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WHO IS SUPREME -

The Parliament, the Judiciary or the Constitution?

Panelists : PP Dr. Balram Gupta, Sr. Advocate & Rtn. RTPS Tulsi, Advocate

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 6.30 P.M.

Municipal Corporation Chandigarh - The Eleventh Mayor

Mrs Harjinder Kaur, had us mesmerized ! Or something like that. Why ? 'cos for one, the meeting stretched well into the second hour, & informally at that. And for the other - well you should've been there - it was the atmosphere ! Scintillating - it had your nerves tingling ! No wonder she won, to become the eleventh Mayor - in spite of having only one more member from her political party - the Akali Dal, in the house of thirty six ! She has been elected for the third time as Councilor to MCC, ever since its inception over ten years ago. This is her second tenure as the Mayor.

Considering what we Rotarians were subjected to for the next one hour ! Truth is ever so high - but truthful living is even higher. Administrative reforms - not a little, but a lot. Union is strength, let's work as a family; from grassroots to globalization, let's redesign policies, improve the slums, make model villages (in the urban fabric of Chandigarh). Let's make the city world class. There's a flyover proposed from the transport chowk to the Kalagram crossing.

The public health systems will be upgraded. What new things can one bring into the city which will put it into the world map? Public participation ! Big gap ! Mauli Jagran ? Bridge the Gap ! Awareness is the mantra. let's work together, own Chandigarh - as you would your own home!

The Mayor, Mrs. Harjinder Kaur, had us Rotarian glued to our seats with an exemplary extempore declamation on her vision for the MCC for the year ahead, on themes that have been listed above. She wants to be committed to the Chair of Somewhere in between, she slipped into reverse gear & reminisced about the days when her late father-in-law, a retired *fauji*, would be up early dawn and himself sweep the lawns & the road, in front of the house with one simple objective - set an example ! The idea being that if everyone kept his surroundings clean then where's the problem ? A lesson in there for all of us

She's been into social service for over fifteen years which stood her in good stead, and she is committed to make the city more beautiful. She came with her colleagues, the Senior Dy. Mayor, Er. Ravinder Pal Singh (Pali) & the Deputy Mayor, Manjit Singh Chauhan. We had them as our speakers too giving their mission statement with clarity and promising to set aside political adversary for the city growth & development. Both of them not only expressed desire to be with us again, but asked for our participation & feedback as well.



Mayor Mrs Harjinder Kaur, inducted as Honorary Rotarian, being given a lapel pin by President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

Significant impact on the Rotarians was evident as there was unanimous acceptance by the house to have the Mayor, Mrs Harjinder Kaur, as Honorary Member of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

The meeting ended with a call for any questions - there were none. The idea being that there will be a host of them at the end of the first one year !

 - PP Pallav Mukherjee

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PP Pallav Mukherjee presents mementos to the Dy. Mayor, Sr. Dy. Mayor & the Mayor



Councilor Pallav Mukherjee gets a memento from AG Capt. M.S. Kahlon

PP D.P. Khadelia & Rtn. Munish Jauhar celebrate their b'day

Mayor Mrs. Harjinder Kaur presents punctuality award to Rtn. Arjan Singh



An Impromptu Send Off to DGE Shaju & Ann Lovy

The emotional speeches of Friday last, followed by Sunday's boisterous function at Yamuna Nagar finally culminated in a warm send off to Lovy and DGE Shaju Peter at the Chandigarh Railway Station, when both boarded the Shatabdi, marking the beginning of their journey to the International Assembly at San Diego, USA.



Rotarians & R'anns see off DGE Shaju Peter & Lovy at Railway Station, Chandigarh

On way to the station, DGE Shaju & Lovy visited BLR's residence to say Bye to Ann Sulochana & 'Tikka' ceremony was also performed

Many received a flurry of telephone calls that morning from Secretary R.K. Luther, asking us to assemble at the Railway Station to give our leader a warm send off. Obviously, the planning was short term but befitting.

Ann Indu & President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra, in whose car Lovy & Shaju were traveling, led the cavalcade. Mr. V.P. Sharma was already there with garlands and bouquets. Among others in the cavalcade were Ann Urmil & Secretary R.K. Luther, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Ann Mala & PP Indrajeet Sengupta, Ann Kund Bala Goyal, AG Capt. Moni Kahlon & PE Rtn. Praveen Goyal of Panchkula.

Night School in Village Sarangpur

The Chandigarh Midtowners visited our Night School in Village Sarangpur on January 19, 2007. The 32 students attending the school are doing well. It is encouraging to note that over the past six years, since the year 2000, when the school was started by PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, 55 students from this school have graduated from here and have been successfully imbibed into the main Government High School, Sarangpur. This is the evidence of the success of this Project.

Rtn. Ritu Singhal and Secretary Rtn. R.K. Luther took stock of the children's education. They discussed with the teacher, Indra, the syllabus for the students. Ritu



PP Dr. Vanita Gupta & Rtn. Ritu Singhal distribute warm clothes to the students



Ann Indu, PP R.S. Chandgothia, Secy. R.K. Luther & President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra distribute stationery

gave some useful suggestions to improve the functioning of the school. She has promised to visit the school regularly to monitor the progress of the students. Sports equipments were given to the school, courtesy Ritu, to encourage the children to develop their sports ability as well. PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia, in his usual magnanimous manner, donated stationery for the students. President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and first lady Indu distributed refreshments. PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta gave away warm clothes to the children. An almirah was donated by Rtn. Kanwal Jit Singh. It was observed that many of the students were without proper footwear. The club shall, in the near future, sponsor footwear for the children. If anyone would like to come forward to share the expense for shoes, please contact PP Rtn Dr. Vanita Gupta.

 - PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta

Sarve Santu Niramaya

Maj. Gen. Ravindra Nath Dogra (Retd), PVSM, the second president of this Club passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2007. He was ninety-one. When I last met him on Sunday, January 7, 2007, along with Mala, he seemed a bit weary after his prolonged stay in the ICU at Fortis, but appeared cheerful, at the prospect of the arrival of his elder son. Arvind. We wished him well with a promise to call on him on our next day off.

"The General" lived life on his own terms, setting his own standards. A rare genre of the human species! Born on August 2, 1916, in a celebrated family of Doctors, he had his early and professional education in Lahore, obtaining his B.D.S. in 1940. Immediately after graduation he joined the Royal Indian Medical Service, and on post-partition re-organization of the sub continent, went on to join the Army Dental Corp. Aside of the various commands that he held during his service with the Indian Army, he served as Dental Advisor to several commands, having specialized in Oral Surgery from the United Kingdom. He went on to serve as Professor in the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. Later, he took charge as Director of the Army Dental Corp. He was recognized as a Post Graduate Teacher of Bombay, Pune and Delhi Universities, and was awarded the *Param Vishisht Seva Medal* for meritorious service. He was appointed President of India's Honorary Dental Advisor, and remained so till his retirement in 1974.

He settled in Chandigarh on his retirement and practiced his profession with flourish. A Charter Member of our Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, his tenure as the second President of this Club was inaugurated by His Excellency Harcharan Singh Brar, then Governor of Haryana. He led then 51 member Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown with élan, aided by Rajiv Shastri as the Secretary, Jawahar Lal Gupta, now Justice (Retd.) as Vice President, Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta as IPP, J.S. Narang as Joint Secretary, R.C. Kohli as Treasurer, B.L. Ramsisaria, B.K. Pahwa, Suraj Handa, D.S. Brar as Directors Club Service, Community Service, Vocational

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Service and International Service respectively; and Rakesh Mohanta as Sergeant - at - Arms. During his tenure as the President, our club made its presence felt by undertaking a citywide Anti - Malaria Campaign, quite necessary at that time, and a Re-Forestation Project. Fellowship was at its zenith, with his wife Shiela, at the helm.

We bid adieu to an old warhorse, whose impact on other people's life, and on this Club, was tremendous. In the same breath, we pray to the Almighty to give strength to Shiela Ji, his wife for more than sixty years, his daughters, Rati and Anju, his sons Arvind and Neeraj, his sister Usha, and all members of the bereaved family, to bear this loss.

 - PP Indrajeet Sengupta, & PP B.L. Ramsisaria

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SAYINGS

- ☺ When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.
- ☺ After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay together.
- ☺ By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.
- ☺ Woman inspires us to great things, and prevents us from achieving them.
- ☺ The great question which I have not been able to answer is, "What does a woman want?"
- ☺ "I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me and the second one didn't."

- Contributed by Rtn. J.S. Chopra



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:
Hony. Rtn. Suraj Handa

Jan. 31



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:
R'ann Pushpa & Rtn.V.K. Jawa Jan. 28
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