

## Issue No. 1489

Date: 18 Poush 2079 / 2 January 2023

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Business Meeting followed by the RCP's Birthday Fellowship programme</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1835

Date: 11 Poush 2079 / 26 December 2022

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1835 to order at Bakery Café with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Hannah Schwarz, former Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, and Ms. Ramita Bajracharya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for Senior Citizens Day (11 Poush) and good health (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for the guest's presence and election of the RCP Board for 2023-2024 (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for today's talk programme by Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for distribution of several scholarships and awards at the school in Palpa, Tansen in a programme together with the Provincial government head. (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for donating 24 walking support sticks (NRs. 24,000) to the disabled through Mr. Basudev Adhikari of the Bright Star Society (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (NRs. 500), & Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (NRs. 500) – for today's election with new leadership for the next year and start of the women empowerment programme at schools.
  - Mr. Sunil Gupta (RCP Member effective 1 January 2023) – for distributing certificates of appreciation on Autism and Down Syndrome (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for a good year 2022 and completion of consultancy with Pokhara airport (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa contributed NRs. 2,500 to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund from his participation in the NOH Board.
6. Briefing on Women Empowerment Programme: Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht introduced Ms. Hannah Schwarz, former Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, connected by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam. She is a fellow at South Asia programme at the Cornell University, USA, speaks fluent Nepali and is working on menstrual health. Ms. Schwarz gave a brief talk on her work in Nepali schools. Working with the Rotaracts, they establish groups in school to prepare a training package to teach about menstrual health within the women's empowerment programme.
7. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar welcomed Mr. Sunil Gupta as a new member of the RCP.
  - The RCP's second Birthday Fellowship will be held at Alice Conference on 2 January 2022 following the regular weekly meeting. Participation fee will be NRs. 1,000 for single, NRs. 1,500 for a couple and NRs. 1,500 for a guest. Members were requested to confirm their participation to Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha.
  - Suggestions for Rota Quiz committee of the RCP to be confirmed: Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty, Preeti Khemka, Mahendra S. Rawal and Chandralekha Kayastha.
8. Talk programme by Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha gave an informal talk on his life and experiences with some interesting anecdotes covering his childhood/school in Siliguri, Doti; his love for dogs that encouraged him to study to become a veterinarian; his university life; his government job; and his clinic work for the last 44 years. Due to limited time available, many more key events will be further explained in another talk programme from

him. Following a brief Q/A session, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan thanked Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha before concluding the session.

9. Salutation: By Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal - Rotary Club of Rangapur, Bangladesh; Chartered: 1978; & Members: 61. District: 3280, Clubs: 158, & Members: 4415. She also gave brief highlights on the club.
10. Before the adjournment of the meeting, by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news and attendance contributions of NRs.7,400 (NRs. 4,400 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 3,000 to the operating fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1guest, 24 members, 1 spouse & 8 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon**

- Q.** What is the minimum number of charter members required to form a new club? **A.** 20
- Q.** When are the new President and Secretary of a Rotary Club appointed? **A.** At the Annual Meeting in December
- Q:** How many members of the RC Patan are leaders beyond club level? **A.** 9

### **Election of 2023-2024 Board Members**

On behalf of the nominating committee of the RCP (President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Coordinator, (with the membership of President Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan, and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha), Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the nomination of the following members for the Board of the RCP for Rotary Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the RCP By-Laws, which was unanimously approved by the House:

President:	Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal
Immediate Past President:	Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan
President Elect:	Rtn. Preeti Khemka
Vice President:	Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht
Treasurer:	Rtn. Preeti Khemka
Secretary:	Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka
Joint Secretary:	Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha
Chairperson/Director - Membership:	Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon
Chairperson/Director - Club Admin.:	Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty
Chairperson/Director - The Rotary Foundation:	Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey
Chairperson/Director - Public Image:	Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi
Chairperson/Director - Service Projects:	Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty
Director – Youth Services	Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal