

**Issue No. 1601**

**Date: 25 Chaitra 2081 / 7 April 2025**

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Business Meeting of the RCP on Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – 4 April</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1945**

**Date: 18 Chaitra 2081 / 31 March 2025**

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's special '5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment' Meeting No. 1945 at Nepal Youth Foundation, Olgapuri Village, Chunnikhel, Lalitpur, to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.

The meeting was preceded by a tour of the Olgapuri Village facilities – the training workshops for various vocational technical skills; NYF & Olgapuri offices; children's dorms, kitchen and facilities; gardens and farms, with a guided tour given by Rtn. Som Paneru.

2. Guests welcomed by the President: Rtn. Ewerhard Engels, Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte, Mr. Lutz Hoffman, Mrs. Sajani Paneru, and NYF/Olgapuri senior staff who were introduced by Rtn Som Paneru.

3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.

4. Happy News Contributions:

- Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' in advance (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' ha.ba. (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma (Rs. 500), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs. 500), Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500), Rtn. Isabelle Buschulte (Rs. 500), Mr. Lutz Hoffman (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (Rs. 500), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500), Rtn. Sunil Gupta (Rs. 500), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 500), Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel (Rs. 500), Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (Rs. 500) - for today's meeting and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday celebration at Olgapuri village with tour of the facilities and briefing on Nepal Youth Foundation.
- Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for their daughter Smriti Mallapaty getting the 'Best Science Journalist' Award in Australia (Rs. 5,000).
- Rtn. Som Paneru – for hosting today's meeting, and for daughter's completion of SEE examination (Rs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for today's meeting, and for hosting the last RCP Board meeting (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for today's meeting, and for granddaughter's completion of SEE exam. (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for today's meeting, and to remember late Ms. Olga Murray (Rs. 1,000).
- Ms. Sajani Paneru Amatya – for today's meeting, and the RCP's practice of finding reasons to celebrate happy news and contribute for social causes (Rs. 500).
- Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Singapore, and for the RCP's last Board meeting (Rs.1,000).

5. Rotary Information:

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed about the planned RCP family outing to Bandipur during 13-15 April 2025 and gave a last call to confirm registration by interested members.
- Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey informed about their planned hiking trip to Khopra Danda during 6 to 12 April and joining the RCP family outing to Bandipur in Kurintaar on the 13<sup>th</sup>. They requested interested members/spouses to confirm joining.
- President Rtn. Preeti Khemka confirmed that the RCP's next meeting will be held on Zoom, which will be a Business meeting.

6. RCP's 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment Meeting with the visit of Nepal Youth Foundation, Olgapuri: On this occasion hosted by NYF, following the tour of the facilities at Olgapuri Village, President of NYF Rtn. Som Paneru made a power-point presentation to brief the RCP family and guests about NYF and its key activities in Nepal.

Founded by late Olga D. Murray in 1992, NYF, its major programmes are in the fields of Health & Nutrition, Children's Home (Residential Programme currently with about 80 children), Education programme, Vocational Education and Career Counselling (VECC), Ankur Counselling and Training Centre and Caste Equality Programme (CEP) for Dalit community in Saptari.

Rtn. Paneru elaborated on the programmes and ongoing activities providing more details on the Nutrition Rehabilitation Home in Kathmandu, and the Caste Equality Programme in the Terai region of Nepal. He also showed a brief video clip of the CEP demonstrating the actual living conditions of the 'Mushahar Basti' in Saptari where NYF is trying to make a difference in the lives of this deprived community.

The RCP has been collaborating with the NYF and have already partnered in several matching and global grant projects.

Following a Questions/Answers session, on behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Som Paneru, his spouse Sajani Paneru Amaya and the entire NYF Team for this excellent and very successful programme as an example of how social work could be done for the improvement of the lives of children/youth in Nepal. Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty added that she had also visited the CEP in Saptari and appreciated the excellent work being done by NYF.

The RCP continued with a brief 5<sup>th</sup> Monday entertainment programme with contributions from Rtns. Maheswari Bisht Rawal, Rabendra R. Pandey, and Preeti Khemka. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka concluded the session with her own words of appreciation and thanks to all.

7. Salutation: By Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – RC Flagstaff, Arizona, USA; Chartered: 1921; & Members: 47. District: 5510, Clubs: 42, & Members: 1226.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 18,500 to the sunshine funds and Rs. 5,900 to the operational funds of the RCP; meeting attendance of 11 guests, 22 members, and 7 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty**

- Q.** What is the name of the RIPR who attended the 17th District Conference? (District 3292)  
**A.** Rtn. *Baby Joseph Panachiyil*
- Q.** Who has been elected as the District Governor of District 3292 for the Rotary Year 2027/28?  
**A.** Rtn. Ishwari Prasad Dhakal
- Q.** Who received the Gopal Kamala Rajbhandari Vocational Excellence Award this year & the award amount?  
**A.** Khetipati Organic, NRs. 2,000,000

### **Rotary Information: 'Rotary in the news – 1 April 2025'**

(Source: Rotary.org)

*Between January-March 2025, the Media Relations team collaborated closely with Rotary members to enhance their messages, secure interviews, and develop content that appeared in national and regional media in more than 15 countries. Rotary's brand was amplified through more than 121 pieces of media coverage in outlets with a combined audience of 933 million that reached an estimated 5.37 million and garnered 2,850 comments, likes, and shares on social media.*