Welcome District Governor Rtn Praveen Goyal and District First Lady R’ann Basu

Praveen Chander Goyal, was born on 18th July, 1958. His father Mr. Shri Chand Goyal was an illustrious personality of Chandigarh. A Senior Advocate of Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh, he was the first Member of Parliament from the City Beautiful. His family belongs to village Kaimla near Gharuana in District Kangra.

Praveen Chander Goyal graduated in BA (Honours) from DAV College, Chandigarh and further did his LL.B from Panjab University, Chandigarh. Practising as an Advocate in High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh since 1982, he was also elected as Secretary of High Court Bar Association. He was appointed as Senior Standing Counsel for Union of India (now termed as Assistant Solicitor General of India) in 1998. He also served as Additional Advocate General of Punjab from 2007 to 2013.

Praveen’s first involvement with Rotary started as a young Interactor, while he was in school. He joined Rotaract Club of Chandigarh in 1982 and served as District Rotaract Representative in 1985-86. He was selected as a member of the Group Study Exchange Team to USA in 1988. He was invited to join Rotary Club of Chandigarh in 1988 and served as its President in 2000-01. He was declared as the Best President of the District and his Club was adjusted as the Best Club of the District. During that year his home club’s contribution of US $ 32,000 was 50% of total collection of the District. Important projects during his year as Club President included setting up of Rs. 3.5 Crore Blood Resource Centre at Chandigarh as well as gifting of a Mobile Dental Van. The year saw 35 new members being added. A new Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Himalyan Ranges Mansa Devi was sponsored. 32 Rotarians of the Club were awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognitions. He was declared winner of “Kaun Banega PFR” quiz on Rotary Information. He served the District as District Secretary in 1997-98.

He served as District Editor on five occasions and has served as Chairman of important committees like GSE, GSE Hosting and Membership Extension. 15 new Rotary Clubs were added during his terms. Five GSE teams were hosted in the District during his tenures as Chairperson. Praveen served as Assistant Governor in 2004-05 under then DG Parmod K. Vij.

Polio Eradication is his passion and he has been working hard to realize our common dream, since he joined Rotary till today. It is his dream that Polio is eradicated from the face of earth in the coming years.

He has served as District Polio Chairman for five terms and is recipient of the highest National Award “The Rotary Foundation Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World” for the same. He was also declared as “Rotarian of the Year” in 2005-06. He is happily married to Ann Baisi and they have a daughter, Aarti, who after doing her B.Com (Hons.) LL.B from Panjab University at Chandigarh is practising in Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh.

All his family members are Paul Harris fellows.

Club Assembly

In our regular meeting on April 26, 2019 President Rtn Ashok Puri acknowledged the gracious presence of the Zone 3 Assistant Governor PP Rtn Ritu Singal and welcomed all Rotarians of our Club.

The meeting was called to order by PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra, who informed that Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn RTPS Tulsi is not well, and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Club Assembly was held to prepare for District Governor’s official visit to our Club on May 01, 2019. Chair of DG Visit PP Rtn Deepak Sood informed that DG Praveen Goyal and District First Lady Basu will arrive at 9.00 am at Aasra Sarai, GMCH-32 for inauguration of the canteen, where they will be received by our Past Presidents and Rotarians.
At 10.30 am the DG will arrive at our Signature project, Government Elementary School, Peermushalla (Zirakpur). After this at 11.30 am the DG will visit the Microloan Project, a Boutique in Sector 38. The regular meeting of our Club will be at Hotel Sunbeam, Sector 22, Chandigarh for which the programme is displayed on page 3.

President Ashok Puri requested all our members and spouses to participate whole heartedly in this event. Official visit of the District Governor is one of the most important events for the Rotary Clubs all over the world, for focusing attention on important Rotary issues, club activities and projects.

For the preparation of District Governor’s visit, the Assistant Governor has to visit the Rotary Club prior to the official visit to assist the President in preparation for DG’s official visit. This was the prime purpose of our own Past President Ritu Singal to visit our Club as the Assistant Governor of Zone 3.

President Ashok Puri invited our Directors to give reports in all five avenues of service, which will be presented by the President during DG’s official visit on May 01, 2019. Reconciliation Committee Chair PP T.S. Anand submitted the report, which will be taken up in the next Club Assembly.
Programme
Official Visit of District Governor

Chair/Master of Ceremonies – PP Rtn Deepak Sood
Aides – IPP Rtn Dr Rita Kalra & Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra

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Disability Empowerment at KUC, Sector 46, Chandigarh

On 25.04.2019 our club presented a wheel chair worth Rs 21000, donated by Rtn Dr Col VK Kapoor to a spinal injury patient Mr Mohan from Mandi (HP). President Ashok Puri and PP Amarjit Singh were also present at KUC.

Govt Middle School, Bijnor

Talk on moral values, swachhta and hand wash by Rtn Renu Chopra and Rtn Salil Chopra on 23.04.2019 to 65 students. Chocolates were distributed to children. 4 teachers present.
President Rtn Ashok Puri’s Thought of the Week
Pay no attention to those who talk behind your back. It only means that you are two steps ahead of them.

New Mobile Number of Rtn Mrs Davinder K Singh is 9779133467.

Acknowledged with Thanks
Contribution to the Rotary Foundation
PP Rtn Ritu Singal US$ 1000

Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Indu Anand May 03

Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn PK Vasudeva May 07

Wedding Anniversary
R’ann Lalita & Rtn Chandra Parkash May 09

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