February 23 was not only the beginning of our District’s two day conference but also marks the 114th anniversary of Rotary when on February 23, 1905 Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr’s office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago (USA), which later came to be known as the first Rotary Club meeting. Room 711 has been rebuilt at Rotary International World Headquarters just north of Chicago in Evanston, Illinois (USA). Thousands of guests who tour the building can still visit Room 711.

On February 23 & 24, 2019 Prerna, our Rotary District 3080 Conference was held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula, hosted by Rotary Club of Chandigarh.

Welcome address was given by host club President Rtn AP Singh. District Governor Rtn Praveen Chander Goyal presented an overview of District 3080, which spans Chandigarh, parts of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand and UP. He highlighted the various projects of the clubs engaged in responding to the community needs for hygiene, sanitation, clean drinking water, literacy, heart surgeries and other social issues.

PP Mannmohan Singh Kohli paid homage to Martyrs of the Pulwama incident, and two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. In his inaugural address the Chief Guest, Governor of Himachal Pradesh Mr Acharya Dev Vrat said God cannot be found in temples but within the heart of every human being and therefore true worship of God is by serving humans. He commended Rotarians for selflessly engaging themselves in the service of other human beings without even knowing them and this is the true way to serve the Almighty.

Past District Governor Rtn Haresh Ramchandani from Jamaica, accompanied by his wife Vandana, was Rotary International President’s Representative. PDG Haresh Ramchandani called upon the Rotarians to think big which can have much larger impact on the community. He talked about Rotary worldwide, Rotary membership growth, Rotary image and that new ideas should be innovated at the club and district levels to bring into Rotary more young professionals and business people. An excellent orator, RI Rep PDG Haresh Riseley inspired the Rotarians of our District to serve the community with more dedication and passion.

Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley with his wife PDG Juliet from Australia and our own Past RI President Rajendra K Saboo with Usha ji also graced the event. Large number of Rotarians and R’anns attended the conference to exchange ideas for serving the community, and interact with Rotarians from all parts our District 3080, other Indian and foreign Rotary Districts. The conference also gave opportunity to Rotarians to reconnect with friends, and find inspiration to do more good work.

Youth in Rotary session was conducted by RJ Meenakshi of 94.3 My FM. Jashanjeet Singh, a celebrated young dholak girl of India gave an impressive live performance. It was a very lively session to promote and inspire young people to join Rotary. Meenakshi too expressed her desire to become a Rotarian and promote Rotary through media.

Medical mission to Africa was presented by PDG Shaju Peter. PRIP Raja Saboo, who had conceived this project 20 years ago, felicitated the doctors and volunteers who were a part of this programme, benefitting over 80,000 persons in Africa. PRIP Raja Saboo will lead another team of 19 doctors and 17 volunteers, leaving for Madagascar on February 26, 2019.

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THE FOUR WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

PROGRAMME
The Vitality of India
Chief Guest:
Prof Emeritus Dr Gopal Krishan
Former Professor of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh

District Conference - Prerna

Date: March 01, 2019 (Friday)
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Hotel Shivalikview Sector 17, Chandigarh
On the second day of the conference, former Governor of Uttrakhand Dr KK Paul was the chief guest, who presented the Rotary Shreyas Awards to former Director of PGI Chandigarh Dr KK Talwar, who is also the former Chairman of Medical Council of India, for his contribution to the medical science and father-daughter duo mountaineers Mr Ajeet Bajaj and Divya, who have conquered highest peaks around the world including Mt Everest. The third awardee Dr Vandana Shiva of Chipko Movement could not make it due to her sister’s illness.

Dr Paul congratulated the awardees and commended Rotary for recognizing people having excellence. He said that Rotary should also take up projects related to maternal and infant mortality. He also suggested Rotary to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi worldwide since his message of peace and tolerance have universal relevance.
Global Grant Happy School Project - Inspiring initiative of PP Rtn Amarjit Singh

Govt Middle School Kundi, Pkl
On 18.2.2019 our club inaugurated Water Cooler, Hand Wash Station, Sanitary Napkin Dispenser and Incinerator supplied under this project. Rtn Suman Gupta and Rtn Shuchi Thakur explained how to wash hands properly. On behalf of the school, Headmistress Mrs Sukh Rajni thanked Rotarians for the noble cause.
Other Rotarians present were President Ashok Puri, PP BL Ramsisaria, PP Vinod Jawa, Rtn Prof Rana Nayar and PP Amarjit Singh.

Govt Middle School, Burail
On 21.2.2019 our club inaugurated Water Cooler & Filter and Hand Wash Station provided to this school. Mr Satpal Gupta, President School Management Committee and Ex Sarpanch of Burail was also present. While demonstrating hand washing techniques the girls recited a beautiful poem. On behalf of the school, Incharge Ms Narinder Kaur thanked the Rotarians for their support.

Govt Middle School Kundi, Sector 20, Panchkula
Govt Middle School, Burail, Sector 45, Chandigarh

Two-day Conference AIDSConf–8 towards AIDS Free World by PP Dr Vanita Gupta

Congrats to Project Director PP Rtn Dr Vanita Gupta for managing the AIDS National Conference with great success, organized by Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society

115 trees planted to mark 114th anniversary of Rotary on February 23

Planted in Civil Hospital Panchkula by Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown, followed by swachta mission, in collaboration with Nirankari foundation

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Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn Dr Anurag Sharma March 02
Rtn Ravinder Kr Jain March 04
Rtn RS Sachdeva March 06

Wedding Anniversary
R’ann Shashi & PP Rtn Dr Balram Gupta March 04
R’ann Rekha & Rtn Lalit Kr Azad March 04
R’ann Asha & Rtn Vinod Sobli March 06

President Rtn Ashok Puri’s Thought of the Week
Let us treat all human beings as our equals and let us strive for and work towards a just and inclusive world

Memento to President Ashok Puri
Presented on 16.02.2019 by Ms Uma Bharati, Dy Director, Punjab Engg College, Chandigarh during 50th anniversary of passing out of PEC 1969 batch

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