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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting with talk programme by Rtn. Sandhya Regmi</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u></p> <p>Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – 13 Feb., Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 17 Feb. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – 18 Feb., Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – 18 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></p> <p>Rtn. Bishnu & Ausara Sigdel–14 Feb., Rtn. Kedar & Shanta Shrestha–15 Feb., Rtn. Kamal & Sulochana Nyachhyon, & Rtn. Sikha Prasai & Dil B. Pathak-15 Feb. Rtn. Rabendra & Chandra Pandey-18 Feb., Rtn. Yagya & Mary Shrestha-19 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1988

Date: 26 Magh 2082 / 9 February 2026

- President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1987 on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.)
 - Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam & Madhavi Ghimire – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for 'Safe Landing' in the USA with excellent transit tour in Doha (Rs. 500).
- Other Contributions: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed on the receipt of the contribution of Rs. 100,000 by former RCP Rtn. Chandrasekhar Gyawali to the RCP's PEEF programme. (Trust Fund Rs. 67,360 & PF Rs. 32,640).
- Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the successful completion of this year's KEEA/GSSA programme on 2 February 2026. A total of 62 participants included late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit family, Headmaster/Representatives of PEEF supported schools, KEEA/GSSA awardees and their guardians, and the RCP family.
He also confirmed the successful completion and reporting on the Soaltee Hotel's contribution of Rs. 1,700,000 to the RCP's PEEF scholarship programme of this year.
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Informed about the 'World Cancer Day Walkathon – 4 Feb.' wherein Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal and Bishnu P. Sigdel participated.
 - Confirmed the new dates of the District Conference in Pokhara during 17-19 April and that the Assistant Governors training event would be held in Nepal instead of Bangkok as earlier planned.
 - Informed about 27th Rotary Peace Fellowship, applications for which are due by 15 May 2026.
 - Presented a summary report of key activities of the RCP during the month of January 2026
 - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi briefed on the event to fight Cancer at Patan Academy of Health Science with a participation of 200 people including former Chief Justice Gopal Parajuli, Oncologist Dr. Rajendra P. Baral and several celebrities.
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty informed that on the 45th Day ceremony of late RCP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha's passing, i.e. on 10 February 2026, the RCP is putting an 'Obituary' in its Facebook Page.
- Salutation: By Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – RC Hanam, Gyeonggi, South Korea; Chartered: 1983; Members: 59. District: 3600, Clubs: 94, and Members: 4086. Rtn. Sharma also briefed on the Rotary movement in South Korea highlighting key features of the city and the club.
- Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 1,500 to the RCP's sunshine fund, and the meeting attendance of 18 members & 9 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa

- Q.** When was the Rotary Peace Fellowship Programme started? **A.** Launched in 2002 by Rotary International.
- Q.** Which Rotary programme is specifically dedicated to training peace and development professionals?
A. Rotary Rotary Peace Fellowship Programme.
- Q.** February in Rotary is observed as which thematic month? **A.** Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month.

7th Board Meeting of RY 2025-2026 held on 30 January 2026

Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma presented the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 30 January 2026, which was hosted by Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty at their residence in Bhaisepati, Lalitpur, with the participation of 13 Board members including 1 on Zoom. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting, as follows:

1. Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma reviewed the minutes of the 6th Board meeting with the status of follow-up actions.
2. District Matters:
 - (i) Credential of Appointment as an Elector – The Board agreed to the nomination of President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as the 'Elector' to present it to the 'House' for approval.
 - (ii) The Board approved the 'Co-Hosting of the District Conference with the sponsoring of Rs. 10,000 by the RCP. It was noted that the District Conference has been postponed due to the forthcoming election.
3. Essay competition among 24 PEEF supported school students – The Board approved the RCP's TEACH committee proposal to sponsor this event in collaboration with the Heart Club with a contribution of Rs. 20,000. There would be 48 students (one male and one female from each school) from grades 9 and 10 selected by the schools, and the topics of the essays would be about 'Heart Health' and about Rotary.
4. Celebration of lives of late Rotarians of the RCP - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey updated on the progress with nomination by the committee of Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa as the Chairperson. A concept note was shared for comments by all the members for its finalisation following its 'House' review.
5. Friends of Rotary concept – Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam presented the proposal shared in this regard. Following deliberations, it was suggested to finalise it taking Board members' comments into account. The purpose of establishing this circle is within the RI mandate to have a group of well-wishers of Rotary and as the RCP's prospective members group. Once the RCP Board clears members to this group, the RCP would maintain a list. Attendance by members of this group in the RCP meetings would be contributory as guests or be sponsored by inviting members.
6. Vocational Award – It was agreed to merge this year's 'Vocational Awards' with a meeting with 'Friends of Rotary' as mentioned above. The tentative date of this event was suggested to be Saturday, 28 February 2026 with 'High Tea' during 3 to 5 p.m. If this event is confirmed, there will be no regular meeting on Monday, 2 March 2026.
7. RHD, Hypertension and Diabetes screening in Kaski, Pokhara – This event is planned to coincide with the District Conference in Pokhara, which has been postponed. Therefore, it will be held when the new dates of the District Conference are fixed. An amount of Rs. 20,000 for this event from the RCP's budget for this purpose was approved by the Board.
8. Financial Status by the Treasurer – Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the financial status as of end Poush 2082 (14 Jan 2026) as also shared electronically. The following key points were made:
 - Collection of sponsorship funds from advertisers to the Lalitdhara Souvenir are well underway with only a few outstanding dues.
 - Slow implementation of social activities and the need to accelerate it.
 - The semi-annual review of the operational budget clearly indicates some deficit. With tight budget management, it might be possible to manage.
 - This indicates the need to increase the membership fee as well as attendance fee for the next year.

Following deliberations, the Board agreed not to increase the membership fee for the current Rotary Year. For the next year, it was agreed to review it again together with the budget planning exercise.

9. The Board encouraged members to sponsor the regular meeting costs because of the tight operational budget.
10. Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka updated the Board on the implementation of the Digital Strategy planned in about three weeks, and the KPAD committee meeting held on 23 January 2026.
11. Hosts for upcoming Board Meetings were agreed as follows:
 - 8th Board meeting by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi on Friday, 27 Feb. 2026.
 - 9th Board meeting by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam on Friday, 27 Mar. 2026.
 - 10th Board meeting by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon on Friday, 1 May 2026.
12. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Preeti Khemka Ganga gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty for hosting the Board meeting followed by an excellent fellowship dinner. Several Board members added their words of thanks, and the hosts appreciated the participation in the enjoyable fellowship.

The 'House' specifically recorded the unanimous approval of the Credential of Appointment of President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as an Elector as required by the District.

Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa made summary presentations on Points 5 & 4 above respectively, and the documents of these together with the Digital Strategy (Point 10) will be shared by the President with all members for suggestions and finalisation.