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Issue No. 1461**Date: 30 Jestha 2079 / 13 June 2022****Today's Programme:** Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA)**Forthcoming Programmes:**20 June - 1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2022-2023
27 June - President's summary of Rotary Year 2021-2022**Congratulatory Events****Birthdays:**Rtns. Siba B. Rajbhandary-11 June,
Ramesh L. Maskay-12 June, Sharada Prasai-14
June, & Bharat N. Joshi-16 June**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil**Minutes of Meeting No. 1808****Date: 23 Jestha 2079 / 6 June 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1808 to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guest welcomed by the President: Awardees Dr. Suresh P. Acharya, Ms. Sita Gyawali, Ms. Durga Sapkota and Mr. Ratna Prasad Ghimire; Rtn. Robert Rose, TRIFC; Ms. Nirmala Gyawali, Mr. Arun R. Pandey & Ms. Maya Gyawali from ADSoN; Ms. Anju Joshi Panta, Mr. Prabesh Acharya; and Inner Wheels members/Spouses of the RCP.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA and riding Tesla vehicle (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500) – for today's Vocational Service Awards ceremony.
 - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the visit of his daughter Jabina from the USA (NRs. 500).
 - Rtns. Maheswari Bisht Rawal and Khadak S. Bisht – for their son's visit before joining a PhD programme in the University of California, USA, and for today's Vocational Service Awards ceremony (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for daughter's & son-in-law's visit from Nairobi, Kenya (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for health camp visit to Rolpa (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for participating in the inauguration programme of the organic agriculture and poultry farming project with the RCP's partners - TRIFC, ADSoN and Shijan Organic Pvt Ltd. (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa:
 - Informed about the selection of Rtn. Tara Man Amatya from RC Mahaboudha as the Chair of NRCL for the Rotary Year 2022-2023.
 - Confirmed the extension by the District of the submission date deadline for District Awards of Rotary Year 2021-2022 to 9 June 2022; and
 - Reminded about the RI Convention being during 4-8 June 2022 and virtual participation fee of US \$ 75 (Details shared by e-mail).
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht summarized: contributions of NRs. 9,650 (NRs. 7,000 to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 2,650 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 10 awardees/guests, 1 visiting Rotarian, 5 Inner Wheels/Spouses, 26 members and 6 make-ups.

Summary of the Vocational Service Awards Ceremony

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed all the awardees, guests, and participants. Coordinator of the RCP's Vocational Awards Committee, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi conducted the special programme of Vocational Awards. He introduced two other members of the committee, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey.

Rtn. Regmi first welcomed the three recipients for this year – Dr. Suresh P. Acharya, Ms. Sita Gyawali, and Ms. Durga Sapkota and congratulated them for their outstanding service in their respective vocations in Journalism, Disability and Health fields, for which the RCP was honouring them.

Rtn. Regmi gave a brief background on Rotary's Vocational Awards. The RCP started this programme since 2010-2011 and this is the 11th awards ceremony. This award is given for outstanding vocational service in any profession for the betterment of humanity. It acknowledges and encourages the recipients and recognizes the integrity of the individuals in their professional work and service.

Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang introduced **Dr. Suresh P. Acharya** who did his master's degree in mass communication and journalism and PhD in 'role of community radio in rural development' from TU, Nepal. His academic career spanned from being lecturer, Director, and Campus Chief of a media technology college to professor of mass media for masters' students. During his professional career since 1986, he has worked in various daily and weekly papers, managed special programmes in FM network & TV channels, and has been a regular columnist. Recipient of several awards, Dr. Acharya has been actively working for the betterment of media field and particularly to improve the conditions for journalists/journalism.

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey introduced **Ms. Sita Gyawali**, who despite being blind by birth, did her master's in education from TU, Nepal. She has been working as a secondary school teacher in several schools including Laboratory and Little Angels for over 27 years. Ms. Gyawali has contributed to exchange programmes at Washington State School for the Blind, USA through TRIFC, West Asia regional conference of people with visual impairment in India and participated in numerous seminars and training events in Nepal and abroad. She has been honoured by Maiti Nepal and Nepal National Blind Women Committee for being the first blind lady from Nepal completing a master's degree. She contributes to ADSoN as its life member.

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi introduced **Ms. Durga Sapkota** as young health advocate and nurse by profession with a master's degree in nursing. Because of her significant contribution at community level, she has been extensively recognised - as one of the 100 outstanding nurses globally by Women in Global Health, by WHO in 2020, for her remarkable contribution in health systems strengthening by Johnson and Johnson, as 'Young Leader' by Women Deliver for her work as a change maker in the life of girls and women. Co-founder of YoSHAN working on sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice, Ms. Sapkota is in the leadership team of Karma Health and actively engaged with Nepal Heart Foundation in task-shifting rheumatic heart disease screening to non-experts to reduce the burden of RHD in Nepal.

The three awardees were welcomed with Khada and flower bouquets by PP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa honoured them with the award certificates and cash prizes of NRs. 15,000 each on behalf of the RCP.

The award recipients spoke a few words each appreciating the recognition and honour given by the RCP, which they valued greatly. They would like to collaborate with the Rotary and continue to contribute to serving the society.

Following the RCP's Vocational Awards, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi welcomed **Mr. Ratna Prasad Ghimire** to recognize him for his support in the RCP's PEEF scholarship support programme as the coordinator of Adarsha Saula HSS, Bungamati. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang introduced Mr. Ghimire who has been in the teaching field for 29 years and coordinating the scholarship support received from over eight donor agencies including the RCP. He particularly thanked him for his support over the past eight years. He also mentioned that the RCP's PEEF programme support to this school is ending this year after over 25 years of association. In recognition of Mr. Ghimire's service, a 'Certificate of Recognition' was awarded together with a cash prize. Honouring him with Khada, flower bouquet, and the award, PP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty also gave some highlights of the RCP's flagship PEEF scholarship support programme since 1991. Mr. Ghimire also spoke a few words greatly appreciating this honour bestowed upon him by the RCP.

On behalf of all from the RCP, PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to all the awardees for their excellent contribution to the society and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi concluded the session with his own words of thanks.