An Extract from Rotary News – December 2018

A WinS project and Blood Bank

A comprehensive WinS project done by RC Chandigarh Midtown at the Government Model School, Manimajra, that President Rassin visited, and spent some time in personally inspecting the quality of the toilets constructed, has an interesting history. PDG Shaju Peter explained that a conference the club had two years ago was attended by Rtn Jon Deisher from RC Alaska. “He was a regular visitor to India and was fond of attending the NID programmes in India. Kanan Diwan, the spouse of PDG Yoginder Diwan, was the President of the club, and Deisher said his club would like to participate in a joint project with our club. His only condition was that the project should be related to girls in schools and he wanted to make and distribute low-cost sanitary napkins with a technology he knew was used in Kenya,” recalls Peter.

That project didn’t come through, but Kanan mooted the idea of building separate toilet for girls in schools; Deisher came on board and a joint project to build toilets in 10 girls’ schools was conceived with a grant of $42,000. Along with toilets, handwashing stations were built too and Rassin and Esther joined the children in a music and song filled handwashing session.

Club Election Results

Club Elections were held in our regular meeting on December 21, 2018. This democratic process was very meticulously conducted by Director Club Service & Chair Election Committee, PP Rtn Prem Anand, as President Rtn Ashok Puri was pleased to hand over the proceedings to him. Other members of the election committee were also judiciously involved in the election process; PDG Shaju Peter, the Counsellor, PP Rtn RK Luther (Co-Chair) and PP Rtn Harish Sethi. Elections were held for the five directors and a treasurer only. All the rest of the posts of the board were filled unanimously, that is, for these there were no elections.

The element of unanimous election for the board 2019-20 was quite in place for the majority of the posts, and that is the silver lining that our Club is having for all these years!

After the election results were announced, President Elect Rtn Salil Dev Bali in his address said, “I wish all the best to the members of the incoming board. We would work together and I appreciate the work done by the election committee. I congratulate you Sir. I assure you that we would work as 43 teams in the past have worked.”

Amidst loud applause, PE Salil added, “We all would be together and we all will hold this together. Three cheers to our Club!”
In his brief address President Nominee Rtn Sanjay Bhatia said, “My thanks to the election committee. They have done a very good job.” Thanking all the members he added, “Rotary starts with love, trust, honour and friendship.”

Half way through in the current Rotary year 2018-19, President Ashok Puri thanked all the Rotarians and R’anns of our Club. In his message he said, “My team 2018-19 and I, with your goodwill and cooperation have tried to accomplish the tasks set by us at the beginning of the year to the best of our abilities, as per the best traditions set by our predecessors. Our congratulations and gratitude to each and every Rotarian and R’ann who stood by us in our endeavour to touch the lives of others in our community.”

President Ashok also thanked PP Prem Anand and all members of the election committee for their sincere efforts to conduct the election excellently. He also congratulated Rtn Salil Bali and all members of his board, and is confident that 2019-20 will be another great year under the young and dynamic President Rtn Salil Bali.

Secretary Salil Chopra in his message said, “The election process was conducted by Electron Committee in a very congenial way under the chairmanship of PP Prem Anand. Thanks to all for showing enormous patience during the process.”

Vote of thanks was given by PP Rtn Ajit Gulati. In his message to PE Salil Bali he said, “You have been blessed with an awesome team of dedicated and committed Rotarians. I am sure with your leadership qualities you will lead your team from the front and achieve roaring success during the Rotary year 2019-20. I and Bir assure you of our support wherever you require us. Stay blessed.”
MoU signed for our Signature Project at Peermushalla

On 19.12.2018 after signing the MoU with Govt Primary School, Peermushalla (Zirakpur), President Ashok Puri along with PP Dr VJS Vohra inspected the satisfactory progress of the construction of kitchen and dining hall. The boundary wall of the school is already completed.

Buniyaad – Intercity on The Rotary Foundation

The Intercity on TRF was held on 23rd December 2018, hosted by Rotary Club Panipat Midtown at The Riyaad, Industrial Area, Panipat.

DRFC Chair PDG Shaju Peter gave an impressive presentation on Rotary Foundation Projects being done this year in District 3080, in which the global grant projects being done by our Club found a special mention.

PDG Shaju Peter also conducted the felicitation program of PDG Dr Gulshan Thakral and his wife Dr Rashmi who have decided to shift to Vadodra.

Our hearty congratulations to IPP Rtn Dr Rita Kalra and Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra who were felicitated with Distinguished Service Award for the Rotary Foundation by DG Parveen Goyal, IPDG TK Ruby and ARRFC PDG Amjad Ali. In addition to this award, Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra also won the lucky draw prize.

President Ashok Puri, Secretary Rtn Salil Chopra, Rtn Renu Chopra, PP BL Ramsisaria, PP Amarjit Singh, PP Vinod Jawa and PP Kanan Diwan with PDG Yoginder Diwan also attended this event.

President Rtn Ashok Puri’s Thought of the Week

By his granddaughter Aamiya Puri Seth, CA (USA)

Think together, Create together, Work together. Do it all together.
Acknowledgement with Thanks
Donations for Primary School, Peermushalla
M/s Aakaar Iron Creators Pvt Ltd Rs 2,00,000
Mr Manish Krishnan (USA) Rs 1,00,000
(Son-in-law of President Rtn Ashok Puri)

Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Sushma Kamra December 29
R’ann Bir Gulati December 31
R’ann Dr Joginder Mukherjee January 01
R’ann Nita Manakta January 01
R’ann Manjit Sethi January 02

Birthday of Rotarians
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President Ashok Puri hands over donation cheques to Treasurer PP Rtn Deepak Sood

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