Our heartfelt condolences to Rann Herpreet Gill on the sad demise of PP Rtn Col AJS Gill on 5th January 2019. Col Gill was President of our Club in 1995-96 and received the Best President Award from the District Governor. He was also the Member of Paul Harris Society. May God grant eternal peace to the departed soul and solace to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Volume XXXIII No. 45 Dated: May 07, 2019

PROGRAMME
Club Assembly

Venue: Hotel Shivalikview
Sector 17, Chandigarh
Date: May 10, 2019 (Friday)
Time: 6.30 pm

Official Visit of District Governor Rtn Praveen C Goyal

On May 01, 2019 we had gracious presence of District Governor Rtn. Praveen Goyal for his official visit. Assistant Governor (Zone - 3) our own Past President Rtn Ritu Singal also accompanied us to our projects. DG’s visit started at 9 am at one of our prestigious projects, the Rotary Aasra Sarai at GMCH-32, Chandigarh. The DG was received by our President Rtn Ashok Puri, PDG Shaju Peter, Past Presidents, Rotarians and the Anns of our club. After inaugurating the canteen of the sarai, DG Praveen was pleased to go around the sarai. He also had a brief meeting with the members of our Club at the sarai.

DG Praveen was highly impressed with the facilities available in the sarai. This project of Chandigarh Midtown will complete 10 years in June 2019, serving the patients of GMCH and their attendants.

DG Praveen Goyal inaugurated the major construction and renovations of class rooms, kitchen, dinning room, boundary wall etc., our signature project at Government Elementary School, Peermushalla (Zirakpur), implemented through sincere efforts of PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria and Project Chair PP Rtn Kanan Diwan.
DG Praveen Goyal, PDG Yoginder Diwan, PDG Shaju Peter, AG Ritu Singal, President Ashok Puri and all Rotarians present at GES were given floral welcome by the school staff and the students. An amazing dance performance was given by students in colorful costumes, which got loud applause from all present.

In our regular meeting on May 01, 2019 DG Praveen Goyal and District First Lady R’ann Basu were given floral welcome by President Ashok Puri and our Club First lady R’ann Sudha Puri at Hotel Sunbeam, Sector 22, Chandigarh. IPP Rtn Dr Ritu Kalra and Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra were the Aides. The meeting was conducted by Chair of the event cum MC PP Rtn Deepak Sood.

DG Praveen Goyal was formally introduced by PE Rtn Salil Bali as his “senior in profession and elder in Rotary”, before giving his detailed resume which can be seen in our previous bulletin No. 44.

In his address to our Rotarians and Anns, DG Praveen said, “I have very long association with Chandigarh Midtown and have lot of friends here.” He complimented us for our projects: the Aasra Sarai at GMCH-32 and our signature project at GES Peermarshalla. He remarked, “These projects have touched my heart.”

DG thanked our club for sending 5000 boxes of sweets for army.

He complimented PDG Shaju Peter and PP Dr Vanita Gupta for participating in the medical missions to Africa, which is a real service to humanity by serving these very poor persons.

He also thanked DRFC Chair PGG Shaju Peter, Chair Grants PP Amarjit Singh and AG Ritu Singal as they are handling the tasks which are not easy. DG also thanked PP Dr VJS Vohra for maintaining the District website.

Talking about the current RI theme, ‘Be the Inspiration’, DG Praveen complimented President Ashok for being the inspiration for Chandigarh Midtown. He thanked our club for hosting the intercity on July 20, 2018 to felicitate RI Director Elect Dr Bharat Pandhya and his spouse Dr Madhavi from RI District 3141.

DG discussed the growth of Rotary membership which is declining in the western world and an increase in Asian countries, including India. Focus should be on increase of members including ladies. He suggested even our spouses can join as members for which the club board can give them concession like Rs 500 per month to cater for RI dues and District dues.

DG Praveen got a standing ovation from the audience and a loud applause for his very inspiring talk.

“Excellent” was the comment of DG Praveen Goyal when on May 01, 2019 he was presented the 164 page report with 44 bulletins of our club up to April 30, 2019. The report was also presented to AG Ritu Singal.
Before the DG's address, President Ashok Puri started his wonderful presentation by displaying our club website which was updated on July 01, 2018 and our widely circulated, award winning weekly Bulletin which is also released dot on time. He then went on to the projects and activities in all five avenues of service. The President thanked all five directors – Director Club Service PP Prem Anand, Director Vocational Service PP Vinod K Jawa, Director Community Service Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra, Director International Service Rtn Prof Rana Nayar, Director Youth Service Rtn Kulbir S Bhatia and Editor PP Dr VJS Vohra, complimenting them and their team for their support during the current Rotary year.

President Puri also talked about two blind sisters, one of them supported by him and Sudha ji and the other one by our Club. After completing their studies, they are working in State Bank of India, drawing good salary with perks. They have now offered to contribute for scholarship program of our club to become inspiration for others to follow.
PP Sandeep Sandhu is President of Golf Club

President Rtn Ashok Puri’s
Thought of the Week
The First to Apologize is the Bravest. The First to Forgive is the Strongest. The First to Forget is the Happiest.

Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Neena Jauhar May 12
Dr BC Gupta May 14

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