

**Issue No. 1589**

**Date: 29 Poush 2081 / 13 January 2025**

<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b>  Regular weekly meeting on Zoom	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b> <b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – 14 Jan., Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – 15 Jan., & Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – 15 Jan. <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1933**

**Date: 22 Poush 2081 / 6 January 2025**

- In view of the travel of the President and the Vice President, Past President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the RCP's Meeting No. 1933 via Zoom to order via Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- Guests welcomed by the Past President: Nil.
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contribution pledges:
  - Rtns. Ganesh R. & Bijaya Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for field exposure with an interesting holiday trip of five days in Brasstown Bald, Georgia, USA, reaching the highest mountain there at 4,784 feet (Rs. 1,500).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for participating in the Patan Heritage Tour organised by Inner Wheel Club of Patan (Rs. 500).
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for joining in the above, and for 'Happy Landing' in Germany (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for being in warm Goa, India (Rs. 500).
  - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for having X-mas and New Year celebrations with 23 members of family getting together in the USA (Rs. 700).
- Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Mallapaty informed on the receipt of Rs. 100,000 contributions by former RCP Rotarian Chandra S. Gyawali, c/o Rtn. Lochan Gyawali, to the RCP's PEEF Funds (Rs. 67,360 to PEEF TF, and Rs. 32,640 to PEEF PF).
  - Following contribution pledges were made by RCP members to support WASH facilities with urinals, and floor carpet in the two rural schools near Birgunj mentioned under point 3 of the Board minutes in the next page: Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty – Rs. 50,000, Rtns. Matsyendra L & Chandralekha Kayastha – Rs. 25,000, Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – Rs. 7,000, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – Rs. 10,000, Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay – Rs. 10,000, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – Rs. 10,000, Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – Rs. 5,000. **Total pledged: Rs. 117,000.** The fund raising will continue to meet the target.
- Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa briefed on the remarkably interesting historical and cultural tour of Patan organised as the 'Patan Heritage Tour' by the Inner Wheel club of Patan. The tour was wonderfully guided by PDG Rtn. Dilendra R. Shrestha who provided the insights of Patan heritage with some 60 participants. From the RCP, 6 members participated and the tour lasted 6 hours.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed and other members added on the status of service projects of the RCP for Rotary Year 2024-2025 as per summary listed below:
    - Global Grant – RHD - Just closed. Activities continuing through NHF.
    - PEEF - 2024-2025 selection & distribution completed.
    - KEEA/GSSA – completed on 30 December 2024.
    - KPAD: Projects/Activities for people with disabilities
      - \* RCP, ADSoN & TRIFC: Pilot project on 'Agriculture and Poultry Farming Training'. 8th batch of training with 59 people with disabilities trained. Currently training has stopped. Three partners planning to support trainees on income generating activities.
      - \* BP Eye Foundation eye check and glasses at Siddhi Mangal School. Rs. 150,000 max each year for 2 years starting 2024-2025. Continuing.
      - \* RCP, ADSoN & TRIFC: Support to Bethan Chaur, Kavre Flood Victims: - relief completed, support to income generating activities continuing with needs assessment. MOU amongst 3 partners being signed.
      - \* RCP/ADSoN: 100 Wheelchairs. Being implemented.
      - \* Hearing Aids: 15 + 15 (to be received) from TRIFC. Rotaract Club + BP Eye Foundation – Ongoing
      - \* RCP, ADSoN & TRIFC: Match projects for people with disabilities through Rotary Clubs, preferably from outside Kathmandu valley. One with RC Birgunj approved. MOU being signed. Another with RC Hetauda being received. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey requested all to propose clubs who would be interested to request funding under this project.
    - RCP family support to victims of Forest Fire of 2 families: Completed.
    - RCP family support to victims of flood victims in Sikali belt and Mediciti belt, Ward No. 18: Completed.
    - Collaboration with Shahid Ganga Lal Hospital with 5 partners to improve communication with patients and caretakers: MOU being signed.

- Support with contribution of Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey for Rotaract Club of Patan of Rs. 15,000 per month for activities for people with disabilities – Being implemented.
  - Collaboration with women scientists in adopted schools – Needs review.
  - WASH support to Mahendra Adarsha School – Being implemented.
  - Women Empowerment projects/activities – Being planned.
  - Teachers Training in PEEF supported schools – Headmasters training completed. Further training being planned.
  - Quiz Contest in adopted schools, 2 RYLA participation (Rotaract and Interact) – Completed.
  - Blood Donation with Rotaract – Being planned.
  - Animal Welfare for Public Health – Being planned.
  - Support through Rtn. Sunil Gupta to Shree Nepal Rastriya Madhyamik Vidyalaya and Shree Nepal Rastriya Janajati Adharbhut Vidyalaya, Rural Municipality Ward No. 1, Parsa, Birgung – Being planned.
  - Vocational Awards for RY 2024-2025: Being planned.
  - Tree Plantation Activity: Completed.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 4,200 to the sunshine funds of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 17 members & 13 make-ups. As the meeting was on Zoom, members from Nepal and four countries abroad joined.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2024-2025 held on 3 January 2025**

Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the minutes/decisions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 3 January 2025 hosted by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon at Satkar restaurant in Bakhundole, Patan, with the participation of 10 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as mentioned below.

1. The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed with updates on the status of follow-up actions taken. The first phase of support to 16 flood victims in Bethan Chaur, Kavre, by RCP/ADSoN/TRIFC was completed. The need assessment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of income generating activities support was also done (Total Budget from 3 partners is Rs. 1 million).
2. Support to people with disability through other Rotary clubs from the RCP's KPAD Funds, ADSoN and TRIFC (Total Budget Rs. 1.5 million): MOU among the three partners have been done, cleared by the KPAD Committee, and submitted to ADSoN and TRIFC. RC Birgunj has submitted a request for Rs. 250,000, which has been endorsed by the KPAD Committee. The next step being taken is to have a MOU with RCP Birgunj for this project. Another proposal from RC Hetauda is being received.
3. During the RCP outing and visit to Asha Kiran Kendra's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Birgunj, Rtn. Sunil Gupta also organised visits to two rural schools – Shree Nepal Rastriya Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Sakhuwa Prasauni Rural Municipality, Ward No. 1, Khajuriya, Parsa; and Shree Nepal Rastriya Janajati Adharbhut Vidyalaya, Sakhuwa Prasauni Rural Municipality, Ward No. 1, Parsa. The first secondary school has some 1,200 students, but the boys' urinals are totally inadequate and in extremely poor condition; and the second school has only one large room with students sitting on the floor. The RCP team proposed to support the schools in collaboration with the local government to improve the urinals and facilities for hand washing/drinking in the first school and provide floor foam/carpet for the second school. The Board agreed to the proposal in principle as part of the ad hoc support proposal of the RCP with a tentative budget of up to Rs. 250,000 and raise funds from members with a token contribution from the RCP. Rtn. Sunil Gupta would be coordinating this support from the RCP.
4. On behalf of the TEACH Committee, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht updated on the status of activities of the RCP's PEEF supported four adopted schools. The Board also agreed to the suggestion to change one adopted school from Balkumari in Sunakothi to Mahendra Adarsha in Imadol to facilitate combining the RCP's activities better. Therefore, the four adopted PEEF supported school will be:  
  
Shree Mahendragram SS, Tikathali, Shree Mahendra Adarsha SS, Imadol, Shree Siddhimangal SS, Sano Gaon, and Lubhu SS, Lubhu.
5. Support to the fire victims (Rs. 200,000) – Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the completion of this project with details shared electronically, which would also be shared with the District for GML.
6. Support to flood victims in Sikali belt and Mediciti belt, Ward No. 18, Lalitpur (Rs. 425,000) – Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the completion of this project shared electronically with a total expenditure of Rs. 420,000. This would also be shared with the District for GML.
7. Financial Report - Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status of the RCP as of Nov./Dec end Mangshir 2081 (mid-Dec. 2024). The Board appreciated that all membership dues for the Rotary Year have been paid. The Board also approved her suggestion to discontinue 'Happy News' contribution sharing between Sunshine Fund and Operational Fund of the RCP. From Mangshir 2081 (Nov./Dec 2024), 'Happy News' contributions will all go to the Sunshine Fund. At the end of the fiscal year, the Board will review if any transfer would be required based upon status of the operational budget.
8. The Board decided to have the meeting of 13 January 2025 also via Zoom following the regular business meeting via Zoom in view of the travel of several members.
9. The next Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal on Friday, 31 January 2025.
10. Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated, and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of all Board members and guests to Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon for hosting the board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Host Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon appreciated the participation and enjoyment by all.