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Date: 10 Kartik 2082 / 27 October 2025

Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting commemorating 'World Polio Day – 24 October'

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No. 1972

Date: 27 Ashwin 2082 / 13 October 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1972 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht: Spouse of new member Rtn. Shikha Prasai Mr. Dil Bhusan Pathak, Rotaract Club of Patan's President, Secretary and Service Projects Director.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi (Rs 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 500) & Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500) - for the welcome induction of new member Rtn. Shikha Prasai with media background and the RCP's female membership reaching almost 20%.
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the above and 'Tihar' greetings (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shikha Prasai – for her induction programme in the RCP meeting today (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for being surrounded by two wonderful ladies in the meeting today (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for the induction of Rtn. Shikha Prasai and wishing further RCP's work on 'Women Empowerment' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for the induction of Rtn. Shikha Prasai today, and for the book launch of 'Muto ka Kura' by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for the launch of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi's book 'Muto ka Kura'. (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the launch of his book 'Muto ka Kura' during the 'World Heart Day – 29 September' celebration, which received a lot of praise and already sold 500 copies. He also reiterated his appreciation to RCP members' contribution to the RHD Trust Fund he established with Nepal Heart Foundation, which has reached over the funding target of 2 crore Rupees (Rs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Sandhya handed over her contribution cheque equivalent to US \$ 100 to The Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Funds appreciating the work of Rotary on Polio eradication and remembering '24 October-World Polio Day'.
6. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed about his trip to Hetauda together with Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel where the RCP's sponsorship of the disability project with RC Hetauda is completed with report being presented. Rtn. Sigdel also participated in a meeting with RC Makwanpur with possibilities of collaboration with the RCP.
 - Rotaract President Rtn. Nirdesh Subedi briefed on the planned activities of the Rotaract Club of Patan. He regretted that some activities of the club had to be postponed due to the recent Gen-Z protests and a Rotaract Club of Patan member getting injured and recovering now. New dates for the activities including for the Blood Donation programme will be announced as soon as possible. He also confirmed the Rotaract Club of Patan's wish to have the annual 'Deusi Bhailo' programme and requested any RCP family member to volunteer a residential venue as a host.
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Informed about the District's Inter City meeting on 'End Polio' being held on 18 October details of which has been shared electronically.
 - Presented a 'Token of Appreciation' to IPP Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Received by Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka on her behalf in her absence) for the excellent Rotary Year 2024-2025 under her Presidency.

7. Induction of new member Rtn. Sikha Prasai – President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht conducted the induction programme welcoming Rtn. Sikha Prasai and her spouse Mr. Dil Bhusan Pathak to the Rotary family. Charter members Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon and Rtn. Lochan Gyawali welcomed them with flower bouquet, Khada and pinning Rtn. Prasai with the Rotary Pin. President Rtn. Bisht performed the 'Oath of Office' of Rtn. Prasai.

Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha sponsored Rtn. Prasai's membership. On his behalf, President Bisht introduced Rtn. Prasai and her spouse Mr. Dil Bhusan Pathak, who is a journalist. They have a son and a daughter. Rtn. Prasai graduated in Political Science, did her Post Graduate from TU, and a Graduate Certificate in Peace Building from the School for International Training, USA.

Rtn. Prasai is the Executive Director of Interface Nepal Network with over 2 decades of leadership experience in Strategic Communication - 'Tough Talk' is one of her flagship programmes. She is the Executive Producer of 'Haatma', a news aggregator app launched in October 2025.

Rtn. Prasai is a second-generation Rotarian in the RCP. Both her parents, late PP Rtn. Prajapati Prasai and Rtn. Sharada Prasai were RCP members.

On behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Lochan Gyawali spoke welcoming Rtn. Sikha Prasai and her spouse. The Prasai family have been his family friends and business partners.

Prasai also addressed the RCP expressing her great pleasure to rejoining the RCP family. She is fortunate to carry forward the legacy of RCP's service as a daughter of RCP members. She was grateful for the welcome she received and is committed to learning from seniors and contributing to the RCP's work. She mentioned her particular interest in advancing women's programmes. Her spouse Mr. Dil Bhusan Pathak also spoke a few words on his own experience with mass communication. He very much appreciated the membership of Rtn. Shikha to the Rotary Club of Patan and will be supporting her in her endeavours.

President Rtn. Bisht concluded the programme with the presentation of a 'Certificate of Membership' to Rtn. Sikha Prasai.

8. Salutation: By Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan - RC Gozo, Malta; Chartered:2007; and Members: 19. District: 2110, Clubs: 90, and Members: 4704. He also provided a brief highlight of the country and the club.
9. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contributions of Rs.6,500 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 5,100 to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 3 Rotaracts, 28 members including 4 via Zoom, 1 spouse, & 8 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal

- Q.** When was PolioPlus Programme launched? **A.** 1985.
- Q.** Which two countries still report cases of wild poliovirus as of 2025?. **A.** Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Q.** How many types (serotypes) of poliovirus exist? **A.** Three — Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3.
- Q:** Which type of poliovirus remains endemic in 2025? **A.** Wild Poliovirus Type 1 (WPV1).

Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Patan

President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht welcomed all the members of the RCP to the AGM and conducted the AGM.

On behalf of the Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, President Elect Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, presented the audited financial statements of the Rotary Club of Patan for the Nepali Year 2081-2082 (Rotary Year 2024-2025) together with the full audit report, which have been endorsed by the Executive Board and shared with all members earlier. The audit confirmed that the financial statements and related documents reflect fairly and accurately the financial position of the Rotary Club of Patan. He also presented the RCP Board's proposal to appoint the auditors 'B & B Associates Chartered Accountants, Lalitpur' as auditors for the fiscal year 2082-2083 (Rotary Year 2025-2026) with an audit fee of Rs. 30,000 plus VAT, which is the same as for the last year.

Following deliberations, the 'AGM' approved the audited financial statements and the appointment of the auditor for 2082-2083 as presented.