In our regular meeting on February 01, 2019 President Rtn Ashok Puri welcomed the chief guest Rtn Dr Ravi Bansal, a member of Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York (USA), his brother PP Rtn Subhash Bansal of Rotary Ambala and other guests. Dr Ravi Bansal was formally introduced by PDG Rtn Shaju Peter.

Dr. Ravi Bansal is a retired very successful entrepreneur and industrialist, settled in USA for the last 46 years. He took up a mission to help an upcoming, ‘not-for-profit’, Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital in his hometown, Ambala Cantt. He did so by flying solo around the world in a single engine plane, a Cessna 400. He flew 26,000 miles, visited many countries, delivered talks to create awareness regarding early detection, timely and appropriate treatment for cancer. He was was able to raise contributions totaling Rs 1.5 Crore for the purchase of a MRI machine which is now installed in the hospital.

With an aim to ignite, motivate and to innovate young minds, he loves to share his experiences. With a doctorate in mechanical engineering, Dr Bansal owned AirSep, a medical oxygen therapy equipment company, which he sold for over $170 million. He has spent $100,000 of his own money on this solo flight. For Dr Bansal, the best part of his trip was to return to his hometown Ambala where he was allowed to land at the restricted Air Force Base, and given a very warm reception.

Dr Bansal gave an interesting presentation of his record setting solo flying and explained how he tackled the problems he faced during this unique journey, using his passion of flying as medium to create awareness for early detection of cancer and also raise funds to promote Rotary Ambala Cancer hospital to have a wider global donor base.

Dr Bansal grew up in Kasauli where he did his schooling and Ambala where he attended SD College. He stayed with his elder brother, PP Subhash Bansal and his wife, Sneh. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997 and died in 2012. To honour her, Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital was established.

Dr Bansal said round the world (RTW) flights are challenging. 4000 persons have climbed Mt Everest. 500 have travelled to space. Only 123 are known to have completed solo RTW flights. Dr Bansal is the only person of Indian origin to have done it, and that too for a mission.
Dr Bansal’s dream of flying solo around the world has come true due to unflinching support from his wife Pratibha, sons Rohan and Nitin, sister and their families. He also got support of his logistics team Eddie Gold and Ahmed Hassan of GASE, friends in Buffalo, the new ones he made along the way and God Almighty who watched over him through the entire journey.

National Anthem by R’ann Indu Vohra, R’ann Shashi Gupta and Sgt-at-Arms PP Rtn RTPS Tulsi

PDG Shaju Peter introduces the chief guest

Vote of thanks by PP Dr Vanita Gupta

Rtn Dr Ravi Bansal present birthday gifts to Rtn Mrs Davinder K Singh and PE Rtn Salil Dev Bali. Looking on are President Ashok Puri and Secretary Salil Chopra

PP Rtn Harish Sethi exchanging Club flags with PE Rtn Apoorva Vasudha of Rotary Club Bangalore Palmville on 27.01.2019

PP Harish Sethi presents President Ashok Puri and Secretary Salil Chopra flags he exchanged with Rotary Clubs of Jaipur South, Bangalore Indiranagar and Bangalore Palmville

President Ashok Puri presents punctuality award to Rtn Mrs Davinder K Singh

Wishing Speedy recovery

Global Grant Happy School

President Ashok Puri and First Lady R’ann Sudha with R’ann Bir Gulati who is not well. Presented her & PP Rtn Ajit Gulati wedding anniversary gift and her birthday gift on 01.02.2019. We wish Bir a very speedy recovery and good health

PP Rtn Amarjit Singh and Rtn Prof Rana Nayar attending birthday celebrations of School dropout children brought back to mainstream under Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan (Govt of India) at Govt. Middle School, Burail, Sector 45, Chandigarh. School is being provided with various facilities under our GG Happy Schools
Along with Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown, our Club joined Canara Bank employees association for Blood donation camp at Canara Bank Sector 34, Chandigarh on 26.01.2019. We managed the registration counter and also motivated the donors. Republic Day badges were given to all the donors. Total 65 units of blood were collected. Our Rotarians present were President Ashok Puri, Secretary Salil Chopra, PDG Shaju Peter, PP Indrajeet Sengupta, Joint Secretary Nitin Kapur and Director Youth Service Kulbir Singh Bhatia.

**Blood Donation Camp held on Republic Day**

**Swachta oath at Workplace**

40 staff members of Secretary Rtn Salil Chopra’s company R Eh CE Be Enterprises Pvt Ltd at Lucknow and Varanasi took swachta oath to keep their workplace and homes clean.

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Amar Ujala dated 28.01.2019

**Welcome our New Rotarian**

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Pre-registration savings end on 31 March 2019. Don’t wait, register today (www.riconvention.org) and capture the moment at Rotary’s biggest event of the year.
President Rtn Ashok Puri's Thought of the Week

Everyone needs to take responsibility for getting results that they generate.
Everyone needs to do their part to shape culture.
Everyone needs to be positive and inspirational.
Everyone is a Leader.

Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Raj Kapoor February 10

Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn Maj Gen AS Kahlon February 09
Rtn Dr Manisha Sahni February 13
PP Rtn RTPS Tulsi February 14

Wedding Anniversary
R’ann Neerja & Rtn Anil K Nagpal February 08
R’ann Harpreet & Rtn Kulbir S Bhatia February 09
PP Rtn Dr Vanita & Dr BC Gupta February 09
R’ann Sarabjit & Rtn Jagvinder S Bawa February 10
R’ann Urmil & PP Rtn Raj Kumar Luther February 14

Punctuality Award
Won by Rtn Mrs Davinder K Singh

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