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Date: 25 Shrawan 2083 / 10 August 2026

Today's Programme: Regular Weekly Meeting with a presentation by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht on 'Can We Commit as Plastic-Smart Rotary Families?'

Congratulatory Events
Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No.2012

Date: 18 Shrawan 2083 / 3 August 2026

1. President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka called the meeting no. 2012 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting weekly minutes number 2011 of the RCP were reviewed and approved.
3. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for daughter Smriti's selection as one of the three finalists for 'The Australian Museum Eureka Prize' for best environmental science journalism in Australia (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for the above (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for being the lead from Nepal in the completion of the research on AI in Education in Nepal with the British Council and the Ministry of Education (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the successful completion of the tree plantation activity in collaboration with Rotary and non-Rotary partners on the 'World Environment Day' (Rs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal informed about the Interact Club of St. Xavier's installation programme being held at the St. Xavier's School in Godavari at 2:30 p.m. on 7 August 2026 and requested participation of the RCP members on that occasion. On the sponsorship request, it was mentioned that it should be reviewed and recommended by the RCP's Youth Committee within the budget recently allocated for this purpose.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the very successful environmental activity of tree plantation in collaboration among ten Rotary Clubs and partners as informed earlier. About 150 participants including the Rotary District Governor, 13 members of the RCP, several Rotarians, Forestry Department and local government officials and other partners joined the event on 1 August 2026 at Hattiban, Lalitpur.
 - Coordinator of Lalitdhara Souvenir Issue updated on the progress of the publication and reminded all to send the articles and promote sponsorship of advertisements by 7 August 2026. He suggested that members may also sponsor with contributions for messages of best wishes.
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal informed about three episodes on women empowerment so far with interviews broadcasted on Sagarmatha FM and requested members to provide feedback with suggestions.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka briefed on the monthly reporting of the RCP's activities she has been sending to the District electronically through 'My Rotary' in all the committees of the RCP. She was pleased to report that the RCP has been among the 'most performing clubs' with sixteen activities already completed in July 2026. She requested members to inform her on the completed activities electronically to continue reporting to the District. From this year, the District would be using this electronic information for the 'District Awards' instead of the separate reporting requested in the past.
 - RCP's learning facilitator Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa suggested that available time during the Business Meetings on Zoom be used for briefing/orientation on Rotary's learning areas & requested for any suggestions in this regard.
5. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 3,000 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 21 members, and 9 make-ups.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – RC Tuui, Ulan Bator, Mongolia; Chartered: 2004; and Members: 38. District: 3450, Clubs: 64, & Members: 1742. He also highlighted the key features and activities of the club.

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

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| Q. Who was the second International President of Rotary? | A. Glen Mead |
| Q. RI had appointed fiscal agents in ten countries. Name the five countries in Asia? | A. Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Thailand |
| Q. 3. Who was the first General Secretary of RI? | A. Chesley R. Perry, 1910-42 |

1st Board Meeting of the RCP of the Rotary Year 2026-2027 held on 31 July 2026

The RCP Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu presented the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board Meeting of the RCP, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 31 July 2026, which was hosted by AG Rtn. Preeti Khemka at Bakery Café, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, with the participation of 13 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the 1st Board meeting as follows:

1. Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu reviewed the minutes of the 12th Joint Board meeting. On further review, it was agreed not to auction the Old President's Collar as suggested earlier, but to remodel it to keep it as a 'memento' of the RCP. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi agreed to arrange this.
2. Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty:
 - Presented the RCP's financial status with income and expenditure statements (shared electronically) as of 16 July 2026 (fiscal year closure date at the end of Asadh 2083). It was also noted that due to the reduction in the expenditure for the office assistant, the operational costs were within the budget. The social budget is also very tight.
 - Presented the revised final budget estimates for 2026-2027 following its review and suggestions made in the last Board meeting. Following a review and deliberations, the Board approved the budget as presented.
3. Charter Day Celebration – 29 August 2026: The Board deliberated on key issues and agreed to have it at the RCP's regular meeting venue – Yala Maya Kendra. For further planning on the detailed programme, the Board requested President Shiv P. Khemka, Events/Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha and Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu to finalise and share with all.
4. New Members to the RCP – Following some deliberation, it was suggested to have the recommendation of the Membership Committee for the Board/House approvals. It was noted that the Board approval may also be obtained via e-mail.
5. Tree Plantation Programme – This activity is being held on 1 August 2026 at 7 a.m. as earlier planned with the participation of 10 Rotary Clubs and other partners at Hattiban. Maximum RCP participation was requested.
6. PEEF – The Board noted the ongoing selection distribution campaign of this year.
7. Global Grant Project with Shahid Gangalal National Heart Centre (SGNHC): TRF Chair Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey briefed on this initiative to plan for possible global grants for SGNHC to improve health services for marginalized communities in Nepal. Preliminary discussions have been held with Rtn. Robert Rose, TRIFC, and the proposed international partner Rtn. Sanjivan Mahara of Rotary Club of Nanaimo Daybreak, British Columbia, Canada. On 30 July 2026, the RCP Team (Rtns. Shiv P. Khemka, Rabendra R. Pandey, Gabriele Mallapaty, Prakash R. Regmi, and Bijaya Mallapaty) met the SGNHC team to discuss the project concept and plan for the global grant application. The RCP Team will now continue to work with the partners starting with a Zoom meeting planned for Sunday, 9 August 2026. In the Board deliberations, a large funding requirement was noted, and a suggestion was made to start planning for one global grant for an oxygen generation plant estimated at a total cost of US \$180,000.
8. District Grants' Heart Screening Project – The Board named an RCP committee, to support the District Grants, of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi as Coordinator with the membership of Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht and Preeti Khemka.
9. Lalitdhara Souvenir – On behalf of the committee, President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka requested all for timely submission of articles and encouraged all to obtain as many sponsorships as possible.
10. The Board reaffirmed the earlier agreed principle of a minimum contribution of Rupees one crore to establish a Trust Fund in individual names in the RCP's agreed areas of support.
11. Confirmation of the host for the next Board meeting: As Rtn. Preeti Khemka hosted the 1st Board meeting earlier planned to be hosted by Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu, the latter will be hosting the 2nd Board meeting on Friday, 4 September 2026.
12. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha initiated and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the host, Rtn. Preeti Khemka, for an excellent Board meeting and fellowship. Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi added to this, and both the host and the President appreciated the participation of all with the enjoyable fellowship.