

Issue No. 1543**Date: 22 Magh 2080 / 5 February 2024**

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| <u>Today's Programme:</u> Business Meeting | <u>Congratulatory Events</u> <u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – 8 Feb. |
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1888**Date: 15 Magh 2080 / 29 January 2024**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1888 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Dr. Manita Pyakurel and Mr. Dev Raj Pant from B.P. Eye Foundation; Rotaract Club of Patan Past President Rtr. Sandeep Chhetri, President Elect Rtr. Aman Shrestha, and Rtr. Pooja Poudel.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma and Dr. Aruna Uprety – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Lochan and Sangita Gyawali – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – for his book release and discussion programme organised by the Institute of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, India (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for joining the meeting after some time (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan – for being the Executive Director of Centre for Integrated Urban Development (CIUD) (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam contributed NRs. 10,000 to the RCP's Animal Welfare for Public Health programme as pledged earlier.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the Rotaract Club of Patan's conduct of a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) awareness programme on 28 January 2024 at Adarsha Kanya School, Mangal bazar.
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya briefed on the situation of his son Sajil who is still paralyzed following his electrocution at the swimming pool of Square Hotel in Lalitpur. He thanked all the RCP family for their continuous support and well wishes. Sajil is doing slightly better and can open his eyes and make slight head movements. He is fed via the tubes and cared full-time including with physio at home. He is looking for a speech-therapist who could do home calls. In terms of the case against the hotel, it is slowly moving forward despite the pressures from the higher-ups at the judiciary. Due to the recent public protests, the case has finally been registered by the police after five months, and it is now being heard at the court. To prevent this kind of carelessness and risk to life in the swimming pools for all, the protest group is now planning to have press conferences and protests to raise awareness all over Nepal.
 - Rotaract Club of Patan talked about their plans at the District level. They are also planning to join the Inter Club Youth Exchange Programme (ICYEP) with India and requested the RCP's support in this regard. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal requested them to submit a proposal in this regard so that it could be discussed in the RCP's Board.
7. Dr. Manita Pyakurel heading the Academic & Research Department at the B.P. Eye Foundation made a presentation on environmental initiatives in schools, particularly close to their office at Imadol area. They are interested to work

in partnership with the RCP and have suggested a draft MOU in this regard. While the focus of their work is on Eye, ENT, Dental and Public Health awareness areas, they would like to work in the environmental field. They are seeking partners to work at schools and municipalities particularly on their 'Green Initiatives'. Their work on environment would include awareness raising activities in possible areas such as recycling, waste management/zero waste, tree plantation for carbon reduction, energy saving, school gardens, cycling, and various youth friendly climate related activities.

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht commented on their presentation and possibilities for the RCP to join hands in the adopted schools of the RCP in collaboration with the Rotaract and Interact Clubs. On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal thanked Dr. Pyakurel for her presentation and mentioned that the proposal in this regard will be discussed in the RCP Board and requested for their action plan. He also presented her with a 'Token of Appreciation' from the RCP.

8. 5th Monday programme: Because of the sad news in the RCP family, there was no entertainment programme, but some information was shared by Rtn. Sunil Gupta on the work of 'Asha Kiran Kendra, Birgunj' with regards to their support on developmental disorder of children. A more detailed presentation will be made in another meeting to see where they could collaborate with the RCP. Currently the Asha Kiran Kendra is supporting children with these disabilities, free of cost, with facilities providing opportunities to life like a normal child.
9. Salutation: By Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – RC of Madurai West, Tamil Nadu, India; Chartered: 1965; & Members: 115. District: 3000, Clubs: 79, & Members: 3213.
10. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Vice President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 2,050 including for a mobile phone ring (50% of NRs. 1,025 each to the operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 4,800 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 2 guests, 4 Rotaracts, 2 Interacts, 17 members, and 12 make-ups.

The Rotary Club of Patan family passed a motion of condolences to all the family of the bereaved on the passing away of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya's spouse Mrs. Nani Shova Sakya and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and Rtn. Sandhya Regmi's mother Mrs. Bimala Regmi on 25 January 2024. A minute of silence was observed wishing their souls to rest in eternal peace!



May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😊😊😊😊😊

One day, I asked my English Teacher, "Why do we ignore some letters in pronunciation e.g. the letter H in Hour, Honour, etc...?"

*My English Teacher said, " We are not ignoring them; they're considered silent"
(I was even more confused)*

During the lunch break, my Teacher gave me her packed lunch and asked me to heat it in the Cafeteria.

I ate all the food and returned her the empty container.

My English Teacher: "What happened? I told you to go and HEAT my food, you are returning me an empty container."

I replied, "Ma'am, I thought 'H' was silent."