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| <p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>District Governor's official club visit, 4<sup>th</sup> club assembly, and the Rotary Club of Patan's Charter Day celebration</p> | <p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil<br/><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p> |
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1868**

**Date: 4 Bhadra / 21 August 2023**

**Joint Meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan**

1. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Patan, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed President Rtr. Hricha Aryal and all the members of the Rotaract Club of Patan, and called the RCP's Meeting No.1868 to order and President Rtr. Aryal called the Rotaract meeting to order. President Rtn. Rawal started with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness, and requested all the members of the Rotaract Club of Patan to introduce themselves.
2. These minutes cover the notes of the RCP meeting and common issues while the Rotaract Club of Patan is making their own minutes.
3. Guests welcomed by the President: Dr. Hemu Kafle, Founding President of OWSN, & spouse Prof. Bhim Kafle.
4. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
5. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for 'Happy Birthday and for the Joint Meeting of today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Bijay Bajracharya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Lila Baniya – for his son's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday and very good family trekking to Shivapuri (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Landing' from Scotland and a wonderful trip to the U.K. (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for the US Govt.'s recognition of Ms. Olga Murray, Founder President of Nepal Youth Foundation, as one of the four 'Real Life Heros' on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Day (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for the family reunion and travel together (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for today's joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan and for the progress in the RCP's PEEF scholarship distribution/selection of this year (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for today's joint meeting, signing of MOU with OWSN, and son travelling to Cambodia teaching service projects (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the joint meeting of today and the signing of the MOU with OWSN (NRs. 500).
6. Other Contributions:
  - Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on Public Health Concern Trust-Nepal's launch on 20 August 2023 of a 'Burn Endowment Fund', which will support the burn treatment of poor patients who come to Kirtipur Hospital and to its future burn centres as shared with the RCP through Dr. Shanker M. Rai's request earlier. From the RCP, Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty pledged to contribute NRs. 200,000 to this fund. Interested RCP members may contribute directly to this endowment fund established as follows:  
  
Name of Account: Burn Fund phect-Nepal. Bank: Agriculture Development Bank Ltd. (Branch Office: Kirtipur) Account No. 0211105327591021.
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the distribution/selection of PEEF scholarship support at Shree Bishankhu Narayan School, Godamchour, and Saraswati School, Lele. Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Bijaya Shrestha, and Prakash R. Regmi contributed NRs. 25,000 for a black board renovation of Lele school. He also provided additional NRs. 1,000 each to the three students getting 90% or more marks at different schools as he had proposed last year. He encouraged others to do so too.

- Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary, on behalf of his spouse Mrs. Mithila Rajbhandary, pledged a contribution of NRs. 10,000 to the Rotaract Club of Patan for this year's blood donation campaign.
- Rtn. Som Paneru, President of Ullens Education Foundation, pledged to sponsor from Ullens two students (one boy and one girl) receiving the RCP's PEEF scholarship support getting between 3.75 to 4.00 GPA in their grade 10 final examination next year to study free of cost at Ullens. The selection process will be worked out later.
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang enquired about providing scholarship in grade 11 at Rudrayani School, which has added grade 11 this year.

7. Rotary Information:

- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the planned environmental activity with 'Tree Plantation' in collaboration with RC Himalaya Patan, and Ward No. 22 chair at Bungamati on Saturday, 26 August 2023 and requested members and Rotaracts to join. From the RCP he, Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar, and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya are contributing to this activity.
  - Because of the District Governor's official club visit, 4th club assembly and the RCP's charter day celebrations being held on Tuesday, 29 August 2023, there will be no regular weekly meeting on Monday, 28 August 2023.
  - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and President Rtr. Hricha Aryal inducted six new members of the Rotaract Club of Patan.
  - On behalf of the RCP, sponsor Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa handed over a cheque of NRs. 20,000 to Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Hricha Aryal for the forthcoming 'Blood Donation Campaign' planned for Saturday, 2 September 2023.
  - Rotaract President Richa Aryal briefed on the planned 'Blood Donation Campaign' on Saturday, 2 September 2023 at Mangal Bazar, Lalitpur, and requested all the RCP family to join.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the status of this year's Souvenir publication, which has been completed and gone to the press already. He regretted that, since last year, the Rotaract Club has only been providing information on its executive committee without any annual report.
  - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed about the senior citizens recognition programme being organised by 'Jestha Nagarik Samaj, Lalitpur'. From Rotary, collaboration will be led by NRCL and further information on this will be forthcoming.
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha informed of a total of NRs. 73,055 expenditures for the last week's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday fellowship of the RCP.
8. Signing of the MOU between the Organization of Women Scientist in Nepal (OWSN) and the Rotary Club of Patan: Founder President of OWSN Dr. Hemu Kafle and RCP President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal signed and exchanged the MOU concerning mutual cooperation to improve teaching and learning environment of science education in Public Schools of Nepal. Dr. Hemu Kafle spoke about the need of these in the public schools and how the RCP and OWSN came together to collaborate together to start in the RCP's PEEF supported adopted schools.
9. Salutation: By Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha - RC Duncan, British Columbia, Canada; Chartered: 1939; & Members: 65. District: 5020, Clubs: 88, & Members: 4981.
10. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 5,500 (50% or 2,750 each for the Sunshine Fund and the Operational Fund) and NRs. 6,000 for attendance to the Operational Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 2 guests, 20 Rotaracts, 20 members, and 11 make-ups.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan**

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| <b>Q.</b> Give the names of first 4 Rotarians                           | <b>A.</b> Paul Harris, Hiram Shorey, Gustav Loehri and Silvester Schiele. |
| <b>Q.</b> What is the official background colour of the Rotary flag?    | <b>A.</b> White.  |
| <b>Q.</b> Where and when is the RI Convention going to be held in 2024? | <b>A.</b> 25-29 May 2024 in Singapore.                                    |