

Programme: - Friday, Feb. 23, 2008

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CONFERENCE OF SHARING

Venue: - Indra Dhanush Auditorium Sector 5 Panchkula

Time: - The Meeting will be called to order at 10.30 AM

Please note the change in Date, Time, and Venue of the Meeting. The weekly Meeting of 22 Feb 2008 has been postponed to 23 Feb 2008.

Briefing on Assigned Responsibilities

The schedules and responsibilities were clarified and discussed threadbare in the weekly meeting held on 15 Feb 2008. There were detailed discussions on each aspect of the District Conference. The District Governor, the Conference Chair, the President and the event Chairs straightened out all the kinks. The road ahead is laid out smooth and clear. The District Governor announced that the Rotary Clubs of Tricity are supporting the Conference in all respects.

The Conference brochure accompanies this issue of The Midtowner.



Overview

The President emphasized that all Midtowners must reach the Venue, Indra Dhanush Auditorium, by 08.00 AM on 23 Feb 2008.





Registration & The Venue-All kinks removed

A \$ 100 Million (USD) Vote of Confidence

The US\$ 100 million grant made to Rotary International by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognizes Rotarians' determination and accomplishments in the global effort to eradicate polio. We can all feel proud that the world's largest foundation has placed such faith in Rotary's ability to get the job done. A gift of this size is a salute to every Rotarian everywhere. It also elevates Rotary's stature in the eyes of governments, our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and other organizations that we may choose to work with in the future.

The most important aspect of this grant is, of course, the opportunity it provides to quickly fund the most critical areas of need. We will now have more resources to promote National Immunization Days, carry out effective surveillance and mop-up campaigns, and respond rapidly to outbreaks in polio-free countries.

When William Gates Sr. addressed the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, he urged us to think big. Anything less, he said, would be a waste to our potential and betray the optimism we've earned a right to have. This grant from the Gates Foundation has given us the means to expand out own thinking and to be even more optimistic that soon no child will ever suffer the devastating effects of polio.

I encourage all of you to visit www.rotary.org to learn more about the Gates Foundation Grant, and to find out how you can help in our final push toward a poliofree world.

Foundation Trustee Chair Rtn Robert S. Scot In the January Issue of The ROTARIAN

World Economy

If the world economy were a train, we would now have a greater number of engines pulling that train. However the biggest engine is still the US, and as a result, the speed of that train depends on it.

Sam Stovall Chief Investment Strategist

India and China

The combined economies of India and China are a little less than one third of the US economy.

A Historic Event unnoticed by the rest of the world, took place on July 6, 2006. After 44 years the Asian Giants reopened the 14,140 feet high Nathula Pass. The pass connects Tibet to Sikkim. Braving heavy rain and icy winds, several dignitaries, Chinese Ambassador to India, Chairman Tibet Autonomous Region, and Chief Minister Sikkim watched as soldiers on both sides removed a barbed wire fence between the two nations.

The Indo Chinese economic combine pose a stiffer threat to multinational incumbents than the latter







Messenger of Hope

Setting an example for others to follow suit, Rtn. Harshard Mehta has committed US \$2 million for eradication of Polio to the Rotary Foundation. We all know, the Gates Foundation awarded The Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary pledged to match, dollar for dollar, over three years, making it a huge sum of US \$200 million for the global campaign to eradicate polio. Rtn. Harshad Mehta from Mumbai is a senior Rotarian and has served as the President of the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan, in RI District 3140. He is in the trade of Diamonds (Export-Import). Rotarian Harshad Mehta of Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan says, "It is vital that everyone remain committed to ending this disease that still cripples children in our country. I hope more



Rotarians will take it unto them to meet this challenge for eradicating this crippling disease." My sincere congratulations to all those who were directly or indirectly involved in making this happen.

Ashok Mahajan

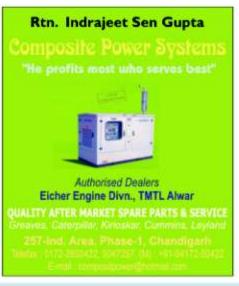
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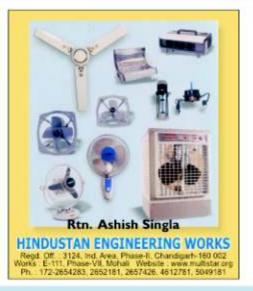
have so far faced.

The developed world perceives the rise of India and China as a threat to their economic interests. This perception defies economic logic. For instance, the

US's recent job losses because of the relocation of manufacturing facilities and services to China and India are smaller than the unemployment in past decades attributable to structural changes in the US economy. The world must recognize the complementarities between India and China and adjust their competitive strategies accordingly.









Gift for the Anniversary Couple

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen

-Winston Churchill

Ability is what you are capable of Doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.

-Lou Holtz

Feb. 26

Feb 29

Mar. 06



The Anniversary Bite



Memento for the Winner of the Punctuality Draw



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rtn Sandeep Sandhu PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva



PUNCTUALITY DRAW :

Won by Rtn. Col. V.K. Kapoor



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ann Mira & Rtn. Jagmohan Lal Mahajan Feb. 22
Ann Savita & Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati Feb. 28
Ann Amarjit & Rtn. Harbans Singh Bajaj Mar. 01
Ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta Mar. 04
Ann Rekha & Rtn. Lalit Kumar Azad Mar. 04
Ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti Mar. 06





