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PROGRAMME

Membership - The Future of Rotary

Chief Guest:

PDG Chetan Aggarwal

Date: **August 10, 2018 (Friday) | Time: 6.30 pm |** Venue: **Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, Chandigarh**

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Punjab Governor opens centre under PMKVY

On July 31, 2018 HE Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore inaugurated a training centre under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) at Chandigarh Hospice in Sector 43, Chandigarh. For Home Care allied course with Indian Red Cross Society Chandigarh, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown is the mobilisation partner. 20 students joined this course. Rotarians present from our Club were PP DP Khandelia PP BL Ramsisaria and PP RK Luther.

Appreciations from PRIP Rajendra K Saboo

On August 03, 2018 President Rtn Ashok Puri welcomed Rotarians and the spouses to the weekly meeting. He was pleased to read a mail received from PRIP Rajendra K Saboo regarding the installation meeting, the extract of which is given below;

"Dear President Ashok,

Indeed it was a very meaningful event at which I could see your inputs and the plans that you have drawn for this year. What impressed me was the fact that in the days that are already behind during this year starting from 1 July you could accomplish so much. PDG Shaju Peter became very emotional when he referred to late Lovy always thought of your becoming President of the club. I also saw the support that you will be getting from your wife Sudha. Indeed the heights that the club has reached will be used by you as a launching pad for achieving greater heights and in doing so you will enhance the legacy of the club.

I want to thank you and while congratulating you and your team I want to thank them as also the whole club for the kindness that was extended to me. I have always treated your club as my own club.

Usha joins me in sending to Sudha and you our best personal regards.

Raja"

Solar Electrification Project in Ladakh

The Primary Contact of this project PP Amarjit Singh explained how this project materialized in 2016-17 when he was our President. On September 26, 2016 a mail was received from Rotary Club of Espen Colorado by PP Indrajeet Sengupta who contributed the entire amount of our Club's share. PP Richard Dangler was the Primary Contact from our International Partner Rotary Club of Edwards, RI District 5470, USA. On July 21, 2017 PP Rtn. Pam Beaudin of this Club attended our weekly meeting with her husband Denis and Rtn Hyde of Rotary Club of Espen Colorado. They also accompanied PE Rtn Salil Dev Bali to Leh on July 26-30, 2017 and under challenging conditions in the high altitude terrains of Himalayas executed the solar electrification of remote villages, lighting up the lives of 400 residents and benefitting the trekkers, shopkeepers and traders, and boosting up their economy. This project brought laurels to our Club as it got wide publicity in Indian Express dated August 03, 2017 and Rotary News. It was declared the best service project of our District in RY 2017-18.

In the last week of June 2018 inspection and training was done by a team of IPP Rtn Dr Rita Kalra, Rtn Bhavmit Tiger Chandoak, Rtr Kuldeep and Dr Ruchir Kalra. They were welcomed by the local people as they visited phase 2 installation of solar grid at Tar village, where the team were pleased to see that villagers were very happy as they were able to use TV and lights. The home stay training was given by Rtn Bhavmit Chandoak for economic growth and development. Rtr Kuldeep gave demonstration about maintenance and upkeep of solar panels. The three schools digitalised with computer lab and software curriculum are GMS Fotoksar, GHS Wanla and GSSS Khaltsi.

IPP Dr Rita informed that the presentations for the meeting on solar electrification was prepared by Rtr Kuldeep President of Rotaract Club of Le Corbusier and video by Rtr Shivansh Ruby President of Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown, son of IPDG Rtn TK Ruby.

PP Amarjit Singh, IPP Dr Rita Kalra and Rtn Bhavmit Chandoak giving interesting audio visual presentation of Solar Electrification project

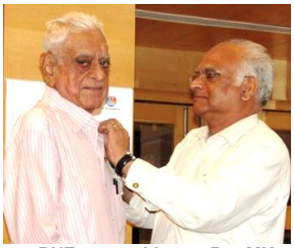
Rotary International Convention at Toronto

There were around 25,000 delegates from 175 countries at the Rotary International Convention which was held on 23 to 27 June 2018 at Toronto, Canada. From our Club those who attended this annual international event were President Rtn Ashok Puri, PP Rtn Kanan Diwan with PDG Rtn Yoginder Diwan, PP Rtn Amarjit Singh with R'ann Sunita and Secretary Rtn Salil Chopra.

PP Amarjit Singh showed brief musical videos of the convention, welcome address by RI President Ian Riseley – joined by his spouse Juliet and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's speech thanking Rotary for eradicating polio. Amarjit also showed some entertainment videos including magic show which was amazing. Presence of Indian delegates was low. Amarjit also took us to city tour of Toronto and gave us the beautiful view of Niagara falls. He also promoted the next RI Convention at Hamburg, Germany to be held on 01 to 05 June 2019.

PDG Yoginder Diwan gave an honest review of the convention. Having attended the earlier conventions at Seoul and other places, PDG Diwan expressed mixed feelings about the Toronto convention. He said, "The logistics were perfect, but it did not have the international flavor that the Rotary events of this magnitude is supposed to have." There was a long queue of vegetarians who were not happy with the arrangements. Very few vegetarians were Indians or Asians as 80 percent of them were from the western world!

PP Amarjit Singh with R'ann Sunita and PDG Yoginder Diwan with PP Kanan Diwan sharing their experience of the convention



PHF recognition to Rtn MK Handa by PDG Shaju Peter

President Ashok Puri and First Lady R'ann Sudha Puri present birthday gift to R'ann Brij Bala Handa

Rtn Dr Shashi Jain gets birthday gift for Mr Naresh K Jain

Birthday gift to Rtn Kulbir Singh Bhatia, joined by R'ann Harpreet and daughter Shabad Roop

PP Deepak Sood presents scholarship cheque of Rs 32500 to Shinay Singh

Punctuality award presented to PP Amarjit Singh by President Ashok Puri

Birthday gift for R'ann Shivani Kapur given to Rtn Nitin Kapur

Birthday gift to R'ann Asha Sobti, joined by Rtn Vinod Sobti

Polio and MR Orientation at Delhi

Convened by PDG Deepak Kapur, Chair of Indian National PolioPlus Society, the National PolioPlus and MR orientation meet held at Novotel, New Delhi, on July 27 and 28, 2018 was attended by DGs, Polio Coordinators and Measles and Rubella Coordinators from across India. PDG Shaju Peter represented RI District 3080 as MR Coordinator at this meet, along with others from our District, PRIP Raja Saboo, the architect of this MoU between Rotary and Government of India for the eradication of Measles and Rubella, DG Praveen Goyal and District Chair Polio PDG David Hilton.

Polio Orientation meet

Those who spoke at this meet included RI Director C Basker, Trustee Gulam Vahanvathy, PRID Yash Das and INPPC Chair Deepak Kapur. PDG Shaju proposed the vote of thanks at the concluding session.

Medical Mission to Uganda

PDG Shaju Peter speaking to the press in Uganda. This noble ongoing project for last many years is the initiative and guidance of PRIP Raja Saboo and Usha ji

Flags exchanged

Rtn Ravinder Jain with President of Bellevue Rotary Club, USA

Govt Model Sr Sec School, Mauli Jagran

On 04.08.2018 with over 1200 children at the school assembly, Rtn Renu Chopra gave talk on moral education. Rtn Salil Chopra spoke about swachta and water saving

Swachta in Sector 19, Chandigarh

Just returned from USA Rtn Ravinder Jain joins Secretary Rtn Salil Chopra and 8 Rotaractors of Le Corbusier at Palika Bazar-19 on 05.08.2018 to continue this cleanliness campaign

Talk on moral education by Rtn Suman Gupta at Govt Middle School, Kundi, Sector 20, Panchkula

Talk by Rtn Renu Chopra on moral education at GMHS Sector 36, Chandigarh. She also conducted TB awareness and career counseling in other schools with PP Rtn Vinod Jawa, President Rtn Ashok Puri and Secretary Rtn Salil Chopra

Scholarship to four girls

Cheques presented by Guest of Honour Mr Naresh Palta in installation function on 26.07.2018

हिंदी पाठशाला अब होगी स्लम एरिया में

सिटी के बच्चों के लिए एनजीओ के वालंटियर करेंगे सराहनीय काम

खुड्डाअलीशेर में स्लम एरिया के बच्चों के लिए हिंदी पाठशाला लगाने वाले 'द पपेट ग्रुप' चंडीगढ़ के वालंटियर। अमर उजाला

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

चंडीगढ़। सिटी के स्लम एरिया के बच्चों के लिए अब जल्द हिंदी की पाठशाला लगाई जाएगी। वो भी निशुल्क, यह पाठशाला शाम के समय होगी, जब वे स्कूल के बाद घर होंगे।

यह पाठशाला सबसे पहले खुड्डाअलीशेर में लगाई जाएगी। इसके बाद इसे अन्य जगह पर समय के अनुसार निर्धारित किया जाएगा। यह सराहनीय प्रयास द पपेट ग्रुप चंडीगढ़ के वालंटियर की ओर से किया जा रहा है।

ग्रुप के डायरेक्टर सुभाशिष ने बताया कि इसका मकसद स्कूली स्तर पर बच्चों को हिंदी पढ़ने में सबसे अधिक दिक्कत आती है, यह बात उन्हें इन बच्चों से कई वर्कशाप के दौरान पता चला। इसलिए उन्होंने हिंदी की पाठशाला शुरू करने की सोची। इस सराहनीय कदम में उनका साथ सिटी के समाजसेवी एवं दंपति इंद्रजीत सेनगुप्ता एवं उनकी पत्नी मालविका ने सहयोग किया। दोनों ने इन बच्चों के लिए हिंदी बुक को डोनेट किया। इसमें पोबित्रो, सारिरा, सुरेखा, बेगमा, देव्यांग दिपान शामिल हैं। यह क्लास खुड्डाअलीशेर के सरकारी मॉडल सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल के नजदीक लगाई जाएगी। इसे पहले तो हर वीकेंड पर लगाया जाएगा।

Very good effort by PP Indrajeet Sengupta and R'ann Malabika

PP RK Goyal, Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra, President Ashok Puri, Rtn Kulbir Bhatia and President Rtr Kuldip with other Rotaractors of Le Corbusier at tree plantation on 29.07.2018 at Guru Aasra orphanage Palsora and Kartar Aasra

Installation Ceremony at SOREM

On 30th July 2018 Installation of Interact Club was held at SOREM (Society For Rehabilitation of Mentally Challenged), Sector 36-C, Chandigarh. It was attended by President Rtn Ashok Puri, Rtn Renu Chopra, Director Youth Service Rtn Kulbir Bhatia, Joint Secretery Rtn Nitin Kapur, Rtn Subhash Vats and PP Rtn Vinod Jawa. Founder/Hony Secretary of SOREM Mrs Promila Chandra Mohan was also present. The program started with National Anthem followed by songs. Rotarians and our special Interactors took the pledge for better future.

Acknowledgement with thanks

Donations for Club Projects

PP Rtn Amarjit Singh	Rs 5000
PP Rtn Kanan Diwan	Rs 5000
Rtn Col VK Kapoor	Rs 5000
Rtn Bhavmit Tiger Chandoak	Rs 5000
PP Rtn Harish Sethi	Rs 2500
PP Rtn Pallav Mukherjee	Rs 2500
Rtn Subhash Vats	Rs 2500
President Rtn Ashok Puri	Rs 2000

Secretary Rtn Salil Chopra 15 bags cement

Donations for Scholarship program by girls who were beneficiaries, and are now in well placed jobs: Rs 5000/- each from Shradha Sablok, Rajani Jagarwal, Nisha Bansal, Anuradha, Prinka Gupta and Shilakha Luthra – Total Rs 30000

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Patinder Maharaj August 15

Wedding anniversary

R'ann Beena & Rtn Viney B Aggarwal August 12

Punctuality Award

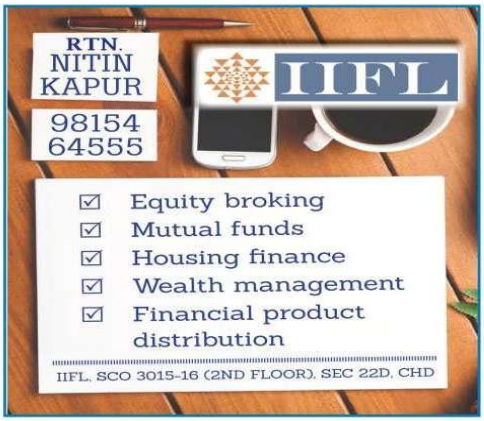
Won by PP Rtn Amarjit Singh

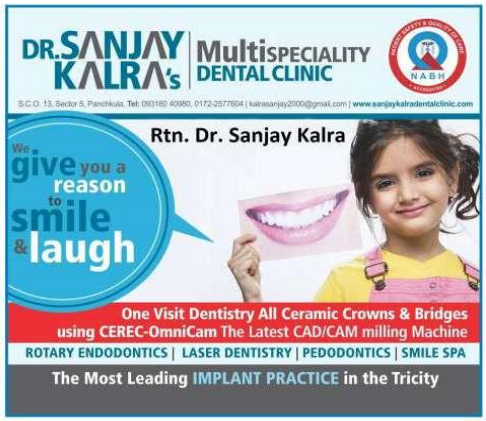
President Ashok Puri's Thought of the Week

Lifting people out of poverty is our responsibility. We all are a part of the same fabric of life and all we have to do is find a way of using our privileges to help uplift people who are less privileged than us and in the process create a more balanced world.

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn Amanpreet Singh	August 11
PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria	August 12
Rtn Ashok Agarwal	August 13
Rtn Dr BR Jain	August 15
Rtn Raj Kumar Khattar	August 16





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