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Editor's Note: Following the RI President's theme of 2023-2024 'Creating Hope in the World', the Rotary Club of Patan excelled in its service activities throughout Nepal during the entire Rotary Year.

This is my 13th consecutive year as the editor of the weekly Lalitdhara since 2012, when late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit handed-over this responsibility to me after publishing it for 16 years (1976-2012). I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's Club Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka and the entire RCP family for the encouragement and support in producing the Lalithara in a timely manner. We look forward to show 'The Magic of Rotary', 2024-2025 RI President's theme, in continuing to reach out to the communities in need in the true spirit of Rotary.

Today's Programme:

Installation of Rotary Year 2024-2025
President and Team, and Business Meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi- 1 July & Rtn. Keshas. Mathema – 2 July

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Sunil & Anima Gupta – 1 July

Minutes of Meeting No. 1907

Date: 10 Ashar 2081 / 24 June 2024

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal called the RCP's Meeting No. 1907 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Capt. P.N. Nepali and Mr. Preeti Rana, and Rotaract Club of Patan President Hricha Aryal, President Elect Aman B. Shrestha and a member.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. & Gunu Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' Rs. 500.
 - Rtns. Gabriele and Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany, 'Happy 93rd birthday of Rtn. Gabriele's mother, and for the successful Rotary Year 2023-2024 under the leadership of President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (Rs. 1,000 each).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Som Paneru (Rs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa (NRs. 500), Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs.500), Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (Rs. 500), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ganaga R. Gautam (Rs. 500), and Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha (Rs. 500) - for the successful Rotary Year 2023-2024 under the leadership of President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the above, and for three articles written by himself, Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu, and Dr. Rajendra Kaju from Nepal Heart Foundation published in local media following the recent RHD trip to far western districts of Nepal (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the successful Rotary Year 2023-2024, and for having his close friends as today's guests (Rs. 1,000).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on the recent activity by BP Eye Foundation together with Rotaracts and Interacts on eye tests and oral hygiene check-up of students at Siddhi Mangal School, Sano Gaun, on Friday, 21 June 2024.
 - Rotaract President Hricha Aryal briefed on the youth leadership programme 'Marga Darshan' held together with the Interact Club of St. Xaviers at DAV college, Lalitpur, on 22 June 2024. She also thanked again the RCP and Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha for the funding-support of the programme.

Rtn. Aryal also shared a 'Token of Appreciation' presented by the District to the Rotaract Club of Patan for hosting the 'Rotaract Model United Nations' programme during 15/16 June, which was also funded by the RCP.

- Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, coordinator of the editorial team for this year's Lalitdhara souvenir requested all to submit articles relevant to the Rotary's focus areas, and if possible not exceeding 2 pages, as early as possible, or by the second week of July.
 - Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the District's Child at Risk Sub-Committee's programme of interaction held with sixty students of grades 9 to 12 from ten public schools including the RCP's PEEF supported schools as informed earlier.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed of the completion of PEEF selection/distribution of this year in two schools.
 - President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka reminded all the RCP family on her invitation to the post-Board fellowship at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 1905 Suites and Restaurant, Nagpokhari Marg, Kathmandu.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contribution of NRs.14,000 (50% of NRs.7,000 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 5,300 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 3 Rotaracts, 25 members, and 11 make-ups.

Summary of the RCP's President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal's presentation of Rotary Year 2023-2024 under his presidency

In this last weekly meeting of Rotary Year 2023-2024, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal made a power point presentation on Rotary year being concluded on 30 June 2024 with a summary of achievements, and suggestions for the future with representative photographs of the activities of the entire year.

President Rtn. Rawal first remembered the 5 members of the RCP family who passed away during the year and prayed for their eternal peace. He then highlighted key accomplishments of the RCP's goals and plans as follows:

- Excellent management of all the club managed service projects with very good participation of members
- 48 Regular weekly meetings/club assemblies/charter day meeting with the same number of Lalitdhara weekly publication
- Conduct of 12 Board meetings
- Programme of 12/13 high level speakers on a variety of topics relevant to the RCP family
- Very good fellowship activities of the RCP family
- Completion of tree plantation as an activity with environmental focus
- Celebration of the World Heart Day
- Awareness on mental health, addiction prevention, and other health and educational activities in the RCP's adopted schools
- Vocational Award and Graduate Students support activities
- Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) global grant project management with Nepal Heart Foundation that include several field trips to remote areas of Nepal. In addition, several screening and awareness raising activities on RHD in children were completed in collaboration with Nepal Heart Foundation, Rotaracts and Interacts.
- KEEA award function at the aviation museum together with the orientation/training of the headmasters of the RCP's PEEF supported schools on school leadership for quality education in collaboration with Ullens School
- Animal health activity of vaccination, spaying, and sterilization of stray dogs for public health
- Increased contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) including having an additional major donor
- Blood donation activities with the Rotaract Club of Patan

President Rtn. Rawal also suggested areas where the RCP could do more such as in individual committees being more active, review of PEEF scholarship support, increasing the participation of members in service projects, possible annual health check-up of RCP family, closer collaboration with the District, and a permanent resolution of the handover of Senior Citizens home.

Representing the RCP, Rtns. Lalita C. Thapa, Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Khadak S. Bisht and Prakash R. Regmi gave their reflections of the Rotary Year 2023-2024 and thanked President Rawal for the achievements of the RCP under his excellent leadership. His outstanding and motivated participation in the service activities of the RCP were noted as exemplary.

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal thanked all the RCP family, partners, collaborators, speakers, venue management of our meeting venue Yala Maya Kendra, and the Rotary District officials for their guidance and support in making the Rotary Year 2023-2024 a great success. He also presented a Rotary cap with the printing of 'Rotary Club of Patan, as his 'Token of Appreciation' to all the members of the Rotary family.