

THE MID TOWNER

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VISION STATEMENT CHANDIGARH-2008

Speakers: - Mayor , Senior Dy. Mayor & Dy. Mayor, Chandigarh

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : - 6.30 PM

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS-2008

To usher in the New Year 2008 at a happy, full of fun, and a will to serve the community, note, the weekly meeting of 28 Dec 2007 was scheduled with a programme of fun and frolic.

Ann Maniki Deep had organized a DJ, courtesy our Secretary Rtn Atul Grover, and our Vice President Rtn RK Luther who presided over the meeting in the absence of our President who is away on business, offered to host cocktails which was gladly accepted with profuse thanks.

Maniki took over the proceedings and requested everybody to join in the fun and asked the revelers to don masks and hats, very funny and some of them very

frightening so thoughtfully collected and arranged on a table. Thank you Maniki for this innovation.

PP Rtn Palav Mukherjee took over the mike and started a quiz on Christmas. It was interesting and thought provoking, but luckily a short one.

Master Kanishka, grandson of our PP Rtn Dr. SK Sharma, son of Mr.Pankaj Sharma and Mrs. Surabhi Sharma, received the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) medallion and pin and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Certificate from PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria. Congratulations Master Kanishka and the Sharma Family. It was a befitting event for the start of the New Year. It also reminds all and everybody to help the TRF in the New Year.



New Year Celebrations - Revelers

This is the last issue of the Mid Towner of 2007, and The Mid Towner wishes the readers, once again, A GR8 2008.

The Rotarians, Annes, Guests and the Children rushed to the table and took their pick of the hat or the mask. Maniki gave a signal to start the music and it filled the hall with rhythmic bhangra and western music beats. Everybody jumped into the open space and started twisting and turning and tapping. It was a treat to see the children enjoying and dancing almost continuously. They were a big encouragement to others to join them.

In the meantime Maniki had asked Rtn Col Gill and Rtn Sengupta, quietly and discreetly, to select the most fun loving couple, the most fun loving male, the most fun loving female and the most fun loving child, from the dancers. The music was loud and the talking was impaired, and due to some distortion in hearing the names, Col Gill requested Ann Malavika Sengupta to help in picking up the best fun loving dancers. It worked very well as it was so difficult to recognize who is who because of the low lighting and the masks etc.

The music ended and the judges huddled into a corner for a session of discussions to nominate the best fun loving persons. Following were the deserving winners:



Best Fun-Loving Female



Best Fun-Loving Male



Best Fun-Loving Child

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- Rtn Prem Anand and Indu Anand -- Best fun loving couple
- Rtn DR Agarwal -- Best fun loving male
- Ms. Vipen -- Best fun loving female
- Miss Saloni Agarwal -- Best fun loving child.

Congratulations and well done to the winners, with a request to keep it up.

The cocktails (Courtesy Rtn RK Luther) were announced and Rtn Luther, fully aided by our Office Secretary, Mr. VP Sharma, arranged the bar and more fun started. It was a very enjoyable meeting full of fun, friendship, fellowship and bon-homie.

Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown-in action

(Contd from the previous issue no. 26 of 26 Dec 2007)

It was a learning and satisfying experience for the members of Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector: 45 as they spent their day visiting various slum areas around Chandigarh and distributing items of need among school children there. This activity was undertaken by the all-girls Rotaract Club under the guidance of their Coordinators Dr. Meera Modi and Dr. Kumud Khurana who helped them in generating funds for buying articles including school bags, copies, socks and fruits.

The students first visited a makeshift school being run at a construction site in Sector: 49, Chandigarh where around 30 kids of workers are studying. They

distributed school bags and copies among these needy children. The next visit was to a school at Amb Saab colony near the railway line where more than 70 poor children are studying. After distributing copies and



College Staff sorting the gifts.



Children proudly displaying the gifts. The Staff & Rotaractors feel satisfied

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fruits among them, Dev Samaj girls went to the Jeewan Mukh Nishulak Vidyalay at Jagatpura where more than 140 poor kids are studying. Their last visit of the day was to Santsar Public School being run inside the premises of Sector: 38 (West) Gurudwara. Here about 50 of those kids are getting education who had been regular at the makeshift schools and showed a genuine interest in studies. The Rotaractors gave copies, socks and fruits to them.

All these schools are being run by the Jeewan Mukh Nishulak Vidyalay, a registered society that is working towards providing free education to those underprivileged children who cannot afford it like beggars, rag pickers, slum dwellers and street children. In the constant endeavour to mobilize people for their cause, Sh. Mansa Ram Ahuja, Founder & President of the society along with Sh. K.K.Garg, Executive Member had visited Dev Samaj College a few days back. Receiving a positive response from the Rotaract Club Coordinators, it was decided to gift the school children with items of need so that they may be encouraged to continue their studies. Rtn Sandeep Sandhu, President, Rtn Atul Grover, Secretary and Rtn R.K. Goyal, Past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown accompanied the Rotaractors during this visit and asked them to take more such projects. Ms. Mallika Dua and Mrs. Patwant Poonia, active members of the society, were also present.

Reported by Dr. Mrs. Kumud Khurana

Fond and Pleasant Memories

It was in 1987 that one of our Rotarians, Rtn Shaju Peter, while traveling in his car, met with an accident near Gurudwara Nahda Sahib. Luckily he escaped injury but his car was badly damaged. He was finding it difficult to manage his activities without a car. It was another Rotarian from our Club who helped Shaju by lending him a car till his own car was repaired. This helping Rotarian was none other than Rtn DP Khandelia.

A fine example of helping the needy and helpful camaraderie.

Contributed by Rtn Suraj Handa



Another Glimpse of the Blood Donation Camp- 23 Dec. 07.

Some Blood Donors with Certificates & Ghee Tins



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rtn Joginder Singh Puri	Jan 05
PE (2009-10) Rtn Gurdip S Deep	Jan 09
Rtn Comdr AS Nagra	Jan 10



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ann Jasdeep & Rtn Kamal Jit Singh	Jan 10
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