

**Issue No. 1448****Date: 30 Falgun 2078 / 14 March 2022****Today's Programme**Joint Meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan  
during 'Rotaract Week: 7-14 March'**Congratulatory Events****Birthdays:** Nil  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil**Minutes of Meeting No. 1795****Date: 23 Falgun 2078 / 7 March 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1795 to order virtually by Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
  - Rtn. Kiran Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - For 'Happy Wedding Anniversaries' - Rtns. Nirmal K. & Bijaya Pradhanang (45<sup>th</sup>, NRs. 1,000), Ramesh L. & Shobha Maskay (47<sup>th</sup>, NRs.1,000), Siba B. & Mithila Rajbhandary (53<sup>rd</sup>, NRs. 1,000), Piyush B. & Ramita Bajracharya (43<sup>rd</sup>, NRs. 1,000), and Nabin B. & Sunita Maharjan (in absentia) ha.ba.
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for spouse Rtn. Kiran Thapa's 'Happy Birthday', and for attending Assistant Governors' Training Seminar in Gangtok, Sikkim (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for 'International Women's Day – 8 March' cycle rally (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA and an excellent trip to Mexico (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for the sale of the RCP's old documents as scrap, as determined by a committee consisting of Rtns. Piyush B. Bajracharya, Mahendra S. Rawal and Lalita C. Thapa (NRs.1,500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for today's salutation of a Rotary Club in Ethiopia where she went in 1980 (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht, Mahendra S. Rawal and Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the final preparations on the '8th of March International Women's Day Cycle Rally' with all the partners under the leadership of the Deputy Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolis. Maximum participation from the RCP family was requested.
  - President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan briefed on the participation in the Charter Day of RC Thamel on 6 March 2022 by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa and himself.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed on the donation of an idol of goddess Saraswati in the fourth school with WASH project in Lidhunga, Solukhumbu district. From the RCP Rtns, Lochan Gyawali, Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty, and from Friends of Chepel, Germany, Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte funded it.
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the Assistant Governors' Training Seminar (AGTS) held during 4-5 March 2022 in Gangtok, Sikkim. The seminar covered Districts 3292 and 3240 with a participation of 56 AGs (40 from 3292 and 16 from 3240). There were 30% women participants from Nepal while one from District 3240. The focus of the seminar was 'Imagine Rotary' giving a wide latitude to define it to strengthen clubs/Districts in all priority areas of Rotary. The trainers were excellent, and the event was well managed.
5. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa requested Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, a member of the District Support and Strengthening Committee, for a brief presentation to enhance clubs' collaboration with the District. Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa talked about the pros and cons of current situation and role played by various District committees/sub-committees. This committee will be chaired by Rtn. Manish Ghiraiya in RY 2022-2023. She shared her thoughts to strengthen the work of this committee and welcomed suggestions. Areas being considered are review of effectiveness and clarity of multitude of current committees, overlapping/duplication of responsibilities, challenges, and possible solutions. Priority would be given to communications and coordination mechanisms, support the committees to define their role and identifying strategies and help in monitoring.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan - Rotary Club of Addis Ababa West, Ethiopia; Chartered: 1991 and Members: 55. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, and Members: 3981. He also provided brief highlights of the country and his visit there.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 9,000 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 26 members, and 2 make-ups.

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

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| Q. What is the Rotary designation for the month of March?                        | A. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene month. |
| Q. What does RCC stand for?  | A. Rotary Community Corps.              |
| Q. Who is the Charter President of the first Rotary club in Nepal, RC Kathmandu? | A. Rtn. Kiran SJB Rana.                 |

### 8th Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 5 March 2022

Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by himself, from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs on 5 March 2022 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 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were reviewed with updates on status and follow-up actions.
2. Animal Welfare for Public Health programme of the RCP: There is currently a committee consisting of Rtns. Mukti N. Shrestha, Khadak S. Bisht, Gabriele Mallapaty and the Service Project Director Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty. It was suggested to name a coordinator of this group to move forward with the project. The Board agreed to nominate Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as the coordinator in consultation with Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha.
3. Club Executive Secretary: It was noted that the Office Assistant of the RCP performs most of the functions of this position and was agreed to retain this title of 'Office Assistant.'
4. Start of physical meeting: As the restrictions due to the COVID-19 are lifted, the Board agreed to start physical meetings. It was also agreed to have zoom meetings on the first and the third Mondays and physical meetings on the second and the fourth Mondays. If there is any change required in this arrangement due to unavailability of venue and when there is a fifth Monday or any special situation, in consultation with the Sergeant-at-Arms, the President will announce the modality/venue of the meetings. **The first physical meeting will therefore start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of March, i.e., 14 March 2022.**
5. Venue of club meeting: The Board requested Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, together with a team, to look for an appropriate location for physical meetings. It was noted that we could try various locations until the most appropriate one is selected for a longer term.
6. KEEA & Vocational Service Award: KEEA will be held during this Rotary Year, but a decision will be taken on the Vocational Service Award at a later date.
7. International Women's Day – 8 March with 'Cycle Rally' - Focal points Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Mahendra S. Rawal will be providing the details encouraging all the RCP family to join this event as per the decisions of the organising committee led by Lalitpur Metropolis.
8. Rotaract Week – 7 to 14 March: The Board agreed to have a joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan on 14 March 2022.
9. Global Grant Project for Laligurans community hospital, Mirge, Dolakha (GG 2129083): The Board approved to open a separate bank account for this project with the Century Bank, Kumaripati Branch to be operated with any two signatories from President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka and Primary Contact Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang. The Board also approved a contribution of US \$50 from the RCP for this project.
10. The future Board meeting will be hosted as follows:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang on Saturday, 2 April 2022 from 11:30-12:30 hrs.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Board by Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi and Bijaya Mallapaty.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting by Rtns. Bharat N. Joshi and Rabendra R. Pandey.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Board meeting by President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan.

The dates/venue of the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Board meetings will be announced later. Also, the date/venue of the postponed hosting of fellowship by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa will be announced shortly.

11. Vice President/Joint Treasurer, Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club as of February 2022 with a review of the income and expenditure statements as well as a summary of all funds. Rtn. Kiran Thapa informed that his contribution of NRs. 25,000 announced earlier will go to disaster management activities (managed from the RCP's Club Service Fund).
12. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha confirmed the completion of this year's PEEF scholarship distribution with a total amount of NRs. 1,540,000 scholarship support.
13. The Board agreed to celebrate 'Brain Day International - 20 March' during the RCP's regular weekly meeting of 21 March 2022 (zoom meeting will be changed to physical meeting on that day with details to follow).
14. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and on behalf of all present, Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht for hosting the physical Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship lunch. Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi, Bijaya Mallapaty and President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa also added their words of