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**Editor's Note:** Following the RI President's theme of 2024-2025 'The Magic of Rotary', the Rotary Club of Patan excelled in its service activities throughout Nepal during the entire Rotary Year while having wonderful fellowships and family get-togethers that brought the RCP family even closer together.

This will be my 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as the editor of the weekly Lalitdhara since 2012, when late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit handed over this responsibility to me after publishing it for 16 years (1996-2012). I take this opportunity to thank this year's President Rtn. Preeti Khemka, Club Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam and the entire RCP family for the encouragement and support in producing the Lalitdhara in a timely manner. We look forward to 'Unite for Good', 2025-2026 RI President's theme, in continuing to reach out to the communities in need in the true spirit of Rotary.

**Today's Programme:**

Installation of Rotary Year 2025-2026 President  
Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and his Team

**Forthcoming Programme:**

14 July: Business Meeting

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – 5 July (21 Asadh)  
Rtn. Som Paneru – 7 July

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Matyendra & Chandralekha Kayastha – 7 July  
Rtn. Som and Sajani Paneru – 7 July

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1958**

**Date: 16 Asadh 2082 / 30 June 2025**

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1958 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Sons of President Rtn. Preeti & Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – Abhinav & Pranav.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha and Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Sunil and Anima Gupta – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam (Rs. 500), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (Rs. 500), Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma (Rs. 500), Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu (Rs. 500), & Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500) – for the completion of a highly successful tenure of President Rtn. Khemka and her Team.
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Bijaya Shrestha (Rs. 500), Pushkar M. Shakya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Gopal P. Dawadi (Rs. 1,000) - for the completion of a highly successful tenure of her Presidency together with her team and wishing the best to the incoming President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and his team.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for the above and for the major contribution being received from Soaltee Hotel for the RCP's PEEF programme (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for President Rtn. Khemka and her Team as mentioned above, and for his granddaughter passing SEE with 3.92 grade points (Rs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan - for President Rtn. Khemka and her Team as mentioned above, wishing the best to the incoming President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and his team, and 'Happy Landing' from the USA and Canada (Rs. 1,500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the President Rtn. Khemka & her Team as mentioned above, and for the contribution being received from Soaltee Hotel for the RCP's PEEF programme (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Som and Sajani Paneru - for President Rtn. Khemka and her Team as mentioned above, their 'Happy Wedding Anniversary – 7 July' (in advance), and their daughter passing SEE with 4.0 grade points (Rs. 1,500).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for President Rtn. Khemka and her Team as mentioned above, and for his son getting to be the Product Manager at Amazon in the USA (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty - for President Rtn. Khemka and her Team as mentioned above, and for her wonderful professional development with Rotary (Rs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for the above, for his 4<sup>th</sup> granddaughter's engagement in New York, USA, and for today' good participation in the meeting (Rs. 1,500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the completion of this year's PEEF selection/distribution in remote schools, and his house help's daughter passing the SEE with B+ grade (Rs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtns. Shiv P. and Preeti Khemka pledged to contribute US \$ 200 (US \$ 100 to AF and US \$100 to Polio Plus to The Rotary Foundation to meet the RCP's target of this year.
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa pledged to contribute US \$100 to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

- Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon handed over the pledged contribution of Rs. 100,000 to Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi for Nepal Heart Foundation. He also confirmed the payment of Rs. 20,000 pledged earlier to Nepal Heart Foundation to support the treatment of two children identified during the RHD Tour recently.
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty informed of supporting 2 additional students at grade 7 (In addition to the RCP's supported 4 students with Rs. 4,000 each) during this year's selection/distribution at Path Pradarsak School at Badikhel. For the next year, these students will continue to receive the scholarship from them if they get at least the GPA obtained this year.
  - Rtn. Som Paneru informed that Ullens School will continue to provide full scholarship to one PEEF supported student, preferably a girl student, for studies there at grades 11 and 12. He also informed about another separate Ullens School's Excellence Award. This is an extremely competitive award and students obtaining 3.8 or more GPA should be encouraged to apply as per the advertisement in the daily newspapers and shared electronically with RCP.
6. Rotary Information:
- President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht informed about the District Governor's installation being held on 1 July 2025 in Pokhara to which he will be participating. He also requested for maximum participation from RCP for his own and his team's installation programme being held on 7 July 2025.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the forthcoming contribution from Soaltee Hotel from its CSR funds to support the RCP's PEEF programme with Rs. 17 Lakh, which would be the largest such contribution received by the RCP. This was made possible through the contacts of Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha. Soaltee Hotel needs local government's endorsements to release funds. This has been received from the LMC and with the support of Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Mahendra S. Rawal, we are working to receive these from the Godawari and Mahalaxmi municipalities.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 22,500 to the sunshine funds and Rs. 6,800 for attendance to the operational funds of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 2 guests, 26 members, 9 spouses, & 8 make-ups.

**Summary of the last meeting of Rotary Year 2024-2025 under the leadership of  
President Rtn. Preeti Khemka**

In this last meeting of her tenure of Rotary Year 2024-2025, President Rtn. Preeti Khemka made an excellent presentation with the support of a PPT with a summary of achievements of the year (full presentation being shared with all electronically). Before the presentation, she thanked all her Team and the entire RCP membership for their support and an excellent team spirit which made it possible for the RCP to achieve its goals. On behalf of the RCP, she remembered late Rtn. Sharada Prasai who passed away this year. She also thanked her sons for helping her with the presentation.

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka started with a quote of her motivation "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". Her presentation was done in a fresh style, which captured the highlights of the year with summary of achievements and a lot of representative photos of action of service activities and fellowships.

President Rtn. Khemka went through all 'avenues of service of Rotary' with key activities and achievements. Overall, the RCP managed to achieve and even went beyond the plans in service activities to support the needy communities we serve.

The RCP had a wonderful year of fellowships and family get-togethers bringing the RCP family even closer and learning from each other.

President Rtn. Khemka ended her presentation thanking the whole RCP family for giving her the opportunity to service through Rotary, trust in her and togetherness throughout the Rotary journey of this year. In gratitude, she presented all the participants with a 'Token of Appreciation' of an environment friendly plant.

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday entertainment programme**

The RCP celebrated its last '5<sup>th</sup> Monday entertainment programme' of the Rotary Year 2024-2025 that is managed by the RCP's fellowships and events coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha. This week's programme was coordinated by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi with the support of Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey. Both presented very interesting, humorous, and heart-touching poems and entertainment linking Rotary, community service, and fellowship in the RCP family.

Several members (Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Bijaya Mallapaty, Nirmal K. Pradhanang, Lalita C. Thapa, Mahendra S. Rawal, Bishnu P. Sigdel, Som Paneru, and Jamuna K. Tamrakar) joined in to entertain the RCP family with anecdotes of unique personal experiences, poems, ghazals, songs, and jokes to make the evening very enjoyable.

**Participation in the Rotaract Club of Patan's Charter Day celebration  
at Uptown Lounge, Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur.**

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka was accompanied by several members to join the Rotaract Club of Patan's Charter Day celebration at Uptown Lounge in Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur. On their Charter Day, Rotaract Club of Patan combined the event with fun and fellowship as well as a fund-raising event for community service. The RCP group was pleased to participate in the music and dance programme while encouraging them for a good start of the new RY 2025-2026.