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Open House Discussion on City Problems

Coordinator : PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee, Councilor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh
All Rotarians & Spouses to participate (*Please bring your pens & specs*)

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 7.00 P.M.

Pls. note the change to summer timings

CYBER CRIME & PHONE TAP

The guest speaker for the club meeting last Friday, March 29, 2007, Prof. Ms. Divya Bansal, M.Tech was introduced by PP Pallav Mukherjee. She is a Lecturer in Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. Ms. Divya is part of the team to conduct specialist research in the areas of information and cyber security through Cyber Security Research Centre, the first of its kind in the country, set up in Chandigarh to deal with issues like data protection, confidentiality & data privacy. The centre has been recently set up by the Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM) and the Punjab Engineering College. The need for a Cyber Security Research Centre here was felt as there was speedy growth of the IT sector in the region. The research centre will handle personal, confidential & sensitive data and create a sense of comfort & security among IT companies. Research at the centre would help upgrade cyber security in IT companies and enhance the credibility and reputation of the Indian IT sector.

While narrating how Rtn. B.B. Bahl became a victim of cyber crime recently as \$ 6000 has been swiped on his credit card in Romania, whereas he has not traveled abroad for the last over one year, Ms. Divya Bansal talked about a small hand-held device known as skimmer. It could be a waiter or a store clerk or attendant of a petrol pump or anyone you've handed your credit card to for payment. Instead of just charging your card, an extra swipe of your credit card could be done into the skimmer. This cheap device, costing just a few hundred rupees, takes the data from your card, giving the miscreant all the information needed to make a counterfeit card. Credit card skimming has become a worldwide problem. Once the information has been downloaded into a skimmer, it can be downloaded into a computer and e-mailed anywhere in the world.

Indian Penal Code covers many cyber crimes, such as e-mail spoofing and cyber defamation, sending threatening e-mails, etc. A simple yet sturdy definition of cyber crime would be



Guest Speaker Prof. Divya Bansal, President
Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Secretary R.K. Luther



Rtn. Atul Grover presents a memento to
Guest Speaker Prof. Divya Bansal

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"unlawful acts wherein the computer is either a tool or a target or both". Computers and internet have become an important & effective mode of studying, doing business or running any office or establishment. Awareness is required to safeguard your data, whether it is credit card, your mobile phone, e-mail or internet. You should not give your personal details on the phone or respond to do so by e-mail. Ms. Divya said that in USA, the call centers sell the data for \$ 5 each. Do not send your details through email without verifying the credentials of the other party. Beware! Cyber Criminals are on the prowl. There are duplicate websites floated by the hackers. Do not pass on your data to dubious mails & sites.

Recently a young girl was about to be married to a boy she liked. One day the boy looked worried and upset. He told her that, members of his family had been receiving e-mails that contained malicious things about the girl's character. He told her that his parents were very upset and were considering breaking off the engagement. The boy prevailed upon his parents and the matter was reported to the police. During investigation, it was revealed that the person sending those e-mails was the girl's step-father. He had sent these e-mails to break up the marriage, which would have caused him to lose control of her property of which he was the guardian till she got married.



Guest Speaker Prof. Divya Bansal & PP Col. AJS Gill cut the cake in the absence of the Birthday Boy Rtn. Ravinder Kapoor, who is in time to get not only the b'day gift, but the Punctuality Award as well

While talking about phone tap, Ms. Divya said that mobile phones have become a big network in India. Data goes by air and can easily be tapped. Surveillance through the interception of messages and conversations may be necessary under certain circumstances, especially when terrorism is a live threat. The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 gives the Centre and State Governments the power to intercept any message in case of a "public emergency" or "in the interest of public safety." It was to prevent the arbitrary exercise of this power that the Supreme Court framed guidelines in 1996 to regulate such surveillance. Observing that illegal phone tapping was "a serious violation of individual privacy," the Court laid down certain conditions. There is tremendous expansion of mobile phone services & use, and entry of a number of private players into the telecom sector. It is necessary to review the 1996 safeguards rigorously, from the standpoint of citizens' rights. There must be a serious attempt to tighten the regulations that govern the tapping of telephones and crack down on violations of the citizen's right to privacy.

There was a query from PP Col. A.J.S. Gill regarding use of yahoo etc. for emails, to which the Guest Speaker suggested the use of Outlook Express. Rtn. Atul Grover while proposing vote of thanks, suggested the use of modern technology with precautions against virus & other pitfalls.

 - President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2008 The Countdown Begins

As already decided by our club, we are the hosts for the District Conference 2008. Expectations are high and we are going to live up to our reputation. The District Conference is scheduled for February 23rd & 24th, 2008 at the recently built largest auditorium of the Chandigarh Tri-City, Indradhanush in Sector 5, Panchkula, having unique ambience and pleasing environs. Incidentally, February 23rd is also the World Understanding Day.

Not taking any chances with time which flies, DGE Shaju had called a meeting of all past, present and future Presidents of our club at the conference room of Khandelia Oil & General Mills Ltd., 23, Industrial Area, Phase II, Chandigarh, thanks to PP Rtn. Devi Prasad Khandelia. The countdown has begun and we have started applying our minds from now. We have to focus on eloquent speakers, quality food and dignified entertainment. There are 19 recommended committees for the District Conference, to be chaired by the Past Presidents of our club as well as our neighbours. Responsibilities have to be judiciously assigned. Details of District Conference would be in the District Directory defining the responsibilities assigned to individual Rotarians.

DGE Shaju's work has already begun on an effective and meaningful note. District Team Training Seminar has already been held on March 18, '07 at Chandigarh. PETS & SETS is scheduled for April 14/15, '07 at Dehradun. District Assembly would take place at Shimla on June 3, '07.

The outgoing DG Rtn. Dhian Chand would exchange collar with Shaju on July 1, 2007 at Chandigarh, this function being hosted by Rotary Chandigarh Central. The District Directory would also be distributed on the first day of the new Rotary year.

Mail from DGN Rtn. Satish Saluja

Dr. V.J.S. Vohra
President, Rotary Club of Chandigarh MidTown

Thank you for your news letter dated 21st March, 2007, full of activities and so timely information.

Heartiest congratulations.

With Rotary regards,

Satish Saluja

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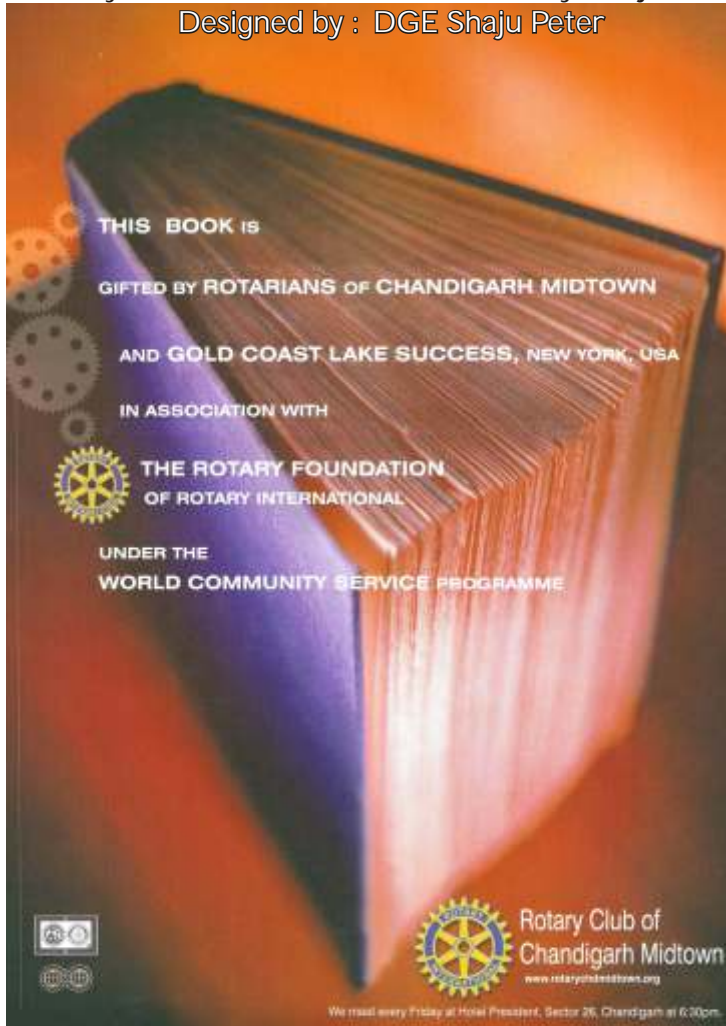
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- Rtn. Viney Aggarwal

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Rtn. Parveen Aggarwal
Rtn. Vijay Kumar



April 09
April 11



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Seema & Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Sahajpal April 06
R'ann Pritpal & Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati April 07
R'ann Herpreet & PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill April 09

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Won by Rtn. Ravinder Kapoor



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