

Issue No. 1456**Date: 26 Baishakh 2079 / 9 May 2022****Today's Programme:**

Talk by Mr Rajendra Suwal on 'Bird Watching Experiences'

Forthcoming Programme:

16 May: 5th Club Assembly.

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – 6 May, Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar – 8 May, & Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – 9 May

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil**Minutes of Meeting No. 1803****Date: 19 Baisakh 2079 / 2 May 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1803 via Zoom to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':

- Rtn Yagya B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
- Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' with a garland during the zoom meeting (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtns. Kiran and Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan, and Rtn. Shanta K. and Nirmala Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversaries' in absentia (ha.ba.).
- Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the presentation of the highlights of his presidency today (NRs. 1,000).
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for feeling happy and relaxed after stopping some medication (NRs. 1,000).

4. Rotary Information and Other Contributions:

As discussed and agreed upon in the RCP Board meeting (See Board minutes on next page), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the appeal from South Asian Federation of Golfing Rotarians (SAFGR) for support in food items in Sri Lanka during this period of severe economic crisis there. The Board had agreed to make a token support from the RCP with NRs. 50,000 from its club service fund and suggested to raise funds from interested RCP members. Rotarians in Sri Lanka had created a special website to monitor and manage the distribution of essential food items package to the needy that will be shared with all. Each package with essential food items would cost about four thousand Sri Lankan Rupees (say US \$14.5) and they plan to provide 100 packets per area covered. Rtn. Pandey thanked everyone for the overwhelming pledges to support, which reached some 290,000 Nepalese Rupees. **The appeal for the RCP family will be open till Wednesday, 4 May 2022**, so that the RCP could announce its contribution to the Rotary friends in Sri Lanka immediately thereafter.

5. Continuation of Past Presidents' revisit of significant issues during their presidency of the RCP:

Past President Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (President 1997-1998) shared the key highlights of his presidency and his experience with Rotary. For the details of the goals and achievements of his presidency, he referred members to the RCP website where all the annual Lalitdhara Souvenir magazines are available.

An important experience that stayed with him was the challenge to lead a team of Rotarians who are leaders in their vocation and profession. Another important learning was to appreciate the importance of time. He recalled that, in one of the RCP's weekly meetings, he was three minutes late and despite being the President, he was not allowed to chair the meeting.

Two other memorable events he recalled were the RCP team's field visit to a water project in a remote village, 'Thulo Parsal', where the RCP family team had to sleep in a village cow shed during the inauguration of the drinking water facility provided by the RCP to some ninety households; and hosting of a separate District Conference by the RCP when Nepal was still part of District 3290 managed from Calcutta.

Just following his Presidency, he was introduced to serve in the field of disability starting with educational support to five children. They have all graduated and have vocations now. Seeing the success of his support has been very satisfactory with the lesson learnt being that service from heart brings about satisfaction that is indescribable. Since then, he has been involved in several Rotary matching grant projects and the initiation of the District's major 3H grant project of awareness raising on disability in collaboration with Rtn. Robert Rose. This project started in 2008 and successfully completed in 2012. He is also proud to have the second flagship project of the RCP for people with disability (KPAD)

under which a project on organic agricultural and poultry farming is having success. He reiterated the target of KPAD endowment fund to reach Rupees one crore by the end of this Rotary Year and requested all to contribute, which will be matched by himself and Rtn. Robert Rose, TRIFC.

6. Salutation: By President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan - Rotary Club of Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, India; Chartered: 1986; and Members: 47. District: 2980, Clubs: 151, and Members: 5857. He also gave some highlights on Tamil Nādu state of India and the Rotary club there.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha summarized: contributions of NRs. 5,000 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 19 members and 8 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht

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| Q. What is the Rotary designation for the month of May? | A. Youth Service month. |
| Q. What are the five Avenues of Service in Rotary? | A. Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service. |
| Q. When will the District Training Assembly for RY 2022-23 be held? | A. On 21 May 2022 in Kathmandu. |

10th Board Meeting of RY 2021-22 held on 29 April 2022

Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 10th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 29 April 2022 at Saino restaurant in Lalitpur 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 9th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 9th Board Meeting were reviewed with updates on status.
2. Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the successful completion of the rabies vaccination in several villages of Lalitpur from the Animal Welfare for Public Health programme of the RCP sponsored by Dr. Mukti Narayan and Praveena Foundation. Final report from the implementing partner 'VPAN' will be forthcoming soon and with the lessons learned from the experience of this year, the RCP will further improve the programme.
3. President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan informed that the Lalitdhara Souvenir committee will be formed shortly.
4. The Board confirmed the changes in the responsibilities of two Board members with Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya leading 'Club Administration' and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi leading 'Public Image' committees for RY 2022-2023.
5. TEACH programme – Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed that the RCP had signed 'MOUs' to support three schools and needs to start the activities delayed due to COVID-19. He will be sharing the MOUs with all members. It was agreed that possible activities be discussed in the TEACH committee so that it could be reviewed and finalized by the next Board.
6. Vocational Awards and KEEA of the RCP: The Board agreed to hold the two award ceremonies of this Rotary Year on 6 and 13 June 2022 respectively and requested the concerned committees to propose detailed plans in the next Board meeting.
7. The Board noted that the 5th Club Assembly of the RCP is planned for 16 May 2022.
8. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey presented the appeal from South Asian Federation of Golfing Rotarians (SAFGR) for support in food items and medicines in Sri Lanka during this period of severe economic crisis there. The Board agreed to make a token support from the RCP with NRs. 50,000 from its club service fund. Rtn. Pandey pledged to contribute NRs. 50,000 and suggested to raise funds from interested RCP members during the next regular weekly meeting with information shared by Viber in advance.
9. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang reported on the completion of the Anandakuti Mudita Bhawan school reconstruction project funded jointly by AKAA, Rotary District and the RCP with a total budget of NRs. 6,428,820. All activities have been completed including the making of a documentary film. As soon as the District ERRRP settles the balance of the project funds, the account of this project will be closed. Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya added that due to the success of this project, the school benefited with the multiplier effect from other interested sponsors.
10. Forthcoming Board meetings will be hosted as follows: (Dates/timing being confirmed)
 - 11th Board by Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Bharat N. Joshi.
 - 12th Joint Board meeting by President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan.
11. On behalf of the Treasurer, President Mahendra Thapa presented the financial status of the club as of April 22.
12. Rtn. Kiran Thapa mentioned that he may be taking a year off from Rotary due to his health situation. Board members suggested that he continue his membership even though he may be less active in the club.
13. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and, on behalf of all present, Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha gave 'Votes of Thanks' to Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang for hosting the physical Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked all and appreciated the opportunity to host this Board meeting with fellowship.