

Issue No. 1553 (with revised programme schedule)

Date: 17 Baisakh 2081 / 29 April 2024

Programme Scheule:

22 April – Mourning PDG late Tirtha M. Sakya. No Meeting
29 April - Talk Programme by Mr. Rishi Ram Dhakal,
President, Spinal Cord Injury Network Nepal (SCINN)
6 May – Business Meeting, and Remembering PDG late
Tirtha M. Sakya
13 May – To be confirmed.
20 May - Talk Programme by Dr. Sanjib Shrestha on 'Moral
Crisis for Medical Doctors in the USA'

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – 29 April
Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – 2 May

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Mahendra B. and Lalita Thapa – 14 April
Rtn. Jamuna K. and Meera Tamrakar – 21 April
Rtn. Sandhya Regmi & Dr. Dinesh 25 April
Rtns. Padam L. & Kamala Maharjan – 29 April

Minutes of Meeting No. 1898

Date: 3 Baisakh 2081 / 15 April 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No. 1898 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health and hapiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Guests welcomed by the President: AG Rtn. Tika N. Lohani; Vocational Awards recipients Ms. Prakriti Bhattarai and Mr. Min B. Achami; RI District 3292, President of RC Kamaladi; Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany; Mr. Anil Adhikari; Journalist Mr. Gopal J. Thapa; Ms. Amulya Rana; Teachers from Siddhi Mangal School; Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Hricha Aryal and Rotaracts; and RCP members' spouses.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gana R. Gautam – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. and Upasana Regmi – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for spouse Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal's 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for participation & talk at the District 3292 PETS Seminar in Chitwan and playing Golf at Miraya Resort (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for participation in the RCP's regular weekly meeting after some time (NRs. 500 each = NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for today's Vocational Awards programme (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal:
 - Informed on his participation together with Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary in the Nepali New Year's Day meeting at Rotary Club of Kathmandu.
 - Informed on his participation together with Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Bishnu P. Sigdel for start of the 8th batch of training in organic vegetables and poultry farming to people with disabilities under the joint TRIFC/ADSoN/RCP project.
 - President Rtn. Hricha Aryal briefed on the 'Late Rtn. Krishna B. Basnyat memorial Blood Donation programme organised at Mangal Bazar, Lalitpur, by the Rotaract Club of Patan with sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Patan. The event was a grand success and was supported by several other partners with a collection 27 pints of blood from volunteer donors for Nepal Red Cross.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the session of President Elects Training Seminar 'PETS' on planned partnership among Rotary District, TRIFC, ADSoN and the RCP to support projects for people with disabilities by Rotary Clubs in Nepal. It is planned to support projects with 100% matching up to NRs. 100,000 per project with a total annual budget of NRs. 25 Lakh. Many Clubs are planning to work on disability sector next year and were pleased to learn about this joint effort. A MOU is being prepared to implement the programme starting from the next Rotary Year.
6. Peace on Earth: A photo session was held for the planned representation of the RCP inside a capsule in a rocket scheduled to launch for the Moon in late 2024. The photo with the banner of the club and the signage 'Peace on Earth' will be submitted to the organisers to promote Rotary's priority on 'Peace' as part of an endeavour to promote 'Peace on Earth' from the Moon on the UN's 'International Day of Peace' on 21 September 2024.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 6,000 (50% of NRs. 3,000 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds) and NRs.6,900 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 1 Rotarian AG, 1 Rotarian guest, 13 guests, 5 Rotaracts, 29 members (many with spouses), and 7 make-ups.

Summary of Rotary Club of Patan's 13th Vocational Service Awards Programme

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed all to this annual programme of the RCP and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, Coordinator of the RCP's Vocational Service Awards committee conducted the programme.

On behalf of the RCP and other members of the committee Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Rtn. Regmi welcomed the Chief Guest, AG, Rtn. Tika N. Lohani; Awardees Ms. Prakriti Bhattarai and Mr. Min B. Achami; RI District 3292, President of RC Kamaladi; Rtn. Ewerhard Engels; Mr. Anil Adhikari; Journalist Mr. Gopal J. Thapa; Ms. Amulya Rana; Teachers from Siddhi Mangal School; Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Hricha Aryal and Rotaracts; and RCP members' spouses to this special annual programme of the RCP.

Rtn. Regmi gave a brief introduction about the awards to recognize outstanding personalities in vocational service that the RCP started in 2010-2011. This year, two awardees are recognized for their outstanding contributions with honesty and perseverance in the fields of 'people with disabilities' and 'Education'.

Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Nirmal K. Pradhanang added to the background and importance of vocational service awards in Rotary and introduced the recipients Ms. Prakriti Bhattarai and Mr. Min B. Achami, respectively.

Chief Guest AG Rtn. Tika M. Lohani, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, and the RCP's Rotarians Matsyendra L. Kayastha, Preeti Khemka and Chandralekha Kayastha, represented all in welcoming and honouring the awardees (certificates & cash of NRs. 25,000 each).

Ms. Prakriti Bhattarai was awarded in the vocational service area of 'people with disabilities'. She was recognised as an 'epitome of courage, never give-up attitude' in her professional contributions to the society. Herself a person with disability, she currently works in Lalitpur Metropolis Women Development Section as a computer operator and has been very active in support of people with disabilities.

Ms. Bhattarai explained her life story since it was found that she had cerebral palsy and despite prevailing neglect, how her parents succeeded in her up-bringing to make her independent and able to support the society. She was thankful to Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal under whom she worked in the Lalitpur Metropolis Women Development Section. She also plans to support people with disabilities with self-sustaining income generating activities. She emphasized the need of all concerned to unite for the improvements in the disability sector, and thanked the Rotary Club of Patan for this important and motivating recognition.

Mr. Min B. Achami was awarded in the vocational service area of 'Education'. He was recognised for continuous outstanding service to improve educational facilities and achievement by students at public school. He has been a teacher for the last 30 years with 9 years at a headmaster. For six years, he is the headmaster of Siddhimangal High School where he managed to increase the student enrolment from 600 to 1100 students and added a new four storey building together with the addition of two stories in the existing facility as well as several other facilities such as for WASH, sports and ICT and STEAM labs. This is one of the RCP's twenty-four PEEF scholarship supported schools, which has also been adopted as one of the four schools for comprehensive support in line with the District's Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission (RNLM) priorities.

Mr. Achami talked about how he managed to change the school enrolment from 'collection to selection' in his public school raising the standard of education to not only compete but excel in comparison to private schools. He has received several encouraging rewards for his work, and he thanked the RCP for this recognition that will further motivate him in his professional service. He also recognised his spouse for her extra-ordinary support and shared the certificate with her.

Coordinator Rtn. Regmi, Chief Guest AG Rtn. Lohani and President Rtn. Rawal all praised the awardees and appreciated their contribution to the society as true examples of using their vocations for the excellent service to the society and the community. Rtn. Lohani also thanked the RCP for organising the awards ceremony and the President concluded with invitation to all the participants for a fellowship reception on behalf of the RCP.

Rotary Club of Patan Past President and PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya passed away on 17 April 2024. The RCP family mourns his untimely passing away, wishes for eternal peace of his soul, and conveys its sympathy and deepest condolences to his family.