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THE FOUR WAY TEST

- Of the things we think, say or do
- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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PROGRAMME

Valedictory Function

Chief Guest:

District Governor Elect Rtn. Ajay Madan
and

Incoming District First Lady Rtn. Savita Madan

Date: June 25, 2021 (Friday)

Time: 6.00 p.m. - Change in time

Zoom Meeting ID: 6291653178

Password: 15228

Fear never builds the future,
But HOPE does.

Thousands of people experienced friendship and fun at Rotary International's second straight virtual convention.



RI President
Rtn. Holger Knaack

The event, held on 12-16 June 2021, was conducted online after the convention originally planned for Taipei, Taiwan, was cancelled because of the pandemic.

Nearly 10,000 people registered for the robust program that included more than 20 guest speakers, informational and inspiring breakout sessions, the interactive House of Friendship, and a variety of engaging virtual activities and entertainment.

During the opening general session, Rotary International President Holger Knaack said that he was worried that he couldn't visit clubs and projects and provide encouragement and support due to travel restrictions. "But what seemed like a problem turned out to be an advantage," he said. "By visiting clubs online, I could be everywhere, every day."

RI President Knaack talked about how rewarding it was to be able to visit clubs and districts around the world in just one day. "In a virtual environment, I could visit a dozen Rotary clubs a week and participate in their projects. It was exciting and rewarding. And I was so proud of the work you did in such difficult times," he said.

Greeting the movers and shakers around the world with "Namaste," RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta expressed a message of Hope for a safe and exciting year ahead! [Click here to read more and the highlights of the RI Convention.](#)

Virtual District Conference - Mezbaan

The Virtual District Conference held on 19-20 June 2021 was hosted by Rotary Club Dehradun.



PDG Rtn. Dr. G.K. Thakral & Dr. Rashmi

PDG Dr. G.K. Thakral was RI President's Representative. As usual, it was a delight to have him with us and listen to his inspiring address.



A well-organized virtual conference of Rotary District 3080

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Virtual interaction: RIPE Shekhar Mehta, PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo with Usha ji, DGE Ajay Madan with incoming District First Lady Rtn. Savita Madan and DG Ramesh Bajaj with District First Lady PP Rtn. Rekha Bajaj

In his motivational address PRIP Raja Saboo complimented DG Ramesh Bajaj for the outstanding work done during the year 2020-21 in spite of the challenges due to the pandemic. He also shared his 61 years of journey in Rotary, starting from his club to the District and Rotary International.

Stalwarts of our District PRID Yash Das, PDG Kawal Bedi and DGN Naveen Gulati, who passed away during the year, were remembered.

PDG ARUN SHARMA
DISTRICT TRAINER

PDG DAVID HILTON
CONFERENCE COUNSELLOR

DR S FAROOQ
CONFERENCE CHAIR

NAGHMA FAROOQ
HOST CLUB PRESIDENT

PATRICIA HILTON
HOST CLUB SECRETARY

ATUL CHOPRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY

The team behind the success of the Virtual District Conference

Virtual Tour - Antarctica

[Click here to watch on YouTube - !\[\]\(166772600a13ad0a433053f90fe45649_img.jpg\) <https://youtu.be/3ktZBFY7-lg>](https://youtu.be/3ktZBFY7-lg)

In our virtual meeting on 18 June 2021 President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed the keynote speaker, Ms. Alifiya Calcuttawala, Regional Director of The Wanderers. He also welcomed the guests who joined the meeting.

President Sanjay complimented R'Ann Indu Anand for her wonderful invocation. The keynote speaker was formally introduced by Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur.



Alifiya Calcuttawala

Alifiya Calcuttawala is a travel enthusiast with over fifteen years experience in running a Travel company, specialising in experiential holidays by the name of "The Wanderers". Before foraying into travel she ran a successful software export company. She is certified in Architecture - design, software and management.

She has recently launched OWL (Outdoor Wilderness and Learning) - a wanderers initiative in the learning and development space. When not travelling, she devotes her time to Cancer awareness and detection as vice chairperson of Indian Cancer Society. Her national projects are Young Indians - CII (Currently National Chair - Thalir). She loves the outdoors (completed a full marathon in 2016), adventure sports and reading. She is also a qualified practitioner of Pranic Healing and runs a Pranic Healing Centre.



**Address by
President Sanjay
Bhatia**

**Invocation by
R'Ann Indu
Anand**

**Introduction by
Rtn. Shuchi
Thakur**

**Vote of thanks
by PN Rtn. Dr.
Sanjay Kalra**

Alifiya's interesting presentation was an exciting virtual trip to Antarctica, with sound effects! Antarctica is the fifth-largest continent in terms of total area. It does not have a native population and it is not a country. It is approachable from South America, from where it is 1000 kilometers.

The temperature goes up to minus 90 degrees centigrade with 24 hours of darkness. During short summers it has 24 hours daylight. Internet is now available there and whatsapp calls can be made! Through her elaborate presentation, Alifiya explained the interesting facts about Antarctica, which could be well experienced through a virtual journey to Antartica by [clicking here for the video uploaded on our club's YouTube channel](https://youtu.be/3ktZBFY7-lg). Subscribe, comment, like and share to build Rotary image.

After Alifiya's presentation there were many queries regarding visit to Antartica. Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra thanked Alifiya for her beautiful presentation and for taking us to a virtual tour of Antarctica.

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2021
TO 31 MARCH
2022

1 APRIL
TO
8 JUNE
2022

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Club member, Nonmember or guest, age 30 or under	\$125	\$175	\$225
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60

मोहाली के कम्युनिटी सेंटर में 55 ने किया रक्तदान



मोहाली। गांव बहलोलपुर की ग्राम पंचायत द्वारा रोटरी चंडीगढ़ मिडटाउन के सहयोग से शनिवार को खुनदान कैंप लगाया गया। कम्युनिटी सेंटर में लगाए गए इस कैंप का उद्घाटन शिरोमणि अकाली दल

चंडीगढ़ के अध्यक्ष तथा नगर निगम चंडीगढ़ के वार्ड नंबर 10 से अकाली काउंसलर हरदीप सिंह बुटेरला अन्य लोगों के लिए प्रेरणा स्रोत बने। इस मौके पर मनजीत राणा सरपंच, राम लाल, परमजीत सिंह, कुलविंद्र सिंह, सतवीर सिंह, मनजीत कौर, गुरप्रीत सिंह, प्रियंका (सभी पंच), सुखविंद्र सिंह विछ्की मेंबर ब्लॉक समिति आदि ने कैंप को सफल बनाने में अहम रोल निभाया। सेक्टर-16 स्थित जरनल अस्पताल से पहुंची डाक्टरों की टीम ने खुन एकत्रित किया। सरपंच मनजीत राणा ने बताया कि कैंप में 55 यूनिट खुन एकत्र किया गया। गांव के सरपंच मनजीत राणा ने मुख्य अतिथि हरदीप सिंह बुटेरला सहित कैंप में खुनदान करने वालों तथा कैंप को सफेल बनाने वाले सभी सहयोगियों का धन्यवाद किया।

Blood donation camp by Rotary Community Corps of Disabled Persons with support of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

Condolences

With profound grief we inform the sad and sudden demise of Mr. Navneet Singh (Bubble), 47 year old nephew of Joint Secretary Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua.

Heartfelt condolences to the family and may God give them strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Water Bottle supply for the para medical staff



PE Rtn. Salil Chopra was pleased to inform that on the request of Dr. (Mrs.) Amandeep Kang, Director Health & Family Welfare, UT Chandigarh, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown provided drinking water bottles to all the 15 vans taking paramedical staff members for Covid vaccination in different parts of Chandigarh.

On the occasion Rtn. J.S. Bawa (Secretary 2021-22), Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia (Director Community Services 2021-22) and Mrs Jestina, incharge nursing services in GMSH-16 with vaccination team members were present. Total expenses for this project is Rs. 30000. PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan and PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan will contribute Rs. 10000 and remaining from the club.

Fathers' day

By
Rtn. Col. J.S. Chandoak

As well known, Fathers' day is celebrated on 20 June every year. I feel it's all Fathers' Day and not a Father's Day.

Well, why only once a year? I feel that every day is Fathers' Day (likewise Mothers' Day should also be every day).

However, simply put, Fathers' Day signifies the following:-

- F ---- Feels emotions.
- A ---- Accepts responsibilities.
- T ---- Teachers' teacher.
- H ---- Helpful always.
- E ---- Exuberance personified.
- R ---- Rejuvenates children.
- S ---- Smiles galore.





Block your Dates for Virtual District Training Assembly

दीक्षा

The Initiation
on
27th June, Sunday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm



Chief Guest
Dr Mahesh Kotbagi

RI Director Elect



Rtn. Ajay Madan
DG - 2021-22



PDG Manmohan Singh
District Trainer - 2021-22



Donations for Club Projects

Rasoi

R'Ann Sandhya Khandelia Rs. 5000

Scholarship

Ms. Ishita Sood Rs. 2000

GEC, Peermuchalla (Zirakpur)

Dr. Navjeet Singh Dua S/o Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S Dua Rs. 25000

Oxygen on Wheels

Sanjivni Trust - Rtn. Indu Luthra Rs. 5000

Ms. Anupma of London niece of Prof. I.S Dua Rs. 15000

Birthday of Spouse

R'Ann Deep Kahlon 25 June

R'Ann Raspal 25 June

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Uneza & Rtn. Gobind Khandelia 27 June

R'ann Manjit & PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi 27 June

PP Rtn. Dr. Rita & PN Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra 29 June

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