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PROGRAMME

From Pakistan with Love

By: PDG Shaju Peter

RI President Representative to District Conference 3272, Islamabad

Friday, April 11, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh



'Rahat', Rotary Medical Mission from RI District 3080 to RI District 3040

In our club meeting on April 04, 2014 PP Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Vanita Gupta gave a presentation on 'Rahat', Rotary Medical Mission at Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh in RI District 3040. President Rtn. Deepak Sood welcomed her, and introduced her as our President in Rotary year 2000-01, having joined our club in

in Chandigarh.

Deepak informed that the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee, inaugurated the Rotary's Polio – Free Conclave – 2014 at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on March 29, 2014. India has completed 3 years without reporting any outbreak of polio, a



PP Dr. Vanita Gupta gives an impressive presentation of Rayat Rotary Medical Mission



President Deepak Sood shows a meaningful video presentation on polio free India

1992. Night School Sarangpur, our prestigious project, was her brain child which continues to be our on-going project till date. She was Assistant Governor in 2004-05 and District Sergeant-at-Arms in 2005-06. She is a senior Dermatologist. As Project Director of Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society, her contribution is well recognized for the decline HIV prevalence

landmark achievement which is the victory over polio. Deepak gave a video presentation on polio free India and also referred to www.joinhandswithrotary.org in order to help us end polio for good. Until some pockets of the world are still affected, we have to remain vigilant and keep our efforts consistent.

PP Dr. Vanita Gupta recalled the Multi Speciality Mega Medical



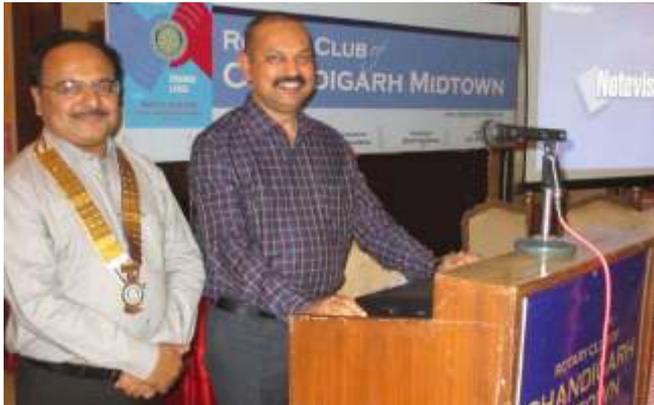
The attentive audience



Introduced by PP Rtn. Saroj Jhavar, Dr. Shekhar Jindal being inducted as Rotarian of our club by PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria. Looking on are PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, President Rtn. Deepak Sood and Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

Camp at Baripada, a backward area in District Mayurbhanj, Orissa in March 2007 when she was accompanied by her daughter, Dr. Arpeta, who assisted not only her mother, but practically all the doctors of that project. Arpeta's contribution was an inspiring example of family involvement.

Dr. Vanita said 'Rayat' Rotary Medical Mission at Neemuch on 5-12 March 2014, was sponsored by RI Districts 3080 and 3040, supported by The Rotary Foundation and Government of Madhya Pradesh.



President Deepak Sood welcomes Rtn. Dr. Shekhar Jindal who expresses his delight on coming back to Chandigarh Midtown to serve the community

Earlier these events were known as medical camps or missions but now it is named as 'Rayat', which means to give relief. It also signifies as 'RAHAT – Rotary's Active Hands Are Touching'.

There was heavy rush of patients at Neemuch. The OPDs had

43148 patients. 4381 surgeries were performed. Dr. Vanita treated maximum number of patients, that is, 3008. The medical representatives of various companies had donated medicines for the mission. She had carried these medicine for her patients, which was also highlighted by the media who gave good coverage to the medical mission. She said there was no chaos and the camp was very well managed.

PDG Subhash Garg was the Mission Director. Prominent among the Rotarians from our District as volunteers were the brain behind these missions, PRIP Raja Saboo, District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima Aggarwal. There were doctors not only from our District but also from 3040. In addition to Dr. Vanita Gupta, the super specialist team of doctors from our District were PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar, Dr. S.N. Gupta, Dr. P.S. Chari, Dr. Dharminder Singh, Dr. Manik Shilpa, Dr. Sudhir Ranjan Das, Dr. Chuni Lal Sharma, Dr. Ajay Sood, Dr. K.C. Garg, Dr. G.S. Kochhar, Dr. Mrs. Kochhar, Dr. Jayant Nawani, Dr. T.K. Pande, Dr. Bakshish Singh, Dr. Ashish, Dr. Sushil Kumar Saini, Dr. Manjit Kaur and medical assistant Mr. Manmohan Rawat.

Dr. Vanita Gupta said, "These missions go across the boundaries of our country, and also cross the borders of the state. It is a privilege to be part of these missions, which goes to the poor and backward areas." She added one should not miss the opportunity to be part of these medical missions as doctor or volunteer as it is a lifetime experience.

The mission at Neemuch concluded with the entire group going to Mahabaleshwar Mandir in Ujjain to thank God for giving them the opportunity to serve the poor and needy patients.

On behalf of the club Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Harinderjit Kaur thanked PP Dr. Vanita Gupta for her meaningful presentation on the Rayat medical mission.

Polio Free Conclave 2014 at New Delhi

India's three-year Polio-free triumph is a huge achievement for the global polio eradication initiative, spearheaded by Rotary and national governments. This milestone in India makes the global polio-free dream a step closer while boosting the fight in the remaining Polio endemic countries – Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and motivating the global community to support the Polio eradication.

With this objective, 'Polio-free Conclave 2014' was organized by Rotary International at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 29-30 March 2014, to commemorate India's victory over Polio and reaffirm Rotary's commitment to ending Polio not just in India but from all parts of the world. The Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee was the Chief Guest on 29th March 2014 for the inaugural function.

The President applauded the efforts of various agencies including the Government in ridding the country of the disease. The President said that this was a momentous and landmark achievement. Health has been the priority of the Government of India for quite some time, he said. Unprecedented programme to eradicate the polio virus from the country was taken up by the central and state governments supported by several national and international agencies such as Rotary International, UNICEF, WHO, CDC and Melinda and Gates Foundation, he added. The President said that the agencies helped with material resources and best practices to wipe out this crippling disease. Initiative was taken up at several levels to spread awareness, provide prompt medical attention and administer the polio vaccine. The unique challenge in India, the President noted, was the sheer number of people combined with the difficult terrain in many states. He applauded the

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unparalleled dedication of all concerned and the relentless efforts put in by the workers, doctors, activists and various stakeholders including parents of children in achieving this day.

The President stated that India must assist other countries such as Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan in their fight against this disease in improving their health systems and infrastructure. He stated that we must be vigilant. There is need for watchfulness and preparedness to see that there is no recurrence of this disease, the President said.

Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, Union Health Minister for Health and Family Welfare, addressing the gathering, said that this was a momentous and historic achievement. He thanked all the stakeholders and partners in this challenging, yet deeply satisfying journey. He credited this achievement to decision to introduce the new bivalent polio vaccine which was indigenously developed for the first time, aggressive immunization and micro block level planning covering the most endemic areas which had an electrifying effect, strong political will at the highest levels that ensured pumping in of required financial resources and deployment of huge manpower in this gigantic task, constant monitoring and maintaining supply chains, involving over a million Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) across the country. He said that a 2.3 million strong team of frontline polio workers, volunteers and 150,000 supervisors

worked day and night for the success of the polio rounds.

Mr. Azad also complimented the Rotarians who have been contributing resources, time and effort to the cause.

The 1500 distinguished participants in the Conclave included health officials of the Government of India, State Governments and senior health officials from countries in the South East Asia Region, global representatives from WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other Donor Agencies.

Rotarians from India and across the world who attended the conclave were Rotary International President Elect Gary Huang, PRIP D. K. Lee, Chairman, Rotary Foundation, PRIP Rajendra Saboo, Conclave Chairman, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, Conclave Co-Chairman and RI Director P.T. Prabhakar.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown was represented at the conclave by Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, who was accompanied by her husband, PDG Yoginder Diwan.

The conclave concluded by Lunch on 30th March. The global polio eradication initiative has achieved another milestone in its mission, with India becoming polio-free.



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Table Tennis tournament

President Deepak Sood informed that Table tennis tournament will be held on 20th April 2014, hosted by Rotary Club of Panchkula. Rtn. Salil Bali and Rtn. Sundeeep Sawhney have given their names for participating in this tournament. Others

who are interested are requested to contact the President or the Secretary.

Registration charges for singles will be Rs. 200/- and for doubles Rs. 400/-.

Scholarship Girls

President Deepak Sood was happy to announce the encouraging progress made by under mentioned girls who have been receiving scholarship from our club. They have cleared with good grades as shown below;

Shradha - 3rd Semester – 82%

Priyanka – 3rd Semester – 86%

Aartika – 7th Semester – 90%

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra on the sad demise of his mother, Mrs. Janak Bindra, who passed away on 4th April 2014 at the age of 98. One minute silence was observed in our club meeting on 4th April 2014 as a mark of respect for the

noble soul.

Uthala was held on 7th April 2014 at Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Sector 6, Panchkula.

District Governor's visit on April 21, 2014 Club Assembly on April 18, 2014

Official visit of District Governor Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal has been fixed for Monday, April 21, 2014. All Rotarians and the spouses of Chandigarh Midtown are requested to participate in

this one of the most important annual event of the year.

On Friday, April 18, 2014 there will be a Club Assembly which will be chaired by Assistant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh.

Acknowledgment with thanks

Past President Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi, an eminent Lawyer, who is also a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), sponsored a digital podium for our club. Our sincere thanks to him for the big contribution of : Rs. 74550/-

Birthday of Rotarians

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