

# 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. 1459****Date: 16 Jestha 2079 / 30 May 2022****Today's Programme:** Business Meeting**Forthcoming Programmes:**

6 June – Vocational Training Awards

13 June – Kamalmani Educational Excellence Awards (KEEA)

20 June – 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2022-2023

27 June - President's summary of Rotary Year 2021-2022

**Congratulatory Events****Birthdays:**

Rtn. Kamala Maharjan – 29 May

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil**Minutes of Meeting No. 1806****Date: 9 Jestha 2079 / 23 May 2022**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the regular weekly meeting number 1806 to order with 'Silent Invocation' of 15 seconds for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guest welcomed by the President: Rtn. Robert Rose, PP RC Bellevue, Seattle, USA, and Founder President of TRIFC; From ADSoN - Treasurer Rtn. Upendra Poudel, Executive Director Nirmala Gyawali, and Official Ms. Maya Gyawali; Mr. Rajendra Suwal, WWF; Mr. Ganga Ram Gautam, TU; and Rotaract PP Peshal Bhattarai.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Contributions/pledges for 'Happy News':
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 7,800 by phone announcement post-meeting).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for successful completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of charity Golf tournament 'We are all able' organized by ADSoN at Gokarna with one million Rupees of net income, and his own winning of the seniors' tournament again (NRs. 2,000).
  - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany ) (NRs. 500 each).
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for the return of his daughter to Nepal for a few months from abroad (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for the participation of Rtn. Robert Rose in today's meeting and his own participation in the District Training Assembly (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for the participation of Rtn. Robert Rose in today's meeting (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for his nomination as President of 'FRIDDA' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for today's project presentation with Rtn. Robert Rose (NRs. 500).
  - Mr. Ganga Ram Gautam – for joining today's meeting (NRs. 500).
  - Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan – for joining today's meeting in the presence of Rtn. Robert Rose by zoom from the USA (NRs. 1,000).

**5. Other Contributions:**

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey announced the following contributions totalling **NRs. 2,176,000** to the RCP's KPAD Fund:

- By the Ability Development Society of Nepal (ADSoN) from the funds raised by organising the 6<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Tournament 'We are All Able' at Gokarna – NRs. 500,000
- Matching of the above by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – NRs. 500,000
- Contribution by Mr. Mike Paulin – NRs. 44,000
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- Matching of all the above by The Rose International Fund for Children (TRIFC) – NRs. 1,088,000

He also confirmed payment of his earlier pledge to the TRF of US \$1,000 (NPR122000) for the RY 2021/22.

**6. Rotary Information:**

- President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan briefed on the participation of three members from the RCP including himself in the District Training Assembly (DTA) and two members including himself in the District Grants Management Seminar held on 21 and 22 May 2022 respectively.
- President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa:
  - Informed about the RCC Conference being held on 12 June 2022 by zoom and the need to send necessary updates on the RCP's RCCs by 25 May 2022.
  - Informed about the District Awards and Recognition Programme being held on 25 June 2022 and the need to send the RCP's submissions by 5 June 2022.

7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa - Rotary Club of Izmit, Turkey; Chartered: 1980; and Members: 38. District: 2420, Clubs: 79, and Members: 2154.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Joint Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht summarized: contributions of NRs. 14,800 (with post-meeting addition of Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha mentioned above) to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 2,050 to the Operational Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 6 Guests, 1 Rotaract, 20 Members and 6 make-ups.

**A motion of condolences to PDG Rtn. Rabindra K. Piya on the sad demise of his father Mr. Bhakta Kumar Piya on 22 May 2022 was passed by the Rotary Club of Patan 'House'.**

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by PP Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya**

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| Q. What is the motto of Rotaract Clubs?                                      | A. Self Development - Fellowship Through Service |
| Q. What does GETS stand for?   | A. Governors elect training seminar              |
| Q. How many Rotary Global Grants has the RCP successfully concluded to date? | A. 10 plus 1 ongoing                             |

**Summary of programme with presentation on the RCP's Joint KPAD project on 'Empowering People with Disabilities in Nepal by Teaching Organic Vegetable and Poultry Farming Skills'**

President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa introduced the above programme and Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey conducted the session introducing all the guests. First, he made some remarks about the RCP's Khagendra Raj and Piyush Priya Ability Development Endowment Fund (KPAD). The RCP's target of the KPAD Fund is to reach Nepalese Rupees one crore by the end of this Rotary Year, i.e., 30 June 2022. He then summarised the joint project on 'empowering people with disabilities in Nepal by teaching organic vegetable and poultry farming skills' among the three partners – TRIFC, ADSoN and the RCP. The three partners selected 'Shijan Organic Pvt. Ltd.' as its implementing partner for this project. A first batch of trainees have completed the training and the second batch has just started on 23 May 2022.

Rtn. Robert Rose, the RCP's long-time friend (PP of RC Bellevue, Seattle, USA, and Founder President of TRIFC) was very pleased to be present to assist with the presentation of the project. He has been coming to Nepal regularly since 1985, the year RCP started, and do his best to help the needy in Nepal. He has collaborated on several projects with many Rotary clubs in Nepal including the District's 3H grant project managed by the RCP during 2008-2012. He was very pleased to start this new partnership with the RCP and ADSoN on organic farming and having the Shijan Organics implement it and looked forward to a successful and sustainable endeavour. Rtn. Rose then showed a video spot on the project from its planning to the current stage of implementation.

Chairperson of Shijan Organic Pvt. Ltd. Ms. Jamuna Subedi introduced herself as a person with disability who lost her legs in a truck accident. But her disability did not prevent her from working and she pursued her education and training in the USA, Japan and Australia and obtained a master's degree in Biology. She has been an advocate for the rights of people with disabilities (PWDs) and has been with the Centre for Independent Living (CIL) and is currently its Vice President. Together with her husband, she opened her own company 'Shijan Organic Pvt. Ltd.'. She has also been a Project Officer in the Rotary District's 3 H grant. Ms. Subedi made a comprehensive power point presentation of the joint project. She emphasised the need to minimize barriers in the agricultural sector to uplift the PWDs and establish them as entrepreneurs in their community.

Ms. Subedi described the project, what has so far been done, its current status and plans. The current project site is in Sunakothi, Ward No. 27, Lalitpur, where rooms for training, two residential rooms for PWDs with dining facility and toilets, plastic tunnels, and drip-irrigation system have been built in collaboration with the landlord. The site has been made accessible everywhere for PWDs, and the 3 months training provided is on a comprehensive curriculum developed based on a one-year course provided at CTEVT.

Following a Q/A and comments session, Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey noted the suggestions made on the project. He also reiterated the aim of reaching the KPAD Fund to one crore Nepalese Rupees by the end of this Rotary Year and the participation of maximum RCP members. An official inauguration of the project site is planned as early as possible. Towards the end, he announced the contributions to the KPAD Fund totalling 21 Lakh 76 thousand Nepalese Rupees as listed above under 'Other Contributions'.

President Elect Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan gave a 'Vote of Thanks' on behalf of the RCP to all the presenters and guests and President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa closed the meeting with his own thanks to all.