

Issue No. 1530

Date: 29 Ashwin 2080 / 16 October 2023

Today's Programme: Regular Weekly Meeting

Forthcoming Programme: 23 Oct. Dashain Holiday: No Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1875

Date: 22 Ashwin 2080 / 9 October 2023

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed all the participants and called the RCP's Meeting No.1875 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News contribution pledges:
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for the success in managing his blood pressure with home treatment of garlic and honey (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for his trip to New York with a presentation at the UN (NRs. 500).
 - Shiv P. Khemka – for today's talk programme and younger son's travel to Andaman Nicobar (NRs. 1,000).
4. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary handed over a contribution of NRs.25,000 (NRs.10,000 pledged earlier plus an additional NRs.15,000) to the RCP (RHD Project Well-wishers Fund) for the implementation of Global Grant Project on RHD.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha handed-over his annual contribution of NRs. 50,000 to the RCP's KPAD Fund as pledged earlier.
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay handed over a contribution of NRs.25,000 to the RCP (RHD Project Well-wishers Fund) for the implementation of Global Grant Project on RHD as pledged earlier.
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Briefed about Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya's son's health status, which has been improving.
 - Briefed on his meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan Service Committee Chair. They will be sending a representative to the RCP's Rota Quiz Team and a nominee to work with the RCP on their activities plan.
 - Requested participation in the completion ceremony of the 6th batch of trainees on organic vegetable and poultry farming to people with disability under the joint project among TRIFC, ADSoN and the RCP. The programme will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2023, at 1 p.m. at Sunakothi project site.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka briefed on the excellent programme on mental health and addiction prevention held at one of the RCP's adopted schools - Siddhi Mangal School, on 6 October 2023. RC Kathmandu's Dr. Pradeep Pandey's talk on addiction prevention was very much appreciated by the audience of some 90 teachers, students, Dr. Hemu Kafle from OWSN, and the participants from the RCP and the Rotaract Club of Patan.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the completion of this year's club renewal at the tax office, Lalitpur municipality, and the CDO's office with the efforts of Rtns. Jeevan K. Shrestha, Preeti Khemka, Prakash R. Regmi, himself and Aayush Nakarmi. The CDO office took a lot of effort with request for several extra documentation this year.
 - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel briefed on the successful art training to the people with disabilities of the 6th batch undertaking vocational training on organic vegetable and poultry farming training in our joint project with TRIFC and ADSoN.

- Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan informed about the latest data as of 1 October 2023 in our Rotary District, which was – 5,617 members of which 173 were new. He also mentioned that a total of 48 members left Rotary.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka informed about the recently received communication from the District Governor about possible amendment to the District By-Laws and required action by the clubs by 21 October 2023. The e-mail in this regard has been shared with all members and it is planned to review this in the RCP's weekly meeting of 16 October 2023.
 - Rtn. Som Paneru informed about possible quality enrichment of students receiving scholarship support, which will be further discussed later.
 - Students for the KEEA and GSSA have been shortlisted and the RCP's sub-group will be interviewing them shortly.
6. Briefing by Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu on his recent 'Mansarobar/Kailash' trip: Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu made a presentation with the support of power point on his recent trip to Mansarobar/Kailash Yatra during 27 August to 5 September 2023. The presentation included a lot of very interesting pictures with details of his experience from a historical perspective as well as interesting anecdotes and insights on cultural and historical beliefs of the team and the local population in Tibet, China. Rtn. Hachhethu travel with a group of 221 people and narrated the group's experience, including the positives and some unpleasant observations. The trip started in Kathmandu and took him through Timure, Rasuwagadhi, Kerung, Saga, Ghuntala pass (5,236 metres), Mansarobar, Tirthapur, Darchen up to Yamadwar, ending with Kailash parikrama (he skipped the parikrama). His full presentation is shared separately for all the scenic photographs and attractive villages and towns on the route.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay - RC of Alleppey, Kerala, India; Chartered: 1949; & Members: 73. District: 3211, Clubs: 122, & Members: 3560. He also gave a brief on this special place in Kerala.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 2,500 (50% or NRs. 1,250 each for the Sunshine Fund and the Operational Fund), NRs. 4,000 for attendance to the Operational Fund, and the meeting attendance of 20 members and 9 make-ups.

[Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan](#)

- Q.** Who drafted the first constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International **A.** Arch C. Klumph, RC President 1916-1917, RC Cleavland, Ohio, USA
- Q.** What was the upper age limit of Rotaracts before it was removed by RI Board in October 2012 **A.** 30 years.
- Q.** Which country won the highest number of medals in the Asian Games 2023 **A.** China with a total of 383 medals including 201 gold.

[Rotary statement on the conflict in Israel and Gaza](#)

(Source: rotary.org)

Recognizing there has been protracted suffering in the long history of conflict between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza, Rotary International urges all parties to seek avenues to peace.

At the same time, we unequivocally condemn the horrific attack by Hamas on Israeli civilians and are appalled at the number of people who have been injured, killed, and kidnapped.

As the war between Israel and Hamas intensifies, we remain deeply concerned about the potential for further escalation as well as the loss of life and the humanitarian crisis that is occurring in Gaza. We denounce the violence against innocent civilians and support upholding international humanitarian law.

Peacebuilding is both a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and one of our areas of focus. At our core, Rotary is a common ground for people to come together – across nationalities and religions, cultures and histories – and connect around their shared belief in a better tomorrow. That connection is what humanizes us in times of conflict and builds a foundation for lasting peace.

Rotary remains committed to working with our members, partners, and communities to find long-term, sustainable solutions that support peace and development in the region and elsewhere.

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