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PROGRAMME

PICNIC with Secret Santa

Inviting family of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown
(Lot of fun, games, activities, Fellowship and Lunch)

Courtesy: Rtn. Amanpreet Singh

Sponsored by: PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta and
R'ann Santosh Gupta (PDC, IW)

Date: December 29, 2019 (Sunday)

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Venue: Inderjit Farm Squash
Karoran, Nayagaon

**Please note the Change in
Date, Time and Venue**

Felicitation Function of Rotary International President Nominee 2021-22 Shekhar & Rashi Mehta



From our Club the felicitation function was attended by (L-R): PP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tuls, PP Rtn. Deepak Sood with R'ann Purnima, Secretary Rtn. Nitin Kapur, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia, PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali, PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan with PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan, PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra



Rashi ji, RIPN Shekhar Mehta, PRIP Raja Saboo and Usha ji

Felicitation Function was held at Hotel Heritage Grand, Kurukshetra to give an opportunity to Rotarians of District 3080 to honour and interact with RIPN Rtn. Shekhar and R'ann Rashi Mehta on December 20, 2019.



RIPN Shekhar and DG Jitendra

The event was done in traditional Haryanvi and Punjabi style, organized by Rotary Club Kurukshetra under the leadership of District Governor Rtn. Jitendra Dhingra, ably assisted by District Secretary DGN Rtn. Ajay Madan and their team.

In their address PRIP Raja Saboo, PRID Yash Das (who served as RI Director along with Shekhar Mehta), District Trainer Manmohan Singh and DG Jitendra Dhingra congratulated Shekhar and Rashi Mehta.

The auditorium was full of Rotarians of District 3080 who had come to greet and congratulate their incoming World leader. PDG T.K. Ruby formally introduced RIPN Shekhar Mehta, who will be the 4th Indian to become Rotary International President in Rotary year 2021-22. The first Indian RI President was Nitish Lahry in 1962-63, followed by Raja Saboo in 1991-92 and Kalyan Banerjee in 2011-12. All four of them have their roots on Kolkata. All of them served very well during their tenure as RI President.

In his inspiring address RIPN Shekhar Mehta thanked Rotarians of District 3080 for their good wishes, as we all look forward to another Rotary year with great hopes under the Indian leadership of Rotary International.

Donations to our Welfare Trust are exempted u/s 80 G of IT Act



Micro loan cheque of Rs. 30000 given to Shyam Lal by President Salil Bali and PP Prem Anand



President Salil Bali is pleased to introduce PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra as Assistant Governor 2020-21. Looking on is PE Sanjay Bhatia



Birthday gift presented to Rtn. Ritu Bhatia, joined by PE Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia



President Salil Bali congratulates PP Rtn. Ritu Singal on her book release



Certificates presented to successful students of Faidan Tailoring Centre who showed their talent in dance also

Our Weekly Meeting on December 21, 2019

President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali was happy to announce the grand success of RYLA Vishesh in which 130 disabled persons, males and females, participated in this event and performed in all the tasks with great perfection and at the same time maintained due discipline and decorum in this 3 day program.

President Salil thanked all Rotarians who worked very hard to make RYLA Vishesh a flawless and a successful district event. He also showed some slides of this event in the weekly presentations of our club activities, which are reported in the previous bulletin No. 24.

He also highlighted some important forthcoming events.



PP Deepak Sood presents birthday gifts to R'ann Santosh (PDC, IW) and PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta



Birthday gift to R'ann Pushpa Jawa, joined by PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa



Prize distribution for Poster competition on NCD at Govt. Senior Secondary School Sector 6, Panchkula

Blood donation camp – a befitting gift of 800 units to save lives



At Ravindra farms on the occasion of 80th birthday on 24.12.2019 of Rtn. Ravinder Krishan, 800 units of blood were collected. He is being congratulated by PP Subhash Bindra and PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



Sundari D/o Rtn. Arjan Singh at IIT Madras on 16.12.2019

Conference of multi-disciplinary Professionals for Welfare of Disabled Persons

In continuation of observing December Month for Disability Projects, after Disability Awareness Rally on 03 December 2019 and RYLA Vishesh for persons with disabilities on 13-15 December, and finally Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown provided logistic support to Indian Association of Assistive Technologists (IAAT) for their 2nd National Conference on 22-23 December 2019 at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Zirakpur, Chandigarh. IAAT is a multi-disciplinary national organization of Professionals working for welfare of Disabled.

The conference was inaugurated on the first day by chief guest Mrs. Anila Bhediya, Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare, Chhattisgarh. The opening Scientific Session was sponsored by Past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and his brother Capt. Charanjit Vohra in memory of their father Late Col. D.S. Vohra. This was followed by more scientific sessions, in which the delegates gave interesting, educative and impressive presentations on various assistive devices for benefit of disabled persons.

Dr. Himanshu Das, Director of National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai was the chief guest for the Valedictory function on the 2nd day of the conference.

Co-Founder of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra was happy to read the citation for the Life time achievement award in memory of his father, Founder-Chairman of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre, Padmashri Col. D.S. Vohra (PHF). This Life time achievement award was presented to Rtn. Dr. Vinod Bhandi, Past President of Rotary Club of Patna, a Senior Prosthetic Orthotic Clinician, who was Secretary of Orthotic Prosthetic Society of India (now Orthotic Prosthetic Association of India) when Col. Vohra was its President in 1988-89.

Dr. Vohra, R'ann Indu Vohra, their daughter Ita (IAAT member), granddaughters Ananya and Anushka, his brother Capt. Vohra and President Rtn. Salil Bali had proud moments in this conference.



Dr. Himanshu Das presents the Life time achievement award to Rtn. Dr. Vinod Bhandi. Looking on are Dr. V.J.S. Vohra with his family members, President Salil Bali and President of IAAT Dr. Mukesh Doshi



Certificate of Fellow of Nevedac Academy of Prosthetics and Orthotics presented to Dr. Vinod Bhandi by Dr. Himanshu Das, issued by Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on is Rtn. Salil Bali



Dr. Himanshu Das presents an award of honour to President Rtn. Salil Bali



Dr. Himanshu Das presents awards of honour to PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and his brother Capt. Charanjit Vohra

President Rtn. Salil Bali as Legal Advisor and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra as Prosthetic Advisor (both IAAT members) were active members of the Organizing Team @ Chandigarh. PDG Rtn. J.P.S. Sibia also participated in the conference representing an Orthotic Company, Vissco.

In his address Rtn. Salil Bali informed the delegates regarding the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by him in Punjab & Haryana High Court, with Rtn. Dr. Vohra as the petitioner, for the professional rights and status of the Prosthetic Orthotic Clinicians. He informed them that the PIL is progressing on sound footings. One of the Respondents, Rehabilitation Council of India has responded quite favourably and has also issued statutory warnings against unqualified persons and illegal camps. PIL for rights of persons with disabilities is also filed by him.

Our Club also sponsored three out of six disabled persons who participated in the conference as delegates. Our Club gave Rs. 11000/- to two needy disabled youth Vinod Nagpal and Pankaj. Rtr. Ruchir Kalra (IAAT member) had also registered for this conference.



Dr. P.J. Singh announced the Tynor cash award of Rs. One lakh which was presented to Dr. Soikat Ghosh of Mobility India, Bangalore

Compliments were showered at the Organizing Team @ Chandigarh and appreciations for the Organizing Secretary Dr. Pritpal Singh Sidhu who is Senior Prosthetist & Orthotist cum DDRO at Patiala.

The other person who contributed towards the great success of the conference is an amazing personality Rtn. Dr. P.J. Singh, CMD of Tynor Orthotics Ltd., who not only gave cash prize of Rs. One Lakh for Innovative Prosthetist & Orthotist, but was also one of the main sponsors of the conference.

Delegates from all over India greatly appreciated this splendid conference of IAAT, as one of the best in India, in a wonderful venue with 5 star facilities at highly reasonable package at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Zirakpur, Chandigarh, owned by our Rtn. Karan Jaspal Singh (now Charter President of Rotary Club Zirakpur, sponsored by our Club). IAAT also honoured him with an Award of Honour.

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 Manaktala	January 01
R'ann Manjit Sethi	January 02

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Maniki & PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep	December 27
R'ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur	December 27
R'ann Manpreet & Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh	December 28

Punctuality Award

Won by PP Rtn. Anil Mehan. Looking on are President Rtn. Salil Bali, Secretary Rtn. Nitin Kapur and PP Rtn. Deepak Sood

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