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Date: 14 Kartik 2079 / 31 October 2022

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> : Regular Weekly Meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 7 Nov. – Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1826

Date: 31 Ashwin 2079 / 17 October 2022

1. Vice President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the RCP Meeting No.1826 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the Vice President: Rtn. Jan Rietsema, RC Strabrecht, the Netherlands; Ms. Arjanne Rietsema, UNICEF Regional Office, Kathmandu; PP Rtn. Binod Koirala, RC Pokhara Fishtail; PP Rtn. Anil K. Thapaliya, RC Narayani Mid-Town; and PP Rtn. Durga Subedi, RC Pashupati.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from USA and Canada (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Deepawali' and to welcome Rotary guests from Netherlands (NRs. 500).
 - Ms. Arjanne Rietsema – for participation in the RCP's weekly meeting (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for chairing today's meeting and welcoming guests (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for acting as Secretary today and to welcome guests (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - To coincide with the World Polio Day, Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty confirmed the payment of US \$400 (\$ 200 each) to the PolioPlus fund of The Rotary Foundation as pledged earlier.
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar confirmed Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay's payment of US \$100 to PolioPlus as pledged earlier.
 - Rtn. Keshab B., Mathema handed over his pledged contributions of NRs. 39,300 for the PHF and NRs. 13,100 to the PolioPlus fund of The Rotary Foundation.
6. Rotary Information:
 - Vice President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty:
 - Briefed on the District's request for nomination of members for the District Governor Nomination Committee for RY 2025-2026. Following due process of selection, clubs must submit its candidate's name to the District by 15 November 2022. From the RCP, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey has indicated his interest. Any other member interested should submit his/her interest to the President by the end of this week.
 - Updated on Global Polio Eradication and World Polio Day Celebrations on the 24th of October. She also mentioned about the pledge by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation of US \$1.2 billion towards Polio eradication. More details on this to follow. The strategic plan for the eradication of Polio is for 2022-26, which requires a funding of US \$4.6 billion.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha reminded all that there will be no regular weekly meeting on 24 October 2022 on the occasion of 'Deepawali' holidays.
7. Briefing on PEEF and updates on RNLM/TEACH:
 - For the benefit of the guests, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty gave a brief overview of our flagship programme of PEEF scholarship support since 1991 in 25 public schools of Lalitpur District and explained how the RCP has been adding other support such as WASH, Computers, Library in these schools. From these 25 schools, the RCP has adopted three schools specifically for a holistic support as per the guidelines of RNLM/TEACH programme of the District.

- Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a brief background of the Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission (RNLM/TEACH) programme that targets literacy of all by 2030. He highlighted what has been done by the District, and the RCP in the three adopted schools following the MOU signed with the school management to make them Child-friendly Happy Schools. Due to COVID-19, much action has been postponed, but a sub-group of the TEACH committee has recently met to move forward with possible activities at the earliest.
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam briefed on the work and recommendations of the sub-group that will be presented to the next Board meeting of the RCP to move forward. It is suggested to prioritise girls' leadership training with a focus on menstrual hygiene education, health camps, and awareness-raising programmes. The recommendations include expansion of the RCP's TEACH committee and also to involve the Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan. He shared a draft of the sub-group's proposals and requested any comments/suggestions to finalise it for the review of the next RCP Board.
8. Rtn. Jan Rietsema exchanged his club's flag with the RCP's Vice President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty who welcomed the international guests. Rtn. Rietsema and his sister, Ms. Arjanne Rietsema who works with UNICEF here, were very pleased to be participating in the RCP's weekly meeting, which he found very inspiring. He made a brief presentation on his club and its service projects focussed on mental health.
 9. Rtns. Binod Koirala, RC Pokhara Fishtail; PP Rtn. Anil K. Thapaliya, RC Narayani Mid-Town; and PP Rtn. Durga Subedi, RC Pashupati also briefly introduced themselves and briefed on the highlights of their respective clubs. Rtn. Binod Koirala also suggested collaboration in the area of e-learning.
 10. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – Rotary Club of Adiliya, Bahrain; Chartered: 1994; & Members: 25. District: 2450, Clubs: 142; & Members: 4499. He also gave the highlights of the country and the club.
 11. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the Vice President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: contributions of NRs. 5,900 (NRs. 4,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,900 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 4 visiting Rotarians, 1 guest, 14 members and 12 make-ups.

Condolence motion: a 'silent invocation' was observed for 30 seconds on the passing away of renowned literary and culture figure of Nepal, centenarian Mr. Satya Mohan Joshi on 16 October 2022. He will be sorely missed – may his soul rest in peace.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty

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| Q. When did Rotary launch the PolioPlus programme? | A. In 1985 |
| Q. When is Interact Week celebrated in 2022? | A. From 31 October to 6 November. Celebrating 60 years of Interact, which was established on 5 November 1962. |
| Q. How many Global Grants has the Rotary Club of Patan successfully closed? (Currently, 1 ongoing and 1 at the planning stage). | A. 10 closed since 2014-2015 |

Rotary Information

The power of the Rotary logo: Excerpts from the article by Charles Pretto, 2022-23 governor of District 5340 (California, USA)

I like the Rotary logo — the one with the wheel and the word “Rotary” next to it. It’s not always a popular opinion though. Some members prefer the old Rotary wheel and continue to use it, even though it was retired nearly a decade ago. In some ways, I get it. We Rotary members can be traditionalists.

The modern Rotary logo has something that the old one doesn’t though: name recognition — literally. The word “Rotary” (or Rotaract) is in big letters. It’s easy to read and most importantly, it’s easy to identify. I experienced that difference first-hand when I started wearing the modern Rotary logo on my lapel pin.

From my dental hygienist to the person bagging my groceries, I was getting asked about Rotary everywhere. I never had this level of engagement before! You know why? Because we aren’t a big corporation like Starbucks with a logo you just know. The wheel doesn’t mean anything to the public. By adding “Rotary” to the wheel, our logo becomes much more identifiable. And because of that, I’ve had many delightful conversations with people. Some have even joined our club meetings to learn more about Rotary. It’s been a great recruitment tool.