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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Vocational Awards Programme</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b></p> <p>6 March – Business Meeting (On zoom)</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b></p> <p>Rtn Sunil Gupta – 1 Mar.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversary:</u></b></p> <p>Rtn. Bharat N. and Meera Joshi – 25 Feb. Rtn. Piyush B. and Ramita Bajracharya – 27 Feb. Rtn. Pushkar M. and Rita Shakya – 27 Feb. Rtn. Kuldeep R. &amp; Meera B. Tuladhar – 29 Feb.</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1842**

**Date: 8 Falgun 2079 / 20 February 2023**

- President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1842 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the President: Chief Guest Mr. Kunda M. Dixit with spouse Milan Dixit, Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters of the RCP's PEEF supported schools, Awardee students with guardians, Rotaracts and the RCP family, and guest Lion. Sushil Mallapaty.
- The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar (NRs. 1,000) and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 1,000) – for 'Happy Birthday'.
  - Rtns. Suraj Pradhan and Lila B. Baniya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. & Chandra L. Pandey– for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Yagya B. & Mary Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from Bangkok, Thailand (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for having Ms. Milan Dixit as a guest today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for today's KEEA programme (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for his TV interview on AP channel (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for having the 'GSSA' programme today (NRs. 2,000).
  - Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 500), Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500) and Shiva K. Pradhan (NRs. 500) – for the KEEA and GSSA programmes of today.
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for completing one year of cycle training of women in Jawalakhel (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for having today's leadership training of headmasters of the RCP's PEEF supported schools and the GSSA/KEEA programmes (NRs. 500).
- Other Contributions: Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang contributed NRs. 2,500 to the RCP's PEEF programme fund from his attendance at the Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital board meeting.
- Rotary Information: Rotaract Club of Patan secretary Rtr. Puja Bhujel announced the nomination of Rtr. Richa Aryal as the President Elect of the Rotaract Club of Patan. The RCP family conveyed its congratulations on this nomination for the Presidency in 2023-2024.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting, by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 14,600 (NRs. 12,000 to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 2,600 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 37 guests, 3 Rotaracts, 26 members, 1 spouse, & 8 make-ups.

**Summary of Rotary Club of Patan's 2nd Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA) and 10th Kamalmani Educational Excellence (KEEA) Programmes**

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Kunda M. Dixit and his spouse Ms. Milan Dixit and all the participants to the RCP's annual GSSA and KEEA programme and Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty and Mahendra S. Rawal conducted the programmes.

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty introduced the KEEA and GSSA programme and the awardees highlighting:

The RCP's Flagship PEEF Programme started since 1991, which is need based programme and currently supports over 400 students in grades 7 to 12 in 25 public schools of Lalitpur district. The KEEA and GSSA programmes have been added to recognise merit. While KEEA recognises 10 best students receiving PEEF scholarship support based upon grade 9 results (more on this below), the GSSA programme recognises two best students receiving PEEF scholarship support based upon grade 11 results. This was initiated by Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha and supported by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi with first batch award given last year. With the second batch this year, a total of 4 students are receiving the GSSA of NRs. 14,000 every year. (Cont'd.....2)

This year's recipients: 1. Mr. Kiran Nepal, Phulchowki Higher Secondary School, Thaiba, Headmaster – Gopal K. Pandey. 11th Grade result was 3.74 grade point or A+ level. Joined Engineering at TU Institute of Engineering, Thapathali Campus (Classes start in Baisakh 2080).

2. Ms. Susmita Thapa, Shree Chandi Adarsha Sarall Higher Secondary School, Chakupat. Headmaster – Kul Bahadur Nepali. 11th Grade result was 3.42 grade point or A level. Joined Baneswor Multiple College (BBS) (Classes start in Baisakh 2080).

Continuation of Cash Award to last year's awardees: 1. Bir Dhoj Tamang (from Shree Mahendra Adarsh, Imadol. Sponsored by: Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 42,000 per year as an exception). Studying Diploma in Civil Engineering (last year of a 3-year programme). 2. Priti Pandey (from Shree Bal Kumari, Sunakothi), Sponsored by: Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. Studying Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) 2nd year at Patan Campus. (Currently on travel).

Initiator and sponsor Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha spoke a few words on behalf of himself and the second sponsor Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi about the GSSA programme. They have been very pleased with the start of this programme and hoped that this will truly support the higher-level education of the selected students and that the programme will continue to expand to support more students.

This year's awards were handed over by the two sponsors and the President to the three awardees named above.

On behalf of the schools, headmaster Mr. Gopal Kumar Pandey spoke a few words appreciating this initiative of the Rotary Club of Patan and thanked the sponsors for their initiative and contributions. On behalf of the recipients of the awards, Ms. Sushmita Thapa spoke a few words of gratefulness and how this recognition and support will go a long way in fulfilling their dreams of higher-level education.

Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal introduced the RCP's KEEA, which started with the initiative of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit in 2013 to recognise the best student among the PEEF scholarship recipients. Since then, it has expanded several times to reach the current 10 awards, which is the 10th year of the award. The funds have increased with contributions from Late Kamalmani Dixit's sons Kunda & Kanak Mani Dixit, late Rtn. Narayan Halwai, and several members of the RCP. The ten award certificates this year has a total of NRs. 150,000 (One 1st NRs. 30,000; three second at NRs. 20,000 each, and six third at 10,000 each). Ten top-scoring students in the final examination of grade nine from ten different schools supported by the RCP's PEEF scholarship programme are selected. All ten students are called for an interview and categorised as: one best all-round student, three second-best students and six third-best students.

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan and the individual sponsors handed-over the certificates and cash prizes to the awardees as follows:

1st Award: (NRs. 30,000 to the best student): Ms. Sabina Lama from Tri Padma Vidyashram Secondary School, Pulchowk. Sponsor: Late Rtn. Kamal Mani Dixit represented by his son Mr. Kunda Dixit

2nd Award for 3 students: (NRs. 20,000 each). Awardees:

Mr. Roshan Timalsina, Phulchowki Secondary School, Thaiba.  
Ms. Sanchita Bhujel, Madan Smarak Secondary School, Pulchowk.  
Ms. Nikita Yadav, Lubhu Secondary School, Lubhu

Sponsors: (i) Late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai 8,000 and Rtn. Ganesh R. & Bijaya L. Shrestha 12,000

ii. Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha 7,000, Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha 5,000, and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey 8,000

iii. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty 7,000, Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha 5,000, and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey 8,000

3rd Award for 6 students: (NRs. 10,000 each) Awardees:

Mr. Basanta Thapa Magar, Shree Krishna Secondary School, Dhapakhel.  
Ms. Jasana Maharjan, Shree Rudrayani Secondary School, Khokana.  
Ms. Binita Thing, Shree Siddhimangal Secondary School, Sano Gaun.  
Ms. Ishwari Kumari Ayer, Shree Sarswoti Secondary School, Lele  
Ms. Deep Jyothi Guragain, Shree Mahendragram Secondary School, Tikathali.  
Ms. Dilkumari Pahari, Shree Patha Pradarsak Secondary School, Badikhel.

Sponsors: i. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya 5,000, ii. Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa 5,000, iii. Rtn. Sharada Prasai 5,000, iv. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang 5,000,  
v. Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary 5,000, and vi. Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar 5,000. i. to vi. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey - NRs. 5000 each to all six 30,000.

On behalf of the awardees, the first award winner Ms. Sabina Lama spoke a few words of gratitude and thanks for the support provided by the RCP's KEEA programme acknowledging the very important help, which encourages them to do similar social service to the community when they are capable.

On behalf of all the schools, headmaster Mr. Hari Khanal of Tri-Padma school spoke a few words of thanks for the RCP's PEEF and KEEA inspirational support in the education sector of public schools of Lalitpur district.

Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit appreciated the RCP's management of the KEEA programme every year envisioned by his late father Kamalmani Dixit and assured of his continued support to the RCP's KEEA programme.

On behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi thanked all for their participation to this outstanding event to further the education of children. He gave a motivational talk on the importance of education as a fundamental need for the betterment of the society and country as a whole. He thanked the Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit and his spouse Ms. Milan Dixit, the RCP's sponsors, parents/guardians of the awardees, teachers of the schools and above all the students who merited to be recognised. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan concluded the session with his own words of thanks to all and, in particular, to organisers of the award programmes.