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PROGRAMME

Membership Development

Keynote Speaker:

PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria

Date: **September 01, 2017 (Friday)** | Time: **7.00 p.m.** | Venue: **Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, Chandigarh**

Meeting cancelled

In view of the law and order situation in Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh and other states, our weekly meeting on August 25, 2017 was cancelled.

It was better to stay at home and avoid going to work or other public places due to the very tense situation, and the large - scale mob violence witnessed in Panchkula, which

followed the verdict given by special CBI Court, convicting the chief of Dera Sacha Sauda.

It has therefore, been a week with not much to report in this bulletin about our club or District news/activities. The source for the international news reported in this bulletin is www.eflashonline.org.

Rotary International President's message – September 2017

(Rotary Convention in Toronto, Canada – 23 to 27 June 2018)



RI President Ian Riseley

One of the best parts of any Rotary convention is the sheer diversity of the people you see there. Whether you're heading into a breakout session, exploring the House of Friendship, or sitting down for a bite to eat, you'll meet people from every corner of the world, in all kinds of national attire, speaking just about every language. It's a

lot of fun, and it's a big part of what makes Rotary great: that we can be so different and still find ourselves so at home together.

That spirit of warm community that is so central to Rotary also defines Toronto, our host city for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Toronto is one of my favorite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country, where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to be helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums, and interesting neighborhoods to explore.

The 2018 convention already promises to be one of our best ever. Our Convention Committee and Host Organization Committee are hard at work lining up inspiring speakers, great entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto, and Juliet and I encourage you to do what we'll be doing – bring your families along for the fun. If you plan early, your convention experience will be even more affordable: The deadline for discounted early registration (there is an additional discount for registering online) is 15 December.

As much as Toronto offers to Rotarians, the true draw is, of course, the convention itself. It's a once-a-year opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries, to see what the rest of the Rotary world is up to, and to find inspiration for the year ahead. Find out more at riconvention.org – and find Inspiration Around Every Corner at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.

Ian H.S. Riseley
RI President 2017-18

Club roster

The club roster is under re-print. As proposed by the classification committee, if any member desires to change classification based on his current work profile, he / she may do so now.

If any other error has crept in your profile, this is an opportunity to get it corrected now. The proposed classification or corrections should be intimated to our Secretary Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri within seven days.

Budget 2017-18

The proposed budget for 2017-18 has been mailed to all members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown for their kind approval. Rotarians are requested to kindly go through the documents and give their suggestions and comments within a week.

The necessary amendments shall be incorporated before being presented to the house for approval in the next club assembly which is likely to be held soon. For any clarification please contact our Secretary Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri.



PDG Shaju Peter at 3070 Membership Seminar

PDG Shaju Peter was the Chief Guest and keynote speaker at the Membership Seminar organized by District Governor Parvinder Jit Singh and District Trainer PDG Upkar Singh Sethi of District 3070 at Badhani Countryside Resort, Pathankot on August 13, 2017.

Addressing the Rotarians of 3070 PDG Shaju drew their attention to the steady fall in membership in their District over the last five years and the 37 clubs with membership less than 20.

The District Governor took it as a challenge and promised to bring down the number of unviable clubs either by merger or conversion into satellite clubs by the end of the current Rotary year.

Shaju was introduced to the audience by PDG Dr. Beena Misra.

Rotarian Action Group : Indigo house September is Basic Education and Literacy month

S.No.	Designation	Name
1	Director	PP Prem Anand
2	Counselor	PP D.P. Khandelua
3	Captain	PP RTPS Tulsi
4	Club Literacy Chair Coordinator	Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur Rtn. Renu Chopra
5	Members	Rtn. Atul Grover
6	Member	Rtn. Parveen Setya
7	Member	Rtn. Karanjeet Singh
8	Member	Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh
9	Member	Rtn. Lalit Azad
10	Member	Rtn. Chandra Parkash
11	Member	Rtn. Dr. Shashi jain

During September the focus will be on all 5 components of **TEACH** under Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM).

TEACHER SUPPORT: Teacher training 100 in smart class rooms and Nation builder award for atleast 25 teachers from 25 Govt schools to strengthen and motivate them to improve learning skills amongst students.

E LEARNING: To improve learning ability and performance of students in schools through digital curriculum.

ADULT LITERACY: To educate and literate out of school or never been to school people and get certification from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and skill programs.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: Adolescent seminars, vocational skilling health education etc.

HAPPY SCHOOLS: To provide facilities of toilets, drinking water, smart class rooms, libraries etc.

President Elect Ashok Puri



PP Vinod Jawa with R'ann Pushpa and PP Indrajeet Sengupta with R'ann Malabika called on President Elect Ashok Puri, enquiring of his welfare after a medical intervention for appendicitis. R'ann Sudha Puri's hospitality, in spite of her being busy looking after her convalescing husband, was extra ordinary. PE Puri is recovering and we wish him good health and happiness.

Col. Dr. Jawahar Luthra

Our Ophthalmologist, now 86, Rtn. Col. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, has been gravely ill, and in and out of hospital for the past two and a half months. PP Indrajeet Sengupta and R'ann Malabika called on Dr. Luthra.

Our prayers for his welfare and sound health, and best wishes to R'ann Indu,



under whose unmatched care his health is stable.

Rtn. Om Prakash



PP Indrajeet Sengupta visited Charter Member Rtn. Om Prakash at his residence. Physically he is well. He did recognise Indrajeet momentarily welcoming him but could not get his name. His foot problem hasn't improved considerably. We wish him sound health, good wishes and happiness.

RI President is Ambassador of the Peace

Rotary International President Ian Riseley was recently named by the Government of Guatemala as Ambassador of the Peace of the Central American country, in recognition of the charitable works that the organization has deployed in the nation. "It is a real and effective work that they carry out in Guatemala, for the construction of a culture of Peace," said Lourdes Xitumul, head of the Secretariat of Peace of the Presidency of the Republic. "Thank you friends of Rotary International for your outstanding work in the country," she said, inviting Riseley to make the symbolic Change of the Rose of Peace at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The purpose of the act is to recognize Rotary International's support to Guatemalan children and youth through quality education with sustainable projects for the country's development. In this context, the Seminar on "Promotion of



Peace and Conflict Resolution" of the Official Mixed Rural School No. 86 Green Jewel and Official Men's School No. 10 Pedro de Betancourt was closed.

The main table was chaired by Secretary Xitumul; The Deputy Minister of Education, José Inocente Moreno; The Deputy Minister of Education, María Eugenia Barrios, and the President of Rotary International, Ian Riseley.

Guatemala suffered a 36-year armed conflict between 1960 and 1996 that left more than 200,000 people dead and 45,000 missing, according to figures from the UN Commission on Historical Clarification (CEH). Today, Guatemala honors institutions and individuals who have demonstrated their support for Guatemalans and the cause of peace, with the symbolic act of Changing the Rose of Peace on a monument symbolizing the signing of the ceasefire on December 29, 1996.



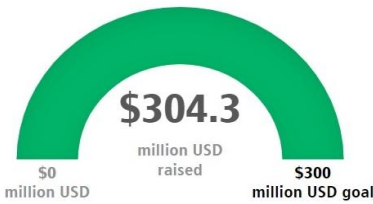
The Rotary Foundation contributions exceeds the Target

Rotarians contributed more than \$300 million to The Rotary Foundation during its centennial year.

Rotarians and friends contributed a total of \$304.3 million (unaudited) to The Rotary Foundation during the centennial year, a celebration of the Foundation's 100 years of Doing Good. This amount surpassed the goal of \$300 million to mark the centennial in 2016-17.

Generous donations to the Annual, Endowment, and PolioPlus funds are empowering Rotary members to continue... fighting disease, reducing poverty, providing clean water, promoting peace, and advancing economic development in communities all over the world.

Fundraising goal progress



If your Rotary club project is a "secret" known only to members, it probably will not have the expected impact nor reach its full potential. The success of fundraising campaigns, social actions or promotional initiatives is the result of intense publicity and the involvement of as many people as possible. Former Vice President of Rotary International, Jennifer Jones, believes it is extremely important to share the history of our organization. According to her, "we are the greatest story ever told."

"For a long time we have done our good deeds in silence, without seeking recognition," she explains. "Although it was noble, it did not help people understand the work we do and the reason we exist." For her, telling our story right is the key to motivating others to join us. The most effective way to tell the story of Rotary is to describe a challenge or problem, and explain how Rotary came on the scene to help.



Explain the benefits of transformation and the impact of Rotary on the community. Visual resources are always welcome! Use high resolution photos, videos or pictures that show how we make a difference. Include real examples and touching and inspiring accounts. Nothing like a captivating story to gain a place in people's minds and hearts.

Adapt the story according to your audience. Is he familiar with Rotary or does he barely know the organization? It is important to customize your message to ensure the expected result. Avoid jargon or acronyms of Rotary. If the person has to stop to think about the meaning of what you are talking about, your message has already lost its force. Clarity first, always! Tell a story short enough to hold the audience's attention. These days, people want quick information. So do not delay. Create an efficient, brief, high-impact message. Do not forget to use social media to reach even more people! Who is not connected nowadays? Use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or your favorite social network to spread the story of your club, a project, or Rotary in general.



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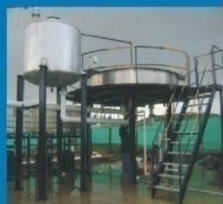
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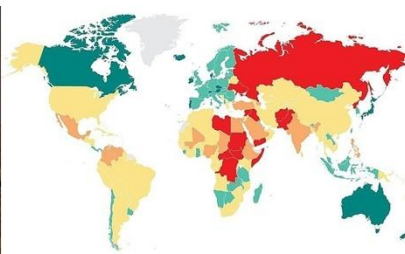
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Rotary launches a new strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace



What do we mean when we talk about peace? Is it possible to measure peacefulness? What conditions foster peace, and how can Rotary help create them? Rotary is addressing those questions and forming a strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a leader in the study of peace and conflict.

The institute has pioneered a conceptual framework for positive peace, which identifies and measures the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies. They include, for example, a sound business environment, a well-functioning government, and the free flow of information. Through this partnership, Rotary will work with the institute to create:

- An online learning platform, with webinars and interactive tools, that Rotary members and Rotary Peace Fellows can use to build on their expertise. It will teach them how to apply new peace building methods and mobilize communities to address the issues behind conflicts.

- Positive peace workshops, funded by global grants and hosted by Rotary clubs around the world, to provide training in the framework of positive peace. The goal is to foster community-based projects in peace and conflict resolution that are both practical and meaningful.

This partnership will enable Rotary members, peace fellows, and others to design and execute stronger peace projects and promote peace more broadly, which is crucial to meeting our humanitarian objectives in every community.

- Rotary International

Acknowledgement with thanks

Donations for Heartline Project

PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelvia	Rs. 30000
PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee	Rs. 2000
Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra	Rs. 5000
Rtn. Renu Chopra	Rs. 5000

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Veenakshi Sharma	September 01
R'ann Beena Aggarwal	September 04
R'ann Parveen	September 05
R'ann Vanita	September 06

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee	September 02
Rtn. Jagvinder S. Bawa	September 03
PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi	September 04
Rtn. Chitranjan Aggarwal	September 06

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sonal & Rtn. Atul Grover	September 01
R'ann Lovy & PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter	September 07

Gifts for the previous week will also be presented on 01 Sept. 2017.

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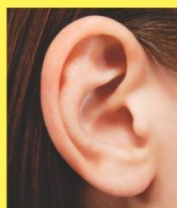
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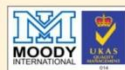
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