

**Issue No. 1620**

**Date: 2 Bhadra 2082 / 18 August 2025**

<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly of the Rotary Club of Patan</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – 19 Aug.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1964**

**Date: 26 Shrawan 2082 / 11 August 2025**

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1964 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and approved.
3. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for family reunion with son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for a 3-day residential programme by ADSoN on orientation & mobility, daily living skills and unified English Braille training of 50 BVI students of 3 government schools, and to welcome Rtn. Shikha Prasai to the RCP family (Rs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Shikha Prasai – for joining the RCP as a member and for Prasai Foundation training (Rs. 1,300).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – to welcome Rtn. Shikha Prasai as the 45<sup>th</sup> member of the RCP (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for travelling to New Delhi, India (Rs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
    - On behalf of the RCP family, warmly welcomed to the RCP, Rtn. Shikha Prasai, daughter of the RCP's late PP Rtn. Prajapati Prasai and late Rtn. Sharada Prasai.
    - Reminded all to inform of any participation in Rotary activity to record as 'make-up' in the RCP's attendance records.
    - Informed about a District 'DEI' Committee programme titled 'Empower Her' being held on 15 August 2025 at Royal Singha hotel with a registration fee of Rs. 1,000 each and requested interested members to join.
    - Confirmed that the RCP's 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly will be held on Monday, 18 August 2025, two weeks before the DG's official club visit.
    - Updated on the progress of planning the RCP's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Charter Day – 29 August' being celebrated on Sunday 31 August 2025 (Therefore, no meeting on Monday 1 September). On behalf of the committee working on this, he invited suggestions on additional funding to have a grand ceremony.
  - Learning Facilitator of the RCP, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, reminded about the learning website of Rotary. She particularly emphasised new members to take advantage of this rich facility, for the use of which she would be pleased to guide and facilitate.
  - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha informed about a programme in Patan Durbar Square being held by Bandipur Social Development Society on Thursday, 14 August 2025, and requested interested members to join. The cultural programme promoting Bandipur is called 'Bagh Jatra'.
5. Membership and Club Development Month of August 2025:

The RCP family was very pleased to have a new member in Rtn. Shikha Prasai during this special month. Rtn.

Shikha Prasai spoke about how pleased she has been to rejoin and meet the RCP family, many of whom she met together with her parents late Rtns. Prajapati and Sharada Prasai. As a media practitioner with experience in advocacy work, she is looking forward to contributing to the work of RCP. She also mentioned how passionate she is on environmental sustainability and bringing improvements in the education sector of Nepal.

Considering the 'Membership and Club Development' month of Rotary, the session was opened for comments on this subject. Membership committee chairperson Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon and several members shared their experiences and made suggestions, some of which are captured below:

- Suggest ideas on new membership and retention.
  - In addition to Attraction, Engagement and Retention, make 'Invite a Friend' challenge to all members.
  - Appreciate and recognise good attendance and make meetings attractive.
  - Have the planned 'Friends of Rotary' get-together for advocacy and generate interest in potential new members.
  - Explore possible ways to encourage members to participate in the regular weekly meetings, particularly connecting with those who do not attend the meetings frequently.
  - Try to have 100% registration in 'My Rotary' with necessary guidance and support.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu - RC Mill Point, West Australia; Chartered: 1987; and Members: 74. District: 9465, Clubs: 53, and Members: 1463. He also gave a brief on the Club.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 5,300 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 4,600 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 23 members & 8 make-ups.

### [Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang](#)

- Q.** What is the annual RI membership dues for 2025-2026? **A.** US\$83 per member.
- Q.** Who was the first woman President of a Rotary Club? **A.** Dr. Sylvia Whitlock of RC Duarte, California, USA, on 23 June 1987.
- Q.** When was the membership opened to women in Rotary? **A.** In 1989 by Council on Legislation (COL).

### [Rotary Information](#)

*(Source: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org))*

#### **Rtn. Sang Koo Yun resigns as 2026-27 Rotary International President**

Dear Rotary Members,

As you may recall, last April, President-elect Sang Koo Yun informed us all of his diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and his decision to step back from Rotary responsibilities so he could focus on his treatment. Today, President-elect Sang Koo notified me in a letter that he has decided to resign as President-elect of Rotary International after extensive consultation with his doctors. In his message, he shared the following sentiments:

"My doctors have advised that it may not be possible for me to meet the demanding travel and schedule required of our President. As much as I wish to serve in this role, I must honour that advice."

"It has been a tremendous honour and pleasure to be given the opportunity to lead our organization. I will continue to serve however I can, and my love for Rotary and my commitment to our mission remains unshaken."

On behalf of the Rotary International Board and with a heavy heart, I accepted Sang Koo's resignation. While it is a difficult decision, we deeply appreciate Sang Koo's thoughtful consideration and his focus on the best interest of Rotary.

The Board will convene soon to determine next steps. We will keep you updated on any further developments. I want to thank Sang Koo for his tremendous service, leadership and contributions to our organization. Please join me in wishing him a swift recovery and good health in the future.

With warm regards,  
Francesco Arezzo  
President, Rotary International, 2025-26, 11 Aug 2025