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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>KEEA/GSSA Programme</p> <p><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></p> <p>9 Feb. - Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></p> <p>Rtn. Lochan & Sangita Gyawali – 30 Jan.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1986

Date: 12 Magh 2082 / 26 January 2026

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1986 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. Gopal P. Dawadi – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma and Dr. Aruna Uprety – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu – for officiating as Secretary in today's meeting (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA and for completing 'Advanced IRS Certification' in the USA with excellent results (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shikha Prasai – for conducting today's Rota Quiz (Rs. 300).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for the successful completion of the first ever 'Rotary Haat Bazaar' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for officiating as Acting Secretary for part of today's meeting (Rs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the RCP's forthcoming annual KEEA/GSSA ceremony being held at Yala Maya Kendra next Monday, i.e. 2 February 2026. Ten best students (from grade 9 results) from ten schools and eight GSSA students supported by the RCP's PEEF – KEEA/GSSA programme will be awarded with the participation of late Kamalmani Dixit family, school headmasters, RCP's sponsors, and family.
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht shared Rotary news/information with the support of a ppt presentation that included the following:
 - Successful completion of the first-ever Rotary 'Haat Bazaar' held at the Rotary District compound, Thapathali, organised by the group of RC Presidents of 14 clubs (including the RCP) and coordinated by RC, Kathmandu. The two-day event during 24-25 January 2026 was attended by 5,200 visitors and had 24 stalls. From the RCP, 12 members visited the Bazaar.
 - Informed about a possible exhibition of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi's paintings, which could also raise funds for the social activities of the RCP.
 - Informed about a forthcoming District event for Region 3 of the District on Basic Education and Literacy to which the RCP would also be participating.
 - Informed about the postponement of the District Conference in Pokhara due to the forthcoming elections. The District will be communicating a new date in due course.
 - Reminded about the RI Conference being held during 13-17 June 2026 in Taipei, Taiwan.
 - Briefed on the information obtained on late RCP members from the District for the RCP's planned memorial service being organised by the RCP committee established for this purpose.

- Rtn. Sandhya Regmi briefed on her visit to the 'Art Exhibition for Artists with Disabilities' held at Kathmandu Guest House on 25 January 2026. The exhibition was also a fund-raising event organised by ADSoN, Bodhisattvas In Action (BIA) Foundation and Lincoln School Support Group.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on his participation in an event on 'Cancer Relief'. As Cancer is the second disease in Nepal and globally after 'Heart Disease', he suggested to have possible RCP activity in support of this in collaboration with other partners for this cause.
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha reported on the successful running of the Cardiac Centre in Bharatpur to which he had contributed to its building some 8/9 years ago. The Centre is providing service at minimal cost.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty shared the sad news of passing away of a major donor to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund Dr. Subarna Laxmi Malla Singh in the USA on 24 January 2026. The RCP 'House' passed a motion of eternal peace to the departed soul and condolences to the bereaved family.
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha handed over the Certificate from Rotary International and pinned Rtn. Gopal P. Dawadi with the 'PHF Pin of Rotary' acknowledging Rtn. Dawadi's contribution to The Rotary Foundation.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – RC Greeley, Colorado, USA; Chartered: 1917; Members: 137. District: 5440, Clubs: 52, and Members: 3241. Rtn. Bisht Rawal also made an excellent power-point presentation highlighting key features of the city as well as the main activities of the club including their interesting fund-raising initiatives and activities for teenagers.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 3,800 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 4,000 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 22 members & 9 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shikha Prasai

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| Q. What was the official magazine of Rotary Int'l and when was it first published? | A. The Rotarian, January 1911 |
| Q. Who was the first Group Study Exchange (GSE) team leader from Nepal? | A. Late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit |
| Q. Which was the last club in Nepal admitted to RI under then District 3290?
Manjushree Chartered on June 18, 2008 | A. Rotary Club of Jawalakhel |

Rotary Information: RI Board Adopts New Zones Structure

(Source: rotary.org)

Every Rotary year, the Rotary International Board of Directors makes minor changes to the list of zones based on decisions to merge or create new districts, or grant district requests to change zones. In addition, the Board conducts a comprehensive review at least every eight years to comply with RI Bylaws that districts and clubs be divided into 34 zones of approximately equal number of Rotarians. This is done to ensure that Rotary's Board of Directors accurately reflects our diverse and global membership.

In 2025, three Board-approved regional workgroups developed rezoning proposals for Asia, Europe/Africa, and the Americas. These workgroups submitted their proposals to the Zones Review Steering Committee, chaired by RI Vice President Alain Van de Poel, which consolidated them into a single, worldwide plan for the Board's consideration at their January 2026 meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve this plan.

The Board will consider other zone-related issues such as sectioning, pairing, and director election rotation at its April 2026 meeting.

Updated maps are still to come, but for now members can access the zone list or contact Zones@rotary.org with any questions.

29 January 2026

P.S. - Nepal continues to be in Zone 6