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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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PROGRAMME

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Matrimonial Dispute

Chief Guest:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijender Jain (Retd.)

Former Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court



Zoom Meeting:

ID: 6291653178

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Date: Friday, 20 November 2020

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Fun and Frolic Diwali

Click here to watch on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/H-yRJVwtaXk>



The event hosts R'ann Shivani Kapur and R'ann Kadam Bhambri.

Shivani was very thoughtful to remember Late PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta as earlier diwali celebrations were held in his residence with his and R'ann Malabika's lively and affectionate hospitality. Shivani said this event is dedicated to PP Indrajeet Sengupta.

Rotary family of Chandigarh Midtown celebrated Diwali in our virtual meeting on 13 November 2020. President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia with First Lady Rtn. Ritu Bhatia and all Chandigarh Midtowners present exchanged diwali greetings.

Ms. Sukhbinder (Sukhy) Randhawa, our guest from Birmingham (UK) greeted all of us, "Sat Siri Akal," as she was welcomed by Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur and introduced her to our members. Shuchi acknowledged Sukhy's generous contribution for the prosthetic project and thanked her for joining us for Diwali celebration. Sukhy expressed her thanks for inviting her to the meeting and was happy to interact with Rotarians. PDG Shaju Peter shared with her about the RI Convention held in Birmingham in June 2009, which he had attended. Sukhy replied that she lives quite close to the venue where the convention was held!



Sukhy Randhawa



WISHING YOU & YOUR FAMILY A VERY

HAPPY DEEPAWALI!

May millions of lamps illuminate your life with endless prosperity, health, and wealth forever

President Sanjay Bhatia, First Lady Rtn. Ritu Bhatia and son Siddharth with Sanjay's father Mr. Om Prakash Bhatia, mother Mrs. Krishna Bhatia and their support family

Wishing warm diwali greetings to our Rotary family, President Sanjay said, "Welcome to all. Welcome also to our guest from UK, Ms. Sukhy Randhawa, courtesy PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Sukhy has very generously contributed for the prosthetic treatment of Kulvinder Singh which has been completed successfully."

Sukhy thanked the club for the help and said it was a diwali gift for Kulvinder. He had lost all four limbs due to electric shock. He and his parents are sewadars in a Gurdwara at Derabassi.

Chair Disability Empowerment PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra was coordinating with Sukhy for several months and provided all four Otto Bock German Prosthetic limbs to Kulvinder. He thanked Sukhy for her contribution. She insisted that Kulvinder should be given the best prosthetic treatment. IPP Salil Bali and President Sanjay took this project forward at our club level.

Sukhy also had very lively chat with the hosts Shivani and Kadam, and said she enjoyed the way diwali was being celebrated and remarked that she should have worn her Punjabi dress for the event!

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



Aarti performed by R'ann Sudha Puri, assisted by PP Rtn. Ashok Puri



14 November is also Children's Day in memory of India's First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. The day aims at increasing the awareness of the rights, care and education of children. Children who participated to celebrate Diwali and Children's Day by taking part in the games on screen were Ananya and Anushka granddaughters of PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and R'ann Indu Vohra, Ananya granddaughter of Rtn. Suman Gupta and Mr. Naresh Gupta. Supporting off screen were Ayaan Kapur son of Rtn. Nitin Kapur and R'ann Shivani Kapur, Garv and Namya children of Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri and R'ann Kadam Bhambri and Shabad Roop daughter of Rtn. Kulbir Bhatia and R'ann Harpreet Bhatia.

The winners of the games were PP Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Deepak Sood, Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua and R'ann Nandita Sisodia. Other participants were PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, PP Ashok Puri with R'ann Sudha, First Lady Rtn. Ritu Bhatia, Rtn. Nitin Kapur, Rtn. Suman Gupta and R'ann Harpreet Bhatia.

It was an evening full of excitement and entertainment. President Sanjay commented, "Zoom will *Jhoom* to see how the platform has been used in innovative and creative ways by Kadam and Shivani in engaging all members." He thanked the Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra for [the upload on youtube](#), that will uplift all and to Secretary Shuchi for connecting the dots - and to the members for adding to the cheerful and festive spirits.

The event was very well planned and excellently executed on the virtual platform by Shivani and Kadam from Kadam's house. The games were innovatively designed which was attractive for all ages, playing songs like professional DJs. There was a quiz presentation for children from 'Jack and Jill' to 'Humpty Dumpty', for which the adults were more keen to be involved!



A big smile from Secretary Shuchi describes the memorable event

Diwali Greetings from Chair, The Rotary Foundation
Rtn. K.R. Ravindran, Past Rotary International President



Season's greetings!

On behalf of The Rotary Foundation, we would like to thank you for your service and support during these challenging times. It is because of people of action like you that we are able to continue to find opportunities to make a difference in communities close to home and around the world.

Let us multiply this Diwali the blessings we are gifted with by sharing them with others; through acts of caring, kindness and generosity in our communities, often made possible because of our Foundation.

Diwali is a time for happiness. It signifies victory of good over evil, light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.

Diwali is a time to celebrate. Many would think that we should not celebrate this year in view of the pandemic that rages around us. But celebrate we must, but in a responsible manner. For in spite of the shadows of the pandemic it's an occasion to give thanks that we are more blessed than so many others who we reach out to.

This Diwali, a gift to The Rotary Foundation will lend a helping hand to help build back our communities in India. From funding Covid-19 frontline workers to supporting our children safely resuming their education, consider making a gift today to help Rotarians to keep Doing Good in the World. We just made ours!

Sincerely,

K.R. Ravindran
Trustee Chair 2020-21

Gulam A. Vahanvaty
Trustee 2018-22

HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP

<p>\$25 COVID-19 PPE KIT</p> <p>Provide personal protective equipment to frontline workers</p>	<p>\$50 POLIO VACCINE DROPS</p> <p>Provide immunizations to keep India polio-free</p>	<p>\$100 WATER PURIFIER</p> <p>Ensure access to safe drinking water</p>	<p>\$500 E-LEARNING KIT</p> <p>Supply educational software for computer-aided learning</p>
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Those who were declared winners for best traditional attire were:



Best dressed Couple PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati and R'ann Bir Gulati, Best dressed Jodi PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and daughter-in-law Dr. Prarthna Kalra, Best dressed female Rtn. Suman Gupta and Best dressed male Rtn. Col. Jaspal Chandoak

Influence of media on our mind

Inner Wheel District 308 had invited Rtn. Indu Luthra to give her views on the topic 'Influence of media on our mind.... positive or negative'.

Rtn. Indu quoted Carl Jung the famous German Philosopher who said, "Thinking is difficult, that is why most people judge." It holds so true for media these days.

Common men and women find it tough to decipher, analyse and think about all that happens around them in the world. Thus, they have a tendency to stick to anything fed to them in order to form judgment.



Rtn. Indu Luthra

Now this is where the effect of media steps in. In the guise of facts, media pushes in opinions, doubts, vendetta and propaganda designed to suit vested interests. In olden days, radio, newspapers and journals had a very positive role in presenting facts and information correctly. The opinions were always in the form of editorials, discussions and reviews. However, these days the boundaries between facts and opinions have been blurred considerably by media and the result is utter confusion.

Exceptions still exist. Few cases in point are the BBC, National Geographic, TIME and LIFE magazines, the Readers Digest etc., which are still presenting facts and information which is the prime purpose of media.

It always will take a very evolved mind to be able to separate information from opinion, fact from fiction, and to make our own decisions and not follow herd mentality. If we can all understand this media will have to fall in place in order to be relevant.

Club Elections : 2021-22

President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia invites nominations from members of our Club for the board of directors for the Rotary year 2021-22 and for President for Rotary year 2022-23, which is as per bylaws of our club.

Eligibility Criteria:

- President 2022-23:** Minimum 3 years standing as a Rotarian and has served 2 years on the Board of Directors at the time of assuming office.
- Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Should have minimum 2 years standing as a Rotarian and has served on the Board of Directors for one year at the time of assuming office.
- Directors, Joint Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms:** Should have been member of the Club for 12 months at the time of elections, and should have served as committee chairman for at least 01 year.
- Candidate for any post for election should have maintained minimum 50 % attendance in the 12 months preceding the month of nomination and should not be in arrears of club dues. Any member in arrears of club dues will not have the right to vote, propose, second or be eligible for election.

Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur will receive nominations till Friday, December 11, 2020. Withdrawals will be accepted till Friday, December 18, 2020. Elections, if required, will be held on Friday, December 25, 2020.

Diya painting workshop



Our club organised a Diya painting workshop on Diwali at Ashiana Orphanage Sector 16 Panchkula. 18 girls painted Diyas. 200 Diyas were donated along with paint, brushes and glitters

Diwali Thanksgiving



300 staff of Civil Hospital Panchkula presented certificates and Diyas for their tireless service for last 9 months. Hand hygiene demonstration was also given to the class 4 employees. This program was appreciated by all hospital employees

AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur and Rtn. Suman Gupta were present in both above projects

Acknowledgement with thanks

Donations for Club Projects

Rtn. Suman Gupta Rs. 10000
 R'ann Indu Anand Rs. 2000
 PP Rtn. Ashok Puri Rs. 1000
 (on birthday of his daughter Nikita Krishnan)

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Sarita Vasudev November 24
 R'ann Purnima Sood November 27

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Suman Gupta November 20
 Rtn. Nitin Kapur November 21

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Parul & IPP Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali November 23
 R'ann Gulshan & Rtn. Surjit Kumar November 24
 R'ann Jyoti & Rtn. Rishi Kant Jha November 24
 R'ann Neeta & Rtn. Dr. Gopal Munjal November 25
 R'ann Asha & Rtn Subhash Vats November 27

PHF Recognition



IPP Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali is happy to present Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) pin to his son, Lakshya Vir

Birthday celebration



R'ann Tavinder Chopra celebrates her birthday with her husband Rtn. J.S. Chopra on 15.11.20

Luther Family Diwali celebration



PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, R'ann Urmil and family

AG Dr. Rita inaugurated Happy School

AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra inaugurated a Happy School project under District grant by Rotary Himalayan Ranges Mansa Devi on 11.11.20. She also gave Nation Builder Awards to teachers.



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