

Issue No. 1451**Date: 21 Chaitra 2078 / 4 April 2022****Today's Programme:** Business Meeting**Forthcoming Programme:**

11 April – Celebration of the RCP's 1,800th regular weekly meeting with President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa's fellowship dinner with all the RCP Members and spouses

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – 4 Apr.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil**Minutes of Meeting No. 1798****Date: 14 Chaitra 2078 / 28 March 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1798 to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcome by the President: Mr. Ek Bahadur Bhandari, Headmaster, and Awardee Mr. Bir Dhoj Tamang from Shree Mahendra Adarsha HSS, Imadol; Mr. Dharma Maharjan, Plus 2 Coordinator, and Awardee Ms. Priti Pandey from Shree Bal Kumari HSS, Sunakothi; Visiting Rotarians Madhu S. Acharya and Mani R. Shakya from RC Thamel; Guests Dr. Ganga R. Gautam and Madhavi G. Ghimire; and four Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for participating in the District Team Training Seminar (DTTS) in Hetauda, and interviews by two TV channels on handicrafts in Nepal (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal - for the success in bicycle training of women for entrepreneurship as a Lalitpur Metropolis' activity (NRs. 500). She also requested donations of bicycles for this endeavour in much demand.
 - Rtns. Gabriele & Bijaya Mallapaty – for the start of Graduate Studies Scholarship Awards (NRs. 1,000 each).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 1,000) and Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 2,000) – for the above, and for joining the RCP meeting physically after two years.
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for grandson's four-year birthday (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for joining the physical meeting after two years (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 500) and Rtn. Shanta K. Shrestha (NRs. 500) – for happy get-together during the physical meeting.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for very good attendance today (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for participating in the RC Thamel's meeting with a talk programme (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for today's programme with special guests (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the completion of PEEF selection/distribution, and recognition with GSSA of talented student - Bir Dhoj Tamang (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – (NRs. 1,000), Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka (NRs. 1,000 each) - for joining today's physical meeting.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for today's big gathering with the GSSA programme (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for participating in the DTTS Hetauda, 'Happy Landing' from Thailand, participation of Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha in today's meeting, and for absentee 'happy news' (ha.ba.) (NRs. 4,000).
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – for having Mr. & Mrs. Gautam as guests today together with other guests (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for today's salutation of a club in Cayman Island, which he had visited (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Madhu S. Acharya, RC Thamel – for his participation in the RCP's meeting today (NRs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan pledged to donate a bicycle to the Lalitpur Metropolis' bicycle training of women as requested by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged to donate two bicycles for the above.
 - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha pledged to contribute NRs. 10,000 to the PEEF Trust Fund for receiving the donation of NRs. 1,000,000 from Dr. Subarna Malla Singh in the USA to the same fund.

6. Rotary News/Information:

- President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa and PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya honoured Rtns. Chandralekha Kayastha (PHF+6) and Lalita C. Thapa (PHF+4) with 'Khada' and 'Pins' from The Rotary Foundation, respectively.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary briefed on the excellent DTTS held in Hetauda with 50 participants. From the RCP, Rtns. Pushkar M. Sakya, Rabendra R. Pandey and himself participated.
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan briefed on his and President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa's participation in RC, Thamel weekly meeting with a talk programme on the economy of Nepal with 110 participants.
 - Rtn. Madhu S. Acharya talked briefly about RC Thamel emphasising the importance of 'inter-club relationship' through club visits.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha - Rotary Club of Cayman, Cayman Islands; Chartered: 1965; and Members: 107. District: 7020, Clubs: 80, and Members: 2640. She also provided the highlights of Cayman Islands.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: contributions of NRs. 23,600 (NRs. 3,100 to the Operating Fund and NRs. 20,500 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 2 visiting Rotarians, 6 guests, 4 Rotaracts, 31 members & 2 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kamala Maharjan

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| Q. What does WASRAG stand for? | A. Water Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group |
| Q. When was Rotaract founded? | A. 13 March 1968 |
| Q. Who was the Charter President of RC Patan ? | A. Late Rotarian S.R. Sharma |

Graduate Studies Scholarship Award Programme

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty conducted the Rotary Club of Patan's first Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA) programme (2021-2022) with its introduction as a complimentary programme to the RCP's flagship PEEF scholarship support programme to the public-school students in Lalitpur District. Following the Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) to merit students, Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha initiated the GSSA in RY 2018-2019 for the best student receiving PEEF scholarship support based upon grade 11 results. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi supported this programme with the addition of another best student. The two awards (of NRs. 14,000 every year) will be given to two students for studies up to master's level. Therefore, in six years, it is planned that the RCP would be supporting 12 students sponsored by Rtns. Kayastha and Regmi. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, grade 12 completion had delayed and, therefore, this is the first time the Awards are given.

The recipient students are Mr. Bir Dhoj Tamang from Shree Mahendra Adarsha HSS, Imadol and Ms. Priti Pandey from Shree Bal Kumari HSS, Sunakothi. Bir Dhoj is also a recipient of KEEA 1st Award in 2018. Both Bir Dhoj and Priti had excelled in their 11th grade examinations obtaining a grade point average of 3.8 each.

Bir Dhoj is taking a special course of 'Diploma in Civil Engineering' – a three-year course and plans to continue further studies in this field. The fee for this three-year course is NRs. 250,000 of which NRs. 125,000 has been sponsored by the school. Therefore, Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha added his sponsorship to NRs. 42,000 per year to cover the full fee.

Priti Pandey has been admitted to Patan Campus for Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) and plans to continue further studies in this field.

Sponsors Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Prakash R. Regmi spoke briefly. The RCP's PEEF programme has been of great support to encourage needy students to pursue their educational dreams. They were very pleased to have started this programme to support the best students with further opportunity of advanced studies. They wished the students the best for their success and appreciated that the RCP has provided them with this opportunity.

Awards were handed over to the students together with certificates and honouring them by 'Khada' by President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha and sponsors Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi.

Headmaster of Shree Mahendra Adarsha HSS Mr. Ek B. Bhandari and plus 2 Coordinator of Shree Balkumari HSS Mr. Dharma Maharjan appreciated the RCP's and sponsors support for this noble cause. Both students have been receiving the RCP's PEEF scholarship support and have consistently excelled in their studies. On behalf of Priti and himself, Bir Dhoj thanked the RCP and the sponsors and iterated how truly the RCP's support has helped them pursue their education and continue further advanced studies.