patan, on its 36th Charter Day, held three virtual 'zoom' meetings: (i) District Governor's official club visit meeting with club officials, (ii) Club Meeting and 4th Club Assembly, and (iii) Charter Day celebration.

(i) District Governor's official club visit meeting with club officials

District Governor Rtn. Santosh Rijal accompanied by Assistant Governor Rtn. Preeti Shah, District Secretary Rtn. Prabhat Yonzon, and Joint District Secretary Rtn. Dilli P. Sharma met with the RCP Team of President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan and Vice President cum Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa presented RCP's report and documentation, and the meeting dwelt on all aspects of the RCP management and service. Key issues of this meeting are also taken up by the District Governor during the 4th Club Assembly meeting summarised below.

Following the above meeting, the Team met Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Ankit Basnet and Secretary Rtr. Sandeep Chhetri.

(ii) Club meeting and 4th Club Assembly

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the RCP Meeting No.1770 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: District Governor Rtn. Santosh Rijal, PDG, PDG Rtn. Chintamani Bhattarai, AG Rtn. Preeti R.L. Shah, DS Rtn. Prabhat Yonzon, JDS Rtn. Dilli P. Sharma, Presidents and guests of other Rotary Clubs, IW Club of Patan members and spouses of the RCP members, and Rotaract Club of Patan President and members.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Upon request of President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal conducted the **4th club assembly of the RCP**. He requested the committee chairs to make their presentations in the following order:

Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary
Service Projects by Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty
Membership by Chairperson Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya
The Rotary Foundation by Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi
Public Image by Chairperson Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey
Youth Services by Director Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha
Fellowship & Events by its Coordinator and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

District Governor Rtn. Santosh Rijal appreciated the presentations and commented on each of them individually and thanked the presenters for an excellent report of the club's achievements and plans. Overall, he praised the RCP and mentioned that he was proud to have a club of this strength in our District providing exemplary service to the community. DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal particularly appreciated excellent management and administration of the club, attempts being made to open a new club, planned increase in membership, regular issuance of weekly Lalitdhara bulletin, excellent service projects, plans on raising Rotary's public image and fund-raising for The Rotary Foundation, working in partnership with the youth, and having good fellowship plans as soon as the COVID-19 pandemic would permit.

AG Rtn. Preeti R.L. Shah made her comments appreciating the good documentation with excellent plans, all the presentations, and the very good collaboration she has been having with President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and the entire RCP team.

DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal congratulated President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and his team and concluded the excellent 4th club assembly. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal, adjourned the 4th club assembly and announced the commencement of the Charter Day celebration of the Rotary Club of Patan.

(iii) **36th Charter Day celebration of the Rotary Club of Patan**

1. Master of Ceremony (MC) Rtn. Preeti Khemka welcomed the District Governor Rtn. Santosh Rijal and first lady Nabinita Rijal, and the District Team, dignitaries, and guests to the 36th Charter Day celebration of the RCP maintaining RI protocol.
2. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya gave a welcome address and introduced DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal from RC Biratnagar, who became a Rotarian in 1981, while the RCP was only born in 1985 as the 4th chartered club of Nepal (3rd by establishment but 4th by charter date).
3. Honouring of charter members and members with 25 years' service: PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha congratulated and honoured the following charter members who have completed 36 years of service and members who have completed 25 years of service through the RCP. On behalf of the RCP family, he acknowledged their individual contributions through a power-point presentation.

Charter Members;

Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Charter Secretary (Classification: Architect)
Rtn. Bijay Bajracharya (Classification: Gemologist)
Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (Classification: Heavy Textile Manufacturer)
Rtn. Lochan Gyawali (Classification: Tea Farmer)

Members with 25 years or more of service:

PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, 35 years (Classification: Legislative Drafting)
Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, 33 years (Classification: Airline GSA)
Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha, 31 years (Classification: Hotel & Tourism & Liquor Manufacturer)
Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, 30 years (Classification: Carpet Export)
Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, 30 years (Classification: Rubber Recycling)
Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, 30 years (Classification: Cardiologist)
Rtn. Yagya B Shrestha, 27 years (Classification: Revenue Consultant)

4. DG Rtn. Santosh Rijal addressed the RCP's Charter Day ceremony by congratulating the RCP family for its 36 years of service and encouraging the RCP to continue its wonderful service. DG Rijal also launched the cover page of the RCP's 36th Anniversary Issue No. 1422 while printing of the full magazine will be done as soon as the Covid-19 restrictions permits the opening of the printing press. He highly appreciated the issuance of the annual issue as well as regular issuance of the weekly Lalitdhara bulletins. Following his remarks, DG and his team had to leave for another engagement.
5. Charter Secretary Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha addressed the gathering on this special day of the RCP. He had the honour to have started the club as the Charter Secretary together with the GSA, late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. Rtn. Kayastha briefly talked about the history of the RCP and its unique achievements since the time of its establishment in 1985.
6. KPAD Fund: PP Rtn Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the progress of the RCP's 2nd flagship programme known as 'KPAD' for people with disabilities. As per the target of raising this endowment fund to Rupees one crore, he urged the RCP family and friends to contribute to this fund. He had pledged to match 100% of the contributions announced on the RCP's Charter Day. The following pledges were made:

Rtns. Preeti and Shiv P. Khemka in the name of late grandmother Krishni Devi - NRs. 50,000, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - NRs. 50,000, Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – NRs. 20,000, Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – NRs. 35,000, Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – NRs. 200,000, and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – NRs. 25,000. Total NRs. 380,000. With the matching of Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, the total pledges reached **NRs. 760,000.**

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked all those who pledged and requested other interested members to do so by e-mail.

7. Induction of new members: New members Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar and spouse Meera B. Tuladhar, and Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan and spouse Sunita Maharjan were introduced by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya and Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal respectively. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya gave the induction remarks, performed the swearing-in ceremony and formally welcomed them as the newest RCP members by virtually presenting them the Rotary Pins. On behalf of Rotary, he urged them to become true Rotarians by following the Rotary ideals.

Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar and Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan thanked the RCP for welcoming them in the RCP family and promised to uphold the ideals of Rotary.

8. Conclusion: On behalf of the RCP, President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan delivered the 'Vote of Thanks' to all for making the 36th Charter Day of the RCP a grand success. Vice President/Jt. Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced the attendance of 11 Rotary District Officials and guests, 5 Rotaracts, 36 members, and several Inner Wheel & spouses of RCP members. In closing, President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa thanked all the participants for making the RCP's 36th Charter Day a memorable one.