

Issue No. 1626

Date: 9 Ashwin 2082 / 25 September 2025

<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting with celebration of 'World Heart Day – 29 September'</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1969

Date: 30 Bhadra 2082 / 15 September 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1969 on Zoom 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 adopted.
3. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Mukti N. & Praveena Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtms. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Birth' of their 5th grandchild in Ireland (Rs. 5,000).
 - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – for 'Happy Birth' of his 3rd grandchild in Rome (Rs. 1,000).
4. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Bisht briefed on the following:
 - Ongoing actions in Rotary District with an action group following the historic protests of 'Gen-G' and its aftermath in Nepal. He also mentioned about receiving various requests for voluntary support from Rotary.
 - Joint appeal for harmony to all RCP members made by himself, President Elect and Vice President of the RCP during the current difficult time of the country.
 - District level Blood Donation campaign, which has been stopped due to lack of staff, and the RCP's plan to have it after three months through the Rotaract Club of Patan.
 - The planned 'World Heart Day – 29 Sept' celebration on 19 September has now been postponed possibly for Thursday, 25 September. If this date is confirmed (electronically within one week), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha mentioned that there will be no meeting on Monday, 22 September 2025.
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa informed about the deadline of the District today for District Grant applications of \$1,000 for individual clubs with a total budget of \$45,000. It was clarified that the RCP has not been applying for these small grants leaving it for smaller clubs for their sustainability. Rtn. Thapa also suggested to have the prize distribution ceremony of a Quiz contest during the 'World Heart Day' celebrations, if possible.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang requested for a response on his grant project proposal by the RCP. It was responded that this will be reviewed in the next Board meeting of the RCP. He also enquired about the By-Laws revision suggestions made by the DG. These will be considered during the next revision of the RCP By-Laws.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal updated on the TEACH plans of the RCP. The RCP's TEACH committee has already met 3 times. The latest plans of major activities of TEACH and Youth Service are mostly focussed on the RCP's adopted schools. These are: Student Quality Circle (SQC) training, Boot Camp for 7-10 grade students at Ullens School (needs review given the current situation of the school), ICT training for teachers with financial sponsorship of the District and RC Kathmandu, awareness raising activities, Quiz/Essay writing competition, Futsal competition, and health-awareness camps with the support of the Rotaract Club of Patan.

He briefed on the awareness-raising programme held at Lubhu School in collaboration with the NCD Alliance on Food Hygiene and on Menstrual-Hygiene in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Patan and the support of Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam. He also informed about an Eye Camp being held at Lubhu School in collaboration with B.P. Eye Foundation on 16 September 2025 and requested interested RCP members to join.

5. Salutation: By Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa - RC Marangu, Tanzania; Chartered: 2010; and Members: 23. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, and Members: 3981. He also gave a brief on the country and the club's activities. Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha and Nirmal K. Pradhanang added to the country information.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 6,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 28 members & 8 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shikha Prasai

- Q.** What is the Rotary International theme for the month of September **A.** Basic Education and Literacy.
- Q.** What is Nepal's literacy rate (age 15+) according to the 2021 Census? **A.** About 76%.
- Q.** What is Nepal's national education goal under SDG 4 by 2030? **A.** 100% literacy and inclusive, equitable quality education.
- Q.** What does ESRAG stand for in Rotary International? **A.** Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group.

Rotary Information

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