

Issue No. 1579

Date: 12 Kartik 2081 / 28 October 2024

<p>Today's Programme: Joint Meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan</p> <p>Forthcoming Programme: 4 Nov. - Tihar Holidays: No meeting 11 Nov.- Business Meeting</p>	<p>Congratulatory Events Birthdays: Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov. Wedding Anniversaries: Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1923

Date: 5 Kartik 2081 / 21 October 2024

- President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1923 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the President: Rotaract President Rtr. Aman B. Shrestha (for the first part of the meeting).
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – for being honoured with 'Doshalla' as a special personality on social & political science of this year by Prithvi Narayan Campus from an endowment fund established for this purpose (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the hosting of the RCP's last Board meeting and fellowship dinner, and for being elected unanimously to continue as the Chairperson of ADSoN during its recent AGM (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for 'Happy Landing' from and to the USA (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the lead of Nepal team in the ongoing soccer match with Maldives team (score was 4-1, which ended with historic 11-0 win (Rs. 1,000).
- Other Contributions: Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty's son and daughter-in-law Ajaya and Dr. Anu Mallapaty pledged to contribute Rs. 135,000 to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund.
- Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka:
 - Reminded about the District's Polio programmes and the Polio rally on 24 October 2024 starting from the Rotary Office, Thapathali and ending at Tundikhel. Assembly time is 6:30 a.m. and rally time is 7 to 8 a.m. She requested for maximum participation from the RCP family in the Polio rally.
 - Shared the request for RYLA participation during 8 to 10 November in Bhaktapur. The RCP is planning to sponsor one participant from the Interact Club of St. Xaviers whose request has been received. The Rotaract Club of Patan may also send one participant.
 - Rotaract President Rtr. Aman B. Shrestha thanked the RCP family for their participation in the 'Good morning tea party' hosted by them.
Rtr. Shrestha requested if any RCP member/s would be interested to host the 'Deusi/Vailo' programme this year as was done by Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Maheswari Bist Rawal last year at their premises. Possible date would be between Laxmipuja and Bhaitika days.
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam briefed on the progress of work on the RCP's support to the victims of forest fire and the flood victims. Several meetings on these have been held and will be presented during the next meeting.
- Salutations: By Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha - RC of Sincelejo, Sucre, Colombia; Chartered: 1948; & Members: 35. District: 4270, Clubs: 44, & Members: 1117.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution pledges of Rs. 3,500 (50% of Rs. 1,750 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 1 Rotaract, 17 members, & 10 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by President Rtn. Preeti Khemka

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| Q. Which Rotary year did RI get the copyright of the 4-Way Test? | A. 1954-1955 (When Herbert J. Taylor became RI President). |
| Q. When is World Polio Day observed annually? | A. 24 October |
| Q. What does 'Plus' stands for in POLIO Plus programme? | A. Addition of other primary health care & related interventions. |

3rd Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 2 October 2024

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 3rd Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 2 October 2024 at Cherish Restaurant, Bishalnagar, Kathmandu, with the participation of all 14 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 3rd Board meeting as mentioned below.

1. The minutes of the 2nd Board meeting were reviewed with the status of follow-up actions taken.
2. Coordinator Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the RCP's KPAD committee meeting decisions and recommendations held on 1 October 2024 (copy attached). The Board noted it and following deliberations, the following proposals were approved:
 - To start a new pilot project for this year to support persons with disabilities in collaboration with ADSoN and TRIFC, with ADSoN as the implementing partner. The plan is to request each partner to contribute Rs. 5 lacs each for projects from Rotary Clubs, preferably from outside Kathmandu valley. Interested Rotary clubs would be requested to submit project proposals and selected projects would be matched from this joint funding. KPAD committee is authorised to manage this project including decisions on percentage of matching and maximum amount for each selected project.
 - To request the RCP Board members and all general members to suggest additional ideas/proposals for projects, in the next two weeks, for persons with disabilities to be undertaken from the programmable funds of the KPAD.
3. Presidential Collar of the RCP – Current collar with names is incomplete and unmanageable to keep adding names of new Presidents in the current format. Following deliberations, it was agreed to make a new Presidential collar without individual names. Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam agreed to explore possibilities and suggest a new design.
4. Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the overview of the financial status as of end- September 2024, which was also shared electronically. The following points were noted:
 - Membership dues have been paid by all but one member for the first half of this Rotary Year. The remaining one member, who was abroad, is expected to settle shortly.
 - Almost all contribution pledges made by members including for the advertisements in the RCP's Lalitdhara Souvenir have been received.
 - Automation of the RCP's accounts in 'Odoo' software is progressing very well.
 - RCP needs to move forward with implementation of social activities as budgeted.
5. Closure of Rotary Club of Patan GG2347069 Bank Account No. 0660154388600012 with Prabhu Bank Ltd. Upon completion of the project, the Board approved the closure of the above account with the remaining small balance to be used for RHD monitoring activity.
6. Social Service Activities – ad hoc requests or emergencies (With a line item of up to Rs. 500,000 in the RCP Budget): The Board deliberated and suggested a few additional clarifications on the excellent draft guidelines prepared by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam. The Board agreed upon the guidelines, in principle, and suggested that a final version be presented for approval.
7. The Board deliberated and decided to raise-funds with members to support the victims of the recent devastating rains and floods. To determine where, what and how to quickly provide relief and support, it established a committee of Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht (Coordinator), Ganga R. Gautam, Som Paneru and Mahendra S. Rawal to propose an action plan.
8. WASH support to Mahendra Adarsha School: Following deliberations, it was agreed to support up to Rs. 100,000 for this project, discussed in earlier Board meetings, subject to specific funding by RCP members. A request for contribution pledges would be sent immediately.
9. With the postponement of the 'World Heart Day – 20 September' event, it is now being held on Friday, 4 October 2024 together with 'Dashain' celebrations. Maximum participation of members with spouses was requested.
10. Animal Welfare for Public Health Activity: The Board noted that this year 'Dr. Mukti Narayan and Praveena Foundation' would not be able to contribute to this activity. Therefore, it was decided to have this activity in a smaller scale with contributions from members and in collaboration with the local government. Coordinator Rtn. Khadak Singh Bisht informed that Ward No. 18 Chair is supportive and could share 50% of the costs of this activity. It was suggested to send a formal request from the RCP in this regard for a support of Rs. 150,000 (50% of an estimated cost of Rs. 300,000).
11. RCP's adopted PEEF supported schools – The Board deliberated if an additional school should be adopted in addition to the existing four and decided that the TEACH committee should review the activities held in the four adopted schools currently and propose changes while maintaining a total of four adopted schools.
12. The 4th Board Meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha. The date of this will be confirmed shortly.
13. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all present to the hosts Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey and his spouse Chandralekha Pandey for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner for Board members with spouses and invited guests. This also happened to be Chandralekha ji's birthday, which was grandly celebrated. Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi and President Preeti Khemka added their appreciation, and host Rtn. Pandey concluded with his own words of thanks to all for their participation.