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RI District 3292**Club No. 23126****Chartered: 29 August 1985****President: Mahendra Thapa Past President & Editor: Bijaya Mallapaty Past President & Assistant Editor: Chandralekha Kayastha****Issue No. 1428****Date: 25 Ashwin 2078 / 11 October 2021****Today's Programme:** Classification talk of Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan**Congratulatory Events****There will be no weekly meeting on 18 Oct. – Dashain Holiday****Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil****Minutes of Meeting No. 1775****Date: 18 Ashwin 2078 / 4 October 2021**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1775 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. Following the business meeting and a brief AGM of the RCP members, the President welcomed all Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA) participants in today's special virtual ceremony.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the success in raising over the target of \$70,000 in the TRIFC fund-raising gala, first hybrid with physical board meeting of the RCP, and son's hike of over 3000 kms in 5 months (NRs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Preeti & Shiv P. Khemka – for the first hybrid with physical board meeting of the RCP on 2 Oct. (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the recognition in a District programme of his TRF contribution (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for today's KEEA ceremony of his Presidency year 2020-2021 (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the first hybrid with physical board meeting of the RCP on 2 Oct. (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for attendance of over 30 members in today's meeting (NRs. 1,000).
4. Other Contributions: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty contributed NRs. 510 to the PEEF Programme Fund from his attendance at management board meeting of Manmohan Cardiovascular Hospital.
5. Salutation: by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa - Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia; Chartered: 2010; and Members: 97. District: 9455, Clubs: 49, and Members: 1475.
6. **8th Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA) ceremony:**

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit representing late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit family, school headmasters, awardee students and all the RCP family for this delayed ceremony of RY 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

PEEF Programme Manager Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a brief summary about the RCP's PEEF programme since 1991, and the KEEA that started with the initiative of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit in 2012. Best 10 students from 10 schools out of all the PEEF supported schools were selected based on their standing in the grade 9 final exams and interviews by the RCP.

Certificates and cash awards totalling NRs. 100,000 to 7 girls and 3 boys were virtually awarded as follows:

- First Prize of NRs. 25,000 by Mr. Kunda Dixit to Ms. Menuka Chand from Shri Bal Kumari SS, Sunakothi.
- Second Prizes of NRs 15,000 each to 3 students by Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, Ganesh R. Shrestha, and Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha: Ms. Rashika Deshar from Phulchowki HSS, Thaiba; Ms. Rojina Tamang from Shree Siddhimangal HSS, Sano Gaon; and Ms. Sumitra Aryal from Tri Padma Vidyalaya, Pulchowk.
- Third Prize of NRs. 5,000 each to 6 students by Rtns. PDG Tirtha M. Sakya, Lalita Thapa, Sharada Prasai, Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Siba B. Rajbhandary, and Jamuna K. Tamrakar: Ms. Kritika Ghimire from Kitini HSS, Kitini; Ms. Anjana Dangol from Shree Rudrayani Secondary School, Khokana; Ms. Menuka Moktan from Shree Bishankhu Narayan SS, Godamchour; Mr. Sanjaya Rai from Shree Sarswoti HSS, Lele; Mr. Man Bahadur Ban from Sri Chandi Adarsha HSS, Chakupat; and Mr. Prajoowal Ramtel from Sheree Mahendragram SS, Tikathali.

Brief congratulatory remarks to the awardees were made on behalf of the sponsors by Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty and Siba B. Rajbhandary. Special mention was also made of late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai's contributions.

Acting Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht introduced the first award winner Ms. Menuka Chand as the best selected student. She not only excelled in her academic studies but is also a confident all-rounder active in several extra-curricular activities with the ambition of being a medical doctor to serve the society.

Chief Guest of the event, Mr. Kunda Dixit thanked the RCP for continuing this award programme in the name of his late father Kamalmani Dixit. He appreciated his late father's contribution in the education sector by motivating the students with this kind of merit awards, noting particularly the benefits to the needy students at public schools.

On behalf of all the award recipients, the first award winner Ms. Menuka Chand thanked the RCP, sponsors of KEEA, headmasters and the schools of the awardees, for this wonderful programme of the RCP. The RCP's support and motivation has been extremely helpful to her as well as other awardees' success in furthering their educational ambitions. She hoped that the RCP will continue this kind of support to let needy public-school students achieve their childhood dreams like her own.

On behalf of all the schools supported by PEEF, headmaster of Mahendragram Secondary School, Mr. Bharat B. Khanal thanked the RCP for PEEF programme with KEEA awards and acknowledged the good the RCP scholarship support has done in improving the quality of education in public schools. He also thanked late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit and all the sponsors of the KEEA and encouraged the RCP to continue to do even more of these kinds of support for a better future of the needy students in public schools.

Immediate Past President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang regretted that due to COVID-19 this ceremony of last year could only be held now and congratulated all the winners. He remembered the visionary contribution of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit who initiated the KEEA. He also gave a brief historical progress of KEEA from a one student award of NRs. 5,000 in 2013 to 10 awards of NRs. 100,000 now.

President Elect Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of the RCP to all the participants and award recipients. Rtn Mahendra S. Rawal informed that the certificates and cash award should be collected from Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal at her office at Lalitpur Municipality.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Acting Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 6,000 to the RCP's sunshine fund, NRs. 510 to the PEEF Prog. Fund & the meeting attendance by 33 members and 12 guests.

Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa announced the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan and requested the Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi to present the audited financial report for the Rotary Year 2020-2021 as well proposals related to the audit.

Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the audited financial report, which had already been shared with the RCP members electronically. The auditor has certified that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rotary Club of Patan as of 30 June 2021. The AGM approved the report.

A proposal to appoint Chartered Accountants Maheswarendra B. Shrestha & Co. for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 with a remuneration of NRs. 30,000 (exclusive of taxes) was made. The AGM approved the proposal following which the AGM was adjourned.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa

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| Q: What is the Rotary monthly theme for the month of October? | A: Economic and Community Development |
| Q: Name the winner of 2020-21 Rotaract outstanding Project Award? | A: Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka for creating audiobook library for visually impaired students. |
| Q: When do we celebrate Global Handwashing Day? | A: On the 15th of October |

3rd Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 2 October 2021

Acting Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 3rd Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya. The Hybrid Board meeting (physical and virtual with Zoom connection) was held at Rtn. Shakya's residence from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on 2 October 2021 with the participation of 12 Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board meeting below were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

The minutes/decisions of the 3rd Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 2nd Board Meeting were reviewed with update on status and follow-up actions.
2. Membership dues from 2 members are still outstanding. It was agreed that President would ensure the payment before the next Board meeting.
3. Audit and Registration of Club Registration Renewal: It was noted that financial statements and audit reports were delayed for the RY 2020-2021. This has just been completed and renewal process has started.
4. KEEA being held on 4 October 2021 – All preparations have been done. It was agreed that on this day, the regular weekly meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m. to complete the business meeting of the RCP before the start of the KEEA programme at 6:00 p.m.
5. On behalf of the Treasurer, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty presented the financial status of the club as of September 2021 with a summary review of the income and expenditure statement.
6. Next Board Meetings: The fourth Board meeting will be hosted by Youth Services Director, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha, physically on Saturday, 30 October 2021. The fifth Board meeting will be hosted by Sergeant-at-Arms/Events Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha on 3 or 4 December 2021.
7. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa requested all to suggest names of good speakers for the RCP's talk programmes.
8. The Board noted this successful hybrid meeting (physical with zoom connection) with suggestions for further improvements to continue this modality.
9. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the status of the planned global grant for Mirge hospital. In view of the recent policy of the MOHP with strict restrictions on the operation of Ambulances, it was noted that this project is uncertain for the time being.
10. Rtn. Kiran Thapa briefed on the idea to explore the use of a financial system software for the RCP, which was agreed by the Board.
11. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey invited all to join the virtual Fund-Raising Gala of TRIFC (The Rose International Fund for Children – a USA NGO), presided by our long-time partner Rtn. Robert Rose, on 3 October 2021.
12. On behalf of all Board members and invited guests, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya and his family for being the first to host this hybrid Board meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic, with an excellent post-Board fellowship.