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PROGRAMME

Energy, Poverty and Environment

Chief Guest:

Ms. Grace Zorida

Consul, Canadian High Commission, Chandigarh

Date: July 22, 2016 (Friday) Time: 7.00 p.m. Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Installation of Rtn. Amarjit Singh as President and his Team for 2016-17

Hindustan Times – July 14, 2016

Rotary Club's new team to target skill development of poor youths

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CHANDIGARH: Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown held the installation ceremony of its new team of office-bearers on Wednesday.

Newly-elected president Amarjit Singh said the signature project of the club will be skill development of unemployed youth from economically weaker sections of the society.

The club will be conducting courses in collaboration with diploma wing of Chandigarh College of Engineering and Technology, Sector 26. He added that the club will work to ensure that government schools in the city were equipped with e-learning centres, new toilets, hand-wash stations. He added the club will construct four new toilets for girls in government schools.



Rotary Club president Amarjit Singh (left) and secretary Sundeep S Sawhney at the CII headquarter in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

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The club will focus on adult literacy, Swachh Bharat, education of girl child, HIV-AIDS, cancer awareness, adolescent counselling, empowerment of disabled persons and career counselling.

Hindustan Times senior resident editor Ramesh Vinayak was the chief guest on the occasion. He commended the club's endeavours in meeting the community's needs.

On July 13, 2016 Rtn. Amarjit Singh was installed as the 40th President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown along with his team for Rotary year 2016-17 in the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Ramesh Vinayak, Senior Resident Editor, Hindustan Times. The Installation Chair PP Ajit S. Gulati in his address welcomed the Chief Guest, his gracious wife Mrs. Seema Vinayak and their son. He also welcomed PDG Yoginder Diwan, PDG Ramesh Bhargava, PDG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke with PP Poonam, PDG Manmohan Singh with R'ann Rajwant, IPDG David Hilton, PP Charanjit Singh, AG of Zone 2 our own PP Deepak Sood with R'ann Purnima. and large number of Rotarians including Presidents and Secretaries of neighboring Rotary clubs.

After the collar ceremony and calling the meeting to order by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, President 2015-16 Rtn. Kanan Diwan took charge of the proceedings from the Master of Ceremonies PP Gurdip S. Deep.

Rtn. Kanan gave an impressive presentation of projects and activities in all five avenues of service during her year as the President of our club. She thanked IPDG David Hilton and all Rotarians of our club for their support and cooperation during the wonderful year 2015-16. In appreciation of her successful year IPDG David Hilton honoured IPP Kanan with a 'Rotary Ranger Star Performer Pin'. Handing over the collar and passing on the baton to President 2016-17 Amarjit Singh, she wished him good luck and looked forward to a greater year ahead.

President Amarjit presented the activities of the club since 1st July 2016 and also projected his plans for 2016-17, some of which were reported in Hindustan Times the next day. As this year Rotary celebrates the Foundation's 100 years of doing good in the world, Rotarians of our club are looking forward to the RI Convention in Atlanta (USA), which will be held in June 2017. Till now there are 17 registrations from our club.



Bouquet of welcome to Mr. Ramesh Vinayak and Mrs. Seema Vinayak by President Amarjit Singh and our First Lady Sunita



Lighting of Lamp by Chief Guest Mr. Ramesh Vinayak, PDG Shaju Peter, President Amarjit Singh and others



National Anthem by R'ann Archana Mathur, First Lady R'ann Sunita and R'ann Parul Bali



Presentation 2015-16 by IPP Kanan Diwan



Presentation 2016-17 by President Amarjit Singh



Welcome address by PP Ajit S. Gulati



President Amarjit presents token of appreciation to IPP Kanan Diwan



Invocation by R'ann Bir and R'ann Simranpreet Sawhney



Master of Ceremonies PP Gurdip S. Deep



Introduction of Chief Guest by PP Dr. Balram Gupta



Vote of thanks by Vice President Sali Bali



Handing over of Club Charter



Bouquet of welcome to AG Deepak Sood by Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney

on the first day of Rotary year by organizing langar and setting up herbal garden in Lepers Colony. The theme given by RI President John Germ 'Rotary Serving Humanity' should inspire us for a social cause to improve lives. DG Raman's message further inspires us to strengthen the Rotary Foundation to celebrate the centennial year of TRF. On behalf of DG, Deepak assured full support and guidance from the District Secretariat.

Because AG Deepak had brought President Amarjit to our Club, he therefore had another pleasant task of introducing him not only as his friend and a colleague having long association of 30 years, but also as Deepak's saviour when he had met with a serious accident in 1985. Amarjit was born on October 13, 1963, graduated from Sri Gobind Singh College, Chandigarh in 1984 and completed a course in fundamental of EDP and programming in COBOL from RCC, Chandigarh in 1985. In 1986 he did PG Diploma in Computer Application from BRC Institute of Computer Sciences, Chandigarh.

As Assistant Governor (Zone 2), our own PP Deepak Sood had the pleasant duty of representing the District Governor Rtn. Raman Aneja and conveyed DG's greetings to President Amarjit Singh and his team and thanked him for taking up the project 'Eat, Pray & Love'

He assisted a team of software engineers for an Indian Navy project in Mumbai. He also worked as a consultant to United Nations Development Program for their UNFPA project in H.P., and developed a Budget Reporting System in 1992.

Amarjit owns an I.T. company Softgen (India) which provides integrated solutions to hospitality industry both in India and abroad. For his dedication in system integration he was conferred upon 'Champion System Integrator' award from Epson India.

Amarjit joined Rotary in 2008. He was Joint Secretary of our club in the year 2010-11 and Alumni of Rotary District 3080 Leadership Academy in the same year. He was Secretary in 2011-12, Vice President in 2012-13 and 2013-14. In the same year he was Secretary TRF, grants & stewardship in the District and Chairman Stewardship sub-committee.

Happily married to Sunita, who also owns an I.T. Company Ravhar (India), Amarjit is lucky to have Sunita as his life partner who is managing the business and home in an exemplary manner. They have two daughters and a son. Harleen, the elder daughter is doing her masters in English honours. Younger one, Ravleen is in class 7 and son Ranvir is in class 3.

In the meeting we had the gracious presence of proud parents of President Amarjit Singh and Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney.

For becoming MPHJ PP Ritu Singal and Mrs. Sunita Bajoria, younger sister of PP B.L. Ramsisaria for becoming a PHF received TRF recognitions from PDG Shaju Peter.

PP Prem Anand was pleased to announce the first microloan of the year 2016-17 of Rs. 30,000/- to Sh. Ram Murat.

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PDG Shaju Peter

Talking about the RI Theme, 'Rotary Serving Humanity', PDG Shaju Peter explained why we had invited Mr. Abdul Basit, High Commissioner of Pakistan as the Chief Guest, who could not make it due to unavoidable reasons. Shaju said we intended to pay homage to those who had laid down their lives fighting a war against polio virus in Pakistan. He appreciated the efforts being made there to emerge as a polio free nation in the current

Rotary year. Shaju said we also intended to highlight the joy of many Pakistani families whose children underwent heart surgeries in hospitals of Chandigarh to get a new lease of life through Rotary.

PDG Shaju recalled his and Lovy's visit to Pakistan a few years ago as then RI President Ron Burton's representative to Rotary District 3272 in Islamabad. Shaju acknowledged the great hospitality, love and affection from Rotarians of Pakistan, and it was a memorable experience for Shaju and Lovy.

Past RI President Rajendra K Saboo greeted Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown through a video presentation. PRIP Saboo complimented IPP Kanan Diwan for her great year. He also expected President Amarjit Singh to do well, being from I.T. industry.



Chief Guest Mr. Ramesh Vinayak addresses the audience



PDG Shaju Peter and President Amarjit Singh present a memento to Mr. Ramesh Vinayak

After being formally introduced by PP Dr. Balram Gupta, in his address to Rotarians Mr. Vinayak said, "I am reminded of the philosophy of Guru Nanak, 'Kirat karo, naam japo te wand chakko', and you are doing all this so I congratulate you all." He gave best wishes for President Amarjit Singh's new innings. Appreciating the good work being done by Rotarians he said, "You all are angels of my city," and that more people need to know about the good work Rotary is doing. On behalf of Hindustan Times he assured us that he would highlight what Rotarians are doing for the community so that more people can be benefitted through Rotary.

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New Rotarian Ashutosh Mangla with spouse Ashima Mangla being inducted by PDG Manmohan Singh



New Rotarian Kulbir Singh Bhatia with spouse Harpreet Kaur being inducted by PDG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke



New Rotarian Kulvinder Singh with spouse Rupal Kaur being inducted by PDG Ramesh Bhargava



New Rotarian Rajesh Chopra with spouse Arunbala being inducted by IPDG David Hilton

On behalf of our club Vice President Rtn. Salil Bali extended special thanks to Mr. Ramesh Vinayak and his wife Mrs. Seema for gracing the occasion.

Acknowledgement with thanks

For Installation function on 13 July 2016
President Rtn. Amarjit Singh for drinks
IPP Rtn. Kanan Diwan for juices
PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati for soft drinks

Please note

This bulletin is covering only the Installation meeting. Other activities and projects will be in the next bulletin

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Sonal Grover July 26
R'ann Archana Mathur July 27
R'ann Rajneet Sandhu July 28

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Atul Grover July 23
Rtn. Gobind Khandelia July 27

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Anupam & Rtn. Rakesh Jain July 23

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