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Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting with a Talk Programme
by Dr. Bhupendra Devkota on the use of
chemicals on idols (Murtis)

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Sandhya Regmi – 7 March

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Siba B. and Mithila Rajbhandary – 8 March

Minutes of Meeting No. 1941

Date: 19 Falgun 2081 / 3 March 2025

1. Past President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the RCP's Meeting No. 1941 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Sunil Gupta – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Kuldeep R. and Meera Tuladhar; Rtn. Krishna and Kamal Hachhethu; Rtn. Bijaya and Rajani Bajracharya; and Rtn. Shiva K. and Tika Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversaries' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. and Bijaya Pradhanang – for the 48th 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000), and the nomination as the Heart Club Nepal's Chairman for two years (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. and Shova Maskay – for the 50th 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for chairing today's meeting (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for the above (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for niece's and nephew's weddings, and for the visit of son, daughter-in-law and daughter from the USA (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from Bangkok (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the 'Pasni' of twin grandchildren (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – for 'Happy Landing' from Manila, Bali and Bangkok. In Manila, he attended the retired UNICEF staff reunion (Rs. 500).
4. Other Contributions:
 - On the 50th wedding anniversary, Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay pledged to contribute Rs. 25,000 to the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund and Rs. 25,000 to the RCP's Club Service Trust Fund.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang informed that Nepal Heart Club will be contributing Rs. 20,000 for a Quiz contest in schools through the RCP.
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the proposed membership of the RCP's committees for the Rotary Year 2025-2026. Except for the committee on 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' which requires some consultation, all the committees' membership was presented with highlights on the changes proposed. The complete list of the proposed committees is being shared electronically with the request for any comments and suggestions for its finalisation shortly.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the NRCL hosted talk programme, which was also sponsored by the RCP, on 'Prostate Health' held on Friday, 28 February 2025. Five members from the RCP participated and the programme was much appreciated by the participants of about 50. He shared few key takeaways on 'Prostate' and Prostate related Cancer presented by the two Doctors.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi informed about the RCP's Vocational Award Programme planned for 17 March. Award will be given to two persons on 'Journalism' and 'Health' subjects. He requested suggestions to be given to any member of the Vocational Award Committee (Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi, Coordinator with the membership of Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Nirmal K. Pradhanang).

He also suggested a talk prog. by Dr. Bhupendra Devkota on the use of chemicals on idols (Murtis) next week.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – RC Burlov, Sweden; Chartered: 1978; & Members: 48. District: 2390, Clubs: 62, & Members: 3292 (same as our District number). He also gave a few highlights of this very small town.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 7,000 to the sunshine funds of the RCP and the meeting attendance of 20 members and 11 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam

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| Q. What is the designation of the month of March? | A. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month |
| Q. When is World Rotaract Week in 2025? | A. 10-16 March 2025 |
| Q. Where is Rotary International opening its next peace centre? | A. At Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey |

8th Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 1 March 2025

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 8th Board meeting, held from 11:30 to 12:30 hrs. on 1 March 2025 hosted by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal at Alice Conference, in Bakhundole, Lalitpur, with the participation of 11 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 8th Board meeting as mentioned below:

1. The minutes of the 7th Board meeting were reviewed with updates on the status of follow-up actions taken.
2. Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the follow-ups made to have the Student Quality Circle (SQC) training for teachers of the RCP's four adopted schools with plans to add one more school likely to be Adarsha Kanya Niketan School as per discussion with its headmaster. The training is planned soon after the Secondary Education Examinations (SEE).
3. Update on the RCP's Committees – Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht gave the highlights on the proposed membership of key committees of the RCP for RY 2025/26. The final will be presented during the business meeting of 3 March 2025
4. As agreed by the Board earlier to collaborate with the College of Applied Food and Dairy Technology (CAFODAT), Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Khadak S. Bisht shared the proposed draft MOU and requested for review and comments for its finalisation. The Board also noted the need to review possible orientation on hygiene issues during the mid-day meals provided by the schools up to grade 6 and other WASH issues including plans for the next year.
5. KPAD projects with ADSoN and TRIFC – Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the progress to collaborate with RC Birgunj and Hetauda. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey informed that the MOU among the three partners have been approved, and follow-ups are required in seeking opportunities to collaborate with other Rotary Clubs. He also noted possible collaboration with RC Himalayan Golfers and requested all to suggest possible partners/project ideas to work for the benefit of people with disabilities.
6. The Board noted the need to plan for the RCP's 40th anniversary issue of Lalitdhara Souvenir and the Charter Day celebrations during 2025.
7. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal briefed on the plans to have the career counselling activity in one of the RCP's adopted schools for about 30 students at grade 10. For this activity, the Board approved a budget of up to Rs. 15,000 as a pilot project under the youth service and requested her to lead with finalisation of the proposal.
8. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal informed about possible 'Futsal' activity in collaboration among the RCP, the Rotaract Club of Patan, and the Inner Wheel Club of Patan.
9. Financial Report - Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status of the RCP as of end Magh 2081 (mid-Feb. 2025) including a summary of income and expenditures. She also flagged two issues - possible short fall in the club's operational budget and the need to accelerate the implementation of budgeted social projects/activities.
10. Next Board Meetings: 9th Board meeting on Friday, 4 April 2025 to be hosted by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam; 10th Board meeting on Friday, 2 May 2025 to be hosted by Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu; and 11th Board meeting on Friday, 30 May 2025 to be hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha
11. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal supported by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht for hosting the board meeting in a very good venue followed by an excellent fellowship lunch. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey added words of appreciation and host Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal thanked all for the participation and enjoyment.