

ललित धारा

RI District 3292**Club No. 23126****Chartered: 29 August 1985****President: Mahendra Thapa Past President & Editor: Bijaya Mallapaty Past President & Assistant Editor: Chandralekha Kayastha****Issue No. 1453****Date: 5 Baishakh 2079 / 18 April 2022****Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting with continuation of Past Presidents' revisit of significant issues during their presidency of the RCP

Congratulatory Events**Birthdays:** Nil**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Prakash R. & Upasana Regmi – 15 Apr.
Rtn. Jamuna K. & Meera Tamrakar – 21 Apr.

Minutes of Meeting No. 1800**Date: 28 Chaitra 2078 / 11 April 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the special regular weekly meeting number 1800 to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Spouses of the RCP members to this special meeting.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. & Lalita Thapa – for their 44th 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (NRs. 1,000), and for his spouse as first lady joining the meeting (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for participating in the President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha (NRs. 1,800), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (NRs. 500), – for the RCP's 1800th regular weekly meeting and the last meeting of Nepali year 2078.
 - Rtn. Ramesh Maskay – for his trip to Pokhara and joining the PETS event there (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for his successful health care at Medanta hospital in New Delhi with the new 'TAVR' technology in place of an open-heart surgery; son's university admission at Pennsylvania, USA; and daughter's job with Intel in Bangalore, India (NRs. 3,000). He also thanked Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi for treatment and advice on his health.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for his spouse's birthday and participation at the recent Walkathon by both (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – for the 1800th meeting, and health care of Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for all the good news of today (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Chandralekha & Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for being safe due to her use of a helmet while falling during a site inspection (NRs. 1,000 each).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for a successful health camp in the remote area of Madi, Chitwan (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Mahendra Thapa informed about the following:
 - Rotaract District conference being held during 15-16 April 2022.
 - Hiking on Nepali new year to visit 33 renovated ponds being organised by the users committee, Bhaktapur.
 - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan briefed on an excellent President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) organised by the District during 8-9 April 2022 in Pokhara.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht informed on his and his spouse's participation in the 'Heritage Walk' for women's health from Mangal Bazar to Kirtipur organised by the Rotary club of Himalaya Patan and others.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed about the completion of interviews of students for this year's Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award (KEEA) and the selection of Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA). Documentation was done by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty and interviews were organised by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa, Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty conducted the interviews.

- Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang offered to take colour photographs of all members and spouses of the RCP for the next Lalitdhara Souvenir publication.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha - Rotary Club of Quezon City, Luzon, Philippines; Chartered: 1960; and Members: 43. District: 3780 , Clubs: 95, and Members: 2424. She also provided the highlights about the city and the Rotary in the Philippines.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 16,700 (NRs. 3,400 to the Operational Fund and NRs. 13,300 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 27 members, 8 spouses & 4 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar

- Q.** When and where the next Council on Legislation of RI is being held? **A.** 10-14 April 2022 in Chicago, USA.
- Q.** Does the 'Code of Policies' of RI require clubs to report their monthly membership/attendance report to the District Governor? **A.** Yes, Club Secretaries are required to report attendance within 15 days of the last meeting of the club each month.
- Q.** Name the first Rotary Club sponsored by the RCP and its charter date? **A.** RC Chitwan on 22 April 1991

Celebration of the RCP's 1,800th regular weekly meeting

President Rtn Mahendra B. Thapa welcomed all the RCP members and spouses for the celebration of the RCP's 1,800th regular weekly meeting followed by a fellowship dinner hosted by him and his spouse, the first lady.

Rtn. Preeti Khemka conducted this part of the meeting with requests to all the Past Presidents to take their turn and talk only for a couple of minutes highlighting any topics from among the most challenging situation, noteworthy achievement, suggestion to the President of the forthcoming year, or interesting anecdote to share recalling their Presidency of the RCP. Taking into account the time constraints, this forum would continue in the next weekly meetings to hear all the Past Presidents.

In today's meeting, there was enough time for six Past Presidents to speak starting from the Charter Secretary of the RCP, Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha. He briefed on how he joined Rotary and together with late Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit, they established the Rotary Club of Patan in 1985. He has been the only Past President who has served for three years as President in the RCP. He has been one of the initiators of the RCP's flagship project, PEEF, which has been very successful in providing scholarship support to economically poor students of public schools in Lalitpur District since 1991.

Past President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (Rotary Year 2018-2019) acknowledged that a presidency can only be as good as its club members. She spoke about her successful efforts to streamline the club's financial management to reduce administrative costs and initiating a good system of annual plans.

Past President Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar (Rotary Year 2011-2012) highlighted the smooth management of the club that needed a venue change, introduction of a major increase in the meeting attendance fee, and a change of the office assistant of the club.

Past President Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha (Rotary Year 2002-2003) joined Rotary in 1993. During his time, the RCP sponsored 3 new clubs. He had been on the Board of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital for 6/7 years and was instrumental in expanding that institution with the RCP's support and fund-raising efforts.

Past President Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon (Rotary Year 2000-2001) talked about the efforts to establish the Senior Citizens' Home sponsored by the RCP with donor support from Germany. The venture was successful for many years, but recently it had to be closed for various reasons including funding.

Past President Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (Rotary Year 2016-2017) talked about priority given to fellowship and service with eight global grants and internally funded projects totalling over US \$740,000. He highlighted the unique global grant project of providing micro-hydroelectricity to the village of Chepel worth over US \$100,000 wherein the government of Nepal contributed US \$37,500, which was unprecedented.