

## Issue No. 1477

Date: 13 Aswin 2079 / 29 September 2022

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> World Heart Day celebration</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 3 Oct. – No Meeting (Dashain – Maha Astami) 10 Oct. – Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1823

Date: 3 Aswin 2079 / 19 September 2022

- President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP Meeting No.1823 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Bharat B. Khanal, Ms. Prabha L. Amatya, and Mr. Jaya Ram Maharjan from the 3 adopted schools of the RCP; Mr. & Mrs. Deepak Kafle; and 2 Rotaracts.
- The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- 'Happy News' contributions:
  - Rtn. Mukti N. & Praveena Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 500). On this occasion, following the meeting, Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha also offered a fellowship evening to all the participants.
  - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – for joining the weekly meeting after some time (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for President's request (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka's excellent work of putting all the Lalitdhara Souvenir Issues in the RCP's website as permanent record (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for the above and to welcome today's guests from the schools (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the above & for the wedding anniversary of Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the surprise recovery of his spouse's lost mobile phone (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for Shiv P. Khemka's work mentioned above, and for her spouse's cousin's contribution to the RCP's PEEF TF (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for a wonderful 'Golf' trip to Devchuli resort (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for being honoured by Lubhu school, and for the talk programme of the 3 adopted schools of the RCP on TEACH today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the above, and for the Golf trip (NRs. 500).
  - Rotaract President Sandeep Chhetri – for a successful 'Blood Donation' including a health check-up programme in collaboration with the RCP, the IW Club of Patan, Kist Medical Collage, and Prayas Health Foundation (NRs. 500). Rtr. Chhetri also briefed on the achievement of a highest number of project activities within 2 months carried out by the Rotaract Club of Patan as confirmed by the District Rotaract Representative.
- Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty handed over:
    - a contribution of NRs. 51,000 from his cousin and spouse Mr. and Mrs. Surendra and Geeta Pradhananga to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund. They contributed this from the receipt of their senior citizens' allowance; and
    - a contribution of NRs. 200,000 in the name of Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund as pledged earlier.
- Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty updated the RCP's planned support to the current disaster in Pakistan with a total pledges/contribution of NRs. 418,600.
- Salutation: By Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey - Rotary Club of Kenmore, Queensland, Australia; Chartered: 1969; and members: 48. District: 9600, Clubs: 68, and members: 1764. He also briefed on the highlights of the city.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 8,850 (NRs. 6,550 to the sunshine fund including for one 'no Rotary Pin', and NRs. 2,300 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 5 guests, 19 members, 11 make-ups, and 2 Rotaracts.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Preeti Khemka

- Q. Name the five countries with highest numbers of Rotarians A. USA 341,515, India 123,941, Japan 88,685, Republic of Korea 61,258, and Brazil 56,346.
- Q. What is the annual RI membership per capita dues in US \$ for the Rotary Year 2022-2023? A. US \$72 billed in two half-year instalments of US \$35.50 each and one time US \$1 for Council on Legislation (COL).
- Q. Name the largest Rotary Club of Nepal with number of members as of 30.6.2022. A. RC Butwal with 107 members.

### Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan opened the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan and requested the Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi to present the audit report for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 as well proposals related to the audit.

Treasurer Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi presented the audit report, which had already been shared with the RCP members. The auditor has certified that the financial statements of Rotary Year 2021-2022 give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rotary Club of Patan as of 30 June 2020. The AGM approved the report.

A proposal was made to appoint auditors 'B&B Associates', Chartered Accountants, Lalitpur for Rotary Year 2022-2023 with a remuneration of NRs. 30,000 plus taxes. The AGM approved the proposal.

The AGM also noted a 'Vote of Thanks' to the current auditor Maheswarendra B. Shrestha & Co. for their excellent service to the RCP, following which the AGM was adjourned.

### Summary of presentation on behalf of the RCP adopted schools on 'Approaches for the transformation of community school into child friendly happy school'

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan welcomed the representatives of the RCP's three adopted schools and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht introduced them starting with congratulations to the three - Mahendragram, Tikathali and Lubhu schools - for their schools' academic excellence. He introduced them as follows:

Mr. Bharat Babu Khanal, Headmaster, Mahendragram Secondary School, Tikathali  
Ms. Prabha Laxmi Amatya, Headmaster, Lubhu Secondary School, Lubhu  
Mr. Jaya Ram Maharjan, Representative of Balkumari Higher Secondary School, Sunakothe

On behalf of the three schools, Mr. Bharat Babu Khanal (M.Ed.) who has been in the teaching field for the last 28 years, made a power-point supported presentation on the approaches for the transformation of community schools into child friendly happy schools. Despite being the public schools in the villages, two of the schools were recognized for excellence by Mahalaxmi municipality. Mahendragram for its students getting very good grade points and Lubhu for the highest-grade point and recognition of the Headmaster in accounts subject.

Mr. Bharat Babu Khanal appreciated the work of RC Patan in supporting the schools and adopting them for a comprehensive partnership under the Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission/TEACH programme of Rotary in Nepal. On behalf of the three schools, he committed to monitor the activities and provide progress reports as per the MOUs signed with the RCP and continue to work in partnership with the RCP.

In terms of the scope of the work, Mr. Khanal described the objectives and planned activities under each of the area of the acronym 'TEACH', which means Teacher Support, E-Learning, Adult Literacy, Child Development and Happy School. He also explained the nine key elements necessary to have a child friendly school. Through the presentation of photographs, he also briefed on the present status of the schools and what initiatives have already been taken with various levels of achievements, including continuous PEEF scholarship distribution by the RCP.

On behalf of the RCP, TEACH Coordinator Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Mr. Bharat Babu Khanal and the representatives of all the three schools. He acknowledged a slack due to the Covid-19 pandemic and, with the needs expressed in the presentation, committed to move forward to partner with the schools in their short to long-term plans for these schools to move towards model schools in accordance with the Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan concluded the session with his own words of thanks for the excellent presentation and participation.