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Date: 12 Shrawan 2081 / 27 July 2024

<p><u>Today's Programme</u> Tree Plantation activity with weekly meeting</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>5 Aug (Mon.) – Business Meeting on Zoom</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1911

Date: 7 Shrawan 2081 / 22 July 2024

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1911 on Zoom to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Inner Wheel President IW Vijaya L. Shakya, IW Tara Pradhan, IW Mahima Bhattarai and IW Kalpana Pradhan.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for 'Happy Landing' from Warshaw, Poland after attending a conference (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the successful heart surgery of his spouse at Ganga Lal Hospital (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for his first weekly meeting with RY 2024-2025 President Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for participating in the 'Kora' 50 km bicycle run (Rs. 500). Rtns. Lila Baniya and Maheswari Bisht Rawal elaborated on the 'Kora' event and participation of over 4,000 people in the event.
5. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the successful heart surgery of his spouse Ambika Rawal at Ganga Lal Hospital. While appreciating the very good service there, he also suggested on possible improvements in communication with patients/attendants he and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi made to the Executive Director Dr. Rabi Malla of the hospital. He suggested that the RCP, Ganga Lal Hospital and Nepal Heart Foundation under the leadership of Nepal Heart Foundation could work together to further improve communication with patients/attendants at Ganga Lal Hospital. It was suggested to have a proposal in this regard.
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka:
 - Informed about District's 'Women Leadership in Rotary' chair's request for participation at a seminar on 'Developing Leadership in Rotary' being held at Hotel Aloft, Thamel on 2 August 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (registration from 12:00 p.m. at Rs. 1,200 per participant). She welcomed participation from the RCP members. Co-hosting of the seminar is at Rs. 5,000 and organising is at Rs. 10,000. Details are also shared via e-mail to all.
 - Confirmed to advance the weekly meeting of Mon. 29 July during the first tree plantation activity at Bungamati on Sat. 27 July. Details are provided below.
 - Briefed on the request received from Mahendra Adarsha School for WASH improvements, which needs to be further discussed in terms of funding requirement and as a matter of policy on dealing with such ad hoc requests.
6. Tree Plantation activity of the RCP: Inner Wheel Chairperson IW Vijaya L. Shakya informed that the Inner Wheel Club of Patan will be joining the RCP for the tree plantation programme and will be contributing Rs. 10,000. The IW Club will also be providing 30 plants for this activity.

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, who is coordinating this activity, briefed on the plans of this activity being held Saturday, 27 July 2024 at Bungamati (same venue as last year) at 8.00 a.m. He will be providing directions and updates on the

activity electronically. The activity is organised in collaboration with the local government of Ward No. 22 of Lalitpur metropolis and will be joined by the Inner Wheel club of Patan, Rotaract Club of Patan, Interact Club, 'Mahila ko lagi Mahila' and Yoga Centre, Bungamati. The plan is to plant 90/100 plants provided by the District Forestry Office plus plants provided by the IW club. Following the plantation, there will be a brief RCP weekly meeting with high tea fellowship in lieu of the regular weekly meeting. Therefore, there will be no meeting on Monday, 29 July 2024.

7. **Teacher's Training:** Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the plans to have a teacher's training activity in a PEEF supported school. This is for skills improvement of teachers for which the RCP has already budgeted Rs. 20,000 and she has pledged to add her contribution of Rs. 20,000. The total estimated budget for the activity may go up to Rs. 200,000 if external consultants would need to be used. Alternatively, the RCP may try to organise it with its own resource persons, which would reduce the budget requirement substantially. In any case, fund-raising from RCP members is planned to implement this activity. It was suggested to have Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa coordinate this activity with TEACH committee, Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam and Rtn. Som Paneru.

The activity would be for 2 days for 30/35 teachers, which will include a needs assessment with the objective of sharpening the role of teachers in shaping the future of the students at the middle school level. General teaching methods and practices in Nepal and abroad will be reviewed for practical teaching involving students, teachers and the use of technology.

Several members commented and provided suggestions on possible issues/concerns to consider during the design and implementation of the training package.

8. **Salutation:** By Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – RC Luxor, Egypt; Chartered: 2010; & Members: 28. District: 2450, Clubs: 142, & Members: 4499.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contribution of NRs. 2,500 (50% of NRs. 1,250 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 4 guests, 24 members, and 12 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa

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| Q. Where can Rotary clubs enter their goals online in Rotary International? | A. The Rotary Club Central |
| Q. Who is RI President for RY 2024-2025? | A. Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick of RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA |
| Q. When is 'World Understanding & Peace Day' observed? | A. 23 February |

Rotary Information: Rotary in the news for April – June 2024

(Source: rotary.org)

Between April-June 2024, the Public Relations team collaborated closely with Rotary members to enhance their messages, secure interviews, and develop content that appeared in national and regional media in more than 21 countries. Rotary's brand was amplified through 92 pieces of media coverage in outlets with a combined audience of 1.3 billion that reached an estimated 2.31 million and garnered thousands of comments, likes, and shares on social media. See the full report.

Major news drivers included: World Immunization Week, IC24, and the announcements of the Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge, and Programs of Scale grant Partners for Water Access and Better Harvests in India.

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