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## Joint Meeting with Rotary E-Club of London Centenary

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Rotary Chandigarh Midtown had a joint meeting with Rotary E-Club of London Centenary on Zoom Platform on 15th May 2020. The meeting was presided by E-Club President Rtn. Bernhard Karli and our President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali. Rotarians of both the Clubs were pleased to introduce themselves after which they shared their views and interacted with each other on various Rotary Projects and issues. President Bernhard said that he had visited our Club website and was impressed to see the projects done by our Club over the years.

Rotary E-Club of London Centenary is part of London RI District 1130, but their members come from all over the world. They meet online every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. UK (GMT) time.



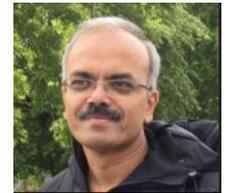
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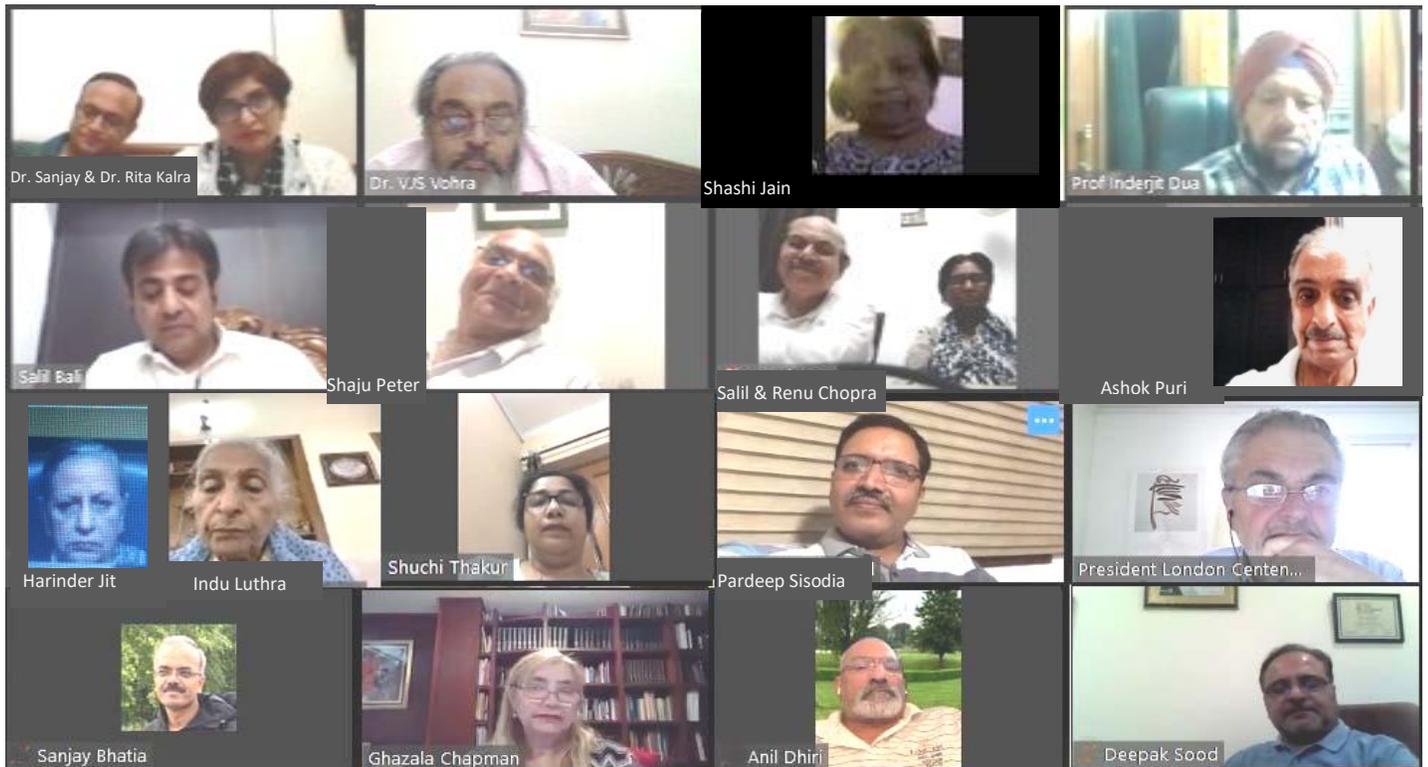
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PE Ghazela Chapman



PE Sanjay Bhatia



Zoom meeting under progress

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

## Blood Donation Camp



Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in association with Shiromani Akali Dal and supported by Medical Team of Govt. Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh organized Blood Donation Camp at Community Centre, Sector 41, Chandigarh on 17.05.2020. There was overwhelming response but due to norms as set by the Hospital, 70 units were collected out of which 15 were females. Chandigarh Police Cycle Team led by Sub Inspector Chandramukhi donated 15 units. Our RCC Khuda Ali Sher led by RCC President Gurpreet Singh donated 10 units.

Chief Guest Mrs. Raj Bala Malik, Mayor of Chandigarh distributed Certificates to the Donors. As a goodwill gesture the donors were given 500 ml Sanitizer Bottles apart from nourishing refreshments. President Salil Bali and Secretary Nitin Kapur represented our Club.



### Rotary Midtown holds blood donation camp

**CHANDIGARH:** Rotary Midtown Chandigarh in association with Shiromani Akali Dal and Government Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, organised a blood donation camp at the community centre in Sector 4 on Sunday. Around 70 units of blood was collected at the camp. Cycle squad of the traffic police under sub-inspector Chandramukhi also donated 15 units of blood. UT mayor Raj Bala Malik, who was the chief guest, distributed certificates to donors.

*Hindustan Times dt 18.05.20*

### 44<sup>th</sup> Mile Stone

It was 43 years back (1977), R.C. Chandigarh Midtown was chartered. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, we entered the 44<sup>th</sup> Mile Stone. I have been a part of this journey. Gradually, we are marching towards the Golden Jubilee year. Rotary in India has completed 100 years. Rotary in Chandigarh has completed 62 years. What a beautiful journey. Service to humanity is a way of life. This journey started with 38 members. Today, we are 115. Each year and each President has contributed meaningfully. Usefully. To serve the society. The humanity at large. There is a whole catalogue of service projects. One better than the other.

The year 2019-20 has been most challenging. It is a matter of record that our club under the leadership of President Salil Bali has demonstrated that our club can achieve what may seem to be not achievable. It would be a good idea if the life story of our club is undertaken. It gives such a good feeling. A feeling of accomplishment. A feeling of satisfaction. Rotary International is 115 years old. In drafting the UN Charter (1945), 49 Rotarians were associated. I have tried to find out if Indian Rotarians had been associated in drafting the Indian Constitution during 1946-49. My effort continues. Constitutional and Rotary morality are twins. Inseparable. If the Rotary Principles are followed in the Governance of our country, we would be following the constitution. You need to be a good human being to be a Rotarian. So is true of Judges, Parliamentarians and Ministers. RI President Mark Maloney is a practicing lawyer. So is his wife Gay. President Salil Bali is the 8<sup>th</sup> President of our club belonging to lawyers and judges coparcenary. This is true in case of other public figures too. If we all unite and work in unison. This would be a much better place to live-in.

*“Happy Birthday to Chandigarh Midtowners”*

**PP Balram K. Gupta**

### Sad demise of Lt. Col. K.J. Vohra brother of PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

With heavy heart we inform the sad and sudden demise of Lt. Col. K.J. Vohra on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Gurgaon. He is the younger brother of PP Dr. V.J.S Vohra. May the departed soul rest in peace and may God give strength to the family to bear the irreparable loss.

Rtn. Nitin Kapur  
Secretary  
Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

## 2015-16 : My year as President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown – PP Kanan Diwan

<http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/weekly-bulliten-2015-2016.html>



**Handing over the facility of Community toilets at village Makhanmajra by advisor to the Governor, UT Mr. Vijay Mohan Dev**



**Signing of MOU between the village Sarpanch and President Rotary Chandigarh Mid town, in the presence of chief guest Mr. Vijay Mohan Dev**



**Welcoming RI President K. Ravindran by PRIP Raja Saboo, Director Manoj Desai and Senior PDG's and President of Chandigarh Midtown**

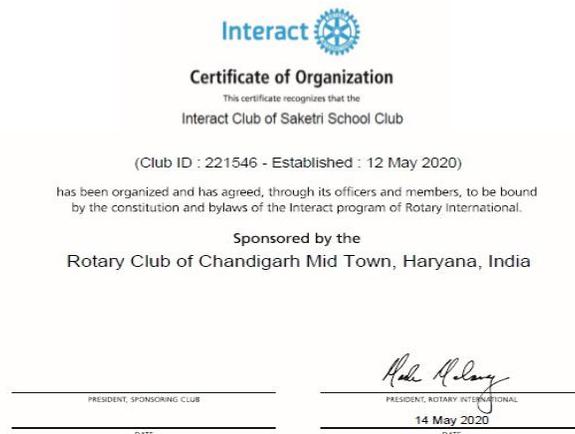
1. Installation at C.I.I Auditorium on 8<sup>th</sup> July with PRIP Raja Saboo, as chief guest accompanied by Mrs. Usha Saboo.
2. Anapurna Divas celebrated by holding langars at 3 venues.
3. Addition of 20 beds complete with mattresses and blankets along with 4 steel almirahs to the Rotary Sarai 'Asara.' The toilets were also renovated and upgraded.
4. The colony of E.W.S. residents in village Maloya was adopted and the following facilities in collaboration with an NGO 'Cares' was established and continues to function till date.
  - Stitching and sewing training centre for 25 women.
  - Adult education for 28 school dropouts and older ladies.
  - Modern toilets
5. Tree plantation on a massive scale to the tune of almost 10,000 saplings.
6. A very significant program of skilling India established in collaboration with Chandigarh College of Engineering and Technology (Diploma Wing). An MOU was signed between the Principal of the college and the President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, in the gracious presence of Mr. Vijay Mohan Dev, (IAS), Advisor to the Governor UT, PRIP Raja Saboo and District Governor David Hilton. Additionally, 35 youngsters were trained for the courses of plumbing and refrigeration.
7. The signature project of the year was the toilet project at village Makhanmajra. A block of 6 toilets, 3 each for women and men separately constructed at a cost of Rs. 500000. The formal handing over of this facility to the village panchayat was performed on lohri day, with Mr. Vijay Mohan Dev as the chief guest.
8. The year continued as a 'Toilet building year' by means of global grant project amounting to \$42000, was sanctioned, money received and project started for the construction of toilets in 8 schools in and around Chandigarh. Hand-wash stations and water purifiers were also provided. The Global grant project was completed within 1.5 years.
9. All the ongoing projects at village Faida, Khuda Ali Sher and Sarangpur, the medical camps, microloans and scholarships were carried out successfully.
10. The club had the distinction of adding 2 major donors.
11. 2 very significant and memorable district functions were hosted by the Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown this year
  - 'Meet the President' district intercity hosted in honour of the then R.I. President K. Ravindran. The auditorium of the judicial academy was full to capacity with Rotarian delegates from the entire district 3080 and some PDG's from the neighbouring districts.
  - District awards function 'Shukriya' was the culmination of the year with DG David Hilton and delegates from the entire district on 28<sup>th</sup> June.
12. Two new classrooms constructed in Government primary school, Raipur Kalan to save the children from the vagaries of nature, who otherwise had to attend classes in the open. This was the last project of the year completed on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

### New Interact Club Installed by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

Our Club virtually installed its second Interact Club - Interact Saketri Club in presence of District Interact Chair PP Rtn. Mohit Singla.

The installation of the new Interact Club was done in a zoom meeting hosted by President Salil Bali.

PP Dr. Rita Kalra, IPP Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Renu Chopra and Rtn. Ritu Bhatia also attended this meeting.



PDRR Rtn Mohit Singla



Salil Bali

International Nurses Day on 12.05.20



**Our Club presented sanitization kits for the nursing incharges at Civil Hospital Panchkula to CMO Dr. Jasjeet Kaur and PMO Dr. Sarita Yadav**

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