

**Issue No. 1572**

**Date: 17 Bhadra 2081 / 2 September 2024**

**Today's Programme:** Business Meeting via Zoom

**Forthcoming Programme:**

9 September – Regular Weekly Meeting & AGM

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1916**

**Date: 13 Bhadra 2081 / 29 August 2024**

The Rotary Club of Patan on its 39<sup>th</sup> Charter Day, held (i) District Governor's official club visit meeting with club officials, (ii) 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly, and (iii) Club meeting and Charter Day celebration.

**(i) District Governor's official club visit meeting with club officials**

1. District Governor Rtn. Rajendra M. Sherchan accompanied by Assistant Governor Rtn. Suresh Acharya, and District Secretary Rtn. Ashok Pyakuryal met with the RCP Team of President Rtn. Preeti Khemka, President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, and IPP Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the RCP's report and documentation, and the meeting dwelt on all aspects of the RCP management and service. Key issues from the meeting were also taken up by the District Governor during the 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly meeting summarised below.

The District Team also had a separate meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan representatives.

**(ii) 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly**

2. MC Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht requested the RCP President Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Chief Guest DG Rtn. Rajendra M. Sherchan, District Secretary Rtn. Ashok Pyakurel, and the RCP Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam to the head table. President Rtn. Khemka welcomed all the dignitaries and the participants and requested District Governor Rtn. Sherchan to conduct the 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly of the RCP. DG Rtn. Sherchan conducted the 4<sup>th</sup> club assembly and requested the President and the committee chairs to make their presentations in the following order:

Overview and context of the presentation with the basis of RCP's plans and goals by President Rtn. Khemka  
Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu

Fellowships and events by Sergeant-at-Arms and Events & Fellowship Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

Membership by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht on behalf of Chairperson Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon

Service Projects by Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty

Youth Services by Chairperson Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal

TRF by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty on behalf of Chairperson Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey

Public Image by Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi

3. Following all the presentations, DG Rtn. Sherchan made his comments and suggestions, most of which were also discussed by him in the earlier meeting with the RCP President and his team. Key comments are summarised below:
  - Overall, DG Rtn. Sherchan appreciated the high quality of the presentations and congratulated the RCP for the excellent report of the club's achievements and plans.
  - Appreciated that the club was already having its 4<sup>th</sup> club assembly.
  - Requested participation to the District Conference to increase further from the planned 14 members.
  - Requested to start the RI convention participation (planned for 4 members) process to start early with confirmation and visa process for Canada, which takes a long time.
  - Complemented the role of the Sergeant-at-Arms & Fellowship Coordinator for having a lot of fellowship events.
  - Satisfaction with the membership retention plan and encouraged to further increase membership from the planned 7% to 10% with at least 3 women.
  - Suggested to send to the District write-ups/video clips of the excellent service project activities of the RCP for publication in the GML and for its wider publicity.
  - Highly appreciated the RCP's RHD GG project and encouraged the RCP to work with the District to expand this work at the District level.
  - Noted the emerging risk of reemergence of Polio and the need to raise awareness and contribute to support Rotary's work on PolioPlus.

- Highly appreciated the success in service projects and suggested also to open an RCC. He gave recent examples in the District of highly successful RCCs to bring about positive changes in a 'Bhujel' and a 'Gurung' village.
- Advocated for more support to TRF as the country receives more for projects through DDF from RI based upon its contributions' average of the last three years to TRF.
- Acknowledged the RCP's efforts towards new global grants projects on hospital liquid waste and mental health and mentioned that the District would support it.
- Suggested to encourage Rotaracts and Interacts in leadership training noting good work done on career counselling.
- Informed about the Youth Exchange Programme of the District and possible family exchange programme.
- Informed about the possibility of using Miss Nepals for Rotary's public image work in community service such as 'tree plantation' done by the RCP.

On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Khemka thanked the DG for his appreciation, comments, and advice. She mentioned that the RCP will act on all the suggestions. As to the target of increase in membership, she emphasised the RCP's priority to retention and quality of members. She also added that the RCP did have two RCCs, but they were now closed with possibilities of having a new one being explored.

Concluding the 4<sup>th</sup> club assembly of the RCP, DG Rtn. Sherchan handed over the meeting back to the President.

### **(iii) Club meeting and Charter Day celebration**

4. On behalf of the RCP, MC Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht welcomed all the dignitaries and guests and Rtns. Bijaya Shrestha and Bishnu Sigdel honoured them with 'Khada.' They include Chief Guest DG, District Team including the Governing Council members, special guests, Inner Wheel and Rotaract representatives, the RCP's charter members and members with 25 years with the RCP.

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka welcomed the first lady Rtn. Sarojini Sherchan with a flower bouquet, welcomed all the distinguished guests and participants, and called the RCP's Meeting No. 1916 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.

5. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
6. Announcement of contributions:
  - Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya L. Shrestha pledged to contribute Rs. 78,000 to the RCP's Club Service Trust Fund for 'Women Empowerment' programme.
  - On behalf of Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, President Rtn. Khemka announced his pledge to match one to one all contributions to the RCP's KPAD Funds made by members this Rotary Year for up to 10 Lakh Rupees to support the RCP's programmes for people with disabilities.
  - President Rtn. Khemka announced her pledge to join the Paul Harris Society (PHS) with a contribution of US \$1,000 (\$500 to the Annual Fund and \$500 to the PolioPlus programme of TRF).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi pledged to contribute US \$500 to the Annual Fund and US \$500 to the PolioPlus programme of The Rotary Foundation.
7. IPP Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gives a brief introduction of DG Rajendra Sherchan followed by the DG's keynote address to the meeting.

In addition to congratulating the RCP for its 39<sup>th</sup> Charter Day, DG Rtn. Sherchan highlighted many of the remarks noted under his comments in the 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly of the RCP earlier. He also informed about the forthcoming multi-district event of RI Zone 6 being hosted by the District with the participation of several RI dignitaries including its Trustee Chair PRIP Mark Maloney as the Chief Guest. He requested participation in this important event being held on 22nd September 2024 at Hotel Hyatt Place, Kathmandu.

8. DG Rtn. Sherchan unveiled the 39<sup>th</sup> Lalitdhara Souvenir of the RCP and thanked the editorial team for its publication.
9. President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, on behalf of the RCP, gave a 'Vote of Thanks.'
10. Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced the meeting attendance of 15 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 30 members, 15 spouses/IWs, 8 make-ups.
11. Before adjourning the meeting, President Rtn. Khemka added her own words of thanks and appreciation and invited all the participants to join the RCP's Charter Day fellowship celebrations.