

**Issue No. 1567**

**Date: 21 Shrawan 2081 / 5 August 2024**

<b><u>Today's Programme</u></b>	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b>
Business Meeting on Zoom	<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1912**

**Date: 12 Shrawan 2081 / 27 July 2024**

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1912 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: All the participants to the Tree Plantation Programme (See below).
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:

Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Santa K. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 1,000), Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000), Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500). Jeevan K. Shrestha (Rs. 500 and for daughter's return from India), Jamuna K. Tamrakar (Rs. 500), Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 500), Siba B. Rajbhandary (Rs. 500), Nirmal K. Pradhanang (Rs. 500), Rabendra R. Pandey (Rs. 2,000 and for 'Happy Landing' from the USA), Piyush B. Bajracharya (Rs. 500), Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500), Som Paneru (Rs. 1,000), . Mahendra S. Rawal (Rs. 500 and for collaboration with Inner Wheel club), Ganesh R. Shrestha (Rs.1,000), Shiva K. Pradhan (Rs. 500), Ganga R. Gautam (Rs. 500 including for 'Happy Landing from the U.K.), Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), Bijaya L. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Mithila Rajbhandari (IW) (Rs. 500), Vijaya Shakya (IW) (Rs.1,000), Nabina Pandey (Rotaract) (Rs.100), and Bhumi (Interact) (Rs. 60) - for the special tree plantation activity together with the weekly meeting of the RCP held at Bungamati. Total Amount: Rs. 15,160.

5. Other Contributions: The following contributions (Rs. 82,000) were pledged to support the families of the two staff of the Department of Forestry who sacrificed their life while putting out the wildfire in the forest of Badikhel, Lalitpur recently. This support will make a significant difference among the family members of the deceased staff. As the RCP has pledged to contribute Rs. 100,000 to each family (Total of Rs. 200,000), the RCP family is hereby requested to pledge contributions to attain this target. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey pledged to cover any balance to meet the total amount of Rs. 200,000 pledged.

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha (Rs 5,000).
- Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 2,500).
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 2,500).
- Rtn. Som Paneru (Rs. 10,000).
- Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha (Rs. 5,000).
- IW Vijaya Shakya (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtr. Nabina Pandey (Rs. 2,000).
- Rtr Sandhya Chaulagain (Rs. 5,000)

Following the meeting, further pledges were received from Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (Rs. 10,000), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (Rs. 10,000), and Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs. 10,000).

6. Tree Plantation activity:

On Saturday, 27 July 2024 (12 Shrawan 2081), the RCP family did not just celebrate the green month of 'Shrawan' with green bangles, green tika, green clothes, and green nail polish, but also honoured it by planting trees on the bare hills of "Ga:cha Tol" in Bungamati. Like the last year, the RCP family celebrated 'Shrawan' by planting trees with the participation of 120 enthusiastic individuals. The plantation included 274 saplings of various types including flowers, fruit trees, and ornamental trees. In addition, 400 Napier grass and Amriso (broom grass) plants were planted to hold the soil on steep slopes.

This activity was coordinated with excellent leadership of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal of the RCP in collaboration with Lalitpur Metropolitan City Ward No. 22 Office; Inner Wheel Club of Patan; Rotaract Club of Patan; Jeevan Vigyan Yoga Sadhana Centre, Bungamati; Women for Women Group, Bungkhokana/Chunikhel; and Inner Wheel Club of Xt. Xaviers School, Godavari. In addition, Mr. Hem Thapa, DFO of Lalitpur Division Forest Office, and Ms. Durga Karki, Forest Officer of Lalitpur Metropolitan City were the special guests participating in the event. For funding the event, the RCP, Inner Wheel club of Patan, and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht are contributing Rs. 10,000 each with a total budget of Rs. 30,000.

The plantation took place on the eastern slope of the 'Disaster Safe Shelter Building' operated by the metropolitan city in Bungamati "Ga:cha Tol", Ward No. 22 of Lalitpur Metropolitan City. It was jointly inaugurated by Mr. Sagar Tuladhar, Chairperson of Ward No. 22, Ms. Preeti Khemka, President of Rotary Club of Patan, and Ms. Vijaya Shakya, President of Inner Wheel Club of Patan.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 15,160 (50% of NRs. 7,580 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), Rs. 3,400 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 8 guests, 7 Inner Wheel, 8 Rotaracts, 1 Interact, 17 members, and 13 make-ups.

**Rotary Information: Excerpts from RI President Stephanie A. Urchick's message for August 2024**



If we are to truly change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*, it is up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it is optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned." Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club does not meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

I cannot stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites *The Magic of Rotary*.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.