

ललित धारा

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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Celebration of 'World Health Day-29 Sept.' with a talk programme by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi on 'Use heart to connect with hearts'</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 4 Oct. – Business Meeting and KEEA programme</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1773**Date: 4 Ashwin 2078 / 20 September 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1773 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 and Rtr. Aman Shrestha.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution:
 - Rtn. Mukti N. and Praveena Shrestha - for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya L. Shrestha – for 25th anniversary celebration of 'Shree Yatreswore Mahadev Temple' at Sinchahiti (NRs. 1,000).
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa reminded all members regarding Rotary membership satisfaction survey and requested those who have not filled the form to complete it.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the status of construction of Anandakuti Vidyapeeth Mudita Bhawan at Swoyambhu including payment status. The RCP committee had a meeting this afternoon. President, President elect, and committee members are also planning to make a site visit there on coming Saturday.
 - Rtr. President Ankit Basnet briefed on annual Blood Donation programme that was held last Saturday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. with the co-operation of RC Patan and Inner Wheel Club of RC Patan. A free Dental Checkup was also carried out with the participation of Himal Dental Clinic with the involvement of 4 Dental Doctors. Despite simultaneous Blood Donation programme by other Rotary Clubs around the same area, 29 pints of blood were collected from donors.
6. Please see below for summaries of presentation by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and classification talk by Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar.
7. Salutation: by Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Guam; Chartered: 1939; and Members: 72. District: 2750, Clubs: 91, and Members: 4660.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Acting Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 1,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund, and the meeting attendance by 2 Rotaracts, and 22 members.

Summary of awareness presentation by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht on 'World Rabies Day – 28 September'

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht made a Power Point presentation on World Rabies Day, which is celebrated on 28 September every year that started with Louis Pasteur's death on the same date. This year's celebration will be the 15th World Rabies Day.

The slogan for Rabies Day is 'Rabies Facts: Not Fear'. There is a Global Alliance for Rabies control with FAO, OIE (The World Organization for Animal Health), WHO, including several NGOs/INGOs, vaccine manufacturers and many others. The target of eradication of dog mediated Rabies is by 2030. Rabies is a public health hazard and 99% of human cases are from dog bites which is caused by saliva. The only prevention is vaccination to dogs. Rabies kills about 60,000 people every year mostly in Asia and Africa. In Nepal 200 – 500 animals and 50 – 100 human deaths occur annually due to Rabies.

Rtn. Bisht also suggested to make public awareness talks/presentations on this subject at Rotary supported schools. President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa thanked Rtn. Bisht and added about RCPs Rabies vaccination programme with the sponsorship of 'Dr. Mukti Narayan Praveena Foundation (DMNPF)'.

Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha also added on the Rabies problem which causes almost 100% mortality. Rabies is a very dangerous disease, which takes lives of 55,000 to 60,000 people every year.

Summary of Classification talk by Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar, new member to the RCP, for his classification talk.

Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar introduced himself - a Civil Engineer from Regional Engineering College, Durgapur graduated in 1979. Rtn. Tuladhar is married, and his spouse is a yoga teacher. They have two children working in the IT field.

He worked as Structural Engineer for Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha including for the latter's residence at Kopundole and the Telecommunication Building at Sundhara.

He joined the government services where he did various Rural Water Supply Projects in Rasuwa and Nuwakot. He did further study in Holland in Environmental Engineering. He also designed and supervised road projects in Dolkha, Charikot. Following his government service, Rtn. Tuladhar established his own consultancy firm named 'Dome Consultancy'.

Rtn. Tuladhar's most challenging job was to construct the Replica of Swoyambhu Mahachaitya in 1:1 scale in some other part of Nepal for which he made a lot of studies of Swoyambhu Mahachaitya construction. His conclusion was that the curves of Swoyambhu Mahachaitya have Astronomical relations. He has shared his research reports in the RCP's viber group.

In addition, he has designed energy efficient building for Himalayan Airlines. After the earthquake of 1988 in Nepal, he studied many damaged buildings in Dharan and did retrofitting works there.

Again, after the 2072 earthquake of Nepal, he did research with NAST and found that buildings with wells are less damaged. Wells can be used for harvesting rainwater and to recharge the ground water. Buildings with wells are safer in earthquake conditions. Construction cost of the building can be reduced when wells are constructed at the corners. Being an Environmental Engineer with concerns for Public Health, he also did research in Corona virus treatment and has come up with chemicals that can treat or prevent Corona virus.

President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa thanked Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar for his excellent presentation and for sharing his research reports.