

Issue No. 1424**Date: 28 Bhadra 2078 / 13 September 2021****Today's Programme:**

Talk programme by Mr. Bharat B. Khanal, Headmaster of Mahendragram Sec. School, Tikathali, on 'Impact of COVID-19 on public schools and its counter measures'.

Congratulatory Events

**Birthdays & Wedding
Anniversaries:** Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1771**Date: 21 Bhadra 2078 / 6 September 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1771 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for the 'Pasni' of granddaughter (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Preeti & Shiv P. Khemka – for the successful Charter Day and younger son's birthday (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for spouse Rtn. Kiran Thapa's joining the meeting after some time (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the successful 36th Charter Day of the RCP with District Governor's official club visit and 4th Club Assembly (NRs. 500).
4. Other Contributions: Rtn. Krishna B, Basnyat pledged to contribute NRs. 25,000 to the RCP's KPAD Fund.
5. Rotary News/Information: President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa requested all, and particularly to Membership Committee members, to complete the very interesting 'Rotary Membership Satisfaction Survey 2021-2022'. He also informed that he will be doing the 2021 RCC survey requested from all Presidents.
6. Basic Education and Literacy Month of Rotary: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, RCP's Coordinator of RNLM/TEACH briefed on the RNLM/TEACH programme and the school reconstruction project with AKAA. Rotary started the RNLM/TEACH programme with a strategic plan to support total literacy and quality education in Nepal following the South Asia Literacy Conference held in Nepal in 2012. He described the structure at the national policy level with the government, UNICEF & UNESCO, and working level in all the provinces. Each Rotary club is required to have a RNLM/TEACH committee and adopt at least one school for the implementation of this programme with the participation of the school management, local government and Rotary. The RCP has already adopted three schools (Balkumari SS, Sunakothi; Mahendragrame SS, Tikathali; and Luvu SS, Luvu), but implementation has delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic and school closures.

The reconstruction of Anandakuti school project with AKAA, ERRRP and the RCP support is moving well and is expected to be completed before Dashain. The 6.4 million Rupees project will include WASH facilities and furniture for the six classrooms.
7. RCP's website: Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka briefed and made a comprehensive presentation of the RCP website, which had been thoroughly updated. The RCP's Facebook page provides running updates on the activities, which are also linked to the website. The RCP website provides a more permanent record categorized by subject. The website intends to serve the needs of the RCP management, club members and public audience of the RCP and Rotary. It records and shows all what we do and, therefore, all the RCP family is requested to view it and make suggestions for further possible improvements. The updated website is a highly commendable work for which Rtn. Khemka was congratulated. It is an outstanding example for a Rotary Club website in the District 3292 and beyond.
8. Salutation: by PP Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary - Rotary Club of Paramus, New Jersey, USA; Chartered: 1949; and Members: 90. District: 7490, Clubs: 54, and Members: 1256. He also gave a short briefing on this club and its priority programmes.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 3,000 to the RCP's sunshine fund, NRs. 25,000 to the KPAD fund, and the meeting attendance by 27 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan

- Q.** Can a Rotaract member be a member of a Rotary club as well? **A.** Yes, as per COL decision of 2016.
- Q.** Name the two new clubs in Nepal that were chartered in the RY 2021-22 on 9 July 2021.
- A.** RC Janakpurdham and RC Kavre Valley.
- Q.** As per COL 2019, the board may terminate a club upon request of the governor if its membership falls below how many members? **A.** Six members.

2nd Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 3 September 2021

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa presented the minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Preeti Khemka. The virtual Board meeting was held at 5 p.m. on 3 September 2021 with the participation of 12 Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board below were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

The minutes/decisions of the 2nd Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 1st Board Meeting were reviewed with update on status and follow-up actions.
2. Review of District Governor's Club Visit with 4th Club Assembly and celebration of the RCP's Charter Day: President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa briefed on the confidential meeting held by the DG and his team with the RCP team. Comments and questions raised by the DG and his team were satisfactorily responded. Overall DG and his team were very pleased with the presentation and plans of the RCP. Board members also commented on the DG's official club visit, 4th club assembly and the Charter Day of the RCP. Everything went smoothly for which the President and his team were congratulated. DG and his team had to leave before the end of the Charter Day programme for another engagement, which should be avoided in the future by allocating realistic timing for the entire programme.
3. Nomination of Acting Secretary: In view of the prolonged illness of Secretary Rtn. Kiran Thapa, it was agreed to have Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as the Acting Secretary in consultation with him.
4. Lalitdhara Souvenir Update: Good progress has been made with the plans to have the Souvenir printed by end of September 2021. All members have been requested to send their and their spouses' colour photographs as soon as possible.
5. Calendar of the RCP's activities for RY 2021-2022: A revised draft has been completed and will be shared with all for review.
6. Audit and Registration of Club Registration Renewal: Audit was delayed due to Covid-19 and is being completed. As soon as it is done, club renewal process will start.
7. Payment of annual dues by RCP members: Five members still need to pay their dues. The President has personally followed up for timely settlement by all.
8. KEEA – Due to COVID-19 pandemic and school closures, it was agreed to have this ceremony tentatively for 4 October 2021.
9. Celebration of World Heart Day – 29th September: It was confirmed that this will be held on the 29th as per the plan, with no regular weekly meeting on Monday, 27 September.
10. Vice President and Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club as of August 2021 with a summary review of the income and expenditure statement.
11. KPAD: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey updated on the progress of this programme supporting people with disabilities. Noting this as the second flagship programme of the RCP, he requested the participation of all the RCP members in this programme. He requested the President to reach out to all RCP members to have 100% participation with at least a token contribution to the KPAD Fund.
12. Next Board Meeting: The third Board meeting is planned to be hosted by Membership Chairperson Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya physically at lunch time on Saturday, 2 October 2021.
13. Senior Citizens Home – 'Nagarik Sewa Guthi' had responded to the RCP's letter copied to them by IPP Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang. This will be responded after further consultation within the RCP.
14. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship. Therefore, host Rtn. Preeti Khemka pledged to contribute NRs. 25,000 to the KPAD Fund. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey pledged to match this contribution as well.
15. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Preeti Khemka for hosting this virtual Board meeting and for her pledge to contribute NRs. 25,000 to the RCP's KPAD Fund. He also thanked Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey for matching it.