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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 12 Sept: Talk programme by Socio-Economist Dr. Namrata Sharma on 'Women's Empowerment through girl's education in Nepal' 19 Sept: Talk programme by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey on "Development of Airline Industry in Nepal"</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Bijaya Bajracharya – 23 Aug. Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit – 2 Sept.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> NIL</p>
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Minutes of Meetings No. 1524 (31st Charter Day)

Date: 13 Bhadra 2073 / 29 Aug. 2016

1. President Bijaya Mallapaty called the **31st Charter Day** meeting No. 1524 to order with 15 seconds of 'silent invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests and participants welcomed by the President: Chief Guest Hon. Kalyan Shrestha, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal and Mrs. Urmila Shrestha; The first DG of District 3292 Rtn. Dr. Tika Man Vaidya and Mrs. Rajani Vaidya; PDG Rtn. Dilendra Shrestha, AG (officiating for DG) Rtn. Surya Man Shakya; Rotaracts, other guests, and all the Rotary Club of Patan Family.
3. The last meeting minutes were adopted.
4. President Bijaya Mallapaty delivered an introductory speech welcoming all mentioned under point 2 above and specifically the Chief Guest for honouring the RCP with his presence. He briefly mentioned how proud the whole RCP family was to be celebrating its 31st anniversary. He highlighted a few of the salient features of the RCP. The seniors of the RCP, being the 4th oldest club in Nepal, have established strong roots for it to flourish and be able to 'serve'. In addition to its own programmes, the RCP currently has 12 of its members participating at the District level in 23 different functions/positions.

The RCP's various fellowship programmes, under the able leadership of Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, is often cited as an example. Similarly, on the service front, the RCP is proud to have its own PEEF programme with its Trust Fund reaching NRs. 1.16 crore and supporting public school students for over 25 years with the voluntary participation of all the RCP family. And the current service projects of the RCP with global grants, both approved and under preparation, total almost six crores of Nepalese Rupees.

Two publications were being launched. The annual magazine 'Souvenir', and 5th edition of a book on Rotary in Nepali 'Rotary Ka Kura' written by Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. On behalf of the RCP family, he thanked the editorial team of the 'Souvenir' with special thanks to its coordinator Rtn. Mahendra Thapa, all the writers/contributors and sponsors; and Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit and editor PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha for the 'Rotary Ka Kura'.

5. On behalf of the District Governor, Assistant Governor Rtn. Surya Man Shakya released the Lalitdhara 'Souvenir' issue and briefly made congratulatory remarks on the accomplishments of the RCP.
6. A video clip of Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit on the 5th edition of 'Rotary Ka Kura' was shown to introduce the launch of the book written and sponsored by him and published by the Rotary Club of Patan. In his brief remarks, Rtn. Dixit regretted his inability to join on this grand occasion of the RCP. He spoke about the first edition of this book on Rotary in Nepali language, published back in 2044 B.S., 29 years ago. He thanked PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha for editing the current 5th edition, which incorporates all the latest changes in the policy and procedures of Rotary.
7. In his remarks, the editor of 'Rotary Ka Kura', PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha appreciated Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit's contribution to Rotary in Nepal and mentioned how proud he was to be associated with this publication.
8. Chief Guest Hon. Kalyan Shrestha launched the 'Rotary Ka Kura' and congratulated the RCP for this publication to serve Rotary's purpose in Nepal.

9. The first DG of District 3292 Rtn. Tika Man Vaidya honoured with 'Khada' a total of seven members. Charter Members were Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Bijaya Bajracharya, Kamal Nyachhyon and Lochan Gyawali (with Kamalmani Dixit absent due to his travel abroad); while Members with over 25 years were Rabendra R. Pandey, Tirtha Man Sakya and Santa K. Shrestha.
10. Charter Secretary and Past President Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha gave a brief talk on the old days of the Rotary Club of Patan, its continuous service till to date, and how proud he felt serving through Rotary and seeing how members introduced by him have risen to 'serve' through Rotary.
11. Induction of New Member Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka:
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang introduced Rtn. Khemka and his spouse Mrs. Preeti Khemka. Mr. Khemka is in Electric and Electronics business, while Mrs. Khemka is a home maker holding a degree in business administration.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya gave the induction talk followed by 'swearing-in' of Rtn. Khemka. In his remarks, PDG Sakya emphasized how important it was to be a Rotarian rather than just a member of the Rotary Club, and welcomed him in the community of 1.2 million Rotarians around the globe.
 - AG Rtn. Surya M. Shakya pinned Rtn. Khemka with a 'Rotary Pin' as a symbol of his membership.
 - President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty and Secretary Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma welcomed the new member and his spouse to the RCP family with 'Khada' and 'flower bouquet' respectively.
 - Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka gave a brief acceptance remarks thanking Rtns. Nirmal Pradhanang and Mahendra S. Rawal for introducing him to Rotary. He mentioned how happy he and his spouse were to be welcomed in the Rotary family, and showed his eagerness to 'serve' through Rotary.
12. Pinning of 'Rotary Pin': AG Rtn. Surya M. Shakya pinned Rtns. Padam L. Maharjan and Kamala Maharjan with 'PHF+2 Pins' acknowledging their contributions to the Rotary Foundation.
13. Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa introduced Chief Guest Hon. Kalyan Shrestha. She mentioned that as the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal, Hon. Kalyan Shrestha is well known to all and did not need any introduction. However, Rtn. Thapa gave a succinct biodata of Hon. Shrestha, highlighting his education/training, major achievements and international engagements.
14. Chief Guest Hon. Kalyan Shrestha delivered the keynote address to the gathering, which was truly inspirational. The whole audience was so attentively listening to his motivational talk as if everyone wanted him to continue talking. He touched on many aspects of service and responsibility with an analysis and understanding rarely heard. Hon. Shrestha deeply appreciated the role played by Rotary in serving humanity around the globe since its inception in 1905, long before the establishment of the United Nations. He reminded that many Rotarians contributed to the establishment of the UN.
- Hon. Shrestha applauded the noble goal of Rotary and how Rotarians around the globe contribute to make our communities better through 'Service above Self' creating a universal constituency. One of the success signs of service through Rotary is that he has not heard of anyone regretting joining Rotary. In today's complex world, he emphasized everyone's role and need to be active with personal efforts to make the world a better place. Rotary has also been evolving over time – from networking and fellowships to tackling larger issues of societal unrest and humanity in a wider sense.
- Hon. Shrestha congratulated the RCP for its 31st anniversary and noted that the respected group of its members are able to achieve a lot. As a voluntary organization, Rotary encourages to do more for the community/society than what written laws guide in multiple areas such as human values, dignity, human rights, ethics, conflict management, peace negotiation, and environment. This wide range of possibilities makes Rotarians proud social workers. He summarized Rotarians' values with those of Confucius when he said '.....better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness.....' To do that, Rotarians do not need high position, wealth or seniority, but an inner willingness to change and speak-up. Hon. Kalyan Shrestha ended quoting a relevant poem from Robert Frost, which ends "...the woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep".
15. On behalf of all, President Elect Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to all concerned for making the 31st Charter Day ceremony of the RCP a grand success.
16. Secretary of the RCP Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma announced the attendance of **38 members, which is 100% of RCP members in country** (3 are on travel abroad) in addition to the guests and the family members of the RCP.
17. The President closed the meeting by inviting everyone to a lively 'fellowship evening' with dinner.