

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. 1429****Date: 8 Kartik 2078 / 25 October 2021**

Today's Programme: Talk Programme by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty on PolioPlus	Congratulatory Events Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1776**Date: 25 Ashwin 2078 / 11 October 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1776 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution:
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Vijaya Dashami' & today's classification talk of Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Vijaya Dashami' (NRs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for completion of 'Club Registration Renewal' by the RCP Team (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for 'Happy Vijaya Dashami' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Club Registration Renewal', 'Happy Vijaya Dashami', and for successfully completing the 3rd project review as a Technical Cadre of Rotary International (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Club Registration Renewal' and for organizing the handover of KEEA certificates and cash to the awardees at Lalitpur Municipality office with the RCP Team (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the above (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary News/Information:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the completion of the Club Registration Renewal by the RCP Team of Rtns. Jeevan K. Shrestha, Shiva K. Pradhan, Basant K. Magar, and himself. He also appreciated the support of Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal at the Lalitpur Municipality office. The process took several days as it was more complicated this year because of the Tax Office's new requirements to have the computerized confirmation of all past tax clearances up to 2073/2074.
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the physical distribution ceremony of KEEA certificates and cash to the awardees at her office in Lalitpur Municipality in the presence of Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Jeevan K. Shrestha, Khadak S. Bisht, Bijaya Mallapaty, and Office Assistant Basant Ale Magar.
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa:
 - Briefed on the video message of RI President on the occasion of 'Polio Day – 24 October' together with the request for contributions to PolioPlus. The video will be shared during a talk programme on PolioPlus by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty on 25 October 2021;
 - Confirmed the completion of MOU signing with 3 RCP adopted schools as planned under the RNLM/TEACH programme; and
 - Informed about WASH Rotary Action Group programmes during 4-5 November and 18-19 November and requested interested members to join (link being shared separately).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the District's Regional Public Image Seminar last week wherein President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and he participated from the RCP.
5. Salutation: by President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan - Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Chartered: 1929; and Members: 97. District: 3220, Clubs: 65, and Members: 1793. He also gave a brief information about Sri Lanka.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Acting Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 6,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund & the meeting attendance of 21 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey

- Q:** What is Rotary Reconnect Week and when is it celebrated in 2021? **A:** Rotary Reconnect Week is celebrated from 4-10 October to invite former Rotaractors, Interactors, Peace Fellows, Rotary Scholars, Youth Exchange students and other alumni to renew their relationship with Rotary.
- Q:** When is World Polio Day observed annually? **A:** 24 October
- Q:** Which club sponsored the Rotary Club of Patan? **A:** RC Kathmandu

Classification talk of Rtn. Nabin Bikash Maharjan

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan, new member of the RCP, for his first classification talk. Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan talked about his upbringing and introduced his extended family. His spouse Mrs. Sunita Maharjan is a product designer and heads the design department of the Association of Craft Producers at Dhukuti. They have a son and a daughter.

After schooling at the Anandakuti Vidyapeeth, he did his B.Sc. and M.A. in Anthropology from Tri Chandra College, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

Rtn. Maharjan is a solid waste management expert who started his professional work as an intern at Kathmandu Metropolitan city in 1996. When Gokarna Landfill was stopped he did compost pilots at Teku transfer station reducing the waste volume by using effective micro-organisms, which allowed reduction of garbage by 80% - a significant achievement.

With a KVMP-EU funded project, Rtn. Maharjan did a lot of training work to 500 families for the reduction of garbage. He also introduced the best vessel for garbage for home use that produced 60% organic waste with only 40% to throw, thereby reducing the management cost of garbage significantly. By 2002, KMC allocated budget for the use of this vessel, which is now used in all the 294 urban municipalities of Nepal.

In 1997, he started Vermi-compost work and produced a Nepali language handbook supported by UDLE/GTZ, and in 1999, he worked on the design of vessel composting at Lalitpur municipality. He also worked as research assistant with CEPROIN and piloted work at Teku-Balkhu fruits and vegetables market, Kalimati vegetables and fruit market, and slaughterhouse waste management at Hyumat and Kankeswori. During 2001-2004, he served as technical consultant for Bhaktapur waste composting, Pokhara Krishi bazar waste management, and Dharan-Biratnagar corridor (SEAM-N project).

Rtn. Maharjan has been a trainer for TOT on solid waste management for the technicians at TITI centre, Sanothimi through EnPHO, and has done various other research and training related to solid waste management.

Rtn. Maharjan started his own company named 'Environment Initiative 2003-2010' and opened the composting production house at Basundhara, which has been closed due to the insurgency, but without any loss.

He was in charge of a drug de-addiction centre funded by World Vision Int'l Nepal for counselling and rehabilitation of drug addicts. This led to the establishment of Sangati Extended Care Centre, which is currently running independently. The project allowed him to work with international harm reduction network (UNAIDS) dealing with drug-users, HIV infected people, and people in jail for harm reduction. He has worked with various solid waste management projects funded by EU, UNDP, KOIKA, World Bank, including studies on the COVID-19 waste management.

Rtn. Maharjan opened Blue Waste to Value company after realization that funded project beneficiaries do not take ownership. He is working in collaboration with Yak & Yeti Hotel with several 5-star hotels on waste management projects as part of their corporate social responsibility.

Following a lively Q/A session, President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, on behalf of the RCP family, appreciated Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan's extensive knowledge and experience, thanked him for his presentation, and hoped to tap on his expertise in the Rotary work.

Rotary Information

On 4 October 2021, RI President Shekhar Mehta declared Gordon R. McInally to be the official nominee for president of Rotary International for 2023-24.

The Nominating Committee for President of RI selected McInally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, in August. He will be formally elected at the 2022 RI Convention in Houston, and will become president on 1 July 2023.