

**Issue No. 1515**

**Date: 25 Ashadh 2080 / 10 July 2023**

<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b>	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b>
Regular Weekly Meeting on Zoom with a presentation from 'Koshish', a mental health self-help NGO supported by the RCP.	<b><u>Birthday:</u></b> Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – 8 July <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtns. Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha – 7 July

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1861**

**Date: 18 Ashadh 2080 / 3 July 2023**

**Rotary Year 2023-2024 Installation Ceremony**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1861 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Assistant Governor Rtn. Tika N. Lohani, 3 Inner Wheels, and 4 Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan
3. IPP Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan spoke a few words of welcome of the new President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, congratulated him, and handed over to him the Charter Certificate of the RCP, Bell/Gong, and the RCP Collar. IPP Rtn. Pradhan also honoured the remaining members of the club who were not available during the last meeting of RY 2022-2023 with the special Rotary pin of appreciation honouring them for their contributions during his tenure as the President.
4. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya started the installation programme honouring President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal with a Rotary 'Pin' and performed the 'Oath of Office' of the President.
5. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal thanked PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya for his installation, IPP Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan for a very successful Rotary Year 2022-2023 and introduced his team for Rotary Year 2023-2024. He then performed the 'Oath of Office' of all the Board members of the RCP, which was followed by his 'acceptance' address as the RCP President for the 38<sup>th</sup> year of the RCP. He recalled the goals and priorities for this year as presented in the 1<sup>st</sup> club assembly of the RCP, committed to try his best to bring the RCP to new heights, and requested the advice and support of all the RCP family.
6. On behalf of the District Governor and the District Team, Assistant Governor Rtn. Tika N. Lohani thanked the outgoing President, congratulated President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and his team and wished them a very successful year. He was proud to be the Assistant Governor of the esteemed club where he expected to learn a lot during this Rotary Year.
7. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya concluded the installation ceremony with an address thanking the RY 2022-2023 President and his team and welcoming the incoming President and his team. He also thanked the outgoing teams of Rotaract Club of Patan and the Inner Wheel Club and welcomed the incoming teams. On behalf of all present, he wished President Rtn Mahendra S. Rawal and his team a very successful year in bringing this esteemed club to greater heights.

**First regular weekly meeting of RY 2023-2024**

8. Following the installation ceremony, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal proceeded with the first regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Year 2023-2024.

9. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.

10. 'Happy News' Contributions:

- Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
- Rtn. Keshab H. Mathema – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba).
- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
- Rtn. Sunil and Anima Gupta – for 'Happy Wedding anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba).
- Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for being the Secretary for this Rotary Year (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500), Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Suraj Pradhan (NRs. 500), Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000 including for today's good attendance), Lila B. Baniya (NRs. 500), Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 500), Kamal Nyachhyon (NRs. 500), Pushkar M. Shakya (NRs. 500), Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 500), Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 500), Kedar B. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000 including for today's good attendance), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Santa K. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000), Siba B. Rajbhandary (NRs. 500), Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500), Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500), and Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 1,000) - to thank the outgoing team and welcome the new team with an excellent start of RY 2023-2024.
- Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for the above and for conducting a training programme for the officials of Gandaki Province in Pokhara on planning, monitoring and evaluation (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for launching his late father's book after 25 years (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for being a member of the RCP sponsored by his friend Rtn. Rawal (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai – for this wonderful meeting and to honour the outgoing and incoming teams (NRs. 500).

11. Other Contributions:

- Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty pledged to contribute US \$100 each to The Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus. They also pledged to contribute some funds towards the 'Girls Empowerment' programme of the RCP once the details of the planned activities for the four adopted schools are finalised.

12. Rotary Information:

- President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed his participation at the installation ceremonies of the Rotaract Club of Patan (President Rtr. Richa Aryal) and the Inner Wheel Club of Patan (President IW Kalpana Pradhan).
- Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha introduced guests – Municipality chair from Bandipur Mr. Surendra Thapa and his colleagues to the 'House'. On behalf of his team, Mr. Thapa spoke a few words on their wish of possible collaboration with organisations like the RCP to improve the health and encourage tourism in Bandipur and welcomed a visit from the RCP.

13. Salutation: By Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang - RC Surabaja, East Java, Indonesia; Chartered: 1971; & Members: 26. District: 3400, Clubs: 89, & Members: 1,617. He also shared some information about the club and East Java.

14. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution of NRs. 24,200 including a pledge of NRs. 500 (50% of NRs. 17,500 to the Sunshine Fund and the Operational Fund, and NRs. 6,700 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1 Rotarian AG, 3 Inner Wheels, 4 Rotaracts, 30 members and 6 make-ups.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha**

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| <b>Q.</b> Who is the first woman Rotarian in Nepal? | <b>A.</b> Rtn. Suniti Acharya, RC Jawalakhel.                       |
| <b>Q.</b> Who is the RI President for RY 2024-25?   | <b>A.</b> Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchik, RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. |
| <b>Q.</b> What is the full form of ChatGPT?         | <b>A.</b> Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer.                  |

## 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2022-2023 and RY 2023-2024 jointly held on 30 June 2023

Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 30 June 2023 at Bakery Cafe, Pulchowk. There was a participation of 16 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as follows with the addition under point 4 that all 'happy news' collections henceforth will be equally shared between the sunshine fund and the operational fund:

The minutes/decisions of the 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were reviewed.
2. New Board members Rtns. Kamal B. Nyachhyon and Maheswari Bisht Rawal were welcomed and the Board Members leaving this year – Rtns. Pushkar M. Shakya, Jamuna K. Tamrakar, Mahendra B. Thapa, and Bharat N. Joshi were thanked for their service in the Board.
3. The Board endorsed the revisions to the RCP By-Laws to take into account the changes required. These will be shared with all RCP members for adoption by the 'House' after three weeks.
4. 2023-2024 Budget: Following an extensive review, the Board endorsed a budget of NRs. 2,890,960 for the year 2023-2024. The Board noted the possible shortfall in the operational cost as a high estimate of NRs. 200,000 in income from advertisements had to be targeted. Therefore, members are requested to support obtaining the advertisements to meet the target. It was also agreed to raise more happy news contributions for the operational fund.
5. The Board endorsed the advertisement rates in the Lalitdhara Souvenir issue for RY 2023-2024 as follows:
  - Back cover page in colour: NRs. 30,000
  - Front back page and end back page in colour: NRs. 20,000 each
  - Inside full page in colour: NRs. 15,000 each
  - Inside half page in colour: NRs. 8,000 each
  - Inside full page in b/w: NRs. 8,000 each
  - Inside half page in b/w: NRs. 5,000 each
6. Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the financial status of the club for RY 2022-2023 with income and expenditures as of end June 2023. For various justified reasons, the RCP had some over-expenditure in the operational fund, which will be covered from previous years' accumulated balances. At the end of the Rotary Year, the RCP would have a total funds of over NRs. 3.58 crores.
7. The Board endorsed the preliminary financial status of the RCP for the RY 2023-2024 and gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi for managing the club finances for many years as its Treasurer. As Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi is leaving the Board from next year, the Board made an open invitation for him to join future RCP Board meetings.
8. Lalitdhara Souvenir Issue – It was suggested to manage publication within the allocated budget with necessary adjustments required.
9. Charter Day 2023 (29 August) and the District Governor's Official Club Visit: A committee of Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal, Kedar B. Shrestha and Shiv P. Khemka was formed to plan and oversee this important RCP event.
10. The Board approved to obtain necessary electronic facilities of ConnectIPS, email alerts/mobile banking, and online banking for all the RCP bank accounts as and when required.
11. The 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting of RY 2023-2024 will be hosted by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka on Friday, 4 August 2023.
12. It was decided to have the first meeting of next Rotary Year physically. The following meeting will be on Zoom.
13. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty thanked outgoing President Shiva K. Pradhan and gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and his family for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner to the entire RCP family. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan also gave his remarks and thanked all the RCP family for an excellent year just concluded. Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal took the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of all his family for the enjoyable participation in the fellowship and committed to bring the RCP to new heights during his tenure as the President with the advice and support of all.