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**Date: 10 Ashar 2081 / 24 June 2024**

**Today's Programme:**

Last regular weekly meeting of RY 2023-2024 with President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal's summary of the year

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Jeevan K. & Gunu Shrestha – 23 June

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1906**

**Date: 3 Ashar 2081 / 17 June 2024**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No. 1906 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: President Elect of Rotaract Club of Patan Aman B. Shrestha, Rtrs. Nabina Pandey & Deepal Lamichane; & Interacts Rekha Chhetri & Bibhisa Raut from Interact Club of St. Xavier's, Godavari.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Sharada Prasai – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for participating in the District Training Assembly (DTA) and the District Grant Management Seminar (GMS) (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for participating in the DTA as a resource person (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (NRs. 500), and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (NRs. 500) – for participating in the RHD Team's field trip to the three far western districts of Nepal and adding four additional home districts with long overdue visits to family and friends.
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for participating in the DTA and the GMS (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly the RCP of 2024-2025 and for participating in the District GMS (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for 'Happy Landing' from Bangkok, Thailand (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the excellent coverage of the RHD trip to the far west including his talk programme on this in the Sagarmatha radio (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the family visit of son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren (NRs.1,000).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for his brother's and daughter's treatment and good health, and his reaching the 'Janko' age of 77 years 7 months (NRs. 7,800).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the fellowships at home with the visit of daughter and granddaughter from the USA (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for a short-term engagement with the World Bank (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for receiving a letter of appreciation to his company from the Nepal Electricity Authority handed over by the Prime Minister in Hetauda (NRs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions: Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha contributed NRs. 10,000 to the Rotaract Club of Patan through the RCP for their leadership training. A cheque on this together with NRs. 20,000 from the RCP were handed over by the RCP President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal to the Rotaract Club of Patan President Elect Rtr. Aman B. Shrestha.
6. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the planned activities with BP Eye Foundation on eye and dental care of students and other health awareness programmes at Siddhi Mangal School, Sano Gaun, on Friday, 21 June 2024 from 1000 to 1400 hours. He requested interested RCP members to participate at around 10 a.m.
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, as the District's 'Child at Risk Sub-Committee Programme Coordinator' shared the plans to have interaction programmes with sixty students of grades 9 to 12 from ten public schools. The interaction will be done with the support of other resource persons at Ananda Bhumi, Baneshwor on 21 June 2024 and will cover areas related to child at risk and how to protect them, including from drug addiction and overuse of mobile phones.
  - She also informed that the long outstanding award amount of NRs. 30,000 for the Rota Quiz hat trick of the RCP is being deposited in the RCP account by the District.

- Rtn. Preeti Khemka:
  - Informed about the District Governor's installation programme on 1 July 2024 coinciding with the RCP's installation on the same day. The District is also requesting sponsorships from clubs of NRs. 10,000.
  - Briefed about her meeting last week with the Rotaract Club of Patan President Elect and Interact Club of Godavari President Elect to plan for the next year.
  - Briefed on the DTA participated by herself and Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam and Krishna Hachhethu; and the GMS participated by herself, Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam and Nirmal K. Pradhanang.
- Rtn. Som Paneru reminded about the Ullens School's offer of full scholarship to study at grades 11 and 12 for 2 best students from those receiving the RCP's PEEF scholarships obtaining 3.75 or higher-grade points in the SEC examination with results expected in a week.

He also informed that Ullens School is awarding free studies of IB programme for 10 qualifying students through competition open to all students. Detailed information on the application process for this is being published in the newspapers shortly. The under-privileged students selected on entirely merit basis for this 'Excellence Award' will be provided with full scholarship including digital device and monthly stipends.

- Rotaract President Elect Aman Shrestha invited RCP members to their 27<sup>th</sup> installation and 28<sup>th</sup> charter day celebrations planned for 30 June 2024 at Adarsha Kanya School at 4.30 p.m. They will be reviewing their past programmes and new programmes to further club prominence and public image enhancement. He also thanked the RCP and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha for sponsoring the Rotaract activities mentioned earlier with NRs. 10,000.
  - Interact Rekha Chhetri shared the plans of the Interact Club of St. Xaviers, Godavari with priority for awareness programmes on a continuous basis as well as a fund-raising activity together with the Rotaract Club of Patan.
  - President Rtn. Rawal recalled the plan to have a Futsal programme among Rotaracts, RCP's adopted school students and RCP family and requested Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal to lead its organisation.
  - For Rotaracts/Interacts fund-raising programmes, Rtn. Som Paneru offered the possibility of using Ullens school's hall free of cost with a capacity of accommodating 170 people during school holidays and weekends.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - RC Mainamati, Bangladesh; Chartered: 2004; Members: 75. District: 3280, Clubs: 158, & Members: 4,415. He also gave key historical highlights of Mainamati.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution of NRs.15,800 (50% of NRs.7,900 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 4,950 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 3 Rotaracts, 2 Interacts, 25 members (including 2 via Viber), and 12 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha**

- Q.** First Rotarian in the world who climbed Mount Everest? **A.** Rtn. Nisha from RC Nagarjun with its club banner
- Q.** Who inaugurated Rotary International District 3292 on July 1, 2008? **A.** Late PM Girija Prasad Koirala
- Q.** Who was the first recipient of the Rotary Awards for Vocational Excellence and in which year?  
**A.** Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha of Dhulikhel hospital on 20 April 2011 (He was VC of Kathmandu University)

### **Summary of the RCP's 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2024-2025**

President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the outline of the RCP's presentation with the help of power-point. She explained that the purpose of the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly was to review global and district goals and priorities, set the RCP's goals and priorities, and to have an initial review of the RCP's plans for 2024-2025. She noted RI Presidential Theme of 2024-2025 as 'The Magic of Rotary' and the District Governor's Theme a 'Magical Rotary'.

All the committee chairs of the RCP provided her with their inputs that was consolidated in her presentation. Following an overview, committee chairs made their presentations for comments and observations of members. These will be updated in the current presentations and are being shared electronically with all. Revisions will be made based upon further comments being received for presentation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> club assembly in July 2024.

Individual committee presentations were made as follows:

Club Administration by Chairperson Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu

Service Project by Rtn. Preeti Khemka for Chairperson Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty

Youth Service by Director Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal

Membership by Rtn. Preeti Khemka for Chairperson Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon

The Rotary Foundation by Rtn. Preeti Khemka for Chairperson Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey

Events & Fellowships by Sargeant-at-Arms and Events & Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha

Public Image by Chairperson Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi.