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Meetings cancelled as per orders of Prime Minister of India and State Governments  
And also Rotary International and Rotary District directives

## Message of RI President Mark Daniel Maloney



[Please click here to watch RI President Mark Maloney's latest message through video on our facebook page](#)

He reminds members how we can set an example for others by doing what Rotary does best -- working together and caring for each other. Having cancelled the RI Convention in Honolulu (USA), RI President advises Rotary Clubs and Districts to hold virtual meetings.

## Appeal by Rotary International President Nominee Rtn. Shekhar Mehta



Shekhar Mehta  
Rotary International President 2021-22

[Please click here to watch RI President Nominee Shekhar Mehta's appeal through video on our facebook page](#)  
For donations to PM Cares through Rotary India

## Message from President Salil Bali

Dear Fellow Rotarians,  
Jai Hind.

In the entire 43 years of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown History, the response of Midtowners to any and every adversity has been unprecedented. This time also, in these testing conditions, on one call, you all have come forward and under the limitations as prevailing contributed immensely in the fight against Corona.

My Salute to the Rotary Spirit of this great club and it's Members (Past and Present).

Project Sankalp which has been conceived specifically for this situation has till date crossed following stages :

- 1) Participation of Midtowners in Gratitude to Covid Warriors on 22nd March and Collective Consciousness effort on 5th April.
- 2) Distribution of Free Ration/ Food / essentials to Thousands of Needy families.
- 3) Supply of Personal Protective Equipment ( PPE ), Masks, Soaps, Sanitizers etc to Hospitals, Workers and Public.
- 4) Contribution to PM Cares through Rotary India.
- 5) Awareness drive through Social Media.

God willing, the club would venture into procuring and making available Ventilators to the Hospitals through self resources/ CSR / Rotary Grants in the coming times.

Thank you once again with a request to further keep on genourly contributing for this unfinished cause.

I would like to end this message with the following Urdu Sher (couplet) written by my respected father Mr. D.S. Bali (Daman):

सर फ़रोशों की रही है रवायत  
नहीं डरते मरज़े ज़रासम से हम  
फ़ैलाये यहाँ चाहे जितने वह पंख  
सफ़ाया करेंगे आलम से हम।  
डी एस बाली 'दामन'

### Translation in English:

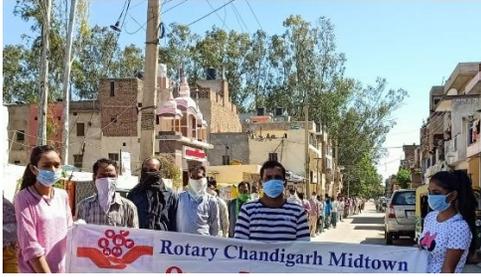
*It has been the tradition of the Brave Hearts  
not to be afraid of any Virus.  
May it spread its wings in numbers,  
be wiped out by them from the Universe.*

Regards

Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali  
President

Donations to our Welfare Trust are exempted u/s 80 G of IT Act

### Project Sankalp



**In association with RCC Dadu Majra, On 2.4.20 our club distributed food to about 400 migrant labourers of the Colony who are stranded and without job. Please click here for video on facebook as reported on India Public TV News**



**200 Soaps, masks and gloves to Class 4 employees of Punjab University given by Club in association with RCC Social Substance**

We also handed over 100 sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Medical Supdt., Government Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

### Celebrating Ram Navami



**PP R.K. Luther and family celebrating Ram Navami by lighting Diyas at the entrance of their house on 02.04.2020**

### Mail from Rtn. Stefan Widegren, Switzerland Coordinator of the scholarship programme

**From:** Stefan Widegren [mailto:[stefan.widegren@gmail.com](mailto:stefan.widegren@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:24 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: hello

Dear Arjan,

Thank you for your mail here below. We are safe and well here in Lugano. As most of us around here we are confined to our house since the beginning of March, but here in Ticino we are at least allowed to take a walk every day. In Italy people cannot do that, and that is hard.

It's indeed very dark times, and we feel fortunate that we can live a rather normal life in our house. I have many friends who are doctors, or work within the health system, and for them it has been extremely tough in the past few weeks. Fortunately, we can now see the first signs of lower numbers of cases and deaths, and that gives us all hope that we have past the worst. But it will take months before we can hope to go back to a normal life again.

Please convey our warmest regards to all our Rotarian friends in your club. I trust the girls are fine and that they can finish their studies!

Un grande abbraccio!

Stefan

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**Date:** Wednesday, 1 April 2020 at 16:19

**To:** Stefan Widegren <[stefan.widegren@gmail.com](mailto:stefan.widegren@gmail.com)>, Lakshmi Khanna <[lakshmi.khanna@fastwebnet.it](mailto:lakshmi.khanna@fastwebnet.it)>, Vivek Khanna <[lakshmi.khanna@inwind.it](mailto:lakshmi.khanna@inwind.it)>

**Subject:** hello

Friends,

We all are feeling concerned about your well being. In these dark times please send news of yourself and your families. Meanwhile, we are all well here. Chandigarh seems to be one of the better managed places. We are confined but the necessities are easily available, at least for now. The government is trying hard, lots of trial and error. Cant blame them. They have not faced a situation like this ever before. Do write back please.

Arjan

### List of Donors for Project Sankalp

RCCM	- Rs. 30000/-	PP Harish Sethi	- Rs. 5000/-	Rtn Bhavmit Chandoak	- Rs. 3000/-
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### Our Rotary Experiences

**PDG Shaju Peter:** 5:30 PM. April 3, 2018. My world crumbled. Lovy went away. My first call was to Nancy and the second to Dr. Rita Kalra, Lovy's discovery for Rotary and my Club President. "It's all over." I managed to mutter on the phone. In minutes she was in the house and took control - the ambulance, the mortuary and the rest of the logistics.

Lovy and I have none of our relatives in this part of the country that we made our home for nearly four decades. What sustained me in the darkest hour of my life were Rotary and the outpouring of love and affection from Rotarians from all across the district.

The strength and solace I derived from Rotary in those difficult days, the tributes paid by Past Rotary International President Raja Saboo, Past RI Director Yash Das and Past President Dr. Balram Gupta at the Memorial Service in the Church remain etched in my memory.

It is exactly two years today. Fellow Rotarians and Midtowners in particular, I am eternally grateful for your kindness.

**PP Dr. Balram Gupta:** Rotary Connects Judiciary. Rotary was founded by a young Lawyer, Paul Harris in 1905. Rotary has been described as UN of Individuals. Belonging to 172 countries. 12,11,107 Rotarians. Spread over 35,989 Clubs. Constituting 525 Districts. Rotary in India has completed 100 years. Indeed, a momentous occasion. Rotary India has been described as the Kohinoor of Rotary. Our Club is 43 years old. I am a charter member. What a beautiful journey. Connecting Rotary with Judiciary. Through Legal and Judicial education. My writings. Memorial Lectures and Talks. Be a good human being if you wish to be a Rotarian or a Judge. The code of conduct is the same. They both serve Humanity. Women around the world could be Rotarians only because of the intervention of the US Supreme Court in 1987. If they could be Judges, why not Rotarians. No gender discrimination. COVID 19 is the biggest challenge. Ever faced by Rotary around the Globe. Let us unite. Save Humanity by serving Humanity.

**Rtn. Subhash Vats:** Though, I joined the Rotary organization only in July 2017, yet it has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience to be a Rotarian (more so a MID-TOWNER). My understanding about the Rotary is all about humanitarianism i.e. it is an organization of professionals, who have voluntarily come together to share their time, space, money and other resources to advance the cause of humanity i.e. caring for needy, deprived section of society without distinction on the basis of color, creed and class or religion. To me, being a Rotarian also means, having an opportunity to experience the warm fellowship of a Rotary Club which can greatly expand one's circle of acquaintance, family feeling & foster lifelong friendships.

I have been looking forward to the weekly meetings, club projects and social activities and service with a child like excitement. The invocations at the beginning of meetings greatly impacted my thought process. The galaxy of speakers both in-house and guest speakers have been very satisfying and left a deep mark on my perception of life values. The energy, enthusiasm and spirits of very senior members are worth emulation. The elite Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown has always launched and executed some of the pioneering, out of the box and innovative projects. I am proud to be a MIDTOWNER. May I be bestowed the strength to make Rotary truly a way of life for me and my family.

**Rtn. Anupam Jain:** During this current situation it is a fulfilling experience to see everyone voluntarily coming ahead to share money, time and other resources for cause of humanity. By helping daily wages community with food and basic necessities is a mission looked after this time. As Rotarians we are committed to serve the humanity.

### Lights switched off. Candles and Diyas on for 9 minutes at 9 p.m. on 05.04.2020



**President Salil Bali with his parents Mr. & Mrs. D.S. Bali, First Lady Parul and sons Jaiveer and Lakshyaa**



**PP Amarjit Singh and family**



**PP Dr. Rita & Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra**



**PP Deepak Sood and R'ann Purnima**



**Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri and family**



**VP Salil Chopra and family**



**Rtn. Indu Luthra**



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**Rtn. Suman and Mr. Naresh Gupta**



**Punarvi d/o Rtn. Shashikant Adokar**



**R'ann Indu Anand**

**The Troublesome Pandemic**

By: Heeya Bedi

Granddaughter of PP Rtn. Dr. Balam Gupta

The play button has just been stopped  
And our lives have quite flopped  
Netflix, eat and play is what I do  
Oh! also I definitely visit the loo  
Coronavirus, a new pandemic  
Has pushed us far from academic  
The news is on, it's the virus again  
Surely the cases have risen to twelve  
hundred and ten

Pondering, wondering about this ferocious virus?  
Why don't you listen to Mylie Cyrus  
Boredom is the word, I am quite sure  
Now is the time to do what you did not have time for  
Be normal, we will defeat this virus soon  
But please don't out and act like a buffoon.

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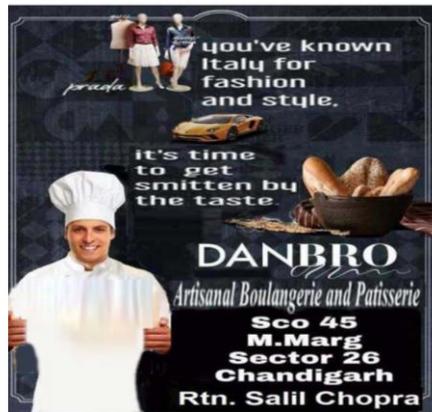
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