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Today's Programme: Talk programme by Rtn. Sunil Gupta on developmental disorder in children like cerebral palsy, down syndrome and autism.

Forthcoming Programme:
15 July – 2nd Club Assembly
22 July – Zoom meeting

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – 5 July

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha – 7 July

Rtn. Som & Sajani Paneru – 7 July

Minutes of Meeting No. 1908

Date: 17 Ashar 2081 / 1 July 2024

Installation of Rotary Year 2024-2025 President and Team

1. IPP Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal garlanded President Rtn. Preeti Khemka with the collar and the latter called the RCP's Meeting No. 1908 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Inner Wheel President IW Vijaya L. Shakya; Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtn. Aman B. Shrestha and Rtn. Sandhya Chaulagain; Rtn. Gyan Maharjan; and Mr. Abhinav Khemka.
3. IPP Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed, congratulated, and wished his best for a successful new Rotary Year 2024-2025 under the leadership of President Rtn. Preeti Khemka and her Team. He also handed over the Charter Certificate of the RCP and the Bell/Gong.
4. Senior Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon conducted the swearing-in ceremony of President Rtn. Preeti Khemka with the Rotary's 'Oath of Office' of the President. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka then performed the 'Oath of Office' of all the Board members of the RCP.
5. In her acceptance speech, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka thanked Immediate Past President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon for their welcome and installation of her. She made brief comments on her commitment to bring the RCP to greater heights with the advice and support of her management team and all the RCP members. She also specifically thanked Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty for introducing her to the RCP.

First regular weekly meeting of Rotary Year 2024-2025

6. Following the installation ceremony, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka proceeded with the first regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Year 2024-2025.
7. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
8. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi, and Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' and for successful tenure of President Rtn. Khemka (Rs.500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. & Gunu Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Sunil & Anima Gupta – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Som and Sajani Paneru – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in advance (Rs.500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon (Rs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500), Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (Rs. 500), Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar (Rs. 500), Jeevan K. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha (Rs.500), Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya and spouse Ramita Bajracharya (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500), Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu (Rs. 500), Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 500), Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs. 500), Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Som Paneru (Rs. 500), Rtn. Sunil Gupta (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma (Rs. 500), Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (Rs. 500), Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (Rs. 500), and Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 1,000) - for a successful Rotary Year 2024-2025 under the leadership of President Rtn. Preeti Khemka and her management team.
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the participation of elder son Abhinav Khemka in today's meeting (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for the above and for 'Happy Landing from Manchester, U.K. attending the Inner Wheel's 100th year ceremony (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for the successful Rotary Years 2023-24 and 2024-2025 under the leadership of Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Preeti Khemka respectively (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for the successful tenure of President Rtn. Preeti Khemka and for the RCP receiving two District Awards – 'Contribution to Polio Plus' and '100% Contribution to The Rotary Foundation' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for President Rtn. Khemka's presidency, for IPP Rtn. Rawal's presidency, his talk programme on RHD on TV, and enjoying cricket match (T-20 world cup final) after learning the rules of the game from Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Bijaya Mallapaty during the Galkot trip of RHD (Rs. 1,000).
9. Other Contributions:
 - Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty pledged to contribution Rs. 100,000 to PEEF TF, Rs. 25,000 to animal welfare for public health activity this year, US \$ 100 each and US \$25 each (total US \$250) for Polio Plus and EREY Annual Fund of TRF respectively.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged to contribute her annual contribution of Rs. 20,000 for Blood Donation campaign with Rotaract Club of Patan, and Rs. 100,000 for Women Empowerment programme.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang pledged US \$100 each for Annual Fund and Polio Plus of TRF.
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay pledged to contribute US \$100 for Annual Fund and US \$25 for Polio Plus of TRF.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka pledged Rs. 100,000 for Women Empowerment programme.

- Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi pledged Rs. 100,000 for Women Empowerment programme, and Rs. 100,000 for screening programmes of RHD, High Blood Pressure and Diabetes.
- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha pledged to round-up contribution of 'Happy News' to nearest 1000 whenever the amount reaches 700 or more.

10. Rotary Information:

- Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Som Paneru updated on the need to follow-up urgently, following the SEC results, for the selection of students from PEEF supported schools to avail the scholarships offered by Ullens school.
 - Rtn. Som Paneru reminded on the offer of free usage of Ullens school facilities during weekends/school holidays for 'quality enrichment' activities of the RCP's PEEF supported schools.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya briefed on 'Nepal Snehi Kaakha' (Nepal Caring Lap) working since 2010 in Lalitpur taking care of mentally ill people wandering on the streets, who are most vulnerable for abuse in society, by providing them with a comprehensive support. Currently they are housing 94 persons including children. A group of Rtn. Shakya's family and friends, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty recently visited the institution in Dhapakhel with some in-kind support by Rtn. Shakya's family/friends. More details will be shared electronically to see if the RCP should be helping this institution.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the plan of a last field trip of the RHD screening GG project to Hetauda during 4-6 July 2024. Rtns. Maheswari Bisht Rawal and Bishnu Sigdel are planning to join the Team with Rtn. Regmi. Any additional members interested to join should contact Rtn. Regmi.
 - Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the 2024-2025 budget reviewed in the Board, and how the RCP is planning to manage the operational expenses without increasing the annual dues of Rs. 30,000 this year.
11. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary, Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of NRs.20,000 (50% of NRs.10,000 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), NRs. 5,600 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 2 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 10 Inner Wheels and spouses, and 10 make-ups.

12th Joint Board Meeting of RY 2023-2024 and RY 2024-2025 held on 27 June 2024

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 12th joint Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 27 June 2024 at 1905 Suites and Restaurant, Nagpokhari, Kathmandu, with the participation of 14 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 12th joint Board meeting as follows:

1. On behalf of the entire Board, both Presidents of RY 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 thanked the departing member of the Board Rtn. Shiv K. Pradhan for his service in the Board and welcomed the new Board members Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam and Krishna Hachhethu.
2. The minutes of the 11th Board meeting were reviewed with the addition of the following points:
 - (i) Since the RCP has to follow the Nepali fiscal year, the tenure of the Treasurer will be extended till the end of the Nepali fiscal year, i.e. end of Ashar (mid-July), and the bank signatory panel changes will also follow the Nepali fiscal year.
 - (ii) Update on planned District Grant for KOSHISH with RC Mount Martha, Australia (through RC Rosbud-Rye, Australia) – The planning is progressing well with a budget of Australian \$9,000. The Board agreed to contribute US \$350 from the RCP for this grant project once it is approved.
3. Revision of By-Laws of the RCP: The following proposed changes were endorsed for submission to the 'House' for approval:
 - (i) Given the importance of Youth Service, the designation will be changed from 'Director' to 'Chair/Director'.
 - (ii) Addition of 'AGM by end of September' for the financial statements' approval on time to start the club renewal process.
 - (iii) The RCP's financial period will follow the Nepali fiscal year
 - (iv) Edits: from 'long-term goals' to 'strategic goals', and 'Fellowship Coordinator' to 'Events and Fellowship Coordinator'.
4. Lalithara Souvenir Printing: Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty updated on progress and requested for more articles as early as possible relevant to Rotary's focus areas by mid-July 2024. The low cost of printing offered by the new printer, without any compromise on quality, was appreciated. It was agreed that the RCP will cover any 'TDS' (Tax deducted at source) on advertisement sponsorship upon request, but the rates will remain the same as decided by the earlier Board. All members are requested to seek maximum advertisement sponsors.
5. Financial Reports – President Elect & Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the overview of the financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end-June 2024. A full report will be provided after the end of Nepali fiscal year in the next Board meeting.
6. Proposed budget for 2024-2025 was presented by Treasurer-Elect Rtn Gabriele Mallapaty. Following deliberations, the planned income and expenditure budget items were agreed in principle, with the final amounts to be approved once the final financial data of the end of the fiscal year are available. The Board also agreed to move the unspent contribution for 'Women Empowerment' to the RCP's 'Club Service Trust Fund' and establish a separate line item where further fund-raising could be done for this purpose.
7. Next Board Meeting will tentatively be hosted by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka on Friday, 2 August 2024.
8. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all present to the host President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka supported by spouse Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship to the entire RCP membership with spouses. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi added his voice of appreciation of the special fellowship in the unique and very interesting venue. President Elect Rtn. Preeti Khemka appreciated the opportunity, thanked all for their participation, and requested everyone's support during her forthcoming presidency.