

# ललित धारा

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<u>Today's Programme:</u>	<u>Congratulatory Events</u>
Business Meeting	<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil <b><u>Wedding Anniversary:</u></b> Rtn. Suraj & Meera Pradhan – 8 Feb.

## Minutes of Meeting No. 1839

Date: 16 Magh 2079 / 30 January 2023

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1839 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma and Dr. Aruna Uprety – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba).
  - Rtn. Lochan & Mrs. Sangita Gyawali – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' announced earlier (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for today's programme of '5<sup>th</sup> Monday Entertainment' (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for being named the Board Chair of 'Ama Ghar' for deprived/orphan children at Godawari (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn Mahendra S. Rawal – for the RCP's donation of 5 wheelchairs for people with disability in western Nepal (NRs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the excellent 'Slam Poetry' competition organised by the Rotaract Club of Patan. The Rotary Club of Patan also received a letter of appreciation for its participation.
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the successful distribution of 5 wheelchairs from the RCP to people with disability of Bhimadatta municipality in Kanchanpur in the presence of the provincial chief minister. With this, the RCP has completed the donation/allocation of 25 wheelchairs obtained from the District for the people with disability.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the completion of the interviews of students for this year's KEEA by the team of Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht and himself. The award programme date will be announced shortly.
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam briefed on the Teach Committee sub-group meeting held today. Three activities are planned: Collection of school information of the three adopted schools, a teacher training event, and a health camp with the help of Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi. It was also agreed to introduce a student quality circle (SQC) network for total quality management (TQM). Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam also contributed 20 books to the participants of 'Slam Poetry' competition mentioned above.
  - Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Pins and Certificates: The President and senior members of the RCP pinned and gave PHF certificates to the first-time contributors to the PHF as follows:
    - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – PHF+5.
    - Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht Ganga R. Gautam – PHF Pin and Certificate signed by TRF Trustees Chair and the Rotary International President.
5. 5th Monday Entertainment Programme: Members enjoyed the 'laugh and be merry' moments with interesting quiz (gaun khane katha), and jokes by several members of the RCP that included Rtns. Mahendra S. Rawal, Bijaya L. Shrestha, Mahendra B. Thapa, Lalita C. Thapa, Nabin B. Maharjan, Bijaya Mallapaty and Khadak S. Bisht. The entertainment continued after the meeting with a fellowship sponsored by the RCP members' fellowship fund.

6. Salutation: By Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa - Rotary Club of Kaunas, Lithuania; Chartered: 1934; & Members: 55. District: 1460, Clubs: 97, & Members: 3609.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 3,100 (NRs. 1,700 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 1,400 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 14 members & 12 make-ups.

**Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam**

- Q. Who was the first District Governor of RID 3292? **A. PDG Rtn. Tika Man Vaidya**
- Q. Who is the fourth recipient of Gopal-Kamala Rajbhandari Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence? **A. Ms. Indira Rana Magar, Chairperson of Prisoner Assistance Nepal**
- Q: Who inaugurated Rotary International District 3292 on July1, 2008? **A. Late PM Girija Prasad Koirala**



**Rotary Information: Rotary International President Jennifer Jones' message for February 2023**

Recently, I spent time in the Nakivale refugee settlement in Uganda. As the "settlement" in its name suggests, the people living there are free to move around and integrate as best they can — one thing that makes the place unique.

I had a chance to play soccer with boys and girls from about a dozen nations and talk with women who had fled areas of conflict. It was a tapestry of human experience shared through both laughter and tears.

As I walked across a school campus at the settlement with a teacher, she shared with me the dire statistics on girls' education. Most don't get through grade school. Many are sold into child marriage to pay for food for their families. As I looked around at these young girls, I was gutted.

Our work with empowering girls and women is much more than creating equity — sometimes, it's about health or education. Other times it's about providing safety. Regardless of the path, it's always about basic human rights. We can do more to empower girls and women, and we can expand how we share the progress Rotary members and our partners have made toward this goal.

There is no shortage of inspiring examples of our work, from interest-free microcredit loans for women in Nigeria, to projects in India that provide girls menstrual hygiene products. Hundreds of projects are taking place across all Rotary areas of focus and are making a meaningful and often lifesaving difference.

Together, we can address the needs and inequities that girls throughout the world face daily. But we must also monitor the impact of these projects and create awareness of Rotary resources and subject matter experts, including Rotary Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, Rotary Peace Fellows, and others.

It is especially important that we tell the stories of our initiatives that have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls. This last point is near and dear to my heart. This means sharing our stories on social media, through local news outlets, in this magazine, and wherever we can inspire others.

As you do so, it's important to provide information that helps our Rotary family connect with others who are implementing activities in their regions, as well as across the world. Let's share our successes and learn from one another — then proudly tell our stories to a larger audience.

These are exciting times in Rotary, and the world is taking notice. As we work to empower women and girls to step into their full potential, we create new pathways for membership growth and greater collaboration with partners to create positive, lasting change. Thank you for your continued action in this vital effort.