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<p>Today's Programme: Talk Programme on 'Roof-top/Terrace Gardens' by Mr. Shesh Narayan Maharjan</p> <p>Forthcoming Programme: 24 Sept. - Classification talk by Rtn. Madan R. Tamrakar 1 Oct. - 'World Heart Day' celebration with heart health programme followed by fellowship dinner (sponsored through Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi) 8 Oct. - Business Meeting</p>	<p>Congratulatory Events</p> <p>Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No.1627

Date: 25 Bhadra 2075 / 10 September 2018

1. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the meeting no. 1627 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Special Guests Mr. and Mrs. Kanak and Shanta Dixit, Award winning students of KEEA, mother of first prize winner Mr. Bir Dhoj Tamang, AG Rtn. Jayendra Rimal, Mr. Purushotam Shakya, Headmasters or teachers from PEEF supported schools, President Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai & Rtr. Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted
4. Please see below for a summary of Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) programme.
5. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: contribution NRs. 3,000 for attendance. Participation: – 22 guests, 1 visiting Rotarian, 2 Rotaracts, 26 members, 3 spouses and 6 make-ups.

6th Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA) Ceremony

The Rotary Club of Patan celebrated the 6th annual Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) ceremony named after late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. Present during the function were: Special Guests Mr. and Mrs. Kanak and Shanta Dixit, award winning students of KEEA, mother of first prize winner Mr. Bir Dhoj Tamang, AG Rtn. Jayendra Rimal, Mr. Purushotam Shakya, Headmasters or from PEEF supported schools, President Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai & Rotaract Kritika Sharma, and the RCP family.

Before starting the KEEA ceremony, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefly talked about the RCP's 'Prajapati Education Endowment Fund' known as the 'PEEF'. The RCP has been supporting this need-based programme since 1991 or 27 years. Currently the RCP provides scholarships in 27 public schools of Lalitpur District to students from grade 7 to 11. The Trust Fund for this programme has reached over 1.2 crore. From the Trust Fund interest, the RCP provides annual scholarships. The RCP has a special donor since last year, Mr. Govinda Das Shrestha, President of Sarswati Govinda Foundation, who has been contributing NRs. 10 Lakh every year for this programme. Because of this contribution, the RCP has been able to increase its scholarship amounts. This year the total scholarship amount has increased to NRs. 15 lakh for over 400 students in the 27 public schools of Lalitpur District.

KEEA - The RCP established the KEEA in 2012 with an initial contribution from late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. He had the vision to establish this fund so that students receiving PEEF scholarships may be inspired to get additional merit recognition. This would also provide an advocacy opportunity for the RCP, and encourage the schools and students with their participation in the annual ceremony.

The award fund has since been expanded with annual donations from other RCP members. Mrs. Munu Rajkarnikar also provided 1 lakh Rupees in the name of her husband late Rtn. Narayan Govinda Halwai. In November 2017, sons of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit Mr. Kunda Dixit and Kanak Dixit contributed more than 10 lakhs rupees in the name of their late father.

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Current Annual contributors from the RCP are:

For second prizes: Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha, Bijaya Mallapaty, and
For 3rd prizes: Rtns. PDG Tirtha Man Sakya, Lalita Thapa, Sharada Prasai, Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Siba Bhakta Rajbhandary and Jamuna K. Tamrakar.

With all these contributions, the RCP has been able to expand the award amount to a total of NRs. 100,000 from this year. The RCP recognizes ten outstanding students from 9th grade with certificates and cash prizes. The winners were selected by a RCP Committee from among close to 100 students supported by the PEEF programme at grade 9.

After this brief introduction, the award certificate and cash prizes (NRs. 5,000 each) were given to the third place winners. The recipients were Niruta Gairapiple, Shree Chandi Adarsha Saral Secondary School in Chakupat; Dilu Kumari Kunwar, Shree Mahendragram Secondary School in Tikathali; Preeti Pandey, Shree Balkumari Higher Secondary School in Sunakothe; Ritika Rai, Shree Mahendra Bhrikuti Secondary School in Ekantakuna; Sapana Sapkota, Kitini Higher Secondary School in Godavari; and Alisha Timilsina, Tri Padma Vidyashram Higher Secondary School in Pulchowk.

The three second-place award certificates and cash prizes (NRs. 15,000 each) went to Kriti Pahari from Shree Path Pradarsak Secondary School in Badikhel, who aspires to become a laboratory technician; Mahesh Shah of Pragati Shikshya Higher Secondary School in Kopundole, who aspires to be a computer engineer; and Sangita Tamang Lama from Bal Binod Secondary School in Na Tole, who aspires to be a doctor.

The first-place certificate and a cash prize of NRs. 25,000 was awarded to Bir Dhoj Tamang, an A+ student from Shree Mahendra Adarsha Higher Secondary School in Imadol. During the selection process, Bir Dhoj came across as a self-aware and confident person. He is proud to be a public-school student and said "I want to be an engineer and get involved in social activities after completing my studies".

Awards were handed over by the special guests Mr. and Mrs. Kanak & Shanta Dixit and Rotarian contributors witnessed by the RCP President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and Assistant Governor Rtn. Jayendra Rimal.

Following the handover of awards, special guest Mr. Kanak Dixit, on behalf of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit's family, made brief remarks. He appreciated this exemplary work done by the RCP honoring the wishes of his late father. He remembered late Rtn. Prajapati Prasai and his father were close friends and was very pleased to see that KEEA complemented the PEEF programme of the RCP.

On behalf of all the awardees, first prizewinner Mr. Bir Dhoj Tamang spoke from his heart how much he appreciated the award given by the RCP. He thanked his mother and elder brother who encouraged him to study despite their family's relatively poor economic condition, headmaster and teachers from his school, and pledged to do social work after completing his higher education.

Headmaster of Kitini School, Mr. Saroj K.C. spoke on behalf of all the schools with high appreciation and gratefulness for the noble work of the RCP in supporting and motivating the public school students to achieve their dreams.

On behalf of the RCP family, President Elect Rtn. Lalita Thapa gave 'vote of thanks' to all the participants to this year's KEEA ceremony.