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Date: 9 Asadh 2082 / 23 June 2025

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u> Talk Programme by Mr. Kobid Dahal from TRIFC, Seattle, USA, Board</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u> 30 June – 5th Monday entertainment programme followed by participation in the Rotaract Club of Patan's Charter Day celebration at Uptown Lounge, Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur.</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Jeevan K. & Gunu Shrestha - 23 June</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1956

Date: 2 Asadh 2082 / 16 June 2025

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1956 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: President Rtn. Aman B. Shrestha and three Rotaracts from the Rotaract Club of Patan, five Inner Wheels/Spouses.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bharat N. Joshi – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for successful nose operations of a girl child from Jajarkot by international teams at Kirtipur hospital and visiting her family in a very remote village in Jajarkot (Rs. 1,000 each).
 - Rtns. Matsyendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for participating in the RCP's regular weekly meeting followed by the RCP's 3rd Birthday Fellowship (Rs. 1,000 each).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – same as above (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for visiting Chongqing and Chengdu in China for 10 days (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for buying an apartment being constructed in Summit Hotel (Rs. 1,300).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the opportunity to listen to the music programme at Yala Maya Kendra (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – for spending a week with the 'Prakriti Premi Group' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for the 1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2025-2026 of today (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for the above followed by the 3rd Birthday Fellowship of the RCP (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good participation of today (Rs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam handed-over the contribution of Rs. 2,000 made by last week's guest Prof. Chandika Bhattach to the RCP's PEEF programme funds.
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya pledged to contribute Rs. 10,000 to the RCP's KPAD funds.
 - Rtn. Gopal P. Dawadi contributed Rs. 41,100 (US \$300) towards the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition Pin. This will be supplemented by the earned points of the RCP with funds going to the RCP's PEEF and KPAD funds.
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty pledged to contribute Rs. 50,000 towards the RCP's next Animal Welfare for Public Health activity of street dogs' vaccination, sterilization, and neutering.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht shared the announcement Rtn. Francesco Arezzo from the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, as the new Rotary International President for 2025-2026.
 - He also reminded about the RCP's joint board meeting being held on Friday, 27 June 2025 followed by a fellowship dinner to which he is inviting all the RCP family.

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha confirmed the RCP's 5th Monday entertainment programme to be now held on Monday, 30 June 2025, followed by participation in the Rotaract Club of Patan's Charter Day event.
 - Rotaract Club of Patan is having their Charter Day celebrations at Uptown Lounge, Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur on Monday, 30 June 2025 with a live musical event. Participation from the RCP family is requested following the RCP's regular weekly meeting. This will also be a fund-raising event to raise funds for a social project with a gate fee of Rs. 500. RCP family was requested to support with maximum participation.
 - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka reminded all members to pay the Rotary membership dues of Rs. 30,000 for the next Rotary Year 2025-2026 as early as possible, or latest by the end of June 2025.
7. 1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2025-2026: See below for a summary.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 10,300 to the sunshine funds of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 4 Rotaracts, 27 members 5 Inner Wheels/Spouses & 7 make-ups.

1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2025-26

President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented a comprehensive outline, with the help of power-point, of his vision and initial thoughts on the RCP's priorities, plan, and activities for the Rotary Year 2025-2026. He explained the purpose of the 1st Club Assembly and presented the context with Rotary International's and Rotary District 3292's goals and priorities under the Presidential Theme of 'Unite for Good'. This year, the District Governor of District 3292 has retained the theme of the RI President, and it is the same – 'Unite for Good'.

Rtn. Bisht gave a broad briefing based on his initial plans based on the RI/District briefs, the strategic priorities of the RCP, and his initial consultation within the RCP family. His presentation should give the club committee chairs to present a more detailed goals, priorities, and activities during the 2nd Club Assembly. Following further review of these in the 3rd Club Assembly, a final proposal would be done for the District Governor's official club visit on the RCP's Charter Day on 29 August 2025, which has already been confirmed with the District Governor for RY 2025-2026.

Rtn. Bisht also presented his thoughts on fund-raising and RCP's budget particularly on how to manage the tight operational budget. For the social projects, the RCP's practice of raising funds for specific projects in addition to the available regular programmes will continue. He specially requested members to give contributory ads in the Lalitdhara Souvenir particularly as this would be the RCP's 40th anniversary issue. He also urged members to announce pledges to different projects, which would facilitate the annual budget preparation and review during the next Board meeting.

Following the presentation, discussions were held with comments from members on possible additional social projects and activities as well as our collaboration with existing and possible new partners. President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht thanked all for the valuable comments and looked forward to an active participation in moving the RCP to greater heights.



Rotary Information: RI President-elect Francesco Arezzo for 2025-2026, Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.