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PPI 2006 - MARCH TOWARDS POLIO ERADICATION

Venue : Aanganwadi Centre, Sector 24, Chandigarh

Time : 9.00 A.M.

Please note change in date, time & venue of meeting.

MOHALI - THE NEW DISTRICT OF CHANDIGARH TRICITY

Our club meeting on Nov. 3, 2006 had more than a 'House Full' attendance. In addition to a good number of our own members, there were Presidents & Members of Rotary Club Mohali and the Industrial Association, Mohali. To tell us about the plans & opportunities in Mohali, the new district of the Chandigarh Tricity, we had none other than its first Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Tejveer Singh, IAS. He was introduced to the gathering by Secy. Rtn. R.K. Luther.

Mr. Tejveer Singh gave an interesting talk based on the facts & figures regarding Mohali's development as a District. Mohali came up in 1970s. It was earlier planned as an industrial township, gradually going towards housing as well. The years through 1980s & early 1990s were not so good for Mohali due to terrorism. This resulted in setback for development of Mohali, and steep progress for Panchkula township of the Chandigarh Tricity. Panchkula transformed into a district much earlier.

Mohali came up as a district in April 2006. Mohali residents were dependent on District Ropar, even for traffic challans. It was a city for two-wheelers. Now there are many more cars. Mohali is also attracting large scale real estate business.



Rtn. P.K. Verma gave vote of thanks & the Memento to DC.

Employment opportunities have increased. There is a boost in the economy. There is a provision of Rs. 8 crore for improving the facilities in the civil hospital. A bio-tech park is also being planned. In addition to the existing landmarks like the world class cricket stadium, Niper, Fortis Institute & Silver Oaks hospital, many more national level organisations are coming up in Mohali. Medical facilities are being developed not only as curative but preventive as well. Railway connectivity is going to be available to other parts of Punjab from the upcoming Mohali station.



DC Mr Tejveer Singh addressing the large gathering

Mohali is having 436 villages. Dera Bassi & Zirakpur also form part of Mohali District. Growth in these towns is in an unplanned manner. But as a District, Mohali would have its own identity. There is ample public support. Also, there have to be vibrant cultural activities. Mohali is being planned to give good life on all fronts. A city centre is also being planned by the govt. Mohali will undergo very large transformation in a couple of years.

Chandigarh having become saturated, Mohali has tremendous scope for growth. Chandigarh Airport is heading for expansion and this will take place towards Mohali. Chandigarh has its limitations whereas Mohali has a lot of potential. On social front also, an Old Age Home, a Drug De-addiction Centre and a Red Cross building is also in the


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Birthdays Boy Dr. Jawahar Gupta get his Gift from DC

pipeline. Matter is also being taken up to have a business centre like Pragati Maidan of Delhi.

Mr. Tejveer Singh assured that the new District is being planned on sound footings and that too, for 20 to 50 years ahead.

There was an interactive discussion between the DC and the audience, which continued even during the fellowship after the meeting -

courtesy Rtn. B.S. Channi & Rtn. Viney B. Aggarwal.

Vote of thanks was given by Rtn. P.K. Verma. It is worth mentioning that a few days back Mr. Verma rung up Mr. Tejveer Singh on his mobile for some work, which was executed within 10 minutes. While expressing the gratitude on behalf of the club for an enlightening talk, Mr. Verma also mentioned the meticulous manner in which the recently held ICC Champions Trophy matches were handled by the new Mohali District. He expected that young & dynamic officers like Mr. Tejveer Singh would bring drastic positive change in the bureaucracy.



Wedding Anniversary Couple R'ann Charanjit and Rtn. B.S. Channi get their gift from DC, Mohali

- President. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Mails from the DGN

Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

President, Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown

Thank you for your bulletin The Mid Towner dated 27th October, 2006.

"Diwali Gup Shup" must have been really enjoyable. So would have been the information on safe & beneficial investments by Rtn. J.S. Chopra. Diwali celebrations with the children of Night School, Sarangpur must have been a great occasion for the children.

It is a matter of pride that Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu & Ann. Moon Inder are away to South Africa on an important assignment for the country. Please convey my heartiest congratulations to PE Sandeep for his rare & prestigious distinction.

Thanks and regards,
Satish Saluja

Rtn. R.K. Luther

Secretary, R.C. Chandigarh MidTown

Heartiest congratulations on the birth of dear 'Akshat'. It is a true Rotary spirit to contribute to the Foundation on such an auspicious occasion. Heartiest congratulations on making your grandson a Paul Harris fellow.

Please convey my congratulations to Urmil Ji - the proud grandmother, Tina & Atul - the proud parents on the new arrival in the family.

Best wishes and regards

Satish Saluja

A Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said, "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit. Years later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life.

From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words, "Paid in full with one glass of milk" (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands."

Contributed by Rtn. Ashish Ahuja

☺ The Beast ☺

Husband and wife were in the midst of a violent quarrel, and hubby was losing his temper. "Be careful," he said to his wife. "You will bring out the beast in me."

"So what?" his wife shot back. "Who's afraid of a mouse?"

Contributed by Rtn. J.S. Chopra

"Treat every moment as if it's the last day, then you'll know how to Treasure. Treasure what you have right now, or else you may regret one day. Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today....."

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PPI 2006 - MARCH TOWARDS POLIO ERADICATION

An appeal by President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

Polio has not been fully eliminated from India. Let us all assemble on 12th November, 2006 at 9 AM at the Aanganwadi Centre, Sector 24, Chandigarh (on dividing road of sectors 23 & 24) and undertake to eradicate this dreadful disease from our country. Club meeting of Friday has been postponed for this purpose.

Rotary is part of a global partnership that, since 1988, has reduced the number of polio cases worldwide by 99 percent. Despite tremendous progress in reducing the incidence of polio, it still exists. Polio will continue to threaten children everywhere as long as it exists somewhere. Polio is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children under the age of three and can cause paralysis within hours. Before eradication efforts began in 1988, polio paralyzed more than 1000 children a day, which totalled about 350,000 children annually. Vaccinations easily can stave off polio. Vaccinations have prevented an estimated 500,000 children per year from contracting polio.

Only four countries are still polio endemic an all-time low : Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Rotary International is the spearheading member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and is the largest private sector donor. It has contributed more than US\$ 600 million to the

polio eradication activities in 122 countries. A polio-free world is within our grasp.

In his message for November 2006, RI President Bill Boyd said, "The cost of a dose of oral polio vaccine is small, but the logistics of delivering it are daunting. Yet when hundreds or thousands of Rotarians come together to deliver vaccines during a National Immunization Day, the greatest hurdle has already been overcome, and the Foundation is there to help with the rest. Great works like these could not happen without Rotarians"

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown has been associated with the Polio Booths at Sectors 11, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, Dadumajra, Dhanas and Sarangpur. All Rotarians & R'anns are requested to "Lead The Way" with a march towards polio eradication by joining Rotary's effort to end this crippling disease. We have to ensure that our commitment towards this noble cause is fulfilled by devoting a few hours on Sunday Nov. 12, 2006.

Get Well Soon

PP Rtn. Anil Mehan has recently been operated upon at Fortis. We wish him a very speedy recovery. His new mobile no. is 92162-11123.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS :

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva
Rtn. Vikram Hans



Nov. 15
Nov. 16



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY :

Rtn. Dr. Shashi & Sh. N.K. Jain
(Error in the previous bulletin is regretted)
R'ann Satpaul & Rtn. Balraj Singh

Nov. 11

Nov. 16



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