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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – 22 Feb.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Piyush B. & Ramita Bajracharya – 25 Feb.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1989

Date: 4 Falgun 2082 / 16 February 2026

- President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1989 with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. This was a 'Post-Valentine's Special' event dedicated to couples and families aged 60 or more celebrating 'Love, Life & Lifelong Companionship' graciously hosted by The Academy of Culinary Arts & Management (ACA), Lagankhel, Lalitpur, which included fellowship dinner/entertainment with early dinner.
- Guests welcomed by the President: Representing ACA Chairman Asesh Maharjan, Senior Manager Mr. Ram Raja Acharya and the ACA Team, Guest Speaker Ms. Kalpana Maharjan, Swami-Alakh Shakti, Mr. & Mrs. Yogendra Rai, Mr. & Mrs. Surendra Lal & Amita, Rtn. Maheshwar B. Shrestha, Mr. Rishi Lal Shrestha, Mr. & Mrs. Mohan N. Maskey from Heart Club Nepal, Mr. & Mrs. Bal Gobinda and Kiran Bista, Mr. & Mrs. Pratap S. and Geeta Rawal, Mrs & Mr. Nigma & Bijay Tamrakar, President of Mudita Sewagriha Ms. Rajya L. Bajracharya, guests of Ms. Kalpana Maharjan, and RCP family/Inner Wheels.
- The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
- Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Birthday' and in appreciation of President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht's organisation of the special meeting of today (Rs. 3,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for the above in support of Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang's appreciation (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha. ba.).
 - Rtn. Bishnu & Ausara Sigdel – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 500)
 - Rtn. Kedar & Shanta Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs.1,000).
 - Rtn. Kamal & Sulochana Nyachhyon – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Sikha Prasai & Dil B. Pathak – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra & Chandra Pandey – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Yagya & Mary Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (Rs. 500), Rtn. Sikha Prasai (Rs. 300), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500), Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (Rs. 500), Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (Rs. 500), Mr. Bal Govinda Bista (Rs. 1,000), Ms. Rajya L. Bajracharya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 1,000), Mr. Yogendra Rai (Rs. 1,000), Mr. Mohan N. Maskey (Rs. 500) and Ms. Nigma Tamrakar (Rs. 500) – for the special programme of today.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the above, and for his fruitful monitoring visit to Bandipur Project for people with disabilities (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for today's special programme in the presence of 'Gura Ama' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for today's special programme and for officiating as Secretary - (Rs.1,000).
- Other Contributions: Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed on the receipt of the following contributions:
 - Annual contribution of Rs. 18,360 from Khagendra Piyush Guthi, c/o Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey, to the RCP's PEEF Programme Fund.
 - Annual contribution of Rs. 25,800 (Equivalent of Euro 150) from Ms. Manuela Muecke from Germany, sister of Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund.
 - Contribution by 'Friends of Chepel, Germany' of Rs. 100,000 towards the treatment of a patient identified during the RCP/Nepal Heart Foundation health camp to Sotang/Chepel requiring surgery in Kathmandu. This patient needed Rs. 450,000 of which the government subsidy and Nepal Heart Foundation covered Rs. 350,000 with the balance now sponsored by the 'Friends of Chepel, Germany'. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi also briefed on the status of four patients referred to Kathmandu during the health camp.

6. Rotary Information:

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed that President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi handed over today Rs. 14,000 as the RCP's annual GSSA scholarship support to the 8th student, Ms. Samjhana Tamang from Lele who could not come during the KEEA/GSSA programme on 2 Feb. 2026.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on his fruitful monitoring visit to Bandipur Project for people with disabilities. He also informed that the implementing partner, ADSoN, had recruited a staff for preparatory work for data collection of 400 families there.
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Informed about his participation in several Rotary events – web meet on 'Girls' education as a tool of community empowerment and economic development', 70th Guardian and anniversary day of Siddhi Mangal school together with Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal & Bishnu P. Sigdel.
 - Reminded on the Rotary District events informed during the last week's meeting.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, officiating Secretary Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 19,300 sunshine fund and Rs. 4,300 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 36 guests including spouses, 18 members & 7 make-ups.

Summary of the talk programme by Ms. Kalpana Maharjan, Mountaineer & Journalist, on 'Climbing for Humanity'.

The talk programme by Ms. Kalpana Maharjan was given in the RCP's meeting following the special programme graciously hosted by the Academy of Culinary Arts & Management (ACA), Lagankhel, Lalitpur, as a 'Post-Valentine's Special' dedicated to couples and families aged 60 or more celebrating 'Love, Life & Lifelong Companionship'.

President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht welcomed and introduced the guest speaker Ms. Kalpana Maharjan, a double Everest summiteer & champion of social change. Ms. Maharjan summited Mount Everest as part of the 'First Women Journalist Everest Expedition' in 2018. She climbed it again in 2019 from the Tibetan side with a campaign against child marriage through education. She stands as a living symbol of courage, resilience, and humanity – proving that mountains are not just meant to be climbed, but to be used as platforms for social change.

Ms. Maharjan appreciated the opportunity to be with the Rotary and the ACA family and gave her presentation with a video clip by briefing first on her family and upbringing in the Newar community of rural Siddhipur and on her climbing efforts. A high school graduate from one of the RCP's PEEF supported schools in Siddhipur, Ms. Maharjan grew up questioning inequality and believing that girls can rise as per their dreams. Despite an initial climbing failure in 2014, surviving a life-threatening high-altitude sickness, and her family/community's initial discouragement, her determination remained unshaken. But once she was successful in climbing the peak of the world making history, everyone welcomed and celebrated her success.

To give meaning to her achievements as a daughter, a daughter-in-law, a mother, and a woman, she has been steadfastly working to raise awareness against child marriage and human trafficking. The victims of human trafficking are also mainly children. She is a global brand ambassador of KIN, India, which is an NGO with the aim to end Human Trafficking and Gender Based Violence. She gave an example of 5 rescued children of trafficking currently in India who need to be brought back to Nepal (2 to Kathmandu & 3 to Rolpa) for rehabilitation. This requires Rs. 85,175 for which she is seeking donors as well as doing fund-raising for future activities.

On behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey committed to raise the above funds from its members to support her efforts in this regard.

Mr. Ram Raja Acharya, on behalf of the ACA Chairman and the entire team, thanked Ms. Maharjan and the RCP family for this get-together with a wonderful cause of respecting the senior citizens of the society, and looked forward to a continued collaboration.

On behalf of the RCP family and all the participants, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Ms. Maharjan for the wonderful presentation and an inspirational work that she is continuing to do. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht added a few words of thanks and presented a 'Token of Appreciation' to Ms. Maharjan. He also presented a 'Token of Appreciation' to the guests of the meeting before concluding the session.