



# ललित धारा

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**Today's Programme:** Talk Programme by Mr. R.K. Manandhar, Founder Chairman of Image Group of Companies: Evolution of Electronic Media in Nepal

**Forthcoming Programme:**

17 Apr. - 5<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly

24 April - Classification Talk of Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha

1 May - Business Meeting

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Mahendra Thapa – 14 April

**Minutes of Meetings No.1553**

**Date: 21 Chaitra 2073 / 3 April 2017**

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting nos. 1553 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and Ms. Leoni Buschulte, daughter of Ms. Isabelle Buschulte, Partner of GG for Chepel, Solukhumbu.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for a successful second birthday ceremony of granddaughter during family visit to Kathmandu from the USA (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ramesh Maskay – for the post-board fellowship last Saturday (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for 'feeling happy'.
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for son's passing of Medical Council examination.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for the successful issuance of 1200<sup>th</sup> Lalitdhara with contributions of editors late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 1,200).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for news of 'Horn' ban in Kathmandu.
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Rabendra R. and Chandra Pandey's pledge was acknowledged for the continuation of awarding NRs. 5,000 in the name of the highest contributor to the RCP's Sunshine Fund during the Rotary Year.
6. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the successful participation of 3 Interacts sponsored by the RCP to the Interacts District Conference.
  - The PEEF Distribution for this year will be starting soon. We plan to complete it early with maximum participation of the RCP family.
  - The District Training Assembly (DTA) and Grants Management Seminar (GMS) are going to be held on 29 and 30 April 2017 respectively. President Elect, Secretary Elect and Treasurer Elect and the 5 Chairpersons of Committees for the RY 2017-2018 are expected to participate in the DTA. Similarly, 2 members including the Chairperson of Service Projects are expected to participate in the GMS. **All concerned were requested to confirm their participation as soon as possible to President Elect Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha.** The venue and registration fee will be announced by the District later.
  - President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty joined the opening session of the training seminar on prevention of RHD in children, together with the President of Nepal Heart Foundation and Chief Public Health Administrator of Lalitpur District. The whole day training seminar was organized by Nepal Heart Foundation, our Global Grant project partner led by Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi. Participants included over 60 school teachers and resource persons of schools in Lalitpur District.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Birkenhead, Merseyside, England; Chartered: 1929; & Members: 59. District: 1180, Clubs: 59, & Members: 2022.
8. Please see next page for a summary of the Business Meeting.
9. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 5,500 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance and NRs. 2,800 for sunshine funds); attendance: 1 guest, 1 Rotaract, 23 Members and 6 make-ups.

### Rotary Learning Session: Cont'd from last week

In continuation of the last week's session, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty moderated this session on Grants Projects and explained the process from its planning to implementation and closure. The key stages were summarized under the following four headings:

- Community Need Identification and Assessment
- Planning of a proposal with internal TRF/Board reviews
- Finding contributing international partner, local partners, and funding.
- Drafting proposal online in Grant Centre of RI & obtaining a Grant Number
- Finalizing the proposal online: ensure sustainability, detailed budget and training plan
- Implementation & Monitoring, and
- Reporting and Evaluation/Closure

### 9th Board Meeting of the RCP held on 1 April 2017

Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the following minutes/decisions of the 8th Board Meeting hosted by Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi, which were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

1. Decisions of the 8th Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. Following completion of the project activities, it was agreed to close KOSHISH District Grant Account No. 0080001496SR with Century Commercial Bank.
3. It was agreed to contribute NRs. 5,000 from the RCP to the Rotaract Club of Bhadgaun for Model SAARC Summit 2017 being held on 22 April 2017.
4. PEEF
  - (i) Board reviewed the PEEF Committee Meeting minutes of 6 March 2017 and endorsed all the points therein. (Minutes were already shared with all members.)
  - (ii) Board also confirmed its specific approval, as required by the PEEF policy, to reduce the number of schools supported to bring it to 24 by 2020. In this regard, scholarships to students in Shree Bajrabarahi HSS, Chapagaun and Mahendra Bhrikuti SS, Ekantakuna will phase out when the current students complete grade ten. From this year, no new students will be provided with PEEF scholarships in these schools.
  - (iii) Board agreed, in principle, to use a portion of the interest income from the Club Service Fund to support the PEEF operational fund. However this will need to be specifically approved at the beginning of each year based on the available balance of funds in the completed Rotary Year.
5. The financial situation of the RC Patan, including the status of the Club Service Fund (with a balance of **NRs. 1,307,958** - in Club Service Fund NRs. 1,190,800 & in its operational fund NRs. 117,158, as of 31 March 2017) was reviewed. The following financial management related decisions were taken:
  - (i) Formally name the Club Fund sometimes also called Club Trust Fund, as '**Club Service Fund**' henceforth. Only interest earned from the Club Service Fund could be used for operational purposes of the Club with explicit approval of the Board. A policy note should be prepared on this.
  - (ii) Board approved opening of a Fixed Deposit Account with the Citizen's Bank for the currently available amount in the Rotary Club of Patan's 'Club Service Fund'. The account will be operable by any two signatories among President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi and Secretary Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma.
  - (iii) It was agreed to consolidate the fees of the Office Assistant and pay it from the RCP's operational budget with effect from 1 July 2017. Therefore, no separate payment from the PEEF OF will be made effective 1 July 2017.
6. As proposed by Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary, it was agreed to honour Mr. Sanjeeb B. Shrestha as a Paul Harris Fellow, using the RCP's accumulated points. We have recently completed a global grant with Italian donors and provided a container load of medical equipment donated by Hospital without Borders, Belgium. In both these projects, together worth about 2 Crore Nepalese Rupees, Mr. Shrestha made significant contributions.
7. Hosts for the next Board Meetings are as follows:
  - (i) 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – Host Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 28 April 2017
  - (ii) 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – Host Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 June 2017
  - (iii) 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – Joint hosts President and President Elect
8. On behalf of the Board Members and the invited spouses and guests, Rtn. Dr. Bishwa B. Sharma gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi for hosting the Board Meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner.