

Issue No. 1533

Date: 4 Mangshir 2080 / 20 November 2023

<u>Today's Programme:</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
Regular Weekly Meeting via Zoom	<u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – 12 Nov. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 22 Nov. <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1878

Date: 20 Kartik 2080 / 6 November 2023

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed all the participants and called the RCP's Meeting No.1878 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News contribution pledges:
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha - for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Nabin B. Maharjan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA family vacation (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for spouse's birthday and for good Board meeting/fellowship (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary Information:
 - Jajarkot/Rukum Earthquake: President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the letter received from the District on Rotary District's plan to respond in support of the recent earthquake victims in Jajarkot/Rukum. The RCP would also like to contribute to support the earthquake victims for their rehabilitation as soon as the rescue/emergency phase is over, in consultation and through the Rotary District.
 - Galkot/Baglung Trip: Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam updated on the planned RCP field trip with health camp during 18-22 November 2023. The team of Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam, Prakash R. Regmi, and Khadak S. Bisht are meeting to further update the detailed plans, and as there will be no regular weekly meeting before the start of the trip, they will be communicating with all via e-mail/Viber messages. In view of the large RCP group going on the trip, it was agreed to have the weekly meeting of Monday, 20 November 2023 via Zoom.
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha reminded all on the invitation to the book-launch by spouse Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha about her late father at Himalayan Hotel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 11 November 2023.
5. Remembering former RCP Rotarian and friend Kiran Thapa: Several RCP friends (Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, Rabendra R. Pandey, Khadak S. Bisht, Shiva K. Pradhan, Gabriele Mallapaty, Ramesh L. Maskay, Padam L. Maharjan, Prakash R. Regmi, and Mahendra S. Rawal) spoke remembering Kiran and the memorable times spent with him. RCP family also conveyed their support, deep condolences, and sympathies to Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa on this tragic loss, which Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa very much appreciated and thanked all for their support in this difficult time. She also invited all to join her for prayers of the 13th Day on Friday, 10 November 2023 after 2 p.m. at her residence, Civil Homes, House No. 11, Bhaisepati.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Preeti Khemka - RC of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; Chartered: 1925; & Members: 51. District: 9270, Clubs: 49, & Members: 1080.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: contribution pledges of NRs. 3,000 (50% of NRs. 1,500 each to the Operational and Sunshine Funds of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 24 members and 11 make-ups.

In memory of Rtn. Suraj Pradhan's mother, who passed away last week, the RCP family observed a minute of silence. On behalf of the RCP family, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal conveyed the deepest condolences to Rtn. Suraj Pradhan and the family and wished for an eternal peace of the departed soul.

4th Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 3 November 2023

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 4th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 3 November 2023 at the Bakery Café, Pulchowk, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 4th Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 3rd Board meeting were reviewed.
2. Status of the outstanding Board decisions were reviewed, and focal points were assigned/requested for those requiring further action. The focal points should request support from the President/Secretary and other members as needed to move forward on the following:
 - i. Women Empowerment Project proposal with budget – Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal
 - ii. Revival of Interact Clubs including the one in Godawari – Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal
 - iii. Visit of the RCP's Global Grant project on RHD implementation site during the trip of RI's Ms. Laura Bradly to Nepal in November 2023 – this plan was cancelled.
 - iv. Reinforcement of attendance requirement rule for RCP members – President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal
 - v. Further action on environmental activity and on animal welfare for human health project – Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht.
 - vi. Revision of the RCP's Strategic Planning – Rtn. Preeti Khemka with the assigned team for this.
3. Progress update on the District Grant for KOSHISH with the sponsorship of RC Rosebud-Rye, Australia: Follow-ups and work on a detailed activity plan with budget has been ongoing with KOSHISH.
4. Progress update on the RHD Project – This project is moving ahead as planned. The training component has been completed and the first field activity to Galkot, Baglung is planned during 18-22 November 2023 by focal points Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam and Prakash R. Regmi. For this field activity, additional funding of an estimated NRs. 40,000 was requested. It was agreed to cover this from the RCP's health camp budget of NRs. 20,000 with the rest to be covered from the funds with the RCP from RHD well-wishers.
5. The RCP's Galkot, Baglung Trip 18-22 November 2023: The Board suggested **a deadline of 11 November 2022** to confirm the names of the RCP participants as well as from Nepal Heart Foundation to facilitate organisation of this important trip. It was also requested to have Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht to support the focal point Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam & Prakash R. Regmi to manage this trip with regular updates to all the participants.
6. Update on KEEA/GSSA Programme: Selection of KEEA awardees has been completed. A training/orientation session to all the Headmasters of the RCP's PEEF supported schools have also been decided to be conducted by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam with the support of the Ullens School Principal. Date and venue for this is being confirmed by the President. Selection of new GSSA candidates have also been done, but the award will be given once their admission for advanced studies is confirmed later.
7. President Elect and Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end October 2023. She will be reminding: (i) members who opted to pay the membership dues in two instalments to pay their second instalment by December 2023, and (ii) concerned RCP members on those who have not yet contributed for the advertisements in the RCP's Lalitdhara Souvenir to settle their dues.
8. The 5th Board meeting of RY 2023-24 will be hosted by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey on Friday, 1 December 2023, while the 6th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha.
9. For the Rotaract Club of Patan's request for a venue to host the Deusi/Vailo programme, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi has offered his residence. In case of his travel, Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht/Maheswari Bisht Rawal will check the alternative venue in their complex.
10. On behalf of all present, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha for hosting the meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Host Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha added his words of thanks for the participation of all.