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Virtual Meeting - Chief Guest Standup Comedian Harjot Singh

Date: 08 May 2020 (Friday) | Time: 6.30 p.m. - Link will be sent later

First Ever Virtual Rotary Member Induction

In this Lockdown period, the Rotary Clubs across the Globe are successfully helping the needy. Somewhere down the line we as Rotarians also have to facilitate the growth of the organization side by side and that can only be done by inducting suitable individuals into Rotary. The Big Challenge, in prevailing circumstances is of Social distancing, confining ourselves to our homes and above all no regular Rotary meetings.

In order to suitably meet this challenge and take forward the growth of Rotary, on 30 April 2020 Rotary Chandigarh Midtown took the initiative of identifying and inducting a new member Col. J.S. Chandoak into the fold of Rotary through Virtual Platform of Zoom Cloud. The unique element of this induction was that it was the first ever virtual induction of any Rotarian into Rotary and that to in this difficult period of Lockdown.

The Club thanks District Governor Rtn. Jitendra Dhingra for his inspirational presence and symbolically pinning the new member in this Virtual Induction Meeting.

Col. Chandoak, who is father of Rtn. Bhavmit Singh Chandoak (Tiger) has attended our meetings and projects.



Participants of Virtual Meeting

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

Welcome New Rotarian



Name : Rtn. Col. J.S. Chandoak
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 Clf : Defense Services - Army
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 Chandigarh – 160036
 Mobile : 9872851651
 Email : chandy_dwa@yahoo.com
 DoB : 15 Aug.1943
 Wedding : 03 Oct. 1971
 Member from: 20 April 2019
 Position held : Member
 Spouse : Surinder
 Mobile : 7837811252
 Vocation : Homemaker
 DoB : 16 September
 Children : Mandeep (S)
 Rtn. Bhavmit Tiger (S)

QUIZ : SCORE-BOARD

(Rounds - 10)

Conducted on
 Whatsapp

Quiz Master:

Rtn. Bhavmit Singh Chandoak
 (Tiger)

Rank	Name	Points
1.	PP Rtn Rita Kalra	26
2.	PE Rtn Sanjay Bhatia	23
3.	Rtn Devjeet Singh	15
4.	PP Rtn Amarjit Singh	11
5.	PP Rtn Vinod Jawa	4
6.	PP Rtn RTPS Tulsi	3
7.	Rtn Arjan Singh	3
8.	Rtn Renu Chopra	1
9.	Rtn Kulbir Bhatia	1

TOP - 3

PP Rtn. Rita Kalra
 PE Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia
 Rtn. Devjeet Singh

Indian Army Salutes our Front Line Warriors



Soldiers of Indian Army saluted the doctors and health staff of Civil hospital Panchkula, including our PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, by playing army band and showering petals on them from the helicopter, for their bravery to bring life back to normal

Face Shields for Chandigarh Police

On 28 April 2020 our Club handed over 500 high quality Face Shields for the Chandigarh Police. Mr. SSP Shashank Anand appreciated our contribution for the policemen.



President Salil Bali was accompanied by Rtn. Parveen Khosla.

1998-99 : My year as President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown – PP Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta

I distinctly remember my receiving the presidential collar from one of our outstanding Past Presidents, Ajit Gulati at Red Bishop in the presence of the then cabinet minister Sushma Swaraj and PRIP Raja Saboo.

Continuing the legacy of Ajit of being of help to the handicapped, we undertook a project of supplying prosthetic aids to the needy disabled persons. Another outstanding project of the year was supplying piped potable water to the residents of Kot Billa Village, conceived by PDG Shaju Peter in collaboration with the District in Argentina where he led a GSE team from 3080.

Whenever I call on PP Subhash Bindra to have a cup of tea with him, the park in front of his press reminds me of the tree plantation work that we took up there where we planted over 360 saplings. Even today I take a walk and recall the love and affection showered on me by every member of the club.

It will not be out of place to mention that many distinctly speakers came to the club and enlightened us with their view on humanity and service Ms. Kiran Bedi and Chef Justice of India Mr. A.S. Anand one of the speakers.



2004-05 : My year as President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown – PP Pallav Mukherjee

Was lucky to have gotten selected as the president for the year 2004-05, which in Rotary parlance, meant THE CENTENNIAL YEAR. That was not only a big honour for my teammates and yours truly, it also meant a quantum leap forward in the way we see our Club going forward into its next century. The system of selecting the President a year and a half ahead of his appointment, and his team 6 months prior to their starting their new year in Rotary is commendable, and has set examples for organizations the world over.

Of course, due to the system of checking out attendance records (those days it was 75%) before getting onto the Board of Directors (BoD) of our club, we missed out several members who, IMO, would help me like family. These include Rotarians Ajay Gupta, Tejinder Singh, Atul Grover – ultimately replaced with Mrs. D.K. Singh, Mrs Deepa Bhar and Rotary Service above Self Awardee – Late Suraj Handa. Rtn. B.B. Bahl was the 4th Director. All of them had the requisite attendance. But no sweat – we ended up with a BoD that excelled itself – one phone call, and things would start happening!!! Especially those from our dynamic and energetic Secretary of the Club – PP Mrs. Saroj Jhawar. Others on the BoD were PP R.K. Goyal, PP R.K. Luther, Rtn. Arjan Singh and Late PP Gurdip S. Deep.

Ours was an eventful year – starting with a bang by having Farooq Abdullah – the then VP candidate for India, as our Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour was Justice K.S. Garewal, ex the International Court of Justice in the Hague. There was an Army style Guard of Honour, with all our Past Presidents standing in line to receive and be introduced to the Chief Guest one after another. We had all the PDGs from the area – with the faujis – Maj. Som Dutt, Col. Harsharan Singh and Col. A.P. Singh, bang on time – at 1800 hrs. Farooq Abdullah stole the day, and the hearts, especially after a wonderful introduction in chaste Urdu by our poetess director – Mrs. Deepa Bhar. He really opened his heart out and interacted with the Rotarians like old long lost friends – answering intimate questions.

The Rotary Club of Ropar invited our entire lot of members to a luncheon picnic at the Boat Club on the Sutlej – we were treated like royalty. We had a picnic at the invisible Seonk Rest House. People found their way even if the directions to the place were dubious – involving turning left where 2 buffaloes sat on the road, and a right turn where 3 cows were tied to stakes.

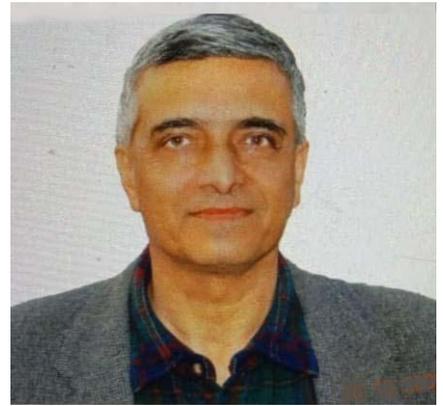
We had a devastating TSUNAMI on the day after Christmas - 26th Dec 2004, which created havoc in the Indian Ocean. Our club donated the maximum amount – with Rs. 15 lakhs coming from PP Tochi Anand alone.

Our club celebrated th RI birthday by having an online chat with other clubs from all over the world. In February we had the Distt. Conference in Hardwar – where again, your club topped the list in terms of the TRF (barring a last minute on stage announcement by PRIP Raja Saboo of a thousand dollars to pip us to the top position). PP RTPS Tulsi & me had the privilege of escorting Farooq Abdullah in his private jet, and then in the Uttarakhand state bullet proof car to the venue as escort.

In the District Conference, PDG Shaju Peter finally was designated the DGN – PDG Satish Saluja from Yamunanagar, was the first to inform us, while we were somewhere in the hills of Nahan en route back to Chandigarh.

The District Awards function was held in the Himachal Bhawan, where our club – naturally walked away with the lion's share of awards. Some of the other Rotarians offered to help bring a truck for the awards. Best club, best Secretary, best projects, best Z, Y & Z.

It was an eventful year.....Thank you all members of the Club.....!!!



2006-07 : My year as President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown – PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

My journey in Rotary started in January 1996 when PP T.S. Anand got me inducted in Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.

I was the 30th President of the Club in 2006-07. The first thing I did was that our Club bulletins should be e-bulletins and all 52 issues of our weekly bulletins, 'The Midtowner' was uploaded on our club website. Click here to see all these bulletins of my year as President <http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/weekly-bulliten-2006-07.html>.

This was a new milestone set in our Club, and now it is a regular feature of the Club as till date all our e-bulletins, since 2006-07, can be easily accessed at anytime from anywhere in the world, as all these are uploaded on our website http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/week_bull.html.

It was a great honour for me to have RI Director Rtn. Noraseth Pathmanand for the Installation ceremony on 14th July 2006 as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Pawan Bansal who was then a Cabinet Minister in Government of India was the Chief Guest. Details of this ceremony can be seen at http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/pages/Issue_3.pdf.

RI President 2007-08 Rtn. Wilfrid Wilkinson inaugurated the WCS Literacy project on 15th May 2007, details of which are available on our e-bulletin http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/pages/Issue_47.pdf. 16000 text books worth Rs. Ten Lakh were distributed to the needy students of Govt. Schools. It was one of the most prestigious event of the year to have Rtn. Wilfrid Wilkinson as RI President Elect and his wife Joan because District Governor Elect in my year was PDG Shaju Peter. We also had gracious presence of Past RI President Raja Saboo and then District Governor Dhain Chand.

Computer Training Centre was established at Saket Rehabilitation Centre, Chandimandir by giving six computers for training 72 disabled students. We also provided jobs to 31 computer trained disabled persons at Call Centres in Chandigarh and Mohali. Vocational Training Centre (Sewing and Tailoring) was resumed at village Khuda Ali Sher. Eye Camps for cataract surgery project in collaboration with two Rotary Clubs of UK, Wollaton Park and Castle Donnington were held.

http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/pages/Issue_29.pdf - Another interesting event was an emotional Bon Voyage on 12th January 2007 to then District Governor Elect, PDG Shaju Peter and Lovy by our Club, which was followed on 14th January 2007 by an impressive District level Bon Voyage in the gracious presence of PRIP Raja Saboo and Usha ji, hosted by Rotarians of Yamunanagar having large number of Rotarians and Anns from our Club and other Clubs of the District.

It was a year of great learning for me to 'Lead the Way' (the RI Theme of the year) with the support and cooperation of all the members of our Club and all the board members, in particular the Secretary PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, who made his grandson Akshat a Paul Harris Fellow the day he was born.

As Chair of Disability Empowerment Committee of our Club, it has been a great opportunity for me to follow my profession all these years, by serving large number disabled persons, by providing prosthetics (artificial limbs), tricycles, wheel chairs etc., and organizing other disability empowerment projects undertaken by our Club.

Being the Editor of the Club bulletin continuously for last 11 years has been a challenging assignment, which has been awarded every year at the District level and highly appreciated by many Rotarians.



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