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Today's Programme:

Talk programme by Ms. Shri Neha Pokhrel (NGO Snehi Kakh) on the problems of the least priority sector – neglected children, women and men in streets.

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – 12 Dec.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka - 11 Dec.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1928

Date: 17 Mangsir 2081 / 2 December 2024

- President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1928 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the President after the business meeting: Rtn. Rhys Williams, President of RC Central Melbourne, Australia, and Mr. Mahesh Pakhrin, Principal of Mirge School.
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contribution Pledges:
 - Rtn. Keshab B. & Shanti Mathema – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Lila B. & Sudha Baniya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the participation of Rtn. Rhys Williams, President of RC Central Melbourne, Australia, in today's meeting (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (Rs. 500) – for the fruitful 5th Board meeting and fellowship hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty.
- Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka:
 - Briefed on her participation in the successful meeting of the Interact Club of St. Xaviers, Godawari, together with Rotaract Club of Patan.
 - Shared that the 4th RCC conference of the District will be held during 4 to 5 January 2025 at Gorkha Palace Hotel, Gorkha and requested for the RCP's participation. Details to follow.
 - Informed about the next speaker in RCP's weekly meeting of Ms. Shri Neha Pokhrel on the problems of the least priority sector – neglected children, women and men in streets.
 - Updated on the progress of students from the RCP's PEEF supported schools for KEEA awards being held soon.
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal informed about arrangements being made to have a speaker from the Food and Diary Technology College, Jawalakhel, on diet, and avenues for possible collaboration with them and the RCP.
- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang welcomed Rtn. Ray Williams and Mr. Mahesh Pakhrin in the meeting and presented the possibility of further collaboration between them and the RCP. President of RC of central Melbourne, Australia, Mr. Williams introduced himself and their club's collaboration with the Laliguras Bright Future English Boarding School, Mirge, following contacts with Prof. Chris and Mrs. Dorthy O'Brien. The school intends to add 9th and 10th grades and looking for collaboration with Rotary in support of this.

Rtn. Williams also briefed on their support to a Nepali NGO 'Sungava, Nepal' started by seven women to help women with disabilities on training in income generating activities for a sustainable living. In this regard, he informed about a training event being organised by Sungava, Nepal on Wednesday, 4 December 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in Ramirban area, to which he invited for RCP's participation. Rtns. Ganga R. Gautam and Nirmal K. Pradhanang mentioned that they will be joining.
- Salutation: By Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey - RC, Porto, Portugal; Chartered: 1931; & Members: 31. District: 1970, Clubs: 86, & Members: 2091. He also gave some highlights of the city of Porto.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution pledges of Rs. 1,500 (50% of Rs. 750 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), and the meeting attendance of 2 guests, 21 members, & 10 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya

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| Q. When was the current name 'Rotary International' adopted | A. 1922. |
| Q. When and where did RI establish its regional office in Asia for the first time? | A. New Delhi, India, in 1984. |
| Q. When Nepal joined Rotary International, which Serial number was Nepal given? | A. 111th nation. |

5th Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 29 November 2024

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 29 November 2024 hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty at their residence in Bhaisepati, with the participation of 12 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting as mentioned below.

1. The minutes of the 4th Board meeting were reviewed with updates on the status of follow-up actions taken. It was also noted that as the RCP is already registered with the Social Welfare Council and approval process of projects for the time being is not necessary.

2. KPAD Committee Proposals:

(i) Support to the flood victims in Bethan Chaur, Kavre: A detailed proposal by implementing partner ADSoN, endorsed by the KPAD committee, was presented to support people with various disabilities seriously affected by the recent floods with total or partial loss of homes and personal belongings. The proposed project is in partnership among ADSoN, TRIFC and the RCP, with ADSoN as the implementing partner. It proposes contributions of Rs. 500,000 from TRIFC and Rs. 250,000 each from ADSoN and the RCP's KPAD Fund with a total budget of Rs. 1,000,000. 20% of funding is for immediate relief of 15 persons with severe disabilities and 80% for the rehabilitation programme, with incoming generating activities, spanning up to 2 years. 20 persons with disabilities will be identified through assessment in collaboration with the local government.

The Board approved the project with the RCP's KPAD Fund contribution of Rs. 250,000 to be managed by the KPAD committee.

(ii) On behalf of the KPAD Committee, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey proposed getting 100 wheelchairs at a subsidised rate of approximately Rs. 4,000 per wheelchair (Total project cost of approximately Rs. 400,000) for people with disabilities. It is proposed to share the cost on a 50/50 basis with ADSoN, with a request for the KPAD committee to oversee this project with ADSoN as the implementing partner. The wheelchairs would be distributed in collaboration with local governments.

The Board approved an allocation of up to Rs. 200,000 from the RCP's KPAD fund and for the KPAD committee to oversee the management of the project with ADSoN as its implementing partner.

3. Financial Report: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status of the RCP as of end-Kartik 2081 (mid-Nov. 2024). The Board appreciated that membership dues for the first half of the Rotary Year have been paid by all, and all contributions for the advertisements in Lalitdhara Souvenir have been received.

4. The Board decided to open 'Corporate Pay Registration' for online payments of the Rotary Club of Patan's PEEF Account Number 0580100000838201 with Prime Commercial Bank and the Rotary Club of Patan's KPAD Account No. 3017087926800358 with Prabhu Bank.

5. Coordinator Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht updated on the actions and progress made in partnership with local government regarding the RCP's support to the fire victims and flood victims approved earlier. Actions on both activities have advanced with completion planned in the next two weeks. Once completed, Rtn. Bisht was also requested to provide summary information in this regard for submission to publish in the GML.

6. As per the RCP by-laws, the Board formed a committee of President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka, and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha for the election of Rotary Year 2025-2026 Board. An AGM for the election of new Board officers will be held before 31 December 2024.

7. The 6th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon on Friday, 3 January 2024, and the 7th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal.

8. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all Board members, spouses, and guests to Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi and Rabendra R. Pandey also added their words of thanks. The hosts appreciated the participation and enjoyment by all.