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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Business Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – 4 April <u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1995

Date: 16 Chaitra 2082 / 30 March 2026

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1995 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Mr. Min B. Achhami, Ms. Sita D. Gairi, Dance teachers - Ms. Pratima Chaudhary & Ms. Sonam Bista; and Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtn. Nirदेश Subedi.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for the presence of the Siddhimangal school team (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for receiving the major donor insignia from the RI (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the presence of the Siddhimangal school team and the 5th Monday entertainment celebration of the RCP (Rs. 800).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for today's programme with the school team (Rs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Informed about the participants so far from the RCP to the Rotary District Conference in Pokhara during 17-19 April 2026 and requested other interested members to confirm as early as possible. He also informed that the RCP will be signing a MOU for the District Grant on RHD with the District and there will be a RHD screening in one of the schools during the District Conference.
 - Informed about the Mahalaxmi Municipality taking ownership of the RCP's PEEF support and presenting the RCP with a 'Token of Appreciation'.
 - Reminded about the 'Haat Bazaar' exhibition related to 'Zero Waste' during 30 and 31 March 2026 from 10:30 to 16:00 hours at Nepal Academy of Fine Arts, Naxal and requested for participation.
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey informed about the planned inauguration of Bandipur Project with the first batch of training for people with disabilities during 21-22 April 2026.
6. 5th Monday entertainment programme: As 30 March is the 5th Monday of March, the RCP celebrated this week's meeting as an 'entertainment' weekly. Several members and Rotaract President contributed with jokes, poems, quiz contest, songs and anecdotes while the Siddhimangal school dance teachers performed very interested dances.

President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht concluded the session with many thanks to the Siddhimangal School team, particularly the dancers.

7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 2,300 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 2,700 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 4 guests, 1 Rotaract, 13 members, & 11 make-ups.

Rotary Information: Presidential message

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Francesco Arezzo President 2025-26: April 2026

Not long ago, in a small health centre in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labour carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health centre and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we *Unite for Good*, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will continue to go wherever help is needed most.