

Rotary Ideals and the Judiciary
Guest Speaker : PP Dr. Balram Gupta

Friday, November 12, 2010

Time : 6:30 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh



Bonhomie on Diwali

The run-up to the “pot-luck” dinner to celebrate was hectic. The four ladies belonging to four states of India – Counselor Lovy Peter of Sikkim; Chairperson Malabika Sengupta of Bengal; PP Saroj Jhawar of Rajasthan; and First Lady Indu Anand of Punjab – lent to the function a degree of cosmopolitan ambience for bonhomie. They were all seen and heard to be confabulating early morning to late evening for almost a fortnight, in their effort to involve the largest number.

Such involvement has not been witnessed for many years, said the two Past Presidents B.L. Ramsisaria and R.S. Chandgothia, who were instrumental in booking the venue and the arrangements there.

The menu was simple, but what made it memorable was the involvement of the greatest. Shahi Paneer, Chana Msala, Mixed Vegetable, Karhi, Kulcha, Rice and Gulab Jamun, preceded by light snacks and cold drinks, all brought by members. The self-help created the bonhomie.

Members received a “tikka” on arrival setting the mood for the celebration. The Meeting was called to order and adjourned

after announcements and formalities to make way for the celebrations. The prize for the contest initiated in the columns of this bulletin was awarded to Mrs. Shashi Gupta by the Editor.

Two rounds of Tambola were played with great enthusiasm, thanks to the wonderful announcement by Suresh Dhawan. Prizes were many, and the change from the usual meeting was welcome.

Camaraderie was at its best at dinner, while the children enjoyed the fire-crackers.

The highlight of course was the arrival of Mrs. Abha Mathur, wife of 13th President late Dr. Onkar Nath Mathur, and mother of our member Dr. Nitin Mathur. We express our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Archana Mathur, who persuaded her mother-in-law to attend.

The fellowship was indeed memorable.

We regret that due to a error all photographs taken on this occasion have been wiped out and therefore not published.

Club proposes Shaju for delegate to CoL

On the recommendation of the Board of Directors of our Club, the Club unanimously resolved to propose the name of PDG Shaju Peter to represent RI District 3080 at the next Council on Legislation to be held in 2013.

In the early days any change in RI ByLaws or Constitution was proposed and voted at the Annual Convention. As attendance at the Convention increased it became more difficult to hold open discussions at the Conventions. So a Council on Legislation was created in 1934 as an advisory group to debate and analyze proposals, which was finally accepted as the apex legislative body at the 1970 Atlanta Convention. The Council is composed of one delegate from each district and several ex-officio members which meets once every three years.

Bivalent oral polio vaccine delivers powerful blow

Courtesy-Rotary International News -- 8 November 2010

The bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) is proving to be a potent weapon in the global battle to eradicate the disease.

Developed to stop transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously, bOPV was introduced in all four polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- in late 2009 and early 2010. It has helped reduce the incidence of polio in India to 39 cases as of 26 October, compared to 498 for the same period in 2009. The number of cases in Nigeria has fallen to 8 from 382 for that period.

"There's been the largest ever year-to-year drop in polio cases following the use of bOPV," says Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) at the World Health Organization.

The randomized, double-blind, controlled trial, conducted by WHO between August and December 2008 involved 830 newborns in India who received bOPV or another polio vaccine.

"In this study we showed that the bivalent [vaccine] is much better than the trivalent," says Dr. Roland Sutter, coordinator of the GPEI's research and product development team. "We get about 30 [percent] to 40 percent more immunity [from] the bivalent compared to the trivalent for types 1 and 3."

Rotary International has been a major player in bringing about that achievement, Aylward said at the meeting of the International PolioPlus Committee in October. PolioPlus grants awarded by The Rotary Foundation "have been strategically linked closely to all of the major gains that we've seen over the last 12 months," he noted. "The most striking impact is what your funds have achieved in Nigeria. Over \$23 million has gone into operational costs. That 98 percent drop in cases could not have been achieved without that money to get the vaccine to the kids."

About 290,000 vaccinators went door to door to immunize 72 million children -- 55.7 million of them received bOPV.

Children's Day Celebration at SOREM

The Club will celebrate Children's Day at SOREM, the Institute for the Rehabilitation and Education of Mentally Challenged Students, Sector 36, Chandigarh with a painting competition, between 10 am and 1 pm on Monday, November 15, 2010.

President Prem urges all Rotarians to be present in large numbers to cheer the students.

New Member Orientation Seminar Re-Scheduled for November 14

New Member Orientation Seminar for Zones 3 and 4 of our District 3080, earlier scheduled for Sunday, October 31, 2010 has been re-scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 2010. The venue, Sip'n Dine, Sector 7, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh remains the same, as does the timing of 10 am to 2 pm. Registration of Rs. 250.00 per delegate, includes breakfast and lunch, as well a course material. The course is meant for all Rotarians who have joined Rotary in July 2009 and thereafter.

PDG Shaju Peter, IPDG Chetan Aggarwal, Counselor PP B. L. Ramsaria, and Club Trainer PP Indrajeet Sengupta will be the Members of the Faculty for this 4 Hours session.

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The Foundation of Hope

“Carrying on as we are, a miscellaneous community service, it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world”, declared Arch Klumph, at the Atlanta Convention in 1917. Not a soul stirring statement from a remarkable man, from whose mind the stupendous idea emanated.

Born into a poor family in 1869, Arch moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio from Conneatville, Pennsylvania. He went to work at the age of 12 to supplement his family's income, and at 16 he became an office boy at Cuyahoga Lumber Company. He voluntarily enrolled at the night school, and chose to walk to and fro to school to save the tram fare.

When business began to fail Arch was made manager. He made one of the most profitable firms of its type. This self-educated office boy – turned manager became the President of this company and several others, including a bank. He taught himself the flute, and became a flutist in the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. In 1911, he became the Charter Member of the 18th Rotary Club of Cleveland with the classification of “Lumber-wholesale and retail”, and his Rotary career followed the same brilliant path as business and personal accomplishments. He became Club President in 1912 and President of the International association of Rotary Clubs in 1916-17.

It was since his days as Club President he was toying with this idea. In his farewell address as club president, he said, “an emergency fund should be built up which will enable the club in future years to do many things”. He chaired the committee that wrote the new Constitution of Rotary International, and it was his idea to create districts, create the office of district governor and establish an annual district conference.

Obviously, he never forgot the concept of a fund. The Rotary Endowment Fund, as it was known on establishment, was the precursor of the Rotary Foundation. As Arch Klumph's presidential term was coming to a close, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, collected funds for the retiring association president. On closing the account they discovered a surplus of US \$ 26.50 and decided to donate this to the Rotary



Endowment Fund. The first seeds had been sown.

Over the next several years, Arch pressed for activation of this Fund. By 1923 the Funds had accumulated to a meager US \$ 700.00. At the Minneapolis Convention of 1928, the name was changed to “The Rotary Foundation”. This change in the RI Constitution stipulated the appointment of five trustees – all past RI Presidents – to govern the Foundation. It also stipulated that the funds of the Foundation be kept separately from that of the parent organization. Contributions began pouring in and four years later it rose to US \$ 50,000.00. It was Paul Harris who requested the Foundation for a donation to the International Society for Crippled Children, and the Foundation sent its first cheque of US \$ 500.00, as an inspiration of Rotarian Edgar Allen of Elyria, Ohio.

World War II hardly helped in the expansion of the Foundation, though Ches Perry dis write in The Rotarian – “An additional contribution of US \$ 5 a year by Rotarians for the next two years would give the endowment 2 million dollars and make the Foundation an instrument of great good in the post war period”.

It took the demise of Paul Harris for money to pour in to allow for 18 Foundation Fellowships, later called Ambassadorial Scholarships. By 1948, the funds had risen to allow for study fellowships to 37 students, and allocate a princely sum of US \$ 15000.00 as post-war relief.

After an initial spurt of donation, there was a significant decline in contributions a decade after Paul Harris' death. The Trustees announced that anyone who contributed US \$ 1000.00 to The Rotary Foundation would be conferred a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition consisting of plaque, a medallion and a lapel pin bearing the likeness of the founder. Allison G Brush, a past RI Director from Laurel, Mississippi became the first Paul Harris Fellow.

The RI Board having discovered the goodness of the Foundation, now to emphasize its importance to clubs suggested “The Rotary Foundation Week” be celebrated in November. This continues till today, except that to increase its ambit November is celebrated as “The Foundation Month”.

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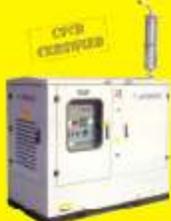
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Looking for 40 Charter Members for Rotary eClub!

Report by PP Dr. V. J. S. Vohra

In the last club meeting PDG Shaju Peter, Governors Special Representative for Rotary eClub of District 3080 made an appeal to all Rotarians to get members for the proposed hybrid eClub, sponsored by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, which stands approved by the College of Governors of RI District 3080.

Shaju stated that Rotary eClub is like any other traditional Rotary club, but it would meet on-line for fellowship, community projects and service. This hybrid Rotary eClub of District 3080 shall conduct Rotary business on the internet, but will also meet face to face once a month. The eClub will extend Rotary to Business owners, Professionals, ex-Rotarians and the Community.

Shaju expressed the decision of the core committee which met on 29th October 2010 and it was decided that we should get 40 charter members for the proposed eClub from the compact geographic area of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali to enable them to attend the physical monthly meeting. Some Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown including a couple of Past Presidents may opt for the eClub to provide good leadership to it.

Members of the eClub would be Rotarians as much as of any other traditional club and would follow the guide lines of Rotary International. The unique feature would be that any Rotarian from around the world could make-up attendance in the proposed eClub 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

For the initiative to form the eClub, PDG Shaju acknowledged the efforts of PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Amandeep Syali, Rtn. Amarjit Singh and Rtn. Munish Jauhar, who is providing effective technology and has already made it online at www.rotaryclub3080.org.

Taking "ASRAA" Forward

We thank the following Rotarians for generously donating for the "ASRAA" project in response to our appeal in Issue No. 14 of the Mid Towner.

PP Tirlochan Singh Anand	₹ 10100.00
Darshan Singh Kalsi	₹ 10000.00
Balbir Singh Channi	₹ 5100.00
Surjit Kumar	₹ 3100.00
Lalit Azad	₹ 3100.00

Donation for Club Projects

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of ₹ 3300.00 from Mrs. Shakuntala Sood for our Club Projects. Mrs. Shakuntala Sood is the aunt of Secretary Deepak Sood

Greetings

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Indu Vohra		November 11
Veena Bindra		November 14
Tavinder Chopra		November 15

Birthday of Rotarians

Sriranbir Sandhu		November 07
Dr. S.P. Vij		November 08
Dr. Jawahar Luthra		November 08
PP Ajit S. Gulati		November 10
A. K. Sachdeva		November 15

Wedding Anniversary

Charanjit & Balbir Singh Channi		November 06
Dr. Shashi & Naresh K. Jain		November 11
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