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Today's Main Programme: Business Meeting

Forthcoming Programme: 11 Sept. – (i) Annual General Meeting, & (ii) Classification Talk of PP Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar

**Congratulatory Events
Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries:**
Nil

Minutes of Meetings No.1574 (32nd Charter Day)

Date: 13 Bhadra 2074 / 29 August 2017

The Rotary Club of Patan, on its 32nd Charter Day, held three meetings: (i) District Governor's official club visit and meeting with club officials; (ii) 4th Club Assembly; and (iii) Charter Day Celebration/Weekly Meeting followed by a 'Fellowship Dinner'

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

District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri, Assistant Governor Rtn. Surendra G. Joshi, and District Secretary Rtn. Prafulla M.S. Pradhan met with the RCP Team of President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, President Elect Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and Secretary Rtn. Mahendra Thapa for an hour. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha presented the file with all required documentation following which; all aspects of club management and service were discussed. Key issues from these discussions are reflected in the presentations during the meetings summarized below.

District Governor also had a separate meeting with the Rotaract and Interact Club Presidents.

(ii) 4th Club Assembly Meeting of the RCP

MC Rtn. Preeti Khemka started by requesting District Governor Sanjay Giri, District Secretary Rtn. Prafulla M.S. Pradhan, President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, and Secretary Rtn. Mahendra Thapa to take their seats on the Dias. She also requested First Lady Rtn. Sangeeta Giri, PDGs, DGE, DGN (regretted), AG, special guests Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha, Mrs. Anuradha Shrestha, Mr. Manish Shrestha, Rotaract and Interact Presidents, Charter Members of the RCP, and members of the RCP with over 25 years to take their seats. MC Rtn. Preeti Khemka then requested the President to welcome the DG with 'Khada' and requested Rtn. Kamala Maharjan to welcome the First Lady with a flower bouquet.

President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha welcomed all and requested District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri to conduct the 4th Club Assembly.

DG Rtn. Sanjay Giri presided over the 4th Club Assembly of the RCP, and requested the Committee Chairpersons to make their presentations individually. Committee Chairpersons/Directors made their presentations with 'power point' support in the following order:

- Club Administration by Rtn. Kiran Thapa
- Membership by Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha
- Public Relations by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha on behalf of Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi
- Service Projects by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan
- Youth Service by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary
- The Rotary Foundation by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang

District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri praised the presentations and requested the District Secretary and the Assistant Governor to make brief comments. DS Rtn. Prafulla M. S. Pradhan commended the club as being the best among the 18 Clubs, the District Team had so far visited. He made some suggestions that included having specific names of actors in the work plan, using club's TRF points to honour non-Rotarians, participating in Rotary Action Groups, and making each member able to see his/her TRF contribution records. AG Rtn. Surendra G. Joshi also commended the RCP and suggested ways to work on reducing the average age of the club.

District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri also praised the RCP and acknowledged the very good presentations with an excellent record of achievements in all areas. He summarized by saying that the RCP had already reached second level of clubs that should help other clubs to bring them to higher level. He suggested to update the By-Laws, and to increase visibility to enhance public image of Rotary. He highlighted two specific areas where the RCP needed to work. First, as a 32 years old club, it should further increase the membership – instead of the planned four, he suggested to increase by 10 or more, and increase the contributions to The Rotary Foundation, much beyond the

planned US \$6,000. These would also encourage other club who look up to the RCP as a senior and second level club to set an example.

(iii) 32nd Charter Day and Regular Meeting

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1574 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha again welcomed the DG Rtn. Sanjay Giri and First Lady Rtn. Sangita Giri; all the Rotary Dignitaries; special guests; Rotaract, Interact, Inner Wheel Presidents, and all the Family of Rotary to the Charter Day weekly meeting of the RCP.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri released the Rotary Club of Patan's 'Lalithdhara Souvenir Issue'.
5. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha recognized the Charter Members and Members with 25 or more years with the RCP.
6. Sarswati Govinda Foundation: IPP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty introduced today's special guest and donor Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha, President of Sarswati Govinda Foundation, his daughter Mrs. Anuradha Shrestha and nephew Mr. Manish Shrestha. He introduced Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha and gave a brief background to 'Sarswati Govinda Foundation. The RCP Team met the self-made entrepreneur and philanthropist Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha through Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha. He is one of the pioneers of travel industry in Nepal, started the Himalayan Travels, and is the Chairman of Radisson Hotel among his other businesses.

Within a very short timeframe, the RCP got Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha's agreement on a historic and unprecedented social support through the Rotary Club of Patan. Sarswati Govinda Foundation will donate NRs. 10 lakh (Nepalese Rupees one million) every year to the Rotary Club of Patan's flagship programme 'PEEF' on educational scholarships to needy children of public schools.

IPP Rtn. Mallapaty mentioned that in the history of Rotary in Nepal, this is probably the largest long-term commitment of annual contribution made by a Nepali through Rotary.

He then gave a brief on the RCP's PEEF programme acknowledging several key members (past and current) who contributed enormously for the success of this programme since 1991. He emphasized that the entire Rotary Club of Patan family takes ownership and volunteers its valuable time and resources to run this programme without any administrative cost.

Rtn. Mallapaty concluded by iterating that the Rotary Club of Patan greatly appreciates the Sarswati Govinda Foundation's support for the education of needy children through this very generous annual contribution, making a difference in the lives of many young Nepalese.

Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha handed-over the cheque of NRs. 10 lakh for this year to President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, which was witnessed by District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri, First Lady Sangeeta Giri, Mrs. Anuradha Shrestha and Manish Shrestha.

Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha spoke a few words on Sarswati Govinda Foundation's social support programmes to give back to the society. He concluded by saying 'while not a Rotarian, he is a Rotarian at heart'.

7. District Governor's Address: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha introduced District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri. Following his introduction, DG. Rtn. Sanjay Giri addressed the meeting. He conveyed RI President Ian Riseley's greetings and remembered late RI President Elect Sam Owori and late immediate past District Secretary Nanda Ram Baidya. He also congratulated the Rotary Club of Patan and iterated some of the suggestions he had made at the end of the Club Assembly mentioned above. He completed his comments with inspiring anecdotes emphasizing the 'good' brought by giving, and how Rotary's public image can be enhanced.
8. Flood Relief: As a 'Token of Appreciation', President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha presented a cheque of NRs. 200,000 to District Governor Rtn. Sanjay Giri to support the recent flood victims through the District. This contribution represents Rotary Club of Patan's and its members' contributions.
9. President Elect Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty gave the 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of the RCP family. Starting from the District Governor, she thanked all for their valuable contributions to and participation in this important day of the Rotary Club of Patan.
10. Secretary Rtn. Mahendra Thapa announced today's attendance of 17 visiting Rotarians, 3 Rotaracts, 1 Interact, 5 guests, 31 members and 15 spouses.
11. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha once again thanked all and adjourned the meeting, and requested all to join in the fellowship dinner.