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**Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting and Talk programme on 'Vision and Hearing Screening of Infants at Immunization Centres to Ensure Optimal Sensory Health' by Public Health Specialists - Dr. Manita Pyakurel and Srijana Yogi

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Gopal P. Dawadi – 29 Jan.

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma and Aruna Uprety – 26 Jan.

Rtn. Lochan & Sangita Gyawali – 30 Jan.

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1935**

**Date: 7 Magh 2081 / 20 January 2025**

1. Immediate Past President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No. 1935 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the Past President: Guest speakers Mr. Ram K. Shrestha, Ms. Nani S. Shakya, & Dr. Kalpana Tiwari from CAFODAT College, Lalitpur.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contribution pledges:

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (Rs. 1,000 through Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha).
- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for great gathering of guest speakers and presence of Prakriti (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Maheshwari Bisht Rawal – for the talk programme by guest speakers (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Gaza Ceasefire' between Isreal and Hamas (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Som Paneru – for the talk programme by guest speakers (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha – for her successful nose surgery (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for his house renovation (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Shiba B. Rajbhandary – for is successful eye surgery (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for four districts' visit for heart screening of children (Rs. 500).
- Dr. Kalpana Tiwari – for being invited to today's RCP programme (Rs. 500).
- Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for the successful surgery of mother (Rs. 2,000).

5. Other Contributions:

The following members pledged to contribute to support WASH facilities with urinals, and floor carpet in the two rural schools near Birgunj:

Rtns. Ganesh R. Bijaya Shrestha – Rs. 10,000, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – Rs. 10,000, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – Rs. 15,000, Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht & Maheshwari Bisht Rawal – Rs. 5,000, Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – Rs. 5,000, Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – Rs. 10,000, & Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – Rs. 5,000.

With the above, the **Total pledged amount has reached Rs. 187,000**. The fund raising will continue to meet as close to the target of Rs. 250,000 as possible.

6. Rotary Information:

- Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha informed that the RCP's second birthday fellowship will be held on Monday, 10 February 2025.
- Rtn. Sunil Gupta briefed on the meeting with Rotaract for some service to senior citizens and is waiting to hear from Rotaracts for concrete projects (Mata Tirtha mothers' home is in the priority).
- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the proposal received from the Rotary Club of Birgunj, which has been approved by the RCP's KPAD committee and the Board. The MOU is being signed soon.

7. Talk Programme: 'Empowering Communities through Nutrition & Dietetics' by Ram K. Shrestha, Director, Dept. of International Affairs and Research, Nani S. Shakya, Sr. Dietician and Assoc. Professor, & Dr. Kalpana Tiwari, Head Nutrition and Dietetics, Dept., CAFODAT College, Lalitpur.

The distinguished guests mentioned above from the College of Applied Food and Dairy Technology, also known as CAFODAT, Kumaripati, Lalitpur, were introduced by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal. They made very useful presentations related to nutrition and dietetics as well as about the role/work of CAFODAT. Following a Questions/Answers session, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the distinguished speakers on behalf of the Rotary Club of Patan, and IPP Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented them with the RCP's Lalitdhara Souvenir as a 'Token of Appreciation'. (The power point presentations will be shared separately).

8. Salutation: By Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – RC Cordoba, Argentina; Chartered: 1927; & Members: 97. District: 4815, Clubs: 65, & Members: 1077. He also gave some highlights of the club.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 7,500 to the sunshine funds, and Rs. 5,600 for attendance to the operational funds of the RCP, the meeting attendance of 6 guests, 22 members & 12 make-ups.

### [Rotary Information](#)

(Source: Rotary.org)

#### **Rotary's response to U.S.'s plan to withdraw from World Health Organization By Rotary International**

*Rotary notes the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child.*

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*Although this decision creates new challenges, Rotary remains dedicated to ensuring that every child is protected from this preventable disease. We are confident that the GPEI will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to implement effective strategies to keep polio vaccines available for every child in the United States and around the world, especially those in the most challenging and remote regions. The most important decisions leading to a polio-free world are made every day by parents who present their children for vaccination.*

*We remain committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfil the promise of a polio-free world. Together, we have ended smallpox, and together, we can ensure that polio becomes the second human disease to be eradicated from the planet.*