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

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.
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.

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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

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 Bhatti, 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 his President in 1988-89.

Dr. Vohra, R’tann 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.

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.

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 Manakitala
January 01

R’ann Manjit Sethi
January 02

Punctuality Award

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

Wedding Anniversary

R’ann Maniki & PP Rtn. Gurdeep S. Deep
December 27

R’ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur
December 27

R’ann Manpreet & Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh
December 28

PP Rtn. Er. R. K. Luther

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