



# ललित धारा



RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

Chartered: 29 August 1985

Immediate Past President & Editor: Bijaya Mallapaty

President & Assistant Editor: Chandralekha Kayastha

Secretary: Mahendra Thapa

**Issue No. 1246**

**Date: 7 Falgun 2074 / 19 February 2018**

<p><b><u>Today's Main Programme:</u></b> Talk Programme on 'Pranic Healing' by Ms. Nisha Agrawal assisted by Renu and Nitu.</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 26 Feb. – Talk Programme on 'Organic Food against Cancer in Nepal' by Mr. Bishnu K. Gyawali</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – 17 Feb. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – 18 Feb.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – 18 Feb. Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – 19 Feb.</p>
---	---

**Minutes of Meetings No.1597**

**Date: 29 Magh 2074 / 12 February 2018**

1. In the absence of the President (sickness), IPP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty called the Meeting No. 1597 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News' Contributions:

- Rtn. Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' and 'Happy Landing' from Singapore (NRs. 2,000).
- Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan – for 'Happy Birthday' from Rajasthan, India (NRs. 1,300). As a first for the RCP, Rtns. Padam L. and Kamala Maharjan joined the meeting through 'Viber' video conferencing.
- Rtns. Kiran Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.)
- Rtns. PDG Tirtha M. Sakya, Kedar B. Shrestha and Kamal B. Nyachhyon – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary'.

*As 'spouses' of RCP members are always welcome to the regular meeting, it was suggested that members make an effort to bring their spouses to the meeting specially on their 'Wedding Anniversary' weeks.*

- Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for 'Happy Birthday' of spouse Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Reunion' with children & grandson visiting Nepal (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'Happy Landing' from Thailand (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for presiding the meeting.
  - Rtn. Dr. Prakash R. Regmi – for improvements in father's health condition (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary News/Information:
    - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha briefed on the status of 'Fellowship Fund' of RCP members, which has a current balance of NRs. 207,210.
    - Reminder of other information shared by e-mail: i. Successful completion of AGs/DTTS with 3 participants from the RCP, ii. Participation in 'Ride for Rotary' being organized by District 3181, iii. Programme organized by 5 Rotary Clubs of Lalitpur, and iv. Inauguration of Traditional & Folk Dance and Music Training Centre in Baalukha, Lalitpur.
  5. Please see the next page for a summary of classification talk of Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya
  6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – RC Chinnamanur, Tamil Nadu, India; Chartered: 1973, & Members: 63. District: 3000, Clubs: 79, & Members: 3213.
  7. Before the closure of the meeting by the Immediate Past President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 8,100 (NRs. 2,000 for attendance and NRs. 6,100 for Sunshine Funds); attendance: 20 members (including 2 through 'Viber' connection), and 7 make-ups.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lochan Gyawali

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Q. Quorum for Regular Weekly Meeting                      | A. 1/3 of membership                       |
| Q. Time limit for 'make-up' of attending a weekly meeting | A. 14 days before/after the missed meeting |
| Q. Name of current German President                       | A. Frank-Walter Steinmeier                 |

### Classification Talk by Past President Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya

Past President Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya gave an interesting classification talk. While his classification in Rotary is 'Carpet Export', as this falls within 'Handicraft' in Nepal, he started by giving a brief history of handicrafts in Nepal.

Though handicrafts in Nepal has a history from ancient times, its commercialization started only during early 1950s. His father opened 'Nepal Art Emporium' as the first handicraft shop in Nepal. Exports at that time had to be done through the only existing parcel service through the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu. After Nepal's participation in International Trade Fair in Berlin in 1966, this trade started to spread.

Brass 'Filigree' works were the first exported handicrafts, which were produced by his family in Nagbahal, Patan, followed by brass and copper statues. Further diversification started in Swayambhu with paper products, and cotton garments during the 1970s.

Rtn. Shakya studied science and biology, and medicine in New Delhi, but did not continue and joined family business joining the handicrafts shop in New Road. In 1973, he opened Shakya Art Emporium personally. He also joined Jaycees in 1974.

He made his first foreign trip to Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand in 1975 at the young age of 21. During the course of his work on handicraft export, he has travelled a lot including an 'around the world' trip in 1976 and participated in several exhibitions, buyers meetings, and trade fairs to widen his contacts and sales in several countries of the world. He also promoted the concept of 'buy one, get one free' through a magazine in Germany.

As for the carpets, originally, Nepal was only exporting 'Tibetan carpets' started by the Tibetan refugees in Nepal. It was very difficult to penetrate that market. In 1983, he established his own carpet factory named Tsongkapa Carpet Industry that included carding & spinning, dyeing and washing factories.

On garment exports, he was running one of the 5 factories in Nepal producing and exporting garments. He also started a clothing shop.

In summary, he has been involved with the promotion and export of several items from Nepal including Filigree, statues, silver jewellerys, carpets, garments, and other handicrafts to markets around the world.

Following a Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP, IPP Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty thanked Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya for his very interesting classification talk and his contributions toward the promotion of handicrafts in Nepal and its export abroad.



### May the Laugh Bug Bite You 😊😊😊😊😊

My wife came home yesterday and said, "Honey, the car won't start, but I know what the problem is".

I asked her what it was and she told me it had water in the carburettor. I thought for a moment, then said, "You know I don't mean this badly, but you're not mechanically inclined. You don't know the carburettor from the radiator".

"No, there's definitely water in the carburettor", she insisted.

"Ok, honey, that's fine, I'll just go take a look. Where is it?"

"In the lake".