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Today's Programme

District Governor's official club visit, 4th club assembly, and Rotary Club of Patan's 'Charter Day' celebrations

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Bijay Bajracharya – 23 Aug.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1915

Date: 3 Bhadra 2081 / 19 August 2024

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1915 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest speaker Mr. Mohit Rauniyar.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for having today's guest speaker Mr. Mohit Rauniyar (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – for 'Happy Landing' from Rome, attending younger daughter's wedding celebrations in Rome, and visiting elder daughter in Zurich (Rs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for khabarhub.com's video clip coverage of his talk on heart attacks (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for having the guest speaker of today, special 'Rakhee Day' (Raksha Bandhan/Janai Purnima), and youngest son's birthday (lunar calendar) (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for youngest son's birthday as mentioned above (Rs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka requested for any additional pledges to support the family of two victims who lost their lives during the recent forest fires in Bungamati. RCP members have so far pledged Rs. 152,000. Any additional pledges should be made by 31 August. A total of Rs. 200,000 announced by the RCP with Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey's pledge of covering the balance between this amount and members pledges will be handed over in early September.
6. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the very fruitful participation in the District's Public Image Seminar held on 17 August 2024 at Himalaya Hotel. Branding of Rotary and using of several social media (Facebook, Instagram, Linked-in, Twitter/X, U-tube) was becoming the new norm to enhance public image of Rotary.
 - Rtn. Sunil Gupta informed about his visit to RC Birgunj where he briefed on RCP's activities.
 - Lalitdhara Souvenir coordinator Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty informed about the request of Inner Wheel Club of Patan's request for space for their report in it. Following deliberation, it was suggested that while Inner Wheel Club of Patan is now an independent entity, considering the RCP's long collaboration with them, a maximum of three pages should be allocated to them in the RCP's Lalitdhara Souvenir.
 - PHF recognition: Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary pinned Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel with the Rotary's PHF Pin and President Rtn. Preeti Khemka handed over the certificate, thanked him for his contribution, and congratulated him in this regard.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on the dress code (tie preferable for men and smart casual for all) for the RCP's celebration of its Charter Day on Thursday, 29 August 2024. All RCP members spouses are invited on this special occasion. Because of Charter Day, **there will be no regular weekly meeting on Monday, 26 August 2024.**

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 4,700 including the top-up of Rs. 200 by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (50% of Rs. 2,350 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), Rs. 3,800 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 1 Guest speaker, 19 members, and 10 make-ups.

Summary of the talk programme of Education Specialist Mr. Mohit Rauniyar, Founder of 'Canopy Nepal'

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka welcomed guest speaker Mr. Mohit Rauniyar, a young Harvard Graduate, and a social worker in the field of education for a talk on "Empowering Students through Story Telling". Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam who came in contact with him and met him during a global network meeting in New York introduced him. Mr. Rauniyar has been implementing the project on this subject in Nepal and elsewhere and the RCP could collaborate with him in RCP's PEEF supported schools.

Mr. Rauniyar is the Founder of Canopy Nepal, an organization working to promote equitable access to education and enhancing its quality through interactive learning. With over 13 years of experience in education at his young age of 30, Mr. Rauniyar has reached more than 14,000 students in Nepal. He graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and is also a Cheng Fellow at the Social Innovation + Change Initiative. He has taken roles such as a Guide at The Resolution Project in New York, serving as the Country Coordinator and Director at NCEP Canada, and working as a teacher and a Board Director at Bloom Nepal School.

Mr. Rauniyar made a brief presentation with the support of power-point and explained his journey from his young age studying at the Little Angel's school. The shortcomings of a system of 'rote learning' or the mechanism of teaching instead of allowing for learning and self-development touched him, and he worked through various positions and organisations to improve the creativity of students and the quality of their education/learning.

Mr. Rauniyar has been engaged in teacher training, curriculum design and founded 'Canopy Nepal' to work with students, teachers, parents, and school board to improve the learning of students through after school activities (some schools have now made in during school hours) on 'story telling'. He also joined 'Global Shapers', Kathmandu & Boston Hubs since 2018 and works to shape creative learning focussing on climate change and mental health.

Following an interesting questions/answers session, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, on behalf of the RCP, gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Mohit Rauniyar for his interesting talk, achievements, and dedication towards the improvement of the quality of education of students. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka also added her own words of appreciation and the RCP's preparedness to explore collaborative opportunities particularly in the RCP's PEEF supported schools.

Rotary Information

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