

# ललित धारा

RI District 3292

Club No. 23126

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**Today's Programme:**

Regular Weekly Meeting with sharing of experience  
by Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthday & Wedding Anniversary: Nil**

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1846**

**Date: 6 Chaitra 2079 / 20 March 2023**

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1846 to order with 15 seconds of '*Silent Invocation*' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Ms. Sandhya Regmi and two Rotaracts from the Rotaract club of Patan.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for happy rains (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for 'Happy Landing' from Thailand (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for obtaining a donation from WHO of two pocket size ECHO machines for Nepal Heart Foundation and, with these machines, heart screening of 1200 students in two schools of Janakpur successfully. During the screening, identified 45 heart patients with 5 needing surgery (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for progressing well with the global grant application for a RHD project together with Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 800).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for participation in a successful District Conference (NRs. 200).
5. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang shared the following:
    - He will be going to Laliguras community hospital in Mirge with a five-member team of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital and a physiotherapist for a health camp during 23 to 24 March 2023.
    - Plans for a RCP trip to handover the ambulance to Laliguras community hospital in Mirge during the 2nd week of April. This is part of the RCP's global grant project to support the hospital. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya will be requested to lead the handover and maximum participation of RCP family is suggested. Members were requested to confirm their interest to him so that arrangements could be finalised including a micro-bus on a cost-sharing basis. Further details of this trip will be shared in consultation with the Fellowships Coordinator.
    - Rtn. Pradhanang also informed about his donation of track suits to 212 students of Laliguras School in Mirge costing NRs. 170,000.
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht updated on the arrangements on the RCP's new venue, Yala Maya Kendra. Some suggestions for improvements were made including proper display of the RCP's banner.
  - President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan pinned PHF Pin+6 & +7 to Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang received from Rotary International for his contributions towards these.
6. District Conference held during 17-18 March 2023 at Gokarna Forest Resort: President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan briefed on the recently held 15<sup>th</sup> District Conference with four participants from the Rotary Club of Patan. The RCP was also a co-sponsor of this event. Rtn. Pradhan summarised the two days' event in a lively manner as very successful with excellent speakers, exciting fellowships, and a large participation of close to 1,100 Rotarians and guests. He pointed out two areas, i.e., registration and parking, which were somewhat difficult.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka - Rotary Club of Admiralty, Hong Kong; Chartered: 1989; & Members: 26. District: 3450, Clubs: 64, & Members: 1742. Members also shared more information about Hong Kong.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 4,200 (NRs. 2,500 to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 1,700 to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1 guest, 10 members, 2 Rotaracts and 14 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang**

**Q.** What is Rotary? **A.** Rotary is an organization of business & professional persons united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations & help build goodwill and peace in the world.

**Q.** What is Rotary's principal motto? **A.** Service Above Self

**Q:** What is the mission of Rotary International? **A.** The Mission of Rotary International is to provide services to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



### **Rotary Information: RI President Jennifer Jones' message for March 2023**

As we planned for this Rotary year, I could have never "imagined" the breadth of stories we would encounter nor the scope of the people we would meet.

I find oxygen in sharing time with our members — hearing their truths and learning about their personal journeys and their deepest desires for goodness.

And so it was that I encountered two very different men with very similar stories.

One-hundred-year-old Genshitsu Sen is a remarkable human being and a joyful soul. We greeted each other in Kyoto, during my trip to Japan in November, with a hug and an instant connection.

Not only is Sen a former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition but he is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Kyoto, where he has served as club president. He assisted in the charter of the Rotary Club of Kyoto-South. And he has also served as governor of District 2650 and held leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

During that same week, I had the great pleasure to record a birthday video for a 100-year-old World War II naval hero who is an exemplary leader and who served two terms as governor of District 5810 in Texas.

Both men are decorated World War II heroes in their respective countries and share unthinkable history. And although they served on opposing sides of the war, their stories are remarkably similar — and they are both honorable men who chose Rotary to carry on lives of peacemaking.

I have been reflecting so much lately that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different.

I feel incredibly fortunate to share in these stories and to meet such incredible people.