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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Vocational Awards Ceremony</p> <p><u>Venue: Alice Conference, Bakhundole, Lalitpur</u></p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – 13 April Rtn. Gana R. Gautam – 15 April</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Prakash R. and Upasana Regmi – 14 April</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1897

Date: 26 Chaitra 2080 / 8 April 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1897 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Guests welcomed by the President: Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for her participation in the PETS in Bharatpur, Chitwan (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for his granddaughter Dilasa's 15th birthday (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ewerhard Engels – for participation with his sister and a friend in the post-Board fellowship at the Mallapatys and their 'Happy Landing' back in Germany (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' celebrated earlier (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for her participation as a facilitator in PETS, Bharatpur, Chitwan (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty's joining the meeting directly from his travel (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the successful 9th Board meeting/fellowship of the RCP (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Dhangadhi participating in the NYF programme (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan contributed NRs. 2,500 to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund for participating in the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital Board meeting.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Briefed on his participation in the interviews together with ADSoN for the selection of trainees for the 8th batch of training in organic vegetables and poultry farming to people with disabilities.
 - Informed about his and Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel's participation in the Yoga sports competition as per the invitation of Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal.
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty informed about the interest of our Rotary partners in Italy to work with the RCP for another Global Grant project possibly for Kirtipur Hospital during the tenure of our earlier counterpart Rtn. Corrado Barani's wife and his friend Paolo both Presidents for the RY 2024-2025 at different clubs in Italy. Further exploration will be done in this regard.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on his support to the Mirge Community Hospital with sponsorship of a medical doctor for 3 months (Rs. 3 Lakh) and uniform for 120 school children of Mirge school.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, Coordinator of the vocational award committee, updated on the plans for the awards ceremony on 15 April 2024. The selection of candidates is in the final stage, and members are requested to suggest names of suitable Chief Guest. RCP members' spouses are invited to the event with 'high tea', and arrangements at Alice Conference are being finalised.

- Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa informed on her support to residential teachers training of Bhattedanda school for 3 days with her sponsorship of NRs. 3 Lakh planned for 14-16 April 2024. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, Dr. Pradeep Upadhyaya and herself will be the facilitators for this event to motivate the teachers.
- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on his trip with Rtn. Som Paneru to Dhangadhi for the 'Silanyas' (laying of foundation) of Nepal Youth Foundation sponsored vocational training institute being established there.

He also updated on the health status of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya. The RCP family wishes him quick recovery.

- President Elect's Training Seminar (PETS) held in Chitwan during 6 to 7 April 2024: Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey participated in the above seminar in various capacities. Rtns. Preeti Khemka and Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the successful seminar with good presentations and wonderful fellowship. The next PETS is planned for in Kathmandu during 14-16 April 2025 and the forthcoming District Training Assembly is scheduled to be held at DAV School on 8 June 2024.
 - Rtn. Ewerhard Engels briefed on his recent participation as a key speaker at the National Congress of Film Producers in Nepal organised by the School of Art, Faculty of Media, Kathmandu University.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – RC Mersin, Turkey; Chartered: 1980; & Members: 31. District: 2430, Clubs: 80, & Members: 2276.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 4,500 (50% of NRs. 2,250 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds) and NRs.3,900 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 1 Rotarian guest, 17 members, 1 guest, and 12 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel

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| Q. Who is the first Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)? | A. Allison Brush. |
| Q. Who was the first Paul Harris Fellow from Nepal? | A. PP Rtn. Hulas Chand Golchha. |
| Q. What is the full form of RAWU? | A. Rotary Award for World Understanding. |

Rotary Information: List of International Days Observed by the United Nations

- 02 Apr: World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139)
- 04 Apr: International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (A/RES/60/97)
- 05 Apr: International Day of Conscience (A/RES/73/329)
- 06 Apr: International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (A/RES/67/296)
- 07 Apr: International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (A/RES/58/234)
- 07 Apr: World Health Day [WHO] (WHA/A.2/Res.35)
- 12 Apr: International Day of Human Space Flight (A/RES/65/271)
- 14 Apr: World Chagas Disease Day [WHO]
- 20 Apr: Chinese Language Day
- 21 Apr: World Creativity and Innovation Day (A/RES/71/284)
- 22 Apr: International Mother Earth Day (A/RES/63/278)
- 23 Apr: World Book and Copyright Day [UNESCO] (UNESCO 28 C/Resolution 3.18)
- 23 Apr: English Language Day
- 23 Apr: Spanish Language Day
- 23 Apr: World Immunization Week, 24-30 April [WHO]
- 24 Apr: International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace (A/RES/73/127)
- 24 Apr: International Girls in ICT Day [ITU]
- 25 Apr: World Malaria Day [WHO]
- 25 Apr: International Delegate's Day (A/RES/73/286)
- 25 Apr: International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (A/RES/71/125)
- 26 Apr: World Intellectual Property Day [WIPO]
- 26 Apr: World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- 28 Apr: International Jazz Day (UNESCO 36 C/Resolution 39)