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Date: 20 Bhadra 2079 / 5 September 2022

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1820

(37th Charter Day)

Date: 13 Bhadra 2079 / 29 August 2022

The Rotary Club of Patan, on its 37th Charter Day, held (i) District Governor's official club visit meeting with club officials, and (ii) Club Meeting, 4th Club Assembly, and Charter Day celebration.

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

District Governor Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary accompanied by Assistant Governor Rtn. Urvashi Rana, and District Secretary Rtn. Amit Giri met with the RCP Team of President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan, Vice President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan presented RCP's report and documentation, and the meeting dwelt on all aspects of the RCP management and service. Key issues of this meeting are also taken up by the District Governor during the 4th Club Assembly meeting summarised below.

Following the above meeting, the Team met Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Sandeep Chhetri and Secretary Rtr. Puja Bhujel.

(ii) Club meeting, 4th Club Assembly, and 37th Charter Day celebration of the Rotary Club of Patan

1. Master of Ceremony Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht welcomed Chief Guest Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary, all the dignitaries and guests, following RI protocol, to the head table and respective seats with Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal honouring them with 'Khada'. First Lady of the District Ms. Sarita Rajbhandary was welcomed with a flower bouquet. Among the four charter members of the RCP, only Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon could be present who was also honoured with the 'Khada.'
2. Following the garlanding of the RCP President by Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP Meeting No.1820 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
3. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan addressed the meeting welcoming the Chief Guest - District Governor Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary, First Lady of the District Ms. Sarita Rajbhandary, special guest Mr. Arun Chaudhary, Council of Governors, Assistant Governor Rtn. Urvashi Rana, District Secretary Rtn. Anil Giri, President of Inner Wheel Praveena Shrestha and IW members, President of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Sandeep Chhetri and Rotaracts, guests from other Rotary Clubs, other guests, and members of the RCP and spouses.
4. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
5. The RCP's Chair of The Rotary Foundation Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey talked about the value of giving in Rotary and announced the pledges of contributions made by the following RCP members on this occasion:
 - (i) Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty US \$400 to PolioPlus and NRs. 200,000 to the RCP's PEEF TF
 - (ii) Rtns. Shiva P. and Preeti Khemka US \$400 (\$200 to the Annual Fund and \$200 to PolioPlus)
 - (iii) Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhan – US \$300 towards additional PHF Pin and US \$100 to PolioPlus
 - (iv) Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – US \$300 towards additional PHF Pin
 - (v) Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – US \$300 towards PHF Pin
 - (vi) Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – US \$900 to the Annual Fund and US \$100 to PolioPlus
 - (vii) Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – US \$300 towards PHF Pin
 - (viii) Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – US \$300 towards additional PHF Pin & US \$100 to PolioPlus
 - (ix) Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – NRs. 101,000 to Club Service Fund for Women Empowerment programme
 - (x) Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – US \$10,000 for a Major Donor Level II of TRF.

Inner Wheel President Praveena Shrestha, together with IW members, presented a cheque contributing NRs. 50,000 to the RCP's PEEF programme.

6. President Nominee Rtn. Preeti Khemka introduced Chief Guest - District Governor Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary.
7. DG Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary and President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan launched the RCP's annual Lalitdhara Souvenir Publication of this year.
8. DG Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary conducted the **4th club assembly of the RCP**. He requested the President and the committee chairs to make their presentations in the following order:

Overview of the presentation with strategic goals by President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan
 Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya
 Fellowship & Events by its Coordinator and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha
 Membership by Chairperson Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar
 The Rotary Foundation by Chairperson Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey
 Public Image by Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi
 Service Projects by Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty
 Youth Services by Director Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka

DG Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary appreciated his introduction made by Rtn. Preeti Khemka and the presentations made by the Chairpersons/Directors with the assistance of power-point guided by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty.

He made summary comments on key aspects of the presentations and thanked the presenters for an excellent report of the club's achievements and plans. He was proud to be in the club assembly of the RCP, which is the parent club of his club, i.e., Rotary Club of Kopundole. He also acknowledged Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey who was the Governor's Special Representative (GSR) for the establishment of his club.

Overall, DG Rtn. Rajbhandary praised the RCP for all its achievements and plans. Key comments/suggestions made are as follows:

- Excellent management and administration of the club.
- Congratulated the RCP for the retention in membership. Discounting departures due to health reasons, he noted 100 % retention, which is one of the top priorities of Rotary.
- While women at 18% better than the District's statistics, need to do more to attain 30% target of the RI.
- Thanked for the contributions to strengthen TRF and for the Major Doner Level II pledge by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey.
- Recommended contribution ratio of 25% to the Annual Fund and 10% to PolioPlus.
- Appreciated Public Image through Lalitdhara bulletin, Facebook page, website, and various activities. Suggested contributions to the District's GML/Rotary Magazine.
- Excellent service projects at the community level, and involvement of youth.

DG Rtn. Jitendra B. Rajbhandary also talked about RI President's theme and her priorities. He noted RI President Jennifer Jones as the first woman Rotary President, but Rotary is pleased to have another woman President in two years. He also suggested for a good participation of the RCP in the forthcoming District ICMs, conferences, and activities particularly related to WASH (toilet for girl students in schools), Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission/TEACH, and District's Exchange programmes. DG Rtn. Rajbhandary also briefed on the construction of District Building with a 45-year lease from the Rotary Club of Kathmandu and suggested contributions from all clubs for this. Finally, he played the Nepali version of Rotary's '4 Way Test' song produced with the support of Rotary Clubs of Chitwan with music composer Rtn. Deepak Pradhan.

On behalf of the RCP, President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal delivered the 'Vote of Thanks' to all for making the 37th Charter Day of the RCP a grand success. Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced the attendance of 15 visiting Rotarians, 14 guests, 29 members, 5 make-ups, 14 IW/Spouses, and 3 Rotaractors.

In closing, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan thanked the Charter Day organising committee (Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Gabriele & Bijaya Mallapaty, Ganesh R. Shrestha, and Khadak S. Bisht); Lalitdhara Souvenir Publication Committee (Rtns. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Gabriele Mallapaty, Lalita Thapa and Mahendra B. Thapa); and all the participants of today for making the RCP's 37th Charter Day a memorable one. He adjourned the 4th club assembly and invited everyone to the fellowship dinner.



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😄😄😄😄😄

*Husband and wife are both 60 years old. A fairy godmother gives them 2 free wishes.
 The woman wishes for a million dollars – peng – and she got a million dollars!
 The man wishes a woman 20 years younger than him – peng – and he is 80 years old now!*