

**Issue No. 1449****Date: 7 Chaitra 2078 / 21 March 2022****Today's Programme:**

Celebration of 'Brain Awareness Week 14-20 March' with a talk programme by Psychologist Rtn. Joyce Shaffer from Seattle, WA, USA

**Forthcoming Programme:**

28 March - Graduate Studies Scholarship Award Programme  
4 April – Business Meeting

**Congratulatory Events****Birthdays:**

Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – 19 March

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1796****Date: 30 Falgun 2078 / 14 March 2022****Joint Meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan during 'Rotaract Week: 7-13 March'**

1. On behalf of the host club, President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed all the Rotaract Club of Patan members and guests from Inner Wheel Club to the joint meeting and called the RCP meeting number 1796 to order. As the Rotaract Club of Patan makes their own notes, these minutes cover the noters of the RCP meeting including common issues.
2. 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness was observed.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
  - Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, Gabriele Mallapaty, and Preeti Khemka – for their trip to 'Kalinchowk Bhagawati' and other religious sites enroute, and today's physical joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan during the 'Rotaract Week' in the new venue (NRs. 1,000 each).
  - Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), Pushkar M Shakya (NRs. 500), Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500), Yagya B. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), PDG Tirtha M. Sakya (NRs. 500), Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 1,000), and Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500), - for today's physical joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan during the 'Rotaract Week' in the new venue.
  - Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – for a successful trip to Annapurna Base Camp (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for today's joint meeting and successful completion of a consultancy for Nijgadh Int'l Airport masterplan (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for travel plan to the USA in business class (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for today's joint meeting and to welcome the birth of a grandson (NRs. 1,000).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa:
    - Informed about the election of PDG Aniruddha Roy Choudhury from Calcutta Club to the position of RI Director from RI Zone 6 for RY 2023-2025.
    - Thanked the Rotaract Club of Patan for activating the Interact Club of Patan - Pragati School, Kopundole, by conducting training events.
    - Requested Rotary Club of Patan's support to activate the remaining two Interact clubs at Shree Balkumari School and St. Xavier's School, Godavari. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang noted that the Charter Certificate of the Interact Club at St. Xavier's School with him also needs to be handed over formally.
  - Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht reported on a very successful completion of the '8th of March International Women's Day Cycle Rally' with all the partners under the leadership of Lalitpur Metropolis.
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar handed over a framed 'Token of Appreciation' of the RCP for its PEEF scholarship support to the students at Tri Padma School, Lalitpur.
  - Inner Wheel Mithila Rajbhandary handed over her contribution of NRs. 5,000 to the Rotaract Club of Patan for installing mirrors on selected streets.

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed that the RCP's first Graduate Studies Scholarship Support (GSSA) sponsored by Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Prakash R. Regmi to two selected students from the PEEF supported schools is planned to be given shortly.
- PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, together with President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, honoured Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha with a MPHF+1 Pin for his contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

6. **Celebration of Rotaract Week, 7 - 13 March**

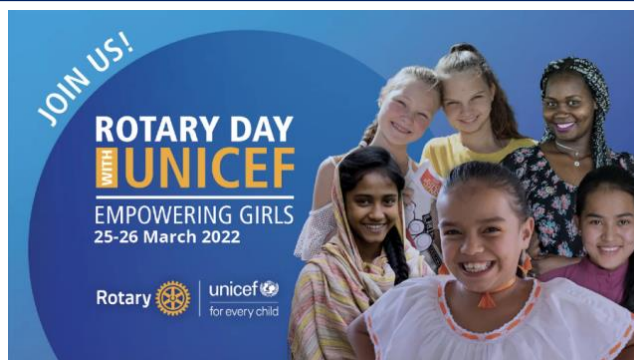
Youth Services Director Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha conducted the celebratory programme of the 'Rotaract Week, 7-13 March' which included talks/comments by several Rotarians and Rotaracts in the presence of a total of 38 participants including the Inner Wheels. A new member Rtr. Sandhya Chaulagain was inducted to the Rotaract Club of Patan.

Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, PDG Rtn. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary and Vice President of the Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Pritika Bhatta spoke on the occasion, while PP Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai made a power point presentation providing detailed information on the history of Rotaract movement, its current status in Nepal, and about the Rotaract Club of Patan. Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to all on this important occasion.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya - Rotary Club of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; Chartered: 1917 and Members: 71. District: 5550, Clubs: 48, and Members: 1715. He also provided brief highlights of the club and the city.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 15,700 (NRs. 2,500 to the Operational Fund and NRs.13,200 including NRs. 200 for phone rings to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 20 members & 6 make-ups, 9 Rotaracts and 8 Inner Wheels.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha**

- Q. For how many consecutive years did the Rotary Foundation receive the highest award of Charity Navigator in RY 2021-2022? **A. 14 consecutive years**
- Q. How much do you have to contribute to the Rotary Foundation to obtain Major Donor Level 1? **A. US\$10,000**
- Q. What was the Rotary International Theme in 2008-9 when D-3292 was established? **A. Make Dreams Real**



**Rotary Day with UNICEF: Empowering Girls**

How do we create a safe and more resilient world for girls as we re-open societies post-pandemic? While progress in girls' education, health and status has been made, since Covid-19 access to education, health, and health systems has been limited and the incidence of early child marriage has increased significantly.

Join Rotary International and UNICEF 25-26 March to explore community-based solutions to create a safe and resilient world for girls. Hear inspiring stories from Rotary People of Action Honourees and conversations from Rotary and UNICEF experts on topics that affect girls around the globe:

- Education - remote learning
  - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) – hygiene + education
  - Violence Prevention – ending child marriage
  - Mental Health – online safety
- Don't miss an event that will focus on empowering girls and setting them up for healthy, hopeful, and thriving futures.

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