

**Issue No. 1549**

**Date: 12 Chaitra 2080 / 25 March 2024**

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – 24 March</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1894**

**Date: 5 Chaitra 2080 / 18 March 2024**

- Vice President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No.1894 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the Vice President: Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany. Rtn. Engels is a film producer and spends 4 to 6 months of his time in Nepal. He has participated in the RCP meetings several times during his stay in Nepal.
- Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Ewerhard Engels – for his participation in the RCP meeting today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for their field visit with Nepal Youth Foundation to Tirhut in Saptari, Madhesh Pradesh, and for having Rotarian Ewerhard Engels in today's meeting (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Ramash L. Maskay – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' ha.ba. from earlier (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for 'Happy Landing' from Bangkok after son's health consultation showing good progress (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for his grandson Aayan Man Sing's admission in the first grade in Ullens School (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Sunil Gupta – for 'Happy Birthday' ha.ba. from earlier (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for heart clinics with Nepal Heart Foundation at Banepa and Dhulikhel in collaboration with Lions Club where he also had a talk programme (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from Dubai on holidays (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for chairing the meeting today as Acting President (NRs. 500).
- Other Contributions:
  - As pledged earlier, Rtn. Som Paneru handed over a cheque of NRs. 1,00,000 for the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund in honour and memory of late Ms. Olga Murray who passed away on 20 February 2024 at the age of 98 years.
- Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on his and his spouse Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty's field trip with Nepal Youth Foundation (NYF) to their project sites in Tirhut, Saptari, Madhesh Pradesh. NYF has started a 'Caste Equality Project' to support the Musahar community. This community is extremely poor and neglected, and it is even difficult for development aid to reach them. He explained the miserable conditions of living of this community in the visited villages and schools. Similar to what the RCP had done successfully for the Chepang community in Chandibhanjyang earlier, NYF is starting with mid-day meals programme in schools and establishing learning centres to raise awareness and plans to provide integrated schools-based support to improve the educational and health conditions of this community. Rotary could join hands in this worthy effort of NYF.
- Presentation on 'Online Learning' facility of Rotary: Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty made a step-by-step presentation on how to use the Rotary International's website on learning. Rotary has given importance to online self-learning for Rotarians with courses on every aspect of Rotary's work. Instead of the hard copy booklets/manuals in the past, Rotary emphasises the use of its learning website by all members. The committee chairs are particularly requested to go through the modules specific to their role in the club. Upon completion of these easy-to-use facility, after learning each specific module, members may also download a certificate of completion.

Rtn. Mallapaty mentioned that Rotary International has also instituted the requirement for clubs to have learning facilitators to help club members use these resources. In the RCP, for next Rotary Year, Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa and Mahendra B. Thapa have been proposed as learning facilitators.

7. Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – RC of Belmont, WA, Australia; Chartered: 1960; & Members: 33. District: 9455, Clubs: 49, & Members: 1475. He also briefed on key indicators of Australia, and the status of Nepalese studying and living there.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the Vice President, Joint Secretary, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 7,000 (50% of NRs. 3,500 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 3,900 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 1 visiting Rotarian, 17 members, and 10 make-ups.

### [Rotary Information – 2024 Convention in Singapore](#)

The Rotary International Convention is being held in Singapore this year during 25-29 May 2024. For more details, please find below two links:

<https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/about>  
<https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>

Some information extracted from the above websites:

#### **General questions**

When and where are the Rotary International Convention and pre-convention events?

Convention  
25-29 May 2024

#### **Pre-convention events**

Youth Exchange Officers Pre-convention: 24-25 May  
Youth Exchange Officers Banquet: 24 May  
Convention Centre  
Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre 10 Bayfront Ave, Singapore 018956

#### **Who can attend the Rotary International Convention?**

Registration is open to anyone interested in Rotary. See registration fees for this year's age-based registration rates.

#### **Are interpretation services available at the convention?**

Rotary provides interpretation in several languages for the opening ceremony, general sessions, and closing ceremony. Most breakout sessions are conducted in English, but some may also be offered in other languages. Refer to your program book to see which sessions are available in your language.

#### **What is the temperature in Singapore in May?**

In May average temperatures range from 77-90 degrees Fahrenheit (25-32 degrees Celsius). Because the venue is air-conditioned in certain areas, you may wish to bring a light jacket or sweater.

#### **What events can I attend at the convention?**

The convention registration fee includes:

Opening ceremony: 26 May  
General sessions: 27-29 May  
Breakout sessions: 27-29 May  
Closing ceremony: 29 May  
House of Friendship: 25-29 May