

**Issue No. 1536**

**Date: 25 Mangshir 2080 / 11 December 2023**

**Today's Programme:**

Regular weekly meeting with the 'Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) Programme.

**Venue: Aviation Museum, Sinamangal**

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – 12 Dec.

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – 14 Dec.

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – 11 Dec.

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1881**

**Date: 18 Mangshir 2080 / 4 December 2023**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1881 to order via Zoom with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News contribution pledges:
  - Rtn. Lila B. & Sudha Baniya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtns. Khadak S. & Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of the RCP, and for 'Super Senior (above 70) category Winner of Sagarmatha Lumbini Insurance Golf Tournament held at RNGC, Nepal on 2nd Dec 2023' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for 'Happy Landing' from travel, Ullens Foundation awarded by the Prime Minister for being the highest contributor among the educational institutions to the Social Security Fund (SSF), and he and his spouse Sajani having done the 'Kanyadan' as the parents of the orphan girl cared by Nepal Youth Foundation since she was 5 years old (NRs. 1,500).
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for having daughter Jabina, USA, on holidays in Nepal for 2 weeks (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for a grand family reunion on the Nepali festivities and contributing \$151 to a French American school on 'Giving Tuesday' (NRs. 1,300).
4. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the District's virtual meeting with the chairs of district committees and PDGs wherein the DG highlighted the following:
    - During Rotary's 'Disease Prevention and Treatment Month' of December emphasise related work'.
    - He has visited 63 clubs so far and noted lack of Rotary knowledge among members in some clubs and suggested to enhance this at the club level.
    - Assistant Governors, Presidents/Secretaries review meeting is being held on 6 January 2024 in Pokhara for which he requested compulsory participation President and Secretary from clubs.
    - The District contributed NRs. 1,111,111 to the Prime Minister's relief fund for the earthquake victim in Jajarkot and committed to adopt a Rotary village with the construction of 50 houses in Dalit locality there. Support of all clubs for this endeavour is sought.
    - Entry in My Rotary of new members was emphasised (The RCP has already done so).
    - Request was made to all clubs to contribute pledges made to The Rotary Foundation.
    - Disease Prevention & Treatment chair requested for more focussed work, including on mental health, in addition to doing the health camps.
    - IT committee chair emphasised the use of Rotary District mobile App. So far, only 1737 have downloaded the App.
    - Membership committee chair informed on the increase of 218 new members with a loss of 95 existing members. The target growth is 10% of which only 3.86% attained. He emphasised the need to retain existing members.
    - DGN Designate briefed on the visit of Rotary Foundation Regional Grants Officer Ms. Laura Bradley who commented that the global grants implementation in Nepal was satisfactory, and they were sustainable, and needs based. He also requested the next year's committees to be recorded in My Rotary in December.
  - The planned KEEA function during the regular weekly meeting will be held at the aviation museum, Sinamangal, on 11 December 2023. Before the meeting, a two-hour training session for the RCP's PEEF supported schools' headmasters will be held by Rtn. Ganaga R. Gautam in collaboration with the Principal of Ullens School on school governance for quality education.
5. Briefing on the RCP's plans of 'Animal Welfare for Public Health' project by Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha on behalf of the RCP's Committee on this: Rtn. Shrestha explained the RCP's past activities (Done with Sneha's Care and Veterinary Practitioner Associations Nepal (VPAN), and the purpose of this year's activity with an integrated approach, benefiting animals, public health, and environment.

It was realised that vaccination alone was not enough, and the RCP committee suggested to have rabies vaccination, spaying of female dogs, neutering of male dogs this year. A good implementation agency 'National Zoonosis & Food Hygiene Centre' has been identified that has offered the best rate of NRs. 2,450 per dog, which will also cover awareness raising at Harisiddhi

school with talks, flexi charts and caps etc. targeted for Saturdays. The vaccination and surgery of 25 to 30 dogs may be done by one doctor. The number of dogs to be covered will depend upon available funding. The activity could be expanded to the RCP's adopted school locations at a later stage.

The RCP's currently available budget of NRs. 260,000 (Sponsors Mukti Narayan & Praveena Foundation NRs. 200,000, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey NRs. 50,000 & Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan NRs. 10,000) will cover about 104 dogs. Participation and contributions were requested from RCP members to expand this to cover as many dogs as possible. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam pledged NRs. 10,000 for this.

During the Questions/Answers session, additional funding possibility from the RCP was also raised, which will be reviewed separately. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal concluded with an appeal to all for contributions to expand this year's campaign to cover as many dogs as possible.

6. Salutation: By Rtn. Som Paneru – RC of Laholm, Sweden; Chartered: 1956; & Members 38. District: 2400, Clubs: 59, & Members: 3108.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 5,300 (50% of NRs. 2,650 each to the sunshine and operational funds of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 17 members, and 11 make-ups.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 1 December 2023**

Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented the minutes/decisions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on 1 December 2023 at Elements restaurant, Baluwatar, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed with updates on actions taken so far. Action on Women Empowerment, Interact Clubs revival, and revision of RCP's Strategic Planning are still being taken.
2. KEEA Programme will be held on 11 December 2023 at the Civil Aviation Museum. The training/orientation session to all the headmasters of the RCP's PEEF supported schools, to be conducted by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam with the support of the Ullens School Principal, is also planned and will be confirmed shortly.
3. 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 progressed well with revised budget being finalised.
4. Proposal on 'Improving Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics' (STEM) awareness programme in the RCP's adopted schools has been received from our partner, Organization of Women Scientists in Nepal (OWSN). This needs further discussion with OWSN for details including on budget.
5. President Elect and Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial status of the club with income and expenditures as of end November 2023. Reminders have been sent to (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.
6. Progress update on the RHD Project – This project is moving ahead as planned. The first field activity to Galkot, Baglung held during 18-22 November 2023 was a grand success with 979 children checked from the RHD project. This figure does not include additional adults/senior citizens checked during the health camps. The RCP's RHD committee will continue to manage the implementation of the project with Nepal Heart Foundation as required.
7. A committee was formed for the election of the RCP's 2024-2025 Board under the coordination of President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khema and the membership of President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha.
8. It was confirmed that the 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of RY 2023-24 will be hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha on Friday, 29 December 2023.
9. The Board approved a contribution of NRs. 10,000 to sponsor the District TRF seminar held on 25 November 2023 subject to confirmation that the RCP was mentioned as one of the sponsor clubs. It was noted that future such requests should be received in writing and in advance.
10. In cases of urgent funding requests, the Board agreed that the President may commit up to NRs. 10,000 from the RCP funds while submitting the proposal for approval of its Board. Previously this limit was up to NRs. 5,000.
11. On behalf of all Board members and guests, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Preeti Khemka gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Rabendra R. and Chandra Lekha Pandey for hosting the meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner that included the participation of spouses. All participants appreciated the fellowship and spoke to thank the hosts, and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi spoke the final words of appreciation. Host Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey concluded with his appreciations for the participation of all.