

THE MID TOWNER

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN : R.I. DISTRICT 3080

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Coordinator : Ann Maniki Deep

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : - 6.30 PM

113 Donate Blood including 14 Ladies

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organized a Blood Donation Camp, in collaboration with Youth Welfare Club Khuda Ali Sher, and Innerwheel Club Chandigarh Midtown at Gurudwara Hall in village Khuda Ali Sher. The Camp is named after Late Jagroop Singh son of S. Bhag Singh, who died young and was a very active member of the Youth Club.

Mrs. Harjinder Kaur, Mayor, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh inaugurated the camp at exact 9.30 AM. She was there dot in time, accompanied by PP Rtn and Councilor Pallav Mukherjee. The Mayor was received by the President Rtn Sandeep Sandhu,, Rtn Dr. Nitin Mathur, Rtn Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Secy Rtn Atul Grover, and Rtn Dr. VK Kapoor. President IW Club Mrs. Gupta and other

members of Inner Wheel Club, PP IW Indu Luthra, Harjinder Kaur, and Raj Kapoor were also there. They were later joined by Rtn Ashish Singla and Rtn AK Sachdeva, and IW Member Mrs. Sachdeva. Our office Secretary, Mr. VP Sharma was there all the time and Col Gill came to cover the Camp for The MidTowner.

Youth Club President Bhupinder Singh, Sarpanch Baba Gurdial Singh and other members of the Village Panchayat were present in full strength.

The Mayor and the other dignitaries did the traditional lighting of the lamp.

Dr. Anand and Dr. Saroj Agarwal along with other Para



Blood Donation in progress



Mayor with Rotarians & IW Members

The Mid Towner wishes the Readers a Happy New Year 2008.



Club President with Blood Donors

medical staff of Sector 16 Multi Specialty Hospital were doing their job meticulously.

Among the donors was a regular donor, Mr. Ram Karan, a Handicapped gentleman, who works at the cycle stand at the GH Hospital, takes a day off every year to donate blood, if necessary, at the cost of his salary. The Mayor talked to each donor and thanked him or her profusely for helping this noble cause. There were fourteen ladies that donated blood. It was a motivating sight to see an old woman Mrs. Charan Kaur, walking with the support of a stick, reach the Hall with difficulty and volunteered to donate blood. Rtn Sachdeva asked her age which turned out to be 80 years. It is a very motivating example of volunteerism.

Inner wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown donated twenty tins of ghee. Each donor got one tin of ghee donated by club members. There were 111 donors and the Club and Rotarians donated the the balance 91 tins. Each donor was also given a certificate of donation.

Outside the hall young NSS students of GMSSS Sector 10 Chandigarh were motivating the visitors for the blood

donation displaying beautiful placards and posters.

One hundred and eleven Units of blood were collected, a record for this campsite.

Reported by Rtn Dr. Jawahar Luthra

Christmas Celebrations with the Deaf

Our Club meeting of 21 Dec was dedicated to celebrating the Christmas with the deaf adults and children of the Deaf School Chandigarh. Fifteen deaf persons, Sangeeta, Somesh, Anu, Suvidha, Rupinder, Tejinder, Deepak, Shagun, Yashike, Karun, Dolly, Meghna, Amrita, Arjun, Sonia and the translator, also Sonia, came for the celebrations. The hall was full of Rotarians, Annes and guests. The hotel staff had to muster a number of additional chairs to accommodate the rush of visitors. It was such an impressive sight to see the deaf talking to each other in their sign language.

The President called on the compassion of the Rotarians to attend the Blood Donation Camp in Village Khuda Ali Sher at the Gurudwara Hall. The donors are expected to start turning up from 8.30 AM onwards by which time the doctors and the paramedical staff from the Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh, will be ready to receive the donors. He further exhorted the Rotarians and Annes to be there to lend a helping hand. He also requested the Rotarians to donate 1 Kg Desi Ghee tins that are to be given to the blood donors. Rotarians were not found wanting and 80 tins were donated.

President introduced Mrs. Era Walton and Mr. Philip J. Walton, from the Deaf Way (Family Services), and handed over the proceedings to Mrs. Walton who introduced the organization. It was interesting to watch the young and energetic translator, Ms. Sonia, translate all the speeches at the podium into sign language for the deaf.

The Deaf Way

Mr. Walton started with tons of thanks to the Club for giving them an opportunity to expose their organization to the

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Club and to get the deaf in the meeting to celebrate Christmas. He described the sign language as the speaking hands of the deaf. He explained the activities of the organization, The Deaf Way, through slides with a lucid explanation of each step.

The Deaf Way (Family Services is a local branch) is an organization working to empower Deaf people, in various parts of India, conducting a number of programs beneficial to the Deaf including Delhi, Chandigarh, Bhopal, Varanasi, Dehradun, Patna, Shimla, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Indore.

These programs include:

- Vocational training and placement services in our three Educational Training Centers
- Establishing "Deaf Friendship Clubs" and Deaf support groups run by Deaf persons themselves
- Interpreting services
- Counseling for the youth and parents of Deaf children
- Leadership training and personality development
- Sign Language seminars
- Deaf education methodology seminars for schools
- Various other annual events and activities throughout the year.
- The organization also publish a magazine called "The Deaf Way", which is the first magazine of it's kind in India for promoting Deaf issues. "The Deaf Way" is a non-profit publication and is distributed free of charge to Deaf persons and all institutes of the Deaf in India.

Special programs, seminars, art competitions, drama and general knowledge quizzes for the Deaf schools have become a regular feature of our "International Week of the Deaf" celebrations each year.

After the presentation, Williams son of Mr. and Mrs. Walton,



One Kg. Desi Ghee for the Donor

sang a few carols which were applauded by the audience. Ajay, whose elder sister is deaf, sang Jingle Bells and the audience joined in the chorus.

Last song was a sign language song sung by the deaf with rhythmic swaying and clapping. It was a touching performance.

Club Board 2008-09

PP Rtn Dr. Balram K Gupta, Chair Club Elections announced unanimous elections for the Club Board 2008-09 and hoped that this tradition of unanimous elections is carried forward in the Club.

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Current President & the Incoming Presidents with Club Election Chair



Rotaractors with Jagatpura Students & Rotary Club President

Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown - In Action

All Girls Dev Samaj College Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown, ably led and guided by their mentors Dr. Ms. Mira Modi and Dr. Ms. Kumud Khurana, went to Jagat Pura School on 20 Dec 2007. There are about 200 students in the School. Most of them belong to the low-income families.

The Rotaract Club distributed notebooks, school bags, socks and other materials worth Rs. 8,000.00 to the needy students. President Sandeep Sandhu and PP RK Goyal lent a helping hand in this noble deed that helped the needy.

(More about this activity in the next issue of The MidTowner.)

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