

## Issue No. 1510

Date: 22 Jestha 2080 / 5 June 2023

### Today's Programme:

Business Meeting

### Congratulatory Events

#### Birthday:

Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – 2 June

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

## Minutes of Meeting No. 1856

Date: 15 Jestha 2080 / 29 May 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1855 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Dr. Surendra Tamang from Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge. Dr. Tamang introduced himself and spoke a few words of thanks for the successful handover of the ambulance and hospital equipment to the Laliguras Community Hospital recently.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Kamala Maharjan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rt. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), - for today's 'Happy Birthday' celebration of the RCP's 3rd group of members, entertainment of the 5th Monday meeting.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500) , Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), - for the above and participation at the wonderful 'Futsal' programme with Rotaracts, Interacts and schoolteachers last Saturday.
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for the above two, and her interview published today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for today's celebrations, and for hosting a girls education seminar with 32 participants from 18 countries in Nepal (NRs. 1,000).
  - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for his article published on the subject of federalism in Nepal (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the recognition of the display on Rotary's 'Four Way Test' in his clinic by a Nepalese visiting from New Zealand (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance of members in today's meeting – pledged on phone (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions: Mrs. Mithila Rajbhandary contributed NRs. 8,500 to the RCP members fellowship fund on the occasion of her spouse, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.
6. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the wonderful 'Futsal' programme with Rotaracts, Interacts and schoolteachers last Saturday. There were 35 Interacts, 10 Rotaracts, 11 schoolteachers and 7 RCP members participating in the tournament organised in connection with the promotion of leadership development of the youth.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the RCP's forthcoming PEEF scholarship distribution/selection of this school year. Together with Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha and Gabriele Mallapaty all the preparations have been made to launch it within the next few days. More information on this will continue to be shared.
  - Rtn. Mallapaty also briefed on the preparations for the RCP's next year's budget. Preliminary discussions with the President Elect and the Treasurer Elect have been ongoing and further discussions will take place in the forthcoming Board and the House meetings before finalising it. One key point flagged was the shortfall in operational fund of the RCP and the need to find ways to fund it. Due to continuing increase in the RI and District dues, devaluation of Nepalese Rupees, non-increase of membership dues for several years, and the high meeting costs, there is an estimated shortfall of around NRs. 375,000 for the coming year (over 8000 per member).

7. 5th Monday Entertainment and the RCP's 3<sup>rd</sup> group Birthday Fellowship celebrations: The RCP family enjoyed the fun-filled 5<sup>th</sup> Monday entertainment programme coordinated by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha with a lot of jokes, satires, poems, and interesting personal anecdotes with contributions from Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Mahendra S. Rawal, Prakash R. Regmi, Maheswari Bisht Rawal, and Mukti N. Shrestha. The Birthday celebrations started with 'Tika' to the birthday boys and girls by Mrs. Santa Shrestha, garlands by respective spouses, and an entertaining fellowship dinner sponsored mostly from the RCP members' fellowship fund.
8. Salutation: By Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - RC Yuma, Arizona, USA; Chartered: 1937; Members: 118. District: 5500, Clubs: 54, & Members: 1,643. He also shared some information about the club city and the state in USA.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 5,000 (Plus 500 pledged by phone) to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 25 members, 1 guest, 13 spouses with 4 make-ups.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal**

- Q.** Which year was Paul Harris RI President?   **A.** Paul Harris was President of the first Rotary Convention in 1910.
- Q.** When did Paul Harris die?   **A.** 27 January 1947.
- Q:** What was the profession of Rtn. Hiram Shorey?   **A.** Merchant Tailor.



**Rotary International President 2022-2023 Jennifer Jones' Message for June 2023**

*Speaking to you through the pages of Rotary magazine this past year has brought me so much joy. I have especially enjoyed sharing the incredible stories of the wonderful people Nick and I have met on the Imagine Impact Tour.*

*From Patzún in the mountainous western highlands of Guatemala to a small village outside of Lusaka, Zambia, we have been greeted by countless people who imagine and work toward a better world.*

*We were inspired by teachers who imagine a better education for girls and boys facing gender-based violence, by Rotaractors in a refugee settlement who created a flour mill to provide for their families in a critical food shortage, and by brave polio workers who push tirelessly to reach every last child.*

*All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.*

*Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we've shared and for your efforts to Imagine Rotary. And now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we Create Hope in the World. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you.*