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“Pulse Polio Campaign - In The Last Push”
Guest Speaker : PDG J.P.S. Sibia,
Chairman - Polio Plus Committee, R.I.D. 3080

Friday, January 30, 2009

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

District Governor's Official Visit



Midtowners welcome DG Satish Saluja

Last Saturday, the 24th January, 2009 was a Red Letter Day for our Club in the current Rotary year when Distt. Governor. Satish Saluja, accompanied by the First Lady Dr. Sunita made his official visit. Arriving dot on time, they were received by Pres. Saroj, IPDG Shaju and Ann Lovy, Secy. D.R. Aggarwal and Past Presidents Ajit Gulati, B.L. Ramsisaria, R.S. Chandgothia, J.L. Mahajan, Capt. Moni Kahlon, Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Dr. S.K. Sharma.



The MC, PP I. Sengupta

The dais was adorned by the presence of our own IPDG Shaju and AG R.K. Goyal, besides the Governor, President, Secretary and the

Master of Ceremonies PP Indrajeet Sengupta. The Sheesh Mahal of Hotel President was packed, so much so that in spite of additional chairs, some of our members kept standing till the very end. Our Chairman – Attendance Committee, PP Ajit Gulati couldn't have been happier!

The meeting started with the National Anthem followed by Welcome Address by PP Ajit Gulati. The occasion was graced by the presence of various distinguished guests, most of them being Presidents & Past Presidents from neighbouring clubs.



President Saroj, then came up with her impressive multi-media presentation, for which she had been ably assisted by IPDG Shaju, PP Capt. Moni Kahlon, PP Indrajeet Sengupta and our new member Rtn. Amarjit Singh. The presentation highlighted the projects and activities carried out by the Club under her leadership since the start of the current Rotary year. Saroj also laid out her plans for the remaining year, viz. continuing with ongoing projects like Health Check-ups, Artificial Limbs, Eye Check-ups etc., continuing Embroidery & Nursing courses, Family Exchange with Rotary Club Wollaton Park, Nottingham, England and providing computers



Pres. Saroj takes the audience through her journey of service



First Lady Ann. Dr. Sunita presents a Laptop to Khushboo

worth Rs. 12.22 lakhs to Sikhya School under WCS with a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation.

Rtn. Arjan Singh then briefed the DG and all others present, about the Scholarship Project of Rotary Club of Milan, Italy under which an individual Rotarian takes up the responsibility of putting a young lady through a degree in science. Under that project, Rtn. Stefan from Milan has sponsored a laptop for Khushboo, his beneficiary student. The laptop was presented to her by the First Lady, Dr. Sunita Saluja.

The MC PP Indrajeet then requested the DG to recognize and pin the two new PHFs of our club – our new member Rtn. Sompal Malik and Mr. Sita Ram

Jhawar. The latter, however, could not be present owing to a recent eye surgery. With this, the PHF tally of our club has gone up to 134, a fact which was much lauded by the DG.

It was time for introduction of the DG to the audience and who else but IPDG Shaju was best suited for this task. As always, he spoke in his inimitable way, flawlessly and without reading any paper (shall we call it Obama ishtyle?)

DG Satish Saluja, in his address, said that taking over the leadership of Distt. 3080 from IPDG Shaju was a great learning experience for him. He was all praise for the excellent work being done by our Club under the leadership of Pres. Saroj and commended



PHF recognition for Rtn. Sompal Malik



Special pins for IPDG Shaju & Rtn. Deepak Sood for sponsoring new members this year



PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Presentation of mementoes to the DG and the First Lady



Punctuality Draw award for PP Dr. S.K. Sharma

the projects of our Club which he visited during the day – the Home Care Nursing Project, Sarangpur Night School, Community Toilets at Sarangpur, being the important ones. He appreciated our endeavours to involve the younger generations as our Partners in Service in the form of Rotaract and Interact. He highlighted the fact that more than Rs. 44,000/- was sent by our Club towards the Bihar Flood Relief.

The DG also recognized the induction of three new members in our Club, two of them proposed by Rtn. Deepak Sood, for which the DG awarded him a special pin and the third by IPDG Shaju who also received the Sponsor Pin from the DG. He also suggested to add more of women members to the Club. President Saroj received acclaim from the DG

for attending all District functions, seminars and also for completing the \$30 per member target for fighting polio, in response to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation challenge of \$ 100 million to eradicate polio.

This was followed by presentation of mementoes to the DG and the First Lady, wedding anniversary gifts and the Punctuality Draw, which was won by PP Dr. S.K. Sharma. PE Gurdip proposed the vote of thanks after which, the meeting was adjourned by Pres. Saroj.

Special thanks to IPDG Shaju for sponsoring the fellow-'sip'. A lavish dinner brought an end to our "Red Letter Day" celebrations.

Midtowners To Host Visiting Rotarians for NID

A no. of Rotarians from abroad are visiting India for the Pulse Polio NID on Sunday, Feb 01, 2009. Four of our members would be extending their warm hospitality to ten visitors from January 31st evening through February 4th morning.

PP Indrajeet Sengupta, hosting Michael K. Payton & Midori T. Payton from Rotary Club of Hester,

California;

Rtn. Atul Grover, hosting Lloyd Charles Roever & Thomas O. "Tom" Colless from Australia, and Haresh L. Ramchandani & Carmen J. Gentile, Jr. from Rotary Club of Montego Bay East, Jamaica ;

Rtn. R. S. Sachdeva, hosting Peter Schmi from Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central, Cayman

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Islands & David D. "Danny" Bullington from Rotary Club of Macon, Georgia, USA ;

President Saroj Jhawar, hosting Carlisle Noel "Carl" Alexande from Australia & Dahyabhai S. "D.S." Patel from Rotary Club of Port Orange, South Daytona, Florida, USA.

RI Theme 2009-10



THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

The incoming world leader of Rotary International, John Kenny, has announced the next Rotary year's theme (2009-10) at the

Congratulations



Our Rtn. Ravinder Krishan, an eminent Income Tax Consultant & a prominent social figure, has been appointed President of Chandigarh Unit of the Rashtriya Janta Dal.

We heartily congratulate him and wish him all the very best in this new assignment.

Bit of Humour

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly parted mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave. The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?"

The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain in is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply? The mourner took a moment to collect himself, then replied "My wife's first husband."

Birthday Greetings



Rtn. Sompal Malik
Hon. Rtn. Suraj Handa

February 05
January 31

International Assembly: "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". "Considering the challenges that our world faces today on various fronts including population, health, hunger, literacy, climate changes, which would have far-reaching repercussions on our planet Earth, the time to bring about the positive change is now. You, who are going to be the leaders of your club next year, will have to start planning for all those good things that you would like to leave for your children as a legacy for their future. Dream now, so that the future of the next generation is secure".

Wedding Anniversary Greetings



Pres. Rtn. Mrs. Saroj & Mr. Sita Ram Jhawar January 30
R'ann Gurpreet & Rtn. Munish Jauhar February 02
R'ann Asha & Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal February 02
R'ann Bir & PP. Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati February 04

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma



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