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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>Business Meeting followed by updates on Service Projects (on Zoom)</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtns. Ganesh R. &amp; Bijaya Shrestha - 7 Jan</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1932**

**Date: 15 Poush 2081 / 30 December 2024**

- President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1932 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the President: Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit's family - Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit, Mrs. Milan Dixit, Mr. Kanak Dixit and his daughter; guest speaker on teacher training Prof. Basu Dev Kafle, Headmasters of the RCP's 24 PEEF supported schools; Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) recipients, Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA) recipients.
- Before the meeting, a seminar for the Headmasters of PEEF supported schools was held on the topics of 'Making the School Inclusive'. The resource person for the seminar was Prof. Basu Dev Kafle, PhD, TU, and moderated by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, Associate Professor. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka thanked Prof. Kafle for the excellent seminar, which was highly appreciated by the RCP's PEEF supported school headmasters of 24 public schools.
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs.1,000), Lalita Thapa (Rs. 500), Ganesh R. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Bijaya Shrestha (Rs. 500), Mahendra S. Rawal (Rs. 500), Matsyendra L. Kayastha (Rs. 500), Chandralekha Kayastha (Rs. 500), Bishnu P. Sigdel (Rs. 500), Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500), Bijaya Mallapaty (Rs. 1,000), Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500) and Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000) - for today's special award functions on KEEA and GSSA with the presence of all the guests mentioned above.
  - Rtn. Som Paneru – for the above and for his 15-year-old daughter Karuna's OPED 'A juvenile's take on juvenile injustice' published in the Kathmandu Post (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – for 'Happy Landing' from India (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirma K. Pradhanang - for today's functions and 'Happy Landing' from Bodh Gaya, India (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha (Rs. 500) and Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha (Rs. 500) – for today's functions and 'Bandipur 2025 Visit Year' for which all RCP family members are welcome to visit (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's functions and excellent participation of RCP members (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for today's functions and the seminar conducted by Prof. Basu Dev Kafle (Rs. 500).
- Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka reminded on the request from Inner Wheel Club to join them in 'Patan Heritage Tour programme' on Saturday, 4 January 2025 at 10:30 a.m. from Patan Dhoka (approximately 3-hour programme with Rs. 300 registration fee).
  - Rtn. Sunil Gupta presented a 'Token of Appreciation' from Asha Kiran Kendra, Birgunj, to the Rotary Club of Patan on the occasion of the centre's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary to which the RCP team participated recently.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 12,000 (50% of Rs. 6,000 each to the RCP's operational and sunshine funds), Rs. 6,000 for attendance to the operational fund, and the meeting attendance of 33 guests, 30 members, & 8 make-ups.

**Summary of the 12<sup>th</sup> Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA) programme**

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka welcomed the family of late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit - Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit Mrs. Milan Dixit, Mr. Kanak Dixit and his daughter; and all the guests in today's functions. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, Chair of the RCP's service projects, moderated the KEEA and GSSA programmes.

Rtn. Mallapaty started the programme by remembering late Rtns. Kamalmani Dixit and Narayan Govind Halwai for their contributions to the RCP's KEEA programme. On behalf of the RCP, he congratulated all the KEEA and GSSA winners and encouraged them to study hard and excel in their studies further.

Giving some background, he talked about the RCP's flagship programme 'Prajapati Education Endowment Fund' known as PEEF that started in 1991, and which has reached a total of Rs. 2.3 crores in its Trust and Programme funds. The RCP has been providing annual scholarships from these funds to over 400 students in 24 schools of Lalitpur district every year in grades 7 to 12 of about 16 to 18 Lakh Rupees per year.

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Some 200 RCP Members, their family, relatives, friends, and other well-wishers have contributed to reach this level of funding. The annual distribution programme is participated by all the RCP family on a voluntary basis, which is the most important reason for the continued success of the PEEF programme.

PEEF is a need-based programme, but also rewards merit. Late Kamalmani ji thought of recognizing the merit students among the PEEF recipients and contributed to establish an annual award to the best performing all-round student from among the PEEF recipients at grade 9. The first KEEA was Rs. 5,000 awarded in 2013.

The KEEA programme has since expanded with additional donations from late Kamalmani ji's family and sponsorship of other RCP members. Today, there are 10 awards with certificates and cash prizes to students from 10 schools. The first award is Rs. 35,000 in the name of late Kamalmani ji. The second award is Rs. 25,000 each to 3 students and the 3rd award is Rs. 15,000 each to 6 students by RCP members – thus reaching a total award of Rs. 200,000.

Rtn. Mallapaty also announced that late Kamalmani ji family had just contributed Rs. 10 Lakh to the RCP's Club Service Trust Fund for the continuation of the annual KEEAs. The RCP would like to thank the family of late Kamalmani ji for this generous contribution which will go a long way in encouraging merit students among the PEEF supported students.

On behalf of the RCP family, he thanked the entire PEEF Management Committee and specifically the KEEA selection committee comprising of President Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Coordinator Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, Programme Manager Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, and himself as Service Projects Chair for all the work of the committee.

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka, the family of late Rtn. Kamalmani ji, and the RCP sponsors handed over the awards in the presence of the respective headmasters of the schools to the following:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Award recipients:
- Mr. Anish Bomjon Lama, Kitini Secondary School, Kitini.
  - Ms. Rakshya Shrestha, Tri-Padma Vidyashram Secondary School, Pulchowk.
  - Ms. Apsara Pahari, Shree Path Pradarsak Secondary School, Badikhel.
  - Ms. Manisha Tamang, Shree Chandi Adarsha Secondary School, Chakupat.
  - Mr. Sandesh Tamang, Shree Udaya Kharka Secondary School, Chapagaon.
  - Ms. Krishna (Sabita) Rai, Phulchowki Secondary School, Thaiba.

Sponsors: Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, Rtn. Sharada Prasai, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary, Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar, & Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay contributing Rs. 10,000 each and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey Rs. 30,000.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Award recipients:
- Mr. Niraj Shahi, from Madan Smarak Secondary School, Pulchowk.
  - Mr. Niraj Lakandri, Shree Siddhimangal Secondary School, Sano Gaun.
  - Ms. Pramila Basnet, Shree Mahendragram Secondary School, Tikathali.

Sponsors: Late Rtn. Narayan G. Halwai Rs. 8,000, Rtns. Ganesh R. & Bijaya L. Shrestha Rs. 22,000, Rtns. Matsyendra L. & Chandralekha Kayastha Rs. 13,000, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey Rs. 20,000, and Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty Rs. 12,000.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Award recipient: • Ms. Bhawana Lama Moktan from Shree Krishna Secondary School, Dhapakhel.  
Sponsor: Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit's family – Rs. 35,000.

The RCP panel found Ms. Bhawana Lama Moktan to be the all-around best student. She not only excelled in her academic studies with the marks of 3.76 grade points, but also presented herself as a very well-motivated and confident student. She is a single child and comes from a rural family, active in social and extra-curricular activities, and plans to study engineering/computer science.

On behalf of the awardees, Ms. Motan spoke a few words of thanks, and on behalf of all the schools, headmaster of Shree Krishna Secondary School Mr. Beni Bahadur K.C. thanked the RCP for the inspirational support to the public schools of Lalitpur.

Rtn. Mallapaty briefed about the **Graduate Studies Scholarship Award** sponsored by Rtns. Matsyendra L. Kayastha/Chandralekha Kayastha and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi since 2021. They are sponsoring a total of six students, of which Bir Dhoj Tamang (Sponsors: MLK/CLK) has already been awarded due to the timing of his college. From this year, Rtns. Ganesh R. and Bijaya L. Shrestha are also sponsoring one student. Therefore, a total of 7 GSSAs were awarded Rs. 14,000 each this year, as follows:

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| • Ms. Preeti Pandey studying at Namuna Matsyendra Campus, Lagankhel BBS       | (Sponsor: PRR)      |
| • Mr. Kiran Nepal studying at the Institute of Engineering, Thapathali Campus | (Sponsors: MLK/CLK) |
| • Ms. Susmita Thapa studying at Baneshwor Multiple College                    | (Sponsor: PRR)      |
| • Ms. Sonika Tamang studying Nursing at MEC, Sanothimi                        | (Sponsor: MLK/CLK)  |
| • Ms. Samjhana Tamang (Will be given later due to delay in college admission) | (Sponsor: PRR)      |
| • Ms. Karuna Yogi studying at Nesfield Int'l College, Batuk Bhairab           | (Sponsor: GRS/BLS)  |

Rtn. Mallapaty informed that to encourage merit students from among the PEEF supported students, Ullens School has started sponsoring free education of two best students in grades 11 and 12 through the initiative of its President Rtn. Som Paneru.

On behalf of late Kamalmani ji's family, Chief Guest Mr. Kunda Dixit thanked the RCP and spoke highly for continuing the KEEA programme initiated with the vision of late Kamalmani ji. He remembered the imagination and creativity of late Kamalmani ji and his contributions in the education sector.

On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka thanked all the participants and organisers for the truly excellent award programmes and invited all to join in the fellowship dinner.