

**Issue No. 1654**

**Date: 14 Baisakh 2083 /27 April 2026**

**Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting with PEEF Review and Annual Campaign Planning

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:**

Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – 29 April

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Gopal & Jyoti Dawadi – 20 April

Rtn. Jamuna K. & Meera Tamrakar – 21 April

Rtn. Sandhya Regmi & Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti – 25 April

Rtns. Padam L. & Kamala Maharjan – 29 April

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1997**

**Date: 30 Chaitra 2082 / 13 April 2026**

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1997 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Interact Club of St. Xaviers President Itr. Eugain Raut.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 500). Rtn. Maheswari also offered 'Yomari' to all during the meeting in celebration of her birthday.
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. & Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (Rs. 500 pledged).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. & Upasana Regmi – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' and New Year in absentia (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (Rs. 500), & Rtn. Sunil Gupta (Rs. 500), – for 'Happy New Year – 2083'.
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for the first tea export of this year from his company (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 1,000) and Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 600) – for 'Happy Landing' from China and for 'Happy New Year – 2083'.
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for 'Happy New Year - 2083', Rtn. Maheswari's birthday, and for Rtn. Gyawali's contribution to the PEEF (Rs.1,000).
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from China and for 'Happy New Year – 2083' (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy New Year – 2083' and 'Happy Birthday' of Rtn. Maheswari (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty– for 'Happy Landing' from China & birthdays of grandson & Rtn. Maheswari (Rs. 1,000).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty confirmed the payment of Rs. 50,000 to the RCP's Animal Welfare for Public Health activity of this year as pledged earlier by Rtn. Gabriele and himself.
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali contributed an assortment of dried food products, valued at Rs. 5,750, from his company with the proceeds as his contribution to the RCP's PEEF programme. Following an auction during the meeting, highest bidder Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty purchased the items for Rs. 8,000, which will be credited to the RCP's PEEF Programme Funds.
6. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
    - Confirmed the approval of the District Grant for RHD programme of the RCP as submitted earlier.
    - Informed about the excellent felicitation programme by Nepal Police to the 12 Rotary Clubs with the IGP presenting a 'Token of Appreciation' to the Presidents for Rotary clubs' support to the police following the recent Gen-Z demonstrations.
    - Informed about his contacts with RC, Bangalore North, India where his study-time professor's club is going to have the 2026-2027 District Governor. Further exchange would be forthcoming.

- Briefed on the RCP groups' visit to Rtn. Suraj Pradhan who has been ill. He is improving but has lost his speech. He was very happy for the visit from the RCP team.
  - Confirmed that there will be **no 'Regular Weekly Meeting' on 20 April 2026** as many of the RCP members are participating in the District Conference in Pokhara and the inauguration of the Bandipur project for people with disabilities.
  - Informed that the following meeting of 27 April 2026 will be dedicated to a review and planning of PEEF for the next selection/distribution campaign.
  - Updated on the latest from WHO to prioritize polio surveillance and immunization campaigns in endemic regions (Pakistan and Afghanistan) and areas with circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus.
  - He briefed on his PowerPoint presentation on the 'Impact Overview: July 2025 – March 2026 of the Rotary Club of Patan' to the special joint meeting of 12 Rotary Clubs of the District which was participated by six members of the RCP. The joint meeting was a powerful demonstration of the 2025–26 theme 'Unite for Good'. The gathering served as a historic platform for collaboration, enabling clubs to align their goals and highlight the impact of their service initiatives. He highlighted the RCP's club managed project and the club's strengths in education, disability, and health sectors. Also, disaster support and networking among the clubs and other partners brought multiplier effects.
- Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal briefed on his participation and receipt of a 'Token of Appreciation' on behalf of the RCP at the Siddhimangal School ECD graduation programme to celebrate graduation of students from informal to formal schooling.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha briefed on his participation in the District Advisory Council meeting conducted for the first time after 2 years. Chair Rtn. Diwakar Rajkarnikar briefed on the key issues facing the District and DG Rtn. Binod Koirala briefed on this year's priorities/activities of the District. DG, DGE & DGN also participated in the meeting. Some major points noted were:
    - Concern on membership fees' continuous increase due to RI dues and other expenses growth.
    - District meetings in Kathmandu valley are costing more to outside Kathmandu participants. Need to look into zonal meeting possibilities.
    - Nepal staying in Zone 6 and the District will continue to have Bhutan where they are trying to establish a second club.
    - No initiative recommended to have a second district in Nepal. Need to strengthen the District Office noted with increased role for the AGs.
    - RC Kathmandu has leased the Rotary space to Tandal Constructions for 30 years. District has a small office, which is planned to be expanded with fund-raising for this.
    - District working to improve the IT System with better data management and archiving.
    - A trend of reduced number of application for Global Grants.
    - RYLA not done this year.
    - District approaching Social Welfare Office to have a better understanding of Rotary to ease the complex club renewal process.
    - Current number of 162 clubs seem adequate, therefore, no need to increase it.
  - Interact Club of St. Xaviers President Itr. Eugain Raut presented a plan to have a musical festival on Friday, 15 May 2026 (1 Jestha 2083) in collaboration with several Interact Clubs at Pulchowk Engineering Campus. This would be a fund-raising event to support a person whose both kidneys have failed. He requested the RCP members to support by participating with the purchase of tickets costing Rs. 400 each or Rs. 1,800 for 5 tickets. Youth Services Director Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal will be coordinating this from the RCP and will provide further information.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty, on behalf of Rtns. Shiv P. & Preeti Khemka and Gabriele Mallapaty gave a brief summary with key highlights of their very impressive trip to China with visits to Beijing, Shanghai, Xian & Chengdu.
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal also requested members to donate used 'Khasas' and/or 'jeans' for recycling being done by Ms. Rashmi Tendukar. She will organise the collections from interested members.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa - RC St. Moritz, Switzerland; Chartered: 1926; and Members: 57. District: 2000, Clubs: 153, and Members: 3981. She highlighted, with a power point presentation, some special characteristics of St. Moritz and the key events of the club already shared on Viber.
  8. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary IPP Rtn. Preeti Khemka announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 8,100 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 2,800 to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 1 Interact, 14 members and 14 make-ups.