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**Date: 2 Poush 2080 / 18 December 2023**

**Today's Programme:**

Regular weekly meeting

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – 17 Dec.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1882**

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

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No.1882 to order with 15 seconds' of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Special guests from late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit family - Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit, Ms. Shanta Dixit, Ms. Rupa (Dixit) Joshi; Headmasters/Teachers from all the RCP's PEEF supported schools; KEEA Awardees, GSSA Awardee, Rotaracts, Rtn. Ed Engels, journalist from 'Ankhi Jhhyal' Mr. Gopal J. Thapa, and the RCP family.
3. On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Rawal specially thanked Mr. Medin Lamichane, Principal of Ullens Schools and the RCP's Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam for conducting a special training seminar on school governance and leadership for quality education. The training seminar was held before the RCP's regular meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. for the headmasters of the RCP's 24 PEEF supported schools. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam briefed on the highly successful seminar that was appreciated by all the participants.
4. President Rtn. Rawal also thanked Mr. Raju Mahat representing Capt. Bed Upreti of the 'Aviation Museum' for making the facility available for the RCP's events today, and Mr. Devendra Chaudhari/Ms. Siza Bajracharya from Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka's 'Mahavir Shree International Pvt. Ltd' for providing logistics support for the meetings.
5. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
6. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for 'Happy Birthday' (ha.ba.)
  - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
7. Please see the box below for a summary of the main programme of today.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced the meeting attendance of 5 guests, 6 Rotaracts, 26 school headmasters/teachers, 11 students, 14 members, 1 spouse, and 12 make-ups.

**Summary of the 11<sup>th</sup> 'Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) Programme**

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed the special guests from late Kamalmani ji's family and all the participants to the above-mentioned programme.

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty conducted the programme by remembering late Rtns. Kamalmani Dixit and Narayan Govind Halwai on this special occasion. On behalf of the RCP, he congratulated all the KEEA winners and encouraged them to study hard and excel in their studies further.

Giving some background, he talked about the RCP's flagship programme 'Prajapati Education Endowment Fund' known as PEEF started in 1991, which has reached a Trust Fund of 1.6 crore and an additional programme fund of 44 lakh Nepalese Rupees. The RCP provides annual scholarships from these funds to over 400 students in 24 schools of Lalitpur district every year. This year, scholarships were provided to 418 students with a total amount of NRs. 16.81 Lakh in grades 7 to 12.

Some 200 RCP Members, their family, relatives, friends, and other well-wishers have contributed to reach this level of the Trust Fund. The annual distribution programme is participated by all the RCP family on a voluntary basis, which is the most important reason for the continued success of the PEEF programme.

PEEF is a need-based programme, but also rewards merit. Late Kamalmani ji thought of recognizing the merit students among the PEEF recipients and contributed to establish an annual award to the best performing all-round

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student from among the PEEF recipients at grade 9. This recognition also provides advocacy and motivates other students. The first KEEA was NRs. 5,000 in 2013.

The KEEA programme has since expanded with additional donations from late Kamalmani ji's family and sponsorship of other RCP members. Today, there are 10 awards with certificates and cash prizes. The first award is NRs. 30,000 in the name of late Kamalmani ji. The second award is NRs. 20,000 each to 3 students and the 3rd award is NRs. 10,000 each to 6 additional students – thus reaching a total award of NRs. 150,000 to 10 students from 10 different schools.

On behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Mallapaty thanked the entire PEEF Management Committee and specifically the KEEA selection committee comprising of President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, PEEF Coordinator Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka and Service Projects Chair Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty for all the work of the committee.

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Special Guest Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit and the RCP sponsors awarded the 6 third, 3 second and 1 first prize recipients respectively with award certificates and cash prizes as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> Award recipients:

- Ms. Sunaina Maharjan, Shree Bishankhu Narayan School, Godamchour
- Ms. Asmita Gharti Magar, Shree Krisna School, Dhapakhel
- Mr. Sijan Maharjan, Shree Siddhimangal School, Sao Gaon
- Ms. Swastika B.K., Tri Padma Vidyashram School, Pulchowk
- Ms. Salina Waiba, Shree Chandi Adarsha Saral School, Chakupat
- Mr. Resham Majhi, Kitini School, Kitini

(Sponsors: Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey – NRs. 30,000, PDG Tirtha Man Sakya – 5,000, Lalita C. Thapa – 5,000, Sharada Prasai – 5,000, Nirmal Pradhanang – 5,000, Siba B. Rajbhandary – 5,000, and Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 5,000. Total: 60,000).

2<sup>nd</sup> Award recipients:

- Ms. Sunita Maya Shrestha, Adarsha Kanya Niketan School, Mangal Bazar
- Ms. Amrita Thapa, Shree Mahendragram School, Tikathali
- Mr. Shrawan Thapa, Shree Rudrayani School, Khokana

(Sponsors: late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai – NRs. 8,000, Rtns. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 7,000, Bijaya L. Shrestha – 15,000, Matsyendra and Chandralekha Kayastha – 7,000, Rabendra R. Pandey – 16,000, and Bijaya Mallapaty – 7000. (Total NRs. 60,000).

1<sup>st</sup> Award recipient:

- Mr. Yubesh Kharel, Shree Mahendra Adarsha School, Imadol.

(Sponsor: late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit – NRs. 30,000)

The RCP's selection panel found Mr. Yubesh Kharel to be the all-around best student among all the students interviewed. He not only excelled in his academic studies with the highest marks of 3.94 grade points, but also presented himself as a very well-motivated and confident student. Coming from an economically poor family, he aims to do social service in the community upon completion of his goal to become a computer engineer focussing on coding.

On behalf of all the awardees, Mr. Yubesh Kharel spoke a few words of thanks, and on behalf of all the schools, headmaster of Shree Mahendra Adarsha School, Mr. Ek Bahadur Bhandari thanked the RCP for the inspirational support to the public schools of Lalitpur district in the education sector.

An additional student, Ms. Sushmita Thapa from Shree Chandi Adarsha Saral School, Chakupat, studying BBS at Baneshwor Multiple College, was awarded NRs. 14,000 (for second year) from the RCP's Graduate Studies Scholarship Award programme sponsored by Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha/Chandralekha Kayastha and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi.

Special guests Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit, Ms. Shanta Dixit, and Ms. Rupa Joshi all thanked the RCP and spoke highly for continuing the KEEA programme initiated with the vision of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit. They remembered the imagination and creativity of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit and his contributions to Rotary, and to Nepali language.

On behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to all the participants and organisers for the truly excellent programme of KEEA and the preceding training seminar held today. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal concluded the meeting adding his own words of appreciation and thanks to all.