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RI Convention Melbourne

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On 9th June 2023 we had hybrid meeting for sharing experiences of Rotary International Convention held on 27-31 May 2023 at Melbourne, Australia which was attended by PP Rtn Amarjit Singh with R'Ann Sunita and Rtn Jagvinder Singh Bawa with R'Ann Sarabjit.



PP Amarjit Singh



Rtn Jagvinder Bawa

PP Amarjit Singh who was physically present in the meeting in Hotel Shivalikview, Chandigarh and Rtn Jagvinder Bawa who joined us virtually on Zoom from Australia, were welcomed by President Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra. In addition to physical presence of our Rotary members, there was a good virtual presence of our members from abroad and from within India.



[Address by RI President Jennifer Jones at RI Convention. Click here](#)



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Melbourne RI Convention 2023

PP Amarjit Singh gave a wonderful presentation of the RI Convention. He explained that on the bank of river Yarra, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition centre was a beautiful and well equipped venue for RI Convention. Convention events are divided in four parts:

- General Sessions including opening and closing ceremonies.
- House of friendship for meeting and greeting Rotarians from across the world
- Break-out Sessions on specific topics
- Evening Entrainment

Registration started on 25th May. Amarjit and Sunita were among the first few to register along with his batchmate President Madanjit and his wife Bubbly Singh of Rotary Kasauli. Amarjit said, "26th May was free day and along with my younger brother went for The Great Ocean Road Drive. It is must visit place while you are in Melbourne. On 27th Rtn. Jagvinder Bawa met us at House of Friendship. Then we went to see Eureka tower the tallest building in Melbourne. Around 300 meters high it has 108 levels and deck is at 88th level. Visited a few places on the bank of Yarra River."

It was with great excitement that the Rotary Club of Melbourne announced Melbourne as the host city for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, attracting over 20,000 delegates and the largest Conference secured this century for Victoria State.

Though the official attendance is not yet declared, if we go by physical presence the attendance was not more than 15000. Largest attendance at Osaka, Japan in 2004 was 45381. Seoul Convention 2016 was 44607 and 33104 at Bangkok in 2012.

Opening session of RI Convention 2023 was at Rod Laver Arena adjoining famous Melbourne Cricket Ground. Then came Flag of Australia followed by National Anthem of the Host Country, followed by Flag and National Anthem of RI President's Home Country, Canada. In the end it was

was the Flag which unites us all - the Flag of Rotary International.

RI President Jennifer Jones invited Francesco Arezzo from Italy the RI Convention Chair to the stage and asked him to open the ceremony. Francesco greeted Rotarians with Bon Jurno and said, "I know that you had to endure a long trip to attend this convention and for this we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I am sure you will return home enriched and more enthusiastic. We have prepared for you in extraordinary and interesting program with incredible outstanding speakers.". Rotaractor Asthii was the host for the general session. First time!

On behalf of the Govt. of Australia, Member of Parliament Steve Dimopoulos welcomed Rotarians and thanked for visiting and for adding to the economy of Australia. Steve informed that, "Rod Laver Arena is named after a famous retired tennis Champion and in January Novak won the Australian open in the same venue."

Sally Capp, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne also welcomed and addressed the Rotarians. Mary Barry 2023 Host Organising Committee Chair spoke about a unique project Rotary Melbourne Peace Bells Project with focus on Environment Protection and peace. Hugh Evans Co-Founder of the Oaktree Foundation & Global Citizen, from a village in Wales, a grass root Rotarian, narrated his journey of Fight against poverty across the world.

Aides to RI President, Brad and Marcia Howard introduced the family of Jennifer to audience. RI President Jennifer Jones, in her speech mentioned about cervical cancer vaccination in Egypt where more than 30000 girls have already been vaccinated.

Session ended with live music from the Tenors Famous Vocal Group from President Home country Canada. Thereafter, at House of Friendship it was meeting Rotarians from different countries and exchange of flags. Amarjit said, "Here we met PDG Shaju Peter and PDG Ramesh Bhargava."

Some prominent speakers in the convention;



Leymah Gbowee
2011 Nobel Peace Laureate and Founder of Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa



Steve Dimopoulos, Member of Parliament
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events



Sally Capp
The Lord Mayor of Melbourne



Hugh Evans
Co-Founder and CEO, Global Citizen



Nakeeyat Dramani Sam
Ghanian Poet



Francesco Arezzo
Chair of the 2023 RI Convention Committee

On day two after opening remarks, RI President Jennifer introduced RI Board of Directors which has two directors from India. 14 Directors on RI Board have 3 years tenure. Other members of RI Board have a tenure of one year. RI President also introduced Board of Directors-Elect which again has two directors from India.

Kari Aina also addressed on focus area of economic and community development. 10 year old girl from Ghana Nakeeyat, a climate activist impressed one and all. She was ozing with confidence, spoke for about 20 minutes without referring to any document or display and got standing ovation.

Gaby Moreno Grammy award winning singer entertained the audience with her melodious singing.

On day two when we returned to House of Friendship a Rotarians was taking feedback on convention, Amarjit shared my concern on low attendance and told her possible reasons:

1. Traveling distance to Australia.
2. Unfavorable weather conditions
3. Selection of venues
4. High Registration, Boarding and Lodging cost.

Still in Australia, Rtn Jagvinder Bawa took us on virtual tour of day 3 and 4, including the closing ceremony, which concluded with a message of hope.



National Anthem of Australia



National Anthem of Canada



Flag of India



With Richards from Rotary Club of Lagos Nigeria



With DGE Joong-Ho from RC Daegu East Republic of Korea



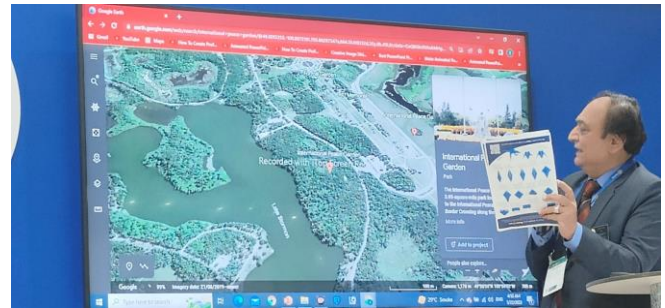
With PDG Ramesh Bhargava and PDG Shaju Peter



Exchange of Flag at House of Friendship



At House of Friendship



Rtn Anil Ghai, Convener

International Rotary Multi District Twin Sister Club



With DGND Saheena Asif from Rotary Club of Lahore



Visit to Eureka Tower



Trip to The Great Ocean Road



The Streets of Melbourne - South Wharf Dinner



Address by President Dr Sanjay Kalra



Meeting called to order by SAA PP RTPS Tulsi



Invocation on Zoom from USA by Rtn Indu Luthra



PP Dr VJS Vohra informed Sahyog presentation postponed to 28 July 2023



Vote of thanks by Rtn Surjit Mann



PP Prem Anand and R'Ann Indu Anand joined the meeting from USA on Zoom platform

Response of Rtn Susanne Rea to our Bulletin posted on Indian Rotarians in Facebook



Susanne Rea

I zoomed into the #WGMeal event and enjoyed it immensely - the Treasure Hunt and Breakfast resulted in a \$500 donation to the Rotary Foundation Polio Fund - thank you Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, D.3080 - India

Like Reply 7h



Vjs Vohra Author

Many thanks for your inspiring remarks for WGMeal event and we are very thankful for your virtual presence which was very motivating for all members of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

Sincere regards
Rtn Dr VJS Vohra
Editor, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown



Vjs Vohra

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Interesting event - Treasure Hunt | The World's Greatest Meal

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Sanjay Mehta and Susanne Rea

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Rtn Surjit Mann and his son Lt Colonel Aaron Singh Mann of US Army



Army 2nd Lt. Aaron Singh Mann, center, with his wife, Angela, prepares to cut a cake as his father, Surjit Mann, waves for guests to participate.

Old newspaper clipping of Washington Post. It is a matter of pride that Rtn Surjit Mann's son, Aaron is a Lieutenant Colonel in US Army

Rtn शशि जैन से रूबरू दिल से दिल की गुफ़तगू



PP Rtn Anil Mehan is basically an industrialist and he is a Charter member of the Club. I interacted with him to know his interest in Rotary.

Q. What motivated you to join Rotary?

A. My interest and motivation started from home because my father late Rtn BK Mehan was the charter member of Rotary Club Chandigarh. I used to attend their meetings. PRIP Raja Saboo and the Board of that club had a proposal to start a new club, so I joined Chandigarh Midtown as a charter member of the Club in 1977. For many years meeting was held at different venues.

Q. Which positions did you hold in the Club?

A. I have shouldered the responsibility of all the positions in the Club from Director to the President and I have enjoyed and discharged my duties to the best of my capacity and capability.

Q. What projects have you been associated with?

A. I took over as the President of the Club in 1987-88. I organised First Lok Adalat under the guidance of Chief Justice, opened a free Legal Aid Centre in Sector 17, first Rotary Village Corps (RVC) was established near Zirakpur, Polio Pulse campaign was started and a magic show by a French Magician was organised to raise funds for this. Nine members of the Club became Paul Harris Fellows.

Q. What do you feel about Rotary as the organisation?

A. Rotary is a platform for giving back to the society in a meaningful way. Any contribution in Rotary is used in the most productive and effective manner. Rotary has taught me to be giving, humble and humane. As you involve yourself more and more in club activities, you fall more and more in love with it. I would advise to everyone to attend meetings regularly and participate in projects whenever possible.

Wishing you more Rotary involvement.

District Award and Collar Exchange Ceremony

Extracting Happiness Implanting Smiles by Rtn Raj Khattar

- Teacher: Why are you late?
 Student: Mom & dad were fighting.
 Teacher: So what makes you late if they were fighting?
 Student: One of my shoes was in mom's hand, and the other in dad's.
 - Wife: I hate that beggar.
 Husband: Why?
 Wife: Rascal, yesterday I gave him food. Today he gave me a book on "How to Cook !!!"
 - Husband came home drunk. To avoid wife's scolding, he took a laptop and started working.
 Wife: Did u drink?????
 Husband : no!
 Wife: Idiot!!! Then why are you typing on a suitcase?!!!

Rtn Dr Indu Luthra's Beautiful Invocation

From USA in Hybrid meeting on 9th June 2023

By Sir Rabindra Nath Tagore

When I'm dead, Your tears will flow, But I won't know. Cry with me now instead.

You will send flowers, But I won't see, Send them now instead

You'll say words of praise, But I won't hear. Praise me now instead.

Say it and do it now, not when I am dead.

You'll forgive my faults, But I won't know. So forget them now instead.

You'll miss me then, But I won't feel. Meet me now, instead.

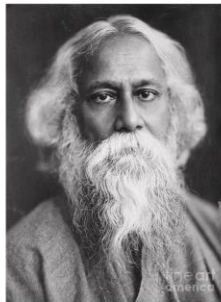
You'll wish you could have, spent more time with me Spend it now instead.

When you hear I'm gone, you'll find your way to my house to pay condolence, even though we haven't spoken in years. Look, listen to and reply me now.

Spend time with every person around you, and help them with whatever you can to make them happy, your families, friends and acquaintances. Make them feel special because you never know when time will take them away from you forever.

Alone I can 'Say' but together we can 'Talk'.
 Alone I can 'Enjoy' but together we can 'Celebrate'
 Alone I can 'Smile' but together we can 'Laugh'

Rabindra Nath Tagore: Born: 7th May 1861 - never died because he still lives on in our hearts and minds.



Thought

An invisible thread connects those who are destined to meet.

Thought for the week by Rtn Col JS Chandoak

Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings."

----- Samuel Johnson

Birthday of Spouse

R'Ann Suman Gupta 14 June

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn Monika Kaushal 09 June

H/Rtn Dr Kiran Bedi 09 June

Rtn Anjali Chhabra 15 June

Wedding Anniversary

R'Ann Sudha & PP Rtn Ashok K Puri 09 June

R'Ann Dr. Joginder & PP Rtn Pallav Mukherjee 10 June

R'Ann Depti & Rtn Anup Sharma 10 June

Wedding anniversary celebration on Zoom



R'Ann Sudha Puri and PP Rtn Ashok Puri joined the meeting virtually from Srinagar to celebrate their wedding anniversary on 9th June 2023

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| 8. Rtn Surjit Singh Mann | Rs 5000 |
| 9. Rtn Col JS Chandoak | Rs 5000 |
| 10. Rtn Chandra Prakash | Rs 10000 |

Rtn Dr Anupam Jain

Heartiest Congratulations to Secretary Rtn Anupam Jain.

On eve of World Environment Day on 4th June 2023, she was felicitated by World Human Rights Protection Commission with Honorary Doctorate Degree award at Vigyan Bhawan - Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

The event was in absentia of the chief guest, former President of India Mr Ram Nath Kovind, who refrained himself due to Odissa train tragedy.



World No Tobacco Day



Awareness campaign was organized in collaboration with our club for ward attendants, sweepers and security guards of Civil Hospital Panchkula on World No Tobacco Day, in the presence of PP Dr Rita Kalra, Rtn Brig JS Sabbarwal, R'Ann Jyotie Sabbarwal and R'Ann Dr Kadam Bhambri.

Dr MP Sharma said that Tobacco claims 8 million lives in a year against total of COVID deaths in 3 years. So tobacco de-addiction is important to safe guard health and save lives. Dr Sulbha Mittal spoke about the carcinogen in tobacco which causes many cancers in body which is rising each year.

R'Ann Jyotie Sabbarwal, the nutritionist advocated the use of Millets in our diet as the theme this year is to promote food and not tobacco. All attendees were gifted Oats to promote millets in diet. Pledge "To quit smoking and say no to tobacco" was taken by all the participants who joined very enthusiastically to make the campaign lively and vibrant.



Fear never builds the future, But FAITH and HOPE does.

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