

**Issue No. 1640**

**Date: 28 Poush 2082 / 12 January 2026**

<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b>  Regular Weekly Meeting	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b> <b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – 14 Jan., Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon – 15 Jan., and Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – 15 Jan. <b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1983**

**Date: 21 Poush 2082 / 5 January 2026**

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1983 with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Happy News Contribution Pledges:
  - Rtns. Ganesh & Bijaya Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebration of his company, and for spouse Rtn. Preeti Khemka being nominated as Assistant Governor for RY 2026-2027 (Rs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for being in Kochi, India, in the warm weather (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for being nominated Assistant Governor for RY 2026-2027 covering Zone 19 of Rotary District 3292 (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the above (Rs. 500).
3. Other Contributions: IPP Rtn. Preeti Khemka contributed Rs. 3,000 from her participation to the NOH Board to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund.
4. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
    - Briefed on the condolence visit to late Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha's spouse Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha and family at their residence with the physical participation of 22 members and messages from members on travel. Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha thanked the RCP family and requested for a maximum participation also during the 13<sup>th</sup> day ceremony in memory of late Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha.
    - Informed about his participation in the RC Bagmati's meeting celebrating their 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - Informed about plans to combine the RCP's Vocational Awards Ceremony with a planned Public Image activity with 'Friends of Rotary'. Further details on this will be provided later.
    - Briefed on his meeting together with Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi with the DG and DGN wherein collaboration with the District on RHD as per the RCP's proposal made earlier was reviewed.
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi provided further details on the meeting with the District on 'RHD'. In addition to the DG and DGN, the RCP Team met the DGE too. The District Team was positive about collaborating with the RCP to expand the RHD efforts in all the seven regions. Further follow-up actions will be made by the RCP. In the meantime, the District also showed interest in a presentation in this regard by the RCP at the forthcoming District Conference in Pokhara.
  - Rtn. Regmi also informed of the postponement of the planned RCP/Nepal Heart Foundation's RHD health camp at St. Xaviers School in collaboration with the Interact Club there because of the request for female Doctors.
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka noted that the District considered support to Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital as an impactful programme sponsored by Rotary, which was initiated by the RCP.
  - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht made a summary presentation of the RCP's activities, achievements for the first six months of this Rotary Year with plans for the second of this year.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka - RC Umuarama, Parana, Brazil; Chartered: 1965; and Members: 48. District: 4630, Clubs: 71, and Members: 1861. He also highlighted some key features of the club.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: happy news contribution pledges of Rs. 5,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 19 members, & 8 make-ups.

## **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha**

- Q.** Who was the first Paul Harris Fellow from Nepal? **A.** Late PP Rtn. Hulas Chand Golchha
- Q.** In 1942 Rotary conference held in London planted the seeds for the formation of which UN Agency? **A.** UNESCO
- Q.** What is the Rotary International President's message for RY 2025-26? **A.** Unite for Good

### **6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of RY 2025-2026 held on 26 December 2025**

Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the minutes/decisions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 26 December 2025, which was hosted by Rtn. Rabindra R. Pandey at Cherish Restaurant, Bishalnagar, Kathmandu, with the participation of 13 Board members including 3 on Zoom.

The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, as follows:

1. Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma reviewed the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting with the status of follow-up actions including the resolution of the 'ODOO' accounting software issue.
2. Proposal on New Board – 2026-2027: On behalf of the Election Committee (Coordinator Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, President Elect; and members: Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, President; and Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Sergeant-at-Arms), Rtn. Khemka presented the proposal of 15 members as per the RCP by-laws as follows:

President - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka, Immediate Past President - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, President Elect - Rtn. Jeevan Shrestha, Vice President - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha, Secretary - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu, Treasurer - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, Joint Secretary - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi, and Joint Treasurer - Rtn. Preeti Khemka,

Committee Chairpersons: Sergeant-at-Arms & Event/Fellowship Coordinator - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, Club Administration – Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma, Service Projects - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, The Rotary Foundation - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, Membership - Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon, Public Image - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi, and Youth Services – Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal.

3. Proposal on Digital Presence Strategy – Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka presented a comprehensive proposal 'Rotary Club of Patan – Digital Presence Strategy, Logic & Governance' as shared by e-mail. The Board highly appreciated the initiative, thanked Rtn. Khemka and agreed with the policy proposal. The implementation would be done under his leadership within the RCP's Public Image programme with the support of all concerned.
4. Update on instituting an annual memorial celebration for deceased members of the Rotary Club of Patan: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey updated and proposed a committee of five members for action in this regard consisting of Rtns. Kedar B. Shrestha, Ganesh R. Shrestha, Rabendra R. Pandey, Khadak S. Bisht, and Lalita C. Thapa. A coordinator of the committee was proposed to be selected in the committee's first meeting.
5. 'Four-way test' national essay competition by bachelors' students: President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht presented the proposal as shared electronically. The Board agreed to sponsor the proposal led by RC Bagmati with a contribution of Rs. 10,000 from the RCP's social activities fund.
6. Support to schools in Humla and Parbat – President Rtn. Bisht presented the proposal received from RC Kathmandu to support the 'Jhholi Project' in collaboration with 14 Rotary Clubs of the District, which has been shared electronically. Following deliberations, the Board agreed to sponsor it with a contribution of Rs. 10,000 from the RCP's social fund.
7. Financial status – Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status of the club as of Mangsir 2082 (Mid-December 2025) as shared electronically, and noted the following key points:
  - Slow implementation of social activities and good income from the sponsorships through advertisements in Lalitdhara Souvenir in the operational budget. However, the operational budget is still very tight. Despite some possible deficit, with tight budget management, it might be possible to manage not to increase the membership fees this year. This will be confirmed after the Poush financial status (mid-January).
  - Membership dues for the second half of the year have mostly been paid. Rtn. Kuldeep R. Tuladhar will not be extending his membership due to health reasons.Following deliberations, the Board suggested that the President thank Rtn. Tuladhar for his membership till end Dec. 2025 and proceed with ending his membership as requested. It also suggested reviewing next year's operational budget plan for any increase in the membership fees.
8. Next Board Meetings: The 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty on Friday, 30 January 2026, as mentioned earlier. Following Board meetings' hosts will be announced later.
9. AOB – Updates were made on the status of planned activities such as 'Friends of RCP for public image', Vocational Awards, and KEEA awards, which will be announced as they are being confirmed.
10. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Rtns. Shikha Prasai and Prakash R. Regmi also added their words of thanks, and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey said a few words appreciating the enjoyable fellowship. He also contributed a drink (15 years old Chivas Regal) for auctioning in the next weekly meeting with proceeds to be used for a service activity of the RCP.