

Issue No. 1600

Date: 18 Chaitra 2081 / 31 March 2025

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting with visit of Nepal Youth Foundation, Olgapuri Village</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1944

Date: 11 Chaitra 2081 / 24 March 2025

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1944 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany, and a visiting group of 6 Germans from Tegernsee including two Rotarians and two Inner Wheels.

Rtn. Engels presented the members of the German team who exchanged the flags of RC Tegernsee and Inner Wheel Tegernsee with the President of the Rotary Club of Patan.

3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 500), and for chairing the Rota Quiz during the District Conference on 23 March 2025 (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ewerhard Engels and each of the German Team for participating in the RCP meeting (Rs. 3,500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 1000), Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (Rs. 500), Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (Rs. 500) – for participating in a successful District Conference during 21-23 March 2025.
 - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi – for the above, her article published in the District Conference magazine, and for the disability skills stall with toys at the District Conference (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for participating in the DC and for having the RCP's KPAD panel there (Rs. 600).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (Rs. 500) and Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs. 1,000) – for having the German team and for participating in the District Conference.
 - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – for being named the 'Team Leader' to prepare an 'Encyclopaedia of Indigenous People of Nepal' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for a successful 'Guthi' celebration (Rs. 500).

5. Rotary Information:

- President Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed about the election of District Governor Nominee for RY 2027-2028 of Rtn. I.P. Dhakal from the Rotary Club of Bharatpur.
- Rtn. Sandhya Regmi presented a summary of the programmes held during the District Conference highlighting her own experience as a first-time participant to a District Conference. Overall, the District Conference was excellent, and she particularly appreciated the chairing of Rota Quiz by the RCP's Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa. Among other noteworthy events were the three District Vocational Awards – Gopal Kamala Rajbhandary Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence 2025 awarded in the field of agriculture; Dr. Suniti and Gopal Acharya Trust Fund Award to a Non-Rotarian and a Rotarian in the field of Basic Education and Literacy; and Women of Substance Award in Rotary.

Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa flagged the importance of learning and participation through Rota Quiz and gave further information on the final event, which was participated by 5 clubs. The first, second, and third clubs were RC Patan Durbar Square, RC Narayani Mid-Town, and RC Dilli Bazar, respectively.

- Rtn. Sunil Gupta requested to support a traffic awareness raising programme to collaborate with the Traffic Police, Asha Kiran Kendra, and the RCP. A proposal will be sent for the RCP Board's review in this regard.

He also handed-over the certificates of membership of the remaining RCP members, Rtns. Siba B. Rajbhandary and Nirmal K. Pradhanang, to Asha Kiran Kendra, Birgunj.

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on the plans for the RCP family outing to Bandipur during 13-15 April 2025 and requested all the interested members to confirm participation so that arrangements could be made in collaboration with Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha.
6. 5th Club Assembly: President Rtn. Preeti Khemka gave an overview of the 5th Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2024-2025 of the RCP that focused on what we have achieved so far based on the goals set, and the plans for the next three months to achieve the remaining goals. Committee Chairs made the presentations as follows:
- Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu
 - Public Image by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht on behalf of Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi
 - Fellowships and events by Sergeant-at-Arms and Events & Fellowship Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha
 - TRF by Chairperson Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey. He particularly appealed members to contribute to EREY and PHF
 - Youth Services by Chairperson Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal
 - Service Projects by Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty
 - Membership by Chairperson Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon
- Overall, RCP's programmes have moved forward according to its plan with the implementation of the remaining activities planned during the next three months of this Rotary Year. President Rtn. Khemka thanked all the Committee Chairs for their presentations, as well as all members for their contributions and concluded the session.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 11,100 to the sunshine funds and Rs. 8,650 for attendance, Rotary Pin control (six) and mobile ring (one) to the operational funds of the RCP; meeting attendance of 7 guests, 24 members and 9 make-ups.

Rotary Information: Rotary Alumni Associations

Source: [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)

WHAT IS A ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

A Rotary alumni association is an active organization of those who have experienced Rotary's programs, which may include Rotary Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange participants, Global and District Grant scholars, Vocational Training Team members, Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotary Youth Exchange and New Generations Service Exchange participants, RYLA participants, Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation scholars, and others.

Associations may include alumni from a variety of Rotary programmes or be exclusive to alumni from one programme, such as Rotary Youth Exchange (Rotex). Most alumni associations are organized within one Rotary district, but they may cover multiple districts or another geographic area.

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

1. To establish and maintain a common bond among Rotary alumni
2. To enable alumni to network with one another and with Rotarians
3. To provide alumni opportunities for involvement in Rotary service
4. To facilitate alumni membership in Rotary and Rotaract clubs, including e-clubs

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF FORMING AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

Alumni associations provide alumni flexible opportunities to maintain Rotary connections and support Rotary's mission of Service Above Self, including:

- Networking with professional leaders who share Rotary experiences
- Serving as mentors to current and future program participants
- Speaking at Rotary and Rotaract club meetings and district events
- Participating in local and international service projects

Officially recognized associations receive a charter certificate, a listing in the annual Official Directory, official Rotary communications and media promotion, ability to apply for a stipend for approved expenses related to service activities, as well as eligibility for the Alumni Association of the Year Award.