

**Issue No. 1573**

**Date: 24 Bhadra 2081 / 9 September 2024**

**Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting with AGM  
Learning Orientation for Members

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1917**

**Date: 17 Bhadra 2081 / 2 September 2024**

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1917 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. She also wished all a 'Happy Father's Day'.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
3. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs.500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (Rs. 500) and Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary (Rs. 500) - for a successful Charter Day and the DG visit of the club, last 'Birthday Fellowship, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the above and for 'Happy Landing' from Thailand (Rs.1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for the completion of his tenure as one of the RCP's representatives to the Nepal Orthopaedic Board (NOH) Board and the appreciation by NOH during its annual function (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for a successful training conducted at Madhya Paschim University (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for his elder son's family visit of 2 weeks to Nepal (Rs. 500).
4. Other contributions:
  - Rtn Mahendra S. Rawal announced a contribution of Rs. 2,500 to the RCP's PEEF programme fund on account of his participation in the NOH Board meeting.
5. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka reminded the following, details of which have been shared by e-mails earlier:
    - The World Literacy Day event being organised by the District Committee on Basic Education & Literacy (RNLM) at Shankar Hotel on 8 September 2024 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and requested interested members to participate.
    - The important 'Multi District TRF Symposium and Recognition of RI Zone 6' on 22nd September 2024 from 3:30 p.m. at Hotel Hyatt Place, Kathmandu, and requested for maximum participation. PRIP Trustee Chair Mark Maloney will be the Chief Guest of this event.
    - The District's information on 'Young Architects' exchange programme through the New Generation Service Exchange (NGSE) program in Rotary International District 2060, Rovigo, Italy.
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi informed about the planned RHD screening being done in Banepa upon request of RC Banepa. The programme is to screen some 1,300 students in three schools including one with students with disability on Wednesday, 4 September 2024. He requested interested members to confirm their participation.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal - RC Eira, Finland; Chartered: 1953; & Members: 68. District: 420, Clubs: 74, & Members: 3138. He also briefed on the key highlights of the country.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 5,500 (50% of Rs. 2,750 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 18 members and 10 make-ups.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal**

- Q.** Who was the second International President of Rotary? **A.** Glen Mead
- Q.** In 1932 which Rotarian created the Four Way Test? **A.** Herbert Taylor
- Q.** Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> woman President of a Rotary Club? **A.** Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, RC Duarte, California, USA in 1987

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 31 August 2024

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 31 August 2024 at Lakpa's Chulo restaurant in Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting as mentioned below.

Upon request of Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, the Board also deliberated on its decision no. 7 of the last Board meeting, and as mentioned therein, requested Rtn. Pradhanang, Primary Contact together with Secondary Contacts of the planned GG project on mental health, to move forward with the submission of a proposal with the community assessment.

- The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting were reviewed with status of follow-up actions taken and the following updates noted:
  - On the planned District Grant with the Australian Rotary Club for 'KOSHISH' mental health NGO, the sponsors have indicated that District Grant has not materialised, therefore, they would be contributing directly to KOSHISH. In view of this, the RCP's earlier approved contribution of US \$350 for the District Grant will be cancelled, but the RCP will monitor progress of the project for eventual consideration of a contribution.
  - In view of the travel of Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, the draft criteria on dealing with ad hoc requests for support by the RCP will be circulated to the Board members electronically for further review.
- The Board decided not to print the annual ID cards for its members as Rotary Pin has been adequate for identification. Instead, certification letter or business card, upon request, will be provided to the members.
- Request for WASH support to Mahendra Adarsha School: Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal presented the school's response on funding scenario. The Board decided to review it after the criteria mentioned under point 1 above are agreed. If the criteria are met, possibility of fund-raising of up to Rs. 100,000 from RCP members to the school was deliberated.
- Charter Day – The Board noted a very successful Charter Day including the District Governor's official club visit and the 4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly of 29 August 2024. Comment of the District Governor, mostly captured in the last Lalitdhara, were reviewed. The Board noted all the comments and agreed to take necessary follow-up action on these. It was particularly noted that the RCP should continue to go paperless as much as possible in line with the RI's move in this direction.
- Financial Reports – Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the overview of the financial status with a summary of income and expenditures as of end-August 2024. The following points were noted:
  - The membership dues have been paid by all but two members who have committed to settle them shortly.
  - It was emphasised that all payments must be supported by receipts. In exceptional cases, where obtaining receipts are not practical for small value expenses, members must certify itemised expenses.
- Audited financial statements: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty has shared it with all the members and plans to present it to the AGM on 9 September 2024 together with a request to renew the audit company to continue for the current year. From the Nepali fiscal year 2080-2081 (close to RY 2023-2024), the RCP has followed the requirement of using Nepali fiscal year. The Board was pleased to note that the auditors have done a thorough job in accordance with the Nepal Accounting Standard (NAS) for Not-for-Profit Organisations (NGOS) and certified that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organisation as of 31 Asadh 2081 (15 July 2024). They have also certified that there are no key audit matters to be brought to the attention of the RCP management. The Board approved the audit report with the certified financial statements accordingly.
- Lalitdhara Souvenir – The Board noted the excellent publication completed on time and at about half the cost of last year. In addition, the advertisements contributions are also pledged to be higher. The Board gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the Committee Coordinator Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and all the Souvenir publication committee members for this successful accomplishment.
- Heart Screening for RHD – As the RCP's GG Project on RHD is close to completion, and the request from the District Governor to expand it further at the District level, the Board agreed, in principle, to continue further screening. While confirming Nepal Heart Foundation to be the implementing partner of the RCP, the committee of Coordinator Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi with membership of Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Mahendra S. Rawal was also requested to explore collaboration modalities with the District.
- Quiz Contest on Heart Health Awareness: Coordinator Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht updated on the plans to have the 'Quiz Contest' in five PEEF supported schools (four adopted schools +1) on 22 September in collaboration with Heart Club, Nepal, and the Rotaract Club of Patan. Details of this will be shared electronically.
- Challenges faced by patient attendants at the Sahid Ganga Lal National Heart Centre and suggestions and recommendations for improvement: Coordinator Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi presented the above on behalf of the RCP committee. The Board noted the recommendations and agreed to:
  - To collaborate with all to implement this proposal with Nepal Heart Foundation as the implementing partner.
  - To make a proposal and to mobilise financial and human resources through RCP members to fund-raise for this project.
  - To continue with the committee of Coordinator Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi with membership of Rtns. Rabendra R. Pandey and Mahendra S. Rawal.
- RCC – The Board agreed, in principle, to open a new RCC and requested Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Maheswari Bisht Rawal to coordinate and explore further on the possibilities in the community the RCP has been active.
- Senior Citizens Home – Another letter from the past donor's lawyer has just been received requesting review of its return by the RCP to the original owner of the premises, i.e. Kitini School. The Board requested a committee of Rtns. Bijaya Mallapaty, Matsyendra L. Kayastha and Jeevan K. Shrestha to study it again on how the RCP could deal with it.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey on Wednesday, 2 October 2024.
- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all present to the hosts Rtn. Prakash R. and Upasana Regmi for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Several members added their appreciation, and host Rtn. Regmi concluded with his own words of thanks to all for their participation.