In our weekly meeting on January 17, 2020 Chief Guest PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon, Assistant Governor, Zone 03, RI District 3080 and member of Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik was welcomed by President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali. He was formally introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta. Always ready to help others, the 72 year old Brigadier Daljit Singh Dhillon (Retd) is a war veteran and also a true and dedicated Rotarian. He had a wonderful career spanning over 36 years in the Armed Forces. A veteran of Indo-Pak war and Kargil conflict, he was a part of the Brigade which captured the largest territory on the Western Front in December 1971. Son of an illustrious educationist Late S. Gurchild Singh Dhillon, he did M.Sc. & M Phil. He joined NDA Khadakvasla in 1965. He was 3rd in order of merit in IMA Dehradun. Commissioned into Regiment of Artillery, Brig. Dhillon commanded two infantry Brigades, one in Nagaland and second in Kanpur. He retired in May 2005 as DDG NCC Punjab, Haryana, HP and Chandigarh. He represented Services in Hockey and Squash.

After retirement Brig. Dhillon was Vice President of Adani Port and SEZ Mudra, Gujarat and currently is Resident Director (North) RAP Media Ltd., a Mumbai based firm. In 2015-16 he was President of Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik. He is also Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Married to Beeba Dhillon on 14 October 1973 at Chandigarh, he lost her in a sudden demise on October 9, 2007. He has two daughters, Gina and Heera, both married to Army Officers, and both having a son and a daughter each.

Addressing our meeting, Brig. Dhillon honestly expressed with gratitude, “Outside my home Club, I am at home and at ease at Chandigarh Midtown because of large number of very dear super friends in this Club as my mentors, guides and philosophers whom I look up to uplift my life and living.” He added, “The second reason why I am at home absolutely in your Club is that continuously for last 7 to 8 years I am receiving your Club’s wonderful bulletin, and that keeps me in touch with the Club.”

Brig. Dhillon enlightened us about some unseen on ground realities of Indian Army. He said, “Saluting the brave implies something very different. It is not only symbolic action, it is frankly to express acts of kindness, praise and commendation for the brave. It is to exhibit signs of goodwill, courtesy, honour and public admiration to them.”

Brig. Dhillon appreciated the praiseworthy diwali gesture of our District of sending sweets to Siachen, which is one such aspect of saluting the brave. We should continue doing this.

Brig. Dhillon offered belated greetings for recently celebrated 72nd Army Day on 15 January 2020. Army Day has a great legacy, which is celebrated on 15 January every year in India, in recognition of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa (then Lt. General), who took over on 15 January 1949 as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from the last British Commander-in-Chief of India General Sir Francis Butler.

Army day is when our grateful nation and its citizens honour the memory of officers and soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the country with pride and honour. Brig. Dhillon also talked about the National War Memorial, a monument spread over 40 acres of land, built by the Government of India near India Gate, New Delhi, to honour the Indian Armed Forces. This War Memorial was opened by the Prime Minister on 25th September 2019. We also have a War memorial in Sector 3, Chandigarh which we should visit.

Indian Army is dedicated to the cause of nation and is always ready to achieve its objective under any circumstances to maintain peace and tranquility based on its professionalism, values, experience, customs, history, tradition and culture.

Motto of the Indian Army is Service Before Self adopted in 1885. Being a dedicated Rotarian, Brig. Dhillon said, “This will sound bells in the mind of Rotarians as it is akin to Rotary Motto – Service Above Self.” He described the Indian Army with reference to post Kargil conflict poem. Indian Army is a unique institution which has achieved so much for so little in return. He pointed out that strength wise Indian Army is the largest army in the world next to China. Indian Army has fought many battles in all possible terrains – sub zero high altitude, mountains, desserts, plains, rivers, jungles etc. It has a large border to defend under different terminologies. Indian Army is also the largest contributor to UN Peace Keeping Mission.

Brig. Dhillon was pleased to recite a poem written by his daughter on the
eve of the Army Day and highlighted the significant role of Army wives. He had a delightful interactive discussion with the audience after his talk. Video recording of Brig. Dhillon’s talk has been uploaded on our facebook group, for which click here from our e-bulletin https://www.facebook.com/drvjs.vohra/videos/10215846519060888/.

Road Safety Week – 11-17 January 2020 | Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in association with Chandigarh Traffic Police

In association with Chandigarh Traffic Police and active participation of SSP Shashank Anand and Mayor of Chandigarh Mrs. Raj Bala Malik, it has been a very hectic Road Safety week for our Club. On 13th January awareness talk was given at Government Model Senior Secondary School for Girls, Sector 20, Chandigarh. On 14th January awareness talk was at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 15, Chandigarh. On 15th January at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Raipur Khurd, Chandigarh and on 16th January at Dev Samaj College for Girls, Sector 45, Chandigarh.

Two Wheeler Rally was held and stickers were distributed for no honking. Women Safety Stickers were fixed on Ola / Uber Cabs. Fluorescent jackets were also distribution. Wide publicity was given by the press for this mega event.
Blankets for inmates of Leper Colony on 14.01.2020

L-R: PP Amarjit Singh, President Salil Bali, Jaiveer, First Lady Parul, Lakshyaa, PP Vinod Jawa and IPP Ashok Puri

Our RCC for Persons with Disabilities on their 3 wheel scooters and other scooterists wearing their helmets take part in the rally. Looking on are Mayor Raj Bala Malik, SSP Shashank Anand, President Salil Bali and other officials.

Large number of Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown and Rotaractors participated in this event.

Along with President Salil Bali Rotaractors of Legal Eagle creating traffic awareness at High Court.

Vinod Nagpal of RCC for PwD on his 3 wheeler

Oath for traffic rules, swatchta and water saving

Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown addressing the students about traffic awareness.

On behalf of Chandigarh Police, Inspector Ashok Tuli honours our Club with a memento presented by Dr. Meena Chopra Principal of Dev Samaj College - 45, Chandigarh

Mayor Raj Bala Malik educating women to wear helmet.
Free socks distribution
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Nandita Sisodia

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