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Date: 22 Mangshir 2082 / 8 December 2025

Today's Programme:

Regular Weekly Meeting with a talk programme on 'Neurology' by Dr. Basant Pant

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht & Maheswari Bisht Rawal-6 Dec.
Rtns. Shiv P. & Preeti Khemka – 11 Dec.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1978

Date: 15 Mangshir 2082 / 1 December 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1978 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. President Rtn. Bisht welcomed all the members in the business meeting conducted on Zoom once every month, which allows for good participation from home, including from members outside of Kathmandu.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Keshab B. & Shanti Mathema – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Lila B. & Sudha Baniya – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' and receiving an 'A' result in a taxation course taken in the USA (Rs. 2,000).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for doing a social audit at 'Ama Ghar' with a full day participation of Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for an enjoyable participation in the RNGC golf tournament (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for conducting this zoom meeting from Dhangadi & a good participation (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – for being honoured as a chief guest in the '6th Bandipur Mahostav' (Rs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty announced an additional contribution of Rs. 16,500 from a friend of Rtn. Ewerhard Engels to support the children through the RCP's PEEF scholarship trust fund adding to the contribution of the group made last week.
 - Rtn. Shikha Prasai pledged to contribute \$25 as 'EREY' to the Annual Fund of TRF.
6. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya spoke about his successful experience since his move to the USA due to family reasons. After 25 years of career in the tourism sector in Nepal, he was able to establish himself in the same sector in Georgia, USA. In addition, learnt the US taxation system and is happy to be providing social help to the Nepalese community there in this area.
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal reminded on the two activities and requested maximum participation from the RCP:
 - Heart screening activity planned together with Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and the Interact Club of St. Xaviers in Godawari on 2 January during 12-1500 hrs.
 - Cycle Rally gathering in Jawalakhel on Saturday, 6 December 2025 at 7-9:00 a.m. for awareness raising on 'Violence against women' organised by 'Women for Women' with various institutions as shared earlier.
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Rtn. Preeti Khemka briefed on the District TRF Seminar and recognition programme held on 28 November, which was participated by four members of the RCP. The RCP received a total of 8 certificates/token of appreciation and was highly visible in the District event.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha reminded on the '84th Puja' celebration of Rtn. Santa K. & Nirmala Shrestha and suggested members to join at around 12:00 on 6 Dec. at Dusit Princess, Lazimpat as communicated earlier.
 - President Rtn. Bisht highlighted a summary of successful activities of the RCP during the month of November and forthcoming activities. He encouraged more participation as the attendance in Nov. was relatively low (51%).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa encouraged participation to the District Rota Quiz competition from the RCP. Rtn. Preeti Khemka volunteered, and two additional members for the team is sought.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma/Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 5,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 24 members, & 10 make-ups.

5th Board Meeting of RY 2025-2026 held on 29 November 2025

Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 29 November 2025, which was hosted by Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha at Bakery Café, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, with the participation of 12 Board members.

The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 5th Board meeting, with some edits in the Nepali version, as follows:

1. Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma reviewed the minutes of the 4th Board meeting with the status of follow-up actions.
2. Financial Reports: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefed on the financial status of the club as of Kartik 2082 (16 Nov. 2025), which was shared electronically in advance. She highlighted: lower administrative expenses due to holidays and zoom meetings in the first quarter, major increase in income from advertisements in Lalitdhara Souvenir, slow implementation in social activities, and possible reduction of membership of two members. In related discussions, it was noted that if operational expenses are managed prudently, it may be possible to maintain the membership fee without increases. It was decided to review this once we would have the actual financial situation after two quarters of this fiscal year.
3. Proposal for Instituting a Memorial Celebration for Deceased Members of the Rotary Club of Patan: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on the proposal shared electronically. The RCP Board appreciated the idea to remember late members and their significant contributions once every year during a special weekly club meeting. It was suggested to have a special committee with membership of the existing fellowships committee (Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha, and Siba B. Rajbhandary) with at least two additional members. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey volunteered to join, and additional members may join this committee. This committee would propose the details of the annual celebration.
4. ICT training through RI District 3292: The Board approved Rs. 15,000 from the RCP for the ICT training of teachers in our four adopted schools as recommended by the TEACH committee.
5. Joint GG request from RC Kathmandu: A request for a contribution of US \$1,000 has been received to join RC Kathmandu and others in supporting Bir Hospital Urology Department for required equipment. During the debate, issues of needs assessment, service impact, sustainability, and funding were raised. The Board agreed that the RCP would not wish to partner in this GG and does not have funds for this kind of ad hoc request.
6. Upcoming activities:
 - KEEA interviews are planned for 5 December 2025, and the KEEA ceremony will be scheduled after this.
 - A 'RHD' screening Health Camp is planned for 2 January 2026 at St. Xaviers School in Godawari in collaboration with the Interact Club there. For this purpose, the RCP Board approved a budget of up to Rs. 20,000. This activity will be managed by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal with the Interact Club of St. Xaviers.
7. Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka briefed on the use of the free version of 'ODOO' software accounting model by the RCP with very good success. Recently, the free version had some problems due to the use of additional models, which are being removed for its smooth functioning.
8. Next Board Meetings: The 6th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey on Thursday, 1 January 2026. The 7th Board meeting will be hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty on Friday, 30 January 2026.
9. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the host Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey added his words of thanks and host Rtn. Shrestha said a few words appreciating the enjoyable fellowship.