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Date: 8 Magh 2080 / 22 January 2024

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1886

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1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1886 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: spouse Ms. Ramita Bajracharya.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtns. Pushkar M. Shakya, Kamal B. Nyachhyon, & Mahendra B Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Ganesh & Bijaya Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty - for Irish and German sweaters worn by Rtns. Lochan Gyawali and Bijaya Mallapaty respectively (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for not having a 'Rotary Pin' due to the wearing of his Irish farmer's sweater (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Landing' from Vietnam (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for participating in the meeting after some time (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for a visit to Tatopani (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the good work of the RCP during the first half of President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal's tenure and visit of Sri Lanka where he met a friend after 43 years (NRs. 800).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for participating in Nepal Heart Foundation's 32nd Central Assembly and for the RCP's Club Assembly today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for the recent honour by Tanahu Chamber of Commerce & Industry for his contributions to tourism promotion (NRs. 2,000).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel pledged to contribute an equivalent of US \$300 to The Rotary Foundation for a PHF.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed on the receipt of this year's contribution to the RCP's PEEF from the RCP's honorary member Rtn. Anuradha Shrestha. This contribution is One Million Nepalese Rupees from Sarswati Govinda Foundation.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on his recent participation at the 32nd Central Assembly of Nepal Heart Foundation.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya briefed on the Installation programme of the Interact Club of Godavari St. Xavier's School on 12 January 2024. From the RCP, President Rtn. Rawal and Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht, Maheswari Bisht Rawal and himself participated.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed about the ill health of Mrs. Nani Shova Sakya who is recovering in Medicit Hospital. The Rotary Club of Patan family passed a motion to wish her a quick recovery and good health.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the RCP members' fellowship fund following the RCP's 2nd Birthday Fellowship celebrations.

- Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka informed about forthcoming Rotaract District Conference being held during 19-20 January 2024. Sponsorship by interested clubs is at NRs. 15,000 each.

7. 5th Club Assembly of the RCP:

The 5th Club Assembly of the RCP was held with a review of its activities of past six months and plans for the remainder of Rotary Year 2023-2024. The AG Rtn. Tika N. Lohani had regretted that he could not join due to another commitment, but he is planning to have a meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the cluster of four clubs that he is overseeing next Friday.

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and Chairpersons of the committees made presentations using the 4th Club Assembly PowerPoint presentation as the base. The details of the review will be covered with a revision to the Power Point presentation and shared with all soon. A few of the key observations are shared below:

- Overall, the RCP has done very well in implementing the programmes and activities during the first half of this Rotary Year.
- Concern was raised over the low participation of the members with suggestions on how the RCP could encourage and motivate members to be more active.
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang mentioned about the interest of Rtn. Chris O'Brien to work through the RCP on mental health issues, which will be explored.
- Possibility of collaborating with Rtn. Sunil Gupta on his work with autistic children in Birgunj was suggested to be explored with the RCP's KPAD committee.
- Suggestions were made to motivate the Rotaract Club of Patan for joint activities, particularly in the RCP supported schools.
- Suggestions were also made to have new banners and pamphlets for the RCP's PEEF programme and for the Rotary's '4 Way Test' in the supported schools.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs.7,300 (50% of NRs. 3,650 each to the operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 3,100 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 15 members, 1 spouse, and 10 make-ups.

Rotary Information

By Tom Gump, Aide to the 2024-25 Rotary International President

Since the 2024 Rotary International Assembly in early January, participants at Rotary's annual learning event for incoming leaders have been talking a lot about making our Rotary clubs "simply irresistible." This term was used as the title of a 1988 song and a 1999 movie. In terms of Rotary, it was first used by Past District Governor Louisa Horn and recently championed by Stephanie Urchick, 2024-25 Rotary International president.

So what does "simply irresistible" mean in terms of an organization? According to Deloitte's description of "The Simply Irresistible Organization,"TM an irresistible organization has five elements: (i) meaningful work, (ii) supportive management, (iii) a positive work environment, (iv) growth opportunities, and (v) trust in leadership. I truly believe that together, we can make Rotary an irresistible organization if our clubs provide these elements to our members.