

# ललित धारा

RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

Chartered: 29 August 1985

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**Issue No. 1431****Date: 29 Kartik 2078 / 15 November 2021****Today's Programme:**

Talk programme by DG Elect Rtn. Jitendra Rajbhandary on The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

**Congratulatory Events****Birthdays:**

Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – 12 Nov.

**Wedding Anniversaries: Nil****Minutes of Meeting No. 1778****Date: 15 Kartik 2078 / 1 November 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1778 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. Santa K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for a 3-day hike with Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, a successful physical Board meeting at Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha's residence, and for being elected as ADSoN's Chairman for another term (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for the above and joining ADSoN (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for a successful Board meeting at Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha's residence (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the above, and for the successful book launch of his daughter (NRs. 1,000).
4. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty confirmed the payment of the following pledges made earlier in his and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's name:
    - NRs. 243,100 to Club Service Fund in the name of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit for shares donated by his son Mr. Kunda Dixit to the RCP, which was transferred to Rtn. Mallapaty.
    - NRs. 200,000 to the RCP's KPAD Fund.
    - NRs. 22,500 to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund and NRs. 510 to its Programme Fund.
    - US \$400 to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed the payment of NRs. 50,000 to the RCP's KPAD Fund as pledged earlier.
  - Other members with pledges to the RCP's KPAD Fund were requested to confirm payments.
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed that RI President Shekhar Mehta confirmed the membership increase of Rotary to 1.4 million today. He also mentioned of a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) survey being done by RI, which will be responded by the RCP too.
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the interesting and successful hike of 3 days completed together with Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty. The hike started from Sundarjal to Chisapani, Nagarkot and Changu Narayan with night stops at Chisapani and Nagarkot. It was suggested to use this route for the RCP's annual trip with a group hiking and meeting others who do not hike at Nagarkot. This was agreed in principle with the suggestion possibly for 27 November to be finalized by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha after further consultations on the details.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed that the RCP's physical regular weekly meetings will be held at the Himalaya Hotel from Monday, 15 November 2021 with possibility of virtual participation too. He also informed about the plans for the postponed fellowship lunch to be hosted by IPP Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang on 20 November 2021.
  - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa briefed on the status of TRF contribution pledges by the RCP members, which has reached 2/3 of the targeted US \$6,000 (\$4,500 to the Annual Fund and US \$1,500 to PolioPlus). He encouraged all to announce their pledges and those who have already pledged to pay their contributions.
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal elaborated on proposal to provide career guidance to the RCP's adopted schools' students of grades 9 to 12. A committee of Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal (Coordinator), Khadak S. Bisht and Ganesh R. Shrestha was agreed to move this forward.

- PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya mentioned about a possibility of getting a donation of 1,000 tiffin boxes. It was mentioned that about 500 of these would be very useful for the RCP's PEEF scholarship supported students.
6. Salutation: by Past President Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha - Rotary Club of Dum Dum, West Bengal, India; Chartered: 1966; and Members: 51. District: 3291, Clubs: 130, and Members: 4074. He also briefed about Calcutta.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 5,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund, and the meeting attendance of 21 members.

**Following brief comments by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, a 'motion of condolence' was passed by the 'House' with one minute of silence on the sad demise of PRID Rtn. Sushil Gupta on 29 October 2021. He was also a President nominee of Rotary International for the RY 2020-21 and was very close friend to Rotary in Nepal.**

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kiran Thapa**

- Q:** In which year did Rotary start its fight against Polio? **A:** In 1979 with an immunization project in the Philippines.
- Q:** What is the second question of the Rotary 4 way test? **A:** Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Q:** Name the District Interact Representative of RID 3292 (2020-21)? **A:** Interact Himal Acharya

### **4th Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 30 October 2021**

Acting Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha at his residence from 11:00 to 12:00 hrs on 30 October 2021 with the participation of 12 Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board meeting below were endorsed/approved by the 'House.'

The minutes/decisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting were reviewed with updates on status and follow-up actions.
2. Physical meetings – Board reached a consensus to resume physical weekly meetings at Himalaya Hotel (New venue as Summit Hotel is no longer available) starting from Monday, 15 November 2021. A team of Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Shiv P. Khemka and Khadak S. Bisht have been requested to try to have virtual set-up for those who may not join physically.
3. The Board approved to increase the number of Board members by adding Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as the Joint Secretary. This is in accordance with the provisions of the RCP By-Laws.
4. The Board agreed to the proposal of putting a permanent signboard of the Anandakuti School Reconstruction Project and assigned the committee to clear the design. The project is coming to completion. Therefore, the Board also assigned the project committee to propose the use of balance funds for WASH and other support as appropriate within the approved project budget.
5. In accordance with the RCP By-Laws, the Board established a three-member nominating committee consisting of President Elect Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan (Chair), President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha to submit the proposals for club officials for RY 2022-2023 during the general meeting to be held on 13 December 2021.
6. Joint Treasurer, Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club as of October 2021 with a summary review of the income and expenditure statement. She also noted that membership dues of all members for the first half of RY 2021-2022 were received.
7. Next Board Meetings: It was confirmed that the fifth Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha on Saturday, 4 December 2021 from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs., and it was proposed that the 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhan on Saturday, 1 January 2022 from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs.
8. The Board noted the approval done by e-mail of sponsoring the District Ethics Seminar with the RCP's contribution of NRs. 10,000.
9. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal proposed to provide career guidance to the RCP's adopted schools' students of grades 9 to 12, which was agreed in principle.
10. On behalf of all Board members and invited guests, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Preeti Khemka gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha and his family for hosting the Board meeting, with an excellent post-Board fellowship. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi also added his words of special thanks.