

**Issue No. 1555**

**Date: 31 Baisakh 2081 / 13 May 2024**

**Today's Programme:**

Talk programme by Dr. Sanjib Shrestha on 'Moral Crisis for Medical Doctors in the USA'

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – 9 May

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – 14 May

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1900**

**Date: 24 Baisakh 2081 / 6 May 2024**

1. Vice President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1900 to order 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. Chandralekha Kayastha (NRs. 1,000), Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha (NRs. 500), & Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar (NR. 1,000) – for 'Happy Birthday'.
  - Rtn. Shanta K. & Nirmala Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for spouse Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha's 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for 'Happy Landing' from Europe, and for Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey's visit to Olgapuri Village (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for visiting Olgapuri Village/Nepal Youth Foundation (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for chairing today's meeting (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for joining the walk in Boston for champions fighting cancer (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed that all preparations have been completed to start this year's PEEF selection/distribution campaign. Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha will be providing the funds and forms to the PEEF group coordinators shortly so that an early completion could be achieved.
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht requested for any interested member to join the RHD screening team's visit to Siraha/Janakpur during 9-12 May 2024 as there is one seat available due to the inability of Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel to join as earlier planned.
5. President of Nepal Youth Foundation Rtn. Som Paneru briefed about NYF, its programmes and facilities at 'Olgapuri Village' in Chunikhel, Lalitpur. The RCP has been collaborating with NYF with several global grant and other projects since a long time. NYF, established in 1990, is the brainchild of its Founder President late Ms. Olga Murray who passed away on 20 February 2024 at the age of 98. She will be remembered for her legendary contributions towards Nepali children in their education and social welfare. The Olgapuri Village was established in 2013 as a children's village, and has a vocational training centre, an organic farm, and NYF offices.
6. **Remembering Rotary Club of Patan's Past President and Past District Governor late Tirtha Man Sakya:**

Following the business meeting, the regular weekly meeting was dedicated to remembering the RCP's Past President and Past District Governor late Tirtha M. Sakya.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of late Tirtha Man Sakya.

The RCP members remembered late Tirtha Man Sakya as an esteemed member of the RCP family and for his outstanding contributions to Rotary International, Rotary District in Nepal and to his own club - the RCP. His visionary contributions in law, policy making, and social fields made him an iconic figure of Nepal.

Members present spoke of late Tirtha Man Sakya with affection and with a feeling of great loss to Rotary and the nation. Members remembered him with anecdotes of their personal stories/experiences that they shared together. His modesty, integrity, and humbleness will always be in the hearts of the RCP family. In mourning his untimely passing away, the RCP family wishes for an eternal peace of his soul.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contribution pledges of NRs. 8,500 (50% of NRs. 4,250 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds) and the meeting attendance of 26 members and 7 make-ups.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 held on 04 May 2024**

Vice President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the minutes/decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, from 11:00 to 12:00 hrs. on 4 May 2024 at the Grace Hotel in Bhaisepati Awash, Lalitpur, with the participation of all 13 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as follows:

1. The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed.
2. Partnership with the Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), Canada: The Board noted that partnership with SCAW under their current conditions could not be arranged by the RCP and, therefore, it was agreed to inform them accordingly.
3. World No Tobacco Day: The Board agreed to collaborate with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Alliance to celebrate this day with an essay competition on 'Human Health and Tobacco Use' in the RCP's PEEF supported schools. A committee with 3 members from the NCD Alliance (M/S Shanta Lall Mulmi, Kishore Kumar Pradhananga and Ram Nath Mainali) and 3 members from the RCP (Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Ganga R. Gautam & Khadak S. Bisht) was proposed to organise this event. Financing of the event would be cost shared equally by the NCD and the RCP. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey pledged to finance the RCP's share.
4. Girls Empowerment: Priority activity on 'self-defence' training of students in the RCP's adopted schools will be coordinated by Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal and Rtn. Preeti Khemka.
5. Financial Status Report: Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented an overview of the club's financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end April 2024. The Board noted the following in this regard:
  - Cost of the recent vocational awards function will be sponsored by the RCP and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey each financing 50% each of the total expenditure of NRs. 64,760.
  - As far as possible, the RCP should try to retain the current membership fee of NRs. 30,000 for RY 2024-2025. A committee of Rtns. Preeti Khemka, Kedar B. Shrestha, Khadak S. Bisht and Gabriele Mallapaty was formed to come up with a funding proposal to manage the club's administrative expenses.
  - President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka to contact members to confirm continuation of membership and attendance for the next Rotary Year before its start.
6. Utilisation of the balance of funds of the closed RCP's GG Project 2129083 for Laliguras Community Hospital, Mirge: The Board noted the use of the balance of funds (about NRs. 77,000) for the ambulance insurance and X-ray films as per previous Board decision.
7. Hosts of remaining Board meetings of Rotary Year 2023-2024:
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – On 1 June 2024 by Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Maheswari Bisht Rawal.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Board meeting – On 28 June 2024 by President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka
8. RCP's Viber Groups: It was agreed to have two separate Viber Groups with effect from 1 June 2024 – one 'RCP Official Site' with administrative rights given to the President, Secretary and President Elect; and a second one 'RCP Family Group', which would be open to all members.
9. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and several members spoke words of appreciation for the organisation of the Board meeting followed by a RCP family picnic on a cost-sharing basis.