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**Today's Programme:**

Weekly Meeting

**Congratulatory Events:**

**Birthdays:** Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 7 Jan

**Minutes of Meetings No. 1540**

**Date: 18 Poush 2073 / 2 Jan. 2017**

1. Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the meeting no. 1540 to order.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. The house again welcomed new member Ms. Preeti Khemka to RC Patan following RCP Board's confirmation with a big round of applause.
4. 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RC Patan, scheduled for 30 Dec. 2016, but postponed due to passing away of senior most member and fatherly figure of Rotary Club of Patan late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit, was held today before the regular weekly meeting. Please see below for a summary of the decisions/minutes of the Board Meeting.
5. **Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit** (2 August 1929 – 29 December 2016)



As decided by the Board, today's meeting was conducted without any formal programme and sunshine fund collections. Instead, members highlighted some of the contributions of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit to Rotary as recalled below:

- Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha stated that RC Patan started in 1985 with late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit as GSR from RC Kathmandu and himself as Charter Secretary.

- Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha highlighted the role of late Rtn. Dixit in the initial period of Polio Immunization programme and his involvement in Water Supply Project of RC Patan at Thulo Parcel.
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary highlighted late Rtn. Dixit's continuous effort to publish *Lalidhara* in Nepali for several years till it was handed over to Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty. Late Rtn. Dixit also published several editions of *Rotary Ka Kura* and tail piece as "Rotary Ka Thatta" in *Lalidhara*, which was later compiled in a book form named *Folk Stories*. Benefits from all these publications were contributed to the RCP.
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar remembered about his field trip to Dukuchhap when late Rtn. Dixit encouraged him to write a book about his life history while discussing about his personal life. Later, he wrote his autobiography *Jeevan Ko Katha Ra Beth'*, which was found to be very interesting by RCP members.
  - Similarly, Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Kedar B. Shrestha and Padam L. Maharjan added on late Rtn. Dixit's multi-talented and multi-dimensional personality.
6. The House decided to publish a condolence message in *Kantipur Daily* on the 13th day of passing of late Rtn. Kamalmani ji. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha will coordinate the publication, and members were requested to contribute NRs. 1,000 each to cover the cost, which many did instantly.
  7. A one minutes 'Silence' was observed for eternal peace of the departed soul of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit.
  8. Before the closure of meeting by the Vice President, the Secretary announced: attendance: 25 members, make-up: 8, and attendance collection: NRs. 2500.

### **6th Board Meeting of the RCP held on 2 January 2017**

Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the following minutes/decisions of the 6th Board Meeting, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

1. Decisions of the 5th Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi informed about the clarifications provided to the Citizen Bank about the Club Fund and that an operational unit of it was the 'Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award' fund.
3. Hosts for the next few Board Meetings are reconfirmed as follows:
  - 7th Board Meeting on Saturday, 4th February at 11:00 a.m. - Host Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha
  - 8th Board Meeting - Host Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (Date and Time to be decided later).
4. It was agreed to sponsor the 'Humanitarian Award Ceremony' being organized by RC Thamel.
5. It was agreed to help the Rotaract Club of Patan to organize a health awareness programme on 18 or 25 February 2017.
6. The Vocational Awards will be conferred on 23 January 2017. The current selection committee of Rtns. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi, Mahendra Thapa and Nirmal Pradhanang were requested to select the awardees.
7. The Board confirmed the membership of Rtn. Preeti Khemka.
8. The Board expressed its grief on the demise of senior Rotarian and GSR of the club Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit, and sends deep condolences to all the family and friends. RCP will publish an obituary on the 13<sup>th</sup> day his passing.