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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha's son Mr. Abhisekh Shrestha's presentation followed by fellowship</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 6 Mar. - Business Meeting 13 Mar.- Talk on 'Creating informed consumers on Food' 20Mar.- ClassificationTalk: Rtn.Shiv Khemka 27 Mar.- About Rotary: Q/A and discussion</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b> <b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 17 Feb., Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang – 18 Feb., and Rtn. Gautam Shakya – 26 Feb.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey– 18 Feb., Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – 19 Feb., Rtn. Gautam Shakya – 21 Feb., Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – 25 Feb., Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya – 26 Feb., &amp; Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – 27 Feb.</p>
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**Minutes of Meetings No.1547**

**Date: 9 Falgun 2073 / 20 Feb. 2017**

1. President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the meeting no. 1547 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mrs. Munu Rajkarnikar, spouse of late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai; Family of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit – Mr. and Mrs. Kunda & Milan Dixit, Ms. Rupa Joshi, and Ms. Shanta Dixit.; PDG Rtn. Tulsi Maharjan from RC Branchburg, USA; Headmasters or their Representatives from 27 PEEF supported schools, 10 Award winning students; Parents of Ms. Mandira Shrestha; Rotaract Peshal Bhattarai; District Chairman and Members of Inner Wheel and spouses of RCP Members.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. On behalf of the entire RCP family, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha read and presented the memento in loving memory of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit to his family.
5. Ms. Munu Rajkarnikar, spouse of late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai was honoured on behalf of the RCP by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya with a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Pin and certificate for her outstanding support to her late husband in Rotary work.
6. Contributions:
  - Ms. Munu Rajkarnikar handed over a cheque of NRs. 100,000 for the KEEA for two additional students in the name of late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai.
  - PDG Rtn. Dr. Tulsi Maharjan handed over a cheque of US \$650.00 being RC Branchburg's, USA, annual contribution to the PEEF.
  - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha contributed NRs. 25,000 for Koshish, National Mental Health Self-Help Organization. The RCP had proposed its founding President Mr. Matrika Devkota for the 'Gopal Kamala Rajbhandary Vocational Excellence Award 2017'. While his candidature was seriously considered, another candidate was selected for the award.
  - Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha also contributed NRs. 1,500 being cost of 10 copies of 'Rotary Ka Kura' given to the 10 KEEA winners.
7. Rotary News/Information:
  - RCP had an excellent participation (20 members and 4 spouses) in various programmes during the District Conference held from 17-19 February 2017. The RCP Team reached the finals of the Rota Quiz competition and got the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up prize. The RCP also raised NRs. 32,450 from the sales of 'Rotary Ka Kura' during the District Conference.
  - PDG Rtn. Dr. Tulsi Maharjan briefed on the 5<sup>th</sup> USA-Nepal Humanitarian Award Ceremony being held on Sat., 4 March 2017, at Ashok Party Palace, Lalitpur at 3:30p.m. The RCP is also one of the co-hosts of this event organized by RI District 7510 USA, our District, and Friends of Nepal, New Jersey, USA. RCP family was requested for maximum participation (Registration fee is NRs. 1,000).
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Joint Secretary announced the attendance of: 40 guests including 10 KEEA recipients, 1 Rotaract, 32 members, 5 spouses of RCP members, and 4 make-ups **(A total of 78 + 4 make-ups)**

**Summary of the 'Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award' (KEEA)  
Programme of Rotary Year 2016-2017**

President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty conducted the KEEA programme of Rotary Year 2016-2017 welcoming all present on this special day. In his introductory statement, he mentioned how the RCP family was extremely sad with the absence of late Rtns. Kamalmani Dixit and Narayan Govind Halwai on this special occasion. But we are sure that they are watching over us from heaven smiling and patting the KEEA winners to study hard and excel in their endeavours.

The RCP's flagship programme 'Prajapati Education Endowment Fund' known as PEEF started in 1991 and has reached a Trust Fund of close to 1 crore 16 lakh Nepalese Rupees, earnings from which cover the annual scholarships. Late Rtn. Narayan Halwai worked very hard for many years to manage this programme. This year, scholarships were provided to some 480 students in 27 schools of the Lalitpur district worth NRs. 907,500 in grades 7 to 10.

Close to 200 RCP Members, their family, relatives, friends and other well-wishers have contributed to reach this level of the Trust Fund. We are very proud that it is a directly club owned project without any external Rotary grants. The annual distribution programme is participated by all of the RCP family on a totally voluntary basis – we consider this as the most important reason for the continued success of the PEEF programme.

Late Kamalmani ji saw the good the PEEF was doing. PEEF is first a need based programme, but also rewards merit. Late Rtn. Kamalmani ji thought of recognizing the merit among the PEEF recipients and contributed to establish an annual award to the best performing all-round student from among the PEEF recipients. This recognition would also provide advocacy and motivate other students. The first KEEA was NRs. 5,000 in 2013, and under the sponsorship of Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit it has reached a prize of NRs. 12,000 since last year.

The KEEA was further expanded with sponsorship of other RCP Members, and since last year, we have 10 awards. The second prize is NRs. 5,000 each to 3 students and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is NRs. 3,000 each to 6 additional students. Ten awardees obtaining highest marks in their grade 9 final examination are selected from the 27 PEEF supported schools and the RCP's KEEA Committee ranks them following interviews.

The RCP hopes to continue with the vision of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit and expand it as much as possible in the coming years.

On behalf of the RCP family, President Rtn. Mallapaty thanked the entire PEEF Management Committee and specifically the KEEA selection committee comprising of PEEF Coordinator Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha, Programme Manager Rtn. Padam Lall Maharjan, and Service Projects Chairperson Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty for all the work they had done.

Following the introductory statement, award certificates and cash prizes were provided by sponsors as follows:

**3<sup>rd</sup> prizes** (in alphabetical order): Mr. Sushan Dulal, Shri Udaya Kharka SS, Chapagaun; Mr. Suwash Guragain, Madan Smarak SS, Pulchowk; Ms. Sindhu Jayaswal, Pragati Sikchhya HSS, Kopundole; Ms. Purnima Maharjan, Shri Saraswati HSS, Thecho; Ms. Gyanu Kala Rai, Shri Balkumari SS, Sunakothi; and Ms. Ambika Sunwar, Adarsha Kanya HSS, Mangal Bazar.

Sponsors: Rtns. PDG Tirtha Man Sakya, Lalita Thapa, Sharada Prasai, Gautam Shakya, Nirmal Pradhanang, & Siba B. Rajbhandary

**2<sup>nd</sup> prizes** (in order of ranking): (i) Ms. Renuka Shrestha Mahanta, Shree Mahendragram SS, Tikathali; (ii) Mr. Krishna Bahadur Pahadi, Shree Path Pradarsak SS, Badikhel, & (iii) Mr. Subarna Maharjan, Shree Rudrayani SS, Khokana.

Sponsors: Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha, Matsyendra and Chandralekha Kayastha, and Bijaya Mallapaty.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize:** Ms. Mandira Shrestha, Tri Padma Viyashram, Pulchowk.

Sponsor: On behalf of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit, his eldest son Mr. Kunda Dixit awarded the winner in the presence of Ms. Mandira Shrestha's parents.

Following the awards, the first prize winner Ms. Mandira Shrestha made an outstanding speech thanking the RCP, late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit and all the sponsors of the KEEA, on behalf of all PEEF supported schools and recipients of KEEA.

Finally, Ms. Rupa Joshi, daughter of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit, spoke on behalf of all the family, how heart touching the KEEA ceremony had been, and which reminded them of yet new areas where their father had contributed and was so very much appreciated.