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## PROGRAMME

### Lipo Sculpturing of Body and Overview of Plastic Surgery

Chief Guest: Dr. Harpreet S. Bakshi, M.S. (Surg), M.Ch (Plastic Surgery)

Friday, December 11, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

## World Disabled Day

In the club meeting on December 4, 2009 World Disabled Day was observed with the participation of our three Rotary Community Corps, out of which two comprise of majority members who are disabled persons. President Gurdip S. Deep welcomed the Chief Guest of the evening, Assistant Governor Rtn. Charanjit Singh. President then called the Chairman of RCC and Disability Empowerment and Rehabilitation (DEAR) Committees, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra to conduct the proceedings. He said World Disabled Day is observed all over world to review the work done by Government and NGOs for the millions of disabled persons, who faced negative attitude and insensitive policies some years back.



*RCC Leaders Mr. Keshav C. Wadhawan, Mr. Balwant Singh Dardi and Mr. Bhupinder Singh give report about their projects and future plans*

But now disability issues even in India, have become priority official agenda, leading to Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Rehabilitation Council of India Act and more. Still lot more needs to be done in spite of these Acts. In

Rotary year 2007-08 our club sponsored Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula. In 2008-09 we sponsored two more RCCs, that is, RCC of Dadumajra and RCC of Khuda Ali Sher. The unique feature for RCC of Panchkula and RCC of Dadumajra is that most of the members are disabled, who work at the grass root level in rural areas. These RCCs are the first of its kind in the world, where disabled persons are doing great work for the community. In response to an update on our RCCs to Rotary International, an email was received from Evanston with a remark, "Your RCC's projects are sure to have a positive and lasting impact on the local community, and are excellent examples of Rotary Community Corps in action!" "Please pass on our thanks and congratulations to the RCC members for their outstanding service."

Observing World Disabled Day also gave an opportunity to our RCC leaders to share with us their projects and future plans. The first to speak was Mr. Keshav C. Wadhawan of Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula. He walks with calipers and crutches. He drives his car as confidently as he attends to his official duties as Joint Director, Department of Public Relations in Haryana Government. He is a writer and a poet. Dr. Vohra questioned, "Why should people like Mr. Wadhawan be called disabled?" Mr. Wadhawan expressed his happiness to be associated with Rotary through the RCC. In his talk, he highlighted the projects and plans of RCC of Panchkula; Rs. 2.5 Cr. worth National Institute for the Disabled, distribution of artificial limbs, wheel chairs, tricycles and



AG Charanjit Singh appreciates the work done by the 3 RCCs

crutches, cleanliness drive in village Rally of Panchkula, training disabled persons in computers, book binding, knitting, embroidery & tailoring, music & dance, fashion designing and beauty parlour. They have ambitious plans for future, for which they hope to get public support and

motivation from Rotarians.

Mr. Wadhawan ended his talk by saying, "Mein apne ko viklang nahi manta, yeh sahi hai. Doston, jara hoton se chashma utaar kar, mujhe deepak ke nazaron se dekho, mein pass hi kharha hoon, asliyat may mein viklang nahi." He is also author of a book titled, 'Mein Viklang Nahi'.

Mr. Balwant Singh Dardi represents Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra. He had lost his right arm and has retired from Punjab Government. Disabled persons of this RCC are members of Physically Handicapped Association, Punjab. Mr. Dardi, in his fluent Punjabi said people are generally insensitive towards human values and cause. He had immense praise for the support they have got from Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown through formation of RCC of Dadumajra. Mr. Dardi said that this is the first time in the world that disabled persons have been given an independent Rotary platform. He pointed out that by observing World Disabled Day, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has given a glaring evidence of sensitivity the

Rotarians have for the cause of the disabled persons. He also highlighted the artificial limbs projects they had undertaken. He also talked about a blood donation camp in which the disabled persons donated blood. He looks forward to more such camps, artificial limbs fitment and uplift of the needy continues to be in their RCC's agenda.

Mr. Bhupinder Singh, represents RCC of Khuda Ali Sher. They are also members of the Youth Club and did number of projects with Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, who brought them on Rotary forum through RCC, which has motivated them to do more for the society. He highlighted the plumber training course and tailoring centre with the help of Chandigarh Midtown.

**Blood Donation Camp**

With support of our club, Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher is organizing Blood Donation Camp on 13.12.09 (Sunday) from 9 am to 1 pm. Presdent Gurdip Deep requests Rotarians for their presence to motivate over 100 donors, expected in this camp.

Electricians training course is presently being conducted. Blood donation and eye camps were also earlier undertaken. He acknowledged our club's support as RCC also works to create awareness to motivate people for blood donation.



Assistant Governor Charanjit Singh presenting mementos to K.C. Wadhawan, Balwant Singh Dardi and Bhupinder Singh

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In his address AG Rtn. Charanjit Singh congratulated the RCCs for the work they are doing for the community. He said, "This is very commendable and appreciable." He had special words of appreciation for Mr. Wadhawan, who is known to him for last 30 years as they were colleagues. Appreciating the projects undertaken by disabled persons, Rtn. Charanjit strongly feels, "You are exceptional and very special people, that is why you are able to accomplish your tasks." He added, "God has given everybody the same powers. You can rise to any level."

He said the purpose of RCC is to make people realize their potential, which is clearly seen in our

three RCCs. Rtn. Charanjit advised all Rotary clubs and RCCs to make Chandigarh friendly for these special persons and work with Chandigarh Administration to make the public places accessible to them.

President Deep informed that through our efforts and generosity of Drish Shoes, we have gifted 253 pairs of shoes to the schools for slum children. He also acknowledged the contributions for the Club Projects: Rs. 1100/- from PP R.S. Changothia and Rs. 500/- from Rtn. Om Parkash Malik. With presence of Rtn. Rohit Gupta we had 100% attendance of b'day boys! Meeting ended with fellowship, courtesy Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta.



Rs. 70000/- presented to President Gurdip by Rohit, on behalf of PP Mohan Khera, Rotary Club of Wollaton Park UK for AIDS project



From right: President Gurdip, 3 birthday boys: Rtn. Om Parkash Malik, PP Rtn R.S. Chandgothia and Rtn. Rohit Gupta, lined up together, to cut the cake



AG Rtn. Charanjit Singh presents Rtn. Deepak Sood with the Punctuality award. Deepak has valid reason to smile..... ask him next week!

## Free Medical Camp for 110 Patients at KUC, Sector 46, Chandigarh

Annual Free Medical Camp was held at Kidney & Urostone Centre, Sector 46, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown on 6th Dec. 2009 (Sunday). The camp was inaugurated by Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon. Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, Chairman, KUC welcomed the Rotarians and the Inner Wheel Members. President Gurdip S. Deep was one of the first to be at KUC. Others present were PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP R.S. Chandgothia, PP Col.

A.J.S. Gill, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Om Parkash, Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati, Rtn. Deepak Sood, Rtn. Maharaj Baksh Singh, Rtn. Suraj Handa and Office Secy. V.P. Sharma.

Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown President Asha Gupta was accompanied by IW members; PDC Neeru Khattar, PP Deepa Sahib Singh, PP Indu Vohra, PP Uma Gupta, IPP Shashi Gupta, Kanta Handa & Patinder Kaur. Raj Kapoor was a perfect host and ensured none of us left the hospital without hot coffee and refreshments, courtesy IW members. Consultations for urology, orthopaedics, general

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Inauguration of the Medical Camp by Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon

surgery, physiotherapy, xray, ultrasound and all tests were done free for 110 patients. Dr. Col. Kapoor and Dr. Anshumaan Kapoor took care of urology patients. Orthopaedic patients were examined by Dr. Ravjit Singh. Other doctors and staff of the hospital were also busy serving the patients, who availed state of the art facilities available at KUC.



Maj. Gen. Kahlon, Pres. Gurdip & Rtn. Om Prakash with Dr. Anshumaan



Maj. Gen. Kahlon, President Gurdip, with Dr. Ravjit Singh

## Do Boond Amrit!



Pres. Gurdip Deep giving Polio drops to kids in Sec. 46, Chandigarh, to continue our fight against polio

### Peace Prayers

The club meeting started by observing one minute silence and peace prayers as mark of respect for father of PP Anil Mehan, Mr. B.K. Mehan, who passed away last week.

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia  
R'ann Nita & Rtn. M.S. Manaktala  
R'ann Manjit & Rtn. D.S. Kalsi



December 11  
December 12  
December 13

Punctuality Draw : Won by Rtn. Deepak Sood

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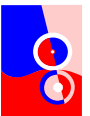
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