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**Today's Main Programme:** Interaction Program on 'Health' on the occasion of the forthcoming 'World Heart Day – 29 Sept.' with fellowship dinner sponsored by Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi

**Forthcoming Programme:**  
2 October – No Meeting: 'Dashain Holiday'  
9 October - Business Meeting

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil  
**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
Nil

**Minutes of Meetings No.1577**

**Date: 2 Aswin 2074 / 18 September 2017**

1. President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha called the meeting no. 1577 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) receiving students, Headmasters/Teachers from 24 PEEF supported schools, and two Rotaracts including President Rubina Shakya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Dr. Mukti N. Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtns. Chandralekha and Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (NRs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra Thapa, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), – for the special 'KEEA' ceremony today
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for the successful cataract operations of both himself and his spouse and for the attendance of over 25 members today (NRs. 700).
  - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for the KEEA ceremony, making a yoga demonstration at a beauty contest, and daughter's birthday (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – for his article published in 'Desh Bikash'.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for media coverage (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the interclub meeting held on 17 September with PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha's excellent presentation on 'Club Administration' participated by 4 RCP members.
  - President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha reminded on the ICM being held on 25 September at Hotel Annapurna and the 1<sup>st</sup> Ethics Symposium on 16 October 2017. Details have already been shared with all by e-mail.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi reminded about the next week's interaction programme initiated by the Public Relations Committee of the RCP on the occasion of the forthcoming 'World Heart Day – 29 September'. A paper presentation on health issues with an interaction session will be followed by a fellowship dinner.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat – Rotary Club of Colombo Fort, Western Province, Sri Lanka; Chartered: 1989; and Members: 40. District: 3220, Clubs: 65 and Members: 1793.
7. Please see box below for a summary of the KEEA ceremony.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced contribution of NRs. 7,100 (NRs. 2,500 for attendance, and NRs. 4,600 for sunshine funds), attendance: 24 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 30 members and 3 make-ups.

## **Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) Ceremony**

President Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha welcomed all the participants to the Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) ceremony celebrated this year during Rotary's designated month for 'Basic Education and Literacy'. She appreciated the vision of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit for establishing the KEEA to reward the merit students from among the Rotary Club of Patan's Prajapati Education Endowment Fund (PEEF) supported students, which has been expanded to reward ten students with the support of several members of the Rotary Club of Patan. She mentioned that the KEEA ceremony in the presence of the Headmasters/Teachers also provided the opportunity to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness in its service towards the community, particularly the new generation.

PEEF Programme Manager Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan also welcomed all the guests and participants and provided a brief summary of the PEEF programme established in 1991 as well as the KEEA programme to compliment it, which was established in 2012. Ten top-scoring students in the final examination of grade IX from ten different schools supported by the PEEF are selected for the Award. All ten students were interviewed and categorised as one best all-round student, three second-best students, and six third-best students. RCP's annual magazine 'Souvenir' and a booklet 'Rotary Ka Kura' were also shared to give more details of the social activities of the RCP including the PEEF/KEEA programme.

Rtn. Maharjan then managed the award ceremony with recognition of the following students recognized by the RCP donors individually. The recognition included a framed KEEA Certificate and cash awards of NRs. 3,000, NRs. 5,000 and NRs. 12,000 respectively to the third, second and first prize winners:

<u><b>Student Name</b></u>	<u><b>School</b></u>	<u><b>RCP Donor</b></u>
<u><b>Third Prizes (6 students):</b></u>		
Bimal Dangol	Shree Rudrayani SS, Khokana	PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya
Bishal Lama Thing	Shree Mahendra Adarsha HSS, Imadole	Rtn. Lalita Thapa
Sagar Sunwar	Patan HSS, Patan Dhoka	Rtn. Sharada Prasai
Saroj Ghale	Shree Saraswoti SS, Lele	Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang
Soni Rai	Bal Binod SS, Na Tole	Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary
Tara Khadka	Shree Krishna HSS, Dhapakhel	Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar
<u><b>Second Prizes (3 students):</b></u>		
Sujib Pahari	Shree Path Pradarsak SS, Badikhel	Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty
Krishna Khatri	Lubhu Secondary School, Lubhu	Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha
Suravi Karki	Pragati Sichhya HSS, Kopundole	Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha
<u><b>First Prize (1 student):</b></u>		
Samdoma Sherpa	Tri Padma Vidyashram HSS, Pulchowk	Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit

Following the recognition of the ten students, first prize-winner Miss Samdoma Sherpa made eloquent remarks on behalf of all the award recipients and all the PEEF supported schools. She thanked the Rotary Club of Patan, its PEEF and KEEA programme and all its sponsors as well as her parents and teachers of her school. She highlighted how useful these recognitions have been for the students. She cited her own example as a success story. Coming from illiterate and economically poor but determined parents who facilitated all their five daughters' education, she mentioned that the RCP support has been truly inspirational and has indeed changed her life. She was also encouraged as the last year's first award winner was a friend from her own school. She aims to be a medical doctor and wants to engage herself in social service of the rural community.

Noting her aim to be a medical Doctor, Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi committed to support her in her efforts through his contacts. He also requested Samdoma to join the Rotary Club of Patan sponsored project to spread public awareness on Rheumatic Heart Disease in children.

Representing all the PEEF and KEEA supported schools, Mr. Krishna B. Maharjan from Rudrayani SS, Khokana thanked the Rotary Club of Patan iterating that sponsoring education of children is the most noble support of all, particularly to the economically deprived communities.

Representing the RCP Committee comprising of the RCP Secretary Rtn. Mahendra Thapa, Chairperson of the Service Projects Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan, and herself as the PEEF Coordinator and the President Elect, Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty gave the 'Vote of Thanks' to all for making this a very successful programme of the RCP. This also shows that public schools do bring about excellent students.