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*Music Mends Minds*  
*Restoring the Rhythm of Life*  
**The Power to Heal with Music**  
Chief Guest

**Past RI President Rtn Rajendra K. Saboo and R'Ann Usha Saboo**

**Venue:** Old Age Home, Community Centre, Sector 12, Panchkula  
**Date:** 28 October 2023 (Saturday) | **Time:** 4.00 pm | **Change in Venue, Date and Time**

**Dazzling Dandiya Delight: Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown Celebrates in Style**  
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On the pleasant evening of October 21, 2023 our regular meeting was held at H.No 350, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh, the spacious residence of Rtn Chandra Parkash and R'Ann Lalita and our sincere gratitude to them for transforming the venue into a carnival of joy.

Rtn Chandra Parkash and R'Ann Lalita, the gracious hosts of the event, joined by President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri and First Lady R'Ann Dr Kadam Bhambri extended their warmest welcome to all Rotarians and R'Anns of Chandigarh Midtown, making sure everyone felt at home. Their hospitality and dedication to the Rotary Club's mission of service were on full display throughout the evening. Large number of participants gathered to participate in the age-old folk dance and came alive with vibrant colors, rhythmic beats, and spirited revelry as they celebrated the traditional Indian festival of Dandiya in grand style.



The meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn Ashok Puri followed by singing of National Anthem by all those present. The meeting was presided by PE Rtn Nitin Kapur. The formal meeting was short and crisp, as everybody were eagerly looking forward to Dandiya celebration.



Secretary Rtn Anup Sharma and R'Ann Deepti Sharma led the auspicious Aarti "Jai Ambe Gauri", invoking the blessings for a joyous and prosperous gathering.





A game of tambola, conducted by R'Ann Shivani Kapur, kept everyone engrossed as their luck was put to test. Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan won one full house.



The Dandiya Raas, a traditional Indian folk dance, is characterized by energetic music, swirling sticks, and intricate footwork. It is celebrated during Navratri, a Hindu festival dedicated to the goddess Durga. Our club's celebration of this cultural extravaganza brought together Rotarians, R'Anns with their family, to enjoy the fun filled evening with lots of music, dance and masti.

The event commenced with an auspicious 'aarti' dedicated to Goddess Durga. The exquisite decoration of the venue was a sight to behold, with colorful drapes, marigold garlands, and twinkling fairy lights that illuminated the night. The atmosphere was electric as the beat of the dhol with music and Bollywood songs reverberated through the air, setting the stage for an unforgettable event.

Members of the Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and their families dressed in traditional attire, adorning bright, mirror-worked chaniya cholis and kurta-pyjamas, while attendees sported their finest traditional outfits. The sound of laughter and camaraderie filled the air as members mingled, taking selfies and capturing the essence of the evening.

The highlight of the celebration was the spirited Dandiya dance competition. Participants formed circles and danced with fervor, whirling their sticks in intricate patterns. The Dandiya celebration brought out the competitive spirit of all the attendees.





The participants were displaying their exceptional talent and energy. The winners received accolades and prizes, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event.

As the night progressed, the cultural performances took center stage, with the members showcasing their talents through song, dance, and music. The folk music performances, 'garba' dances, and traditional renditions added an extra layer of authenticity to the evening.

The Dandiya celebration was a resounding success, celebrating not only a cherished Indian tradition but also the spirit of togetherness and fellowship. It showcased how cultural events can ignite the talent within us. The event was a testament to the club's commitment to service, culture, and a deep-rooted love for community and tradition.

Dandiya Night, traditionally celebrated during Navratri with special significance this year. It was not just a night of vibrant colors, rhythmic beats, and graceful movements, but also a symbol of unity, cultural appreciation, and the relentless global fight against polio. The event seamlessly combined the joy of Dandiya with the noble cause of polio eradication with participants, both seasoned dancers and first-timers, joined in, to make a truly inclusive experience.

Dandiya Night, organized with the dual purpose of celebrating cultural diversity and supporting the fight against polio, was a resounding success. The energy, enthusiasm, and commitment displayed by all attendees were truly commendable.

A poem by PP Rtn Dr Rita Kalra captures the essence of Dandiya Night as a celebration of cultural diversity and the collective effort to eradicate polio, with Rotary leading the way;

*In a hall adorned with colors so bright,  
We gather tonight for Dandiya's delightful sight.  
Sticks clash in rhythm, echoing our unity,  
Diverse cultures blend, showcasing community.*

*As we whirl and twirl, in traditional attire,  
We're dancing for a cause, a future much brighter.  
World Polio Day, we remember and say,  
With every day, we're keeping polio at bay.*

*Amid joy, a cause stands tall,  
For on this night, a higher purpose does call.  
Rotary's mission, in every dancer's stride,  
Fighting polio, with passion and pride.*

Delicious vegetarian Indian cuisine was served throughout the evening. Mouthwatering dishes were savored by all present, providing an authentic and delightful gastronomic experience.



A new PHF, Angad Arya, was added to the generous family of our club's donors. He is son of Dr. Ved Arya and Dr. Gunjeet Dua of U.K., and the maternal grandson of Rtn. Prof Dr I.S. Dua. Angad is one of the few kids in UK to clear GCSC Level Exams (equivalent to +2 level of India) with 9A+ plus level - the highest attainment!! He did marvellous work for Rotary Chandigarh Midtown during running of Covid Kitchen and raised Rs. two lakhs for dialysis machines set up by our club. Angad was accompanied by his mother Dr. Gunjeet Dua who was pinned with PHF label by IPP Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra.

In his brief address, Angad said, "Hello to everybody! As mentioned by Secretary Uncle Anup, I am Angad Arya. I study at St Olaves Grammar School in London and in the last 5 years, I have been very inspired by the Rotary Movement. It is a wonderful and proud feeling to be in the club of Paul Harris Fellows, whose foundation has done a plethora of work to uplift the community. Rotary foundation work is always at the forefront of my mind and when I tell my colleagues that this foundation is working at the global level to make this planet polio-free and eradicating its virus as of smallpox bacteria, I feel proud to be associated with this prestigious fraternity. Hearing about its activity during lockdown really inspired me and drove me to fundraising to support this exquisite club. I wish I prove worthy of the expectations bestowed upon me by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. I wish you all the best for your future endeavours in life. Thank you."







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## Bhoomi Poojan for Signature Project at Singhpura



On 21st October 2023 Rotary Chandigarh Midtown held Bhoomi Poojan and Foundation laying ceremony for the construction of rooms and other allied works for Govt Primary School Singhpura, our Signature Project. This was done in the presence of President Jeetan Bhambri, PP BL Ramsisaria, PP Dr VJ S Vohra, PP Kanan Diwan, PP Dr Rita Kalra, Project Chair PP Ashok Puri, IPP Dr Sanjay Kalra, Secretary Anup Sharma, Treasurer JS Bawa, DYS Renu Chopra, R'Ann Indu Vohra, R'Ann Sudha Puri and Head teacher Ms Vaishali along with staff and children of school and IC smart school Virender Pal. Pooja and rituals by Pandit ji and "Kalash" was placed in the foundation of the building. Parsad and refreshment were distributed to all present. Total cost of the project is Rs fifty lac which is being undertaken by our club and International partner Rotary Club Twin Cities, USA.

## Project Sahyog



On 21st October 2023 two above knee plaster casts were taken by PP Dr VJS Vohra for patients sponsored by PP Anil Puri and R'Ann Teresa of Rotary Club Twin Cities, USA. Total 6 beneficiaries. PP Ashok Puri donated one pair of Aluminum crutches. Our sincere gratitude to the very generous Puri family



PP Dr Vanita Gupta gives an ankle brace to PP Dr VJS Vohra as a donation for Project Sahyog

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## Rtn शशि जैन से रूबरू दिल से दिल की गुफ़तगू



R'Ann Lalita Parkash did her B.Sc Hons. and was awarded National scholarship for excellence in academics. Then she did her post graduation in Naturopathic Science. Then she took up a teaching assignment but her entrepreneurial instincts led her to open her own school in the name Ashiana which is one of the leading schools of Chandigarh tricity. She is a multifaceted personality.

She has an exceptional sense of colour, art and design and she had started her own institute of Fashion Designing and Interior Decoration which she had to close because of some misfortune. She is married to Rtn. Chandra Parkash.

Q. How do you feel being a part of the Rotary club?

A. It is a privilege to be the wife of a Rotarian because Rotarians serve others selflessly with a devotion, dedication and passion to create a difference in the life of others. This quality becomes the second nature of a Rotarian. So obviously wife stands to benefit.

Q. How do you involve yourself with Rotary activities?

A. Apart from being an educationist, I am a hardcore environmentalist. I take an interest in tree plantation functions of the club. The efforts of the club to develop Miyawaki forest is a laudable step to increase the oxygen level in the environment, purify the air and to contribute a little bit to conserve the environment. This project is very close to my heart. Besides, I actively participate in the cultural activities of the club by reciting poetry and anecdotes sometimes. Recently I hosted Dandiya Night at my place. I enjoy these activities immensely.

Q. What do you think of Rotary as a platform for social service?

A. Rotary is the platform where people from all walks of life meet and unitedly take such actions as would make lasting impact on the society, community and the globe. In this way Rotary works for a noble cause which would kindle the ray of hope amongst the underprivileged and create a better future for them.

Best wishes for your dedicated participation in Rotary.

## Birthday of Spouse

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| R'Ann Monica Aggarwal  | 21 October |
| R'Ann Meena Mahajan    | 24 October |
| R'Ann Dr Kadam Bhambri | 27 October |

## Happiness and Smiles by Rtn Raj Khattar

Son-in-law: Please save me from your daughter. In addition to going to office, I have to wash floors, wash clothes, wash utensils, cook food and much more.

Father-in-law: You should imagine what I am going through. I am suffering for last 40 years because your wife's mother is my wife!

लड़की - लड़का

लड़की - मुझे तुमसे कुछ कहना है

लड़का - हाँ कहो ना।

लड़की - समझ नहीं आता कैसे कहूँ??

लड़का - कहो ना please.

लड़की - मैं मा बनने वाली हूँ।

लड़का - बीच में बात काटते हुए नहीं ईईई!!! ये नहीं हो सकता है कह दो यह झूठ है यह कैसे हो सकता है हमारा प्यार तो गंगाजल की तरह पवित्र है

लड़की - बकवास मत कर अबे गधे पहले पूरी बात सुन मैं तेरी माँ बनने वाली हूँ, तरे बाप ने मुझे propose किया है।

Husband - तुम्हें पता है कल मेरा मोबाइल गुम हो गया था। Ha Ha Ha, मैं मोबाइल का टॉच ऑन करके पूरे घर में ढूँढ रहा था

Wife - Yes, I know. फिर मोबाइल मिला क्या?

ग्राहक: थारी भैंस की एक आंख तो खराब सै, फेर भी तू इसके 25 हजार रुपये मांगना लाय्या सै?

आदमी: तन्नै भैंस दूध खात्तर चाहिए या नैन-मटक्का करन खात्तर...???

हज्जाम: ताऊ, बाल छोटे करने है के...?

ताऊ: बड़े कर सके है के !!

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## Most Important aspect of Rotary Club

In Rotary Clubs, continuity is indeed an important aspect of their leadership structure. The positions you mentioned - Immediate Past President, Current President, and President-Elect - play vital roles in maintaining this continuity. Here's a brief overview of these roles in Rotary Chandigarh Midtown or for any Rotary Club;

**Immediate Past President (IPP):** This is the person who served as the club's President in the previous Rotary year (July to June). The Immediate Past President acts as a mentor and advisor to the current President, offering guidance based on his/her experience. They also often serve on the club's board of directors and play a role in club leadership, and ensure harmony and smooth functioning of the club.

**Current President:** The President is the current leader of the Rotary Club. They are responsible for presiding over club meetings, providing direction for club activities, and representing the club in the broader Rotary organization. The President serves a one-year term, after which they become the Immediate Past President.

**President-Elect (PE):** The President-Elect is the President-in-waiting. This person is usually elected to the position about a year before they take on the role of President. During this time, they work closely with the current President and the club's leadership to prepare for their upcoming term. This allows for a smooth transition and ensures that the club's activities and initiatives remain consistent from one year to the next.

The continuity maintained through these positions helps Rotary Clubs maintain a sense of tradition and effective leadership as each President transitions through these roles, building on the work of their predecessors and preparing their successors. This structure contributes to the long-term success and impact of Rotary Clubs in their local communities and around the world.

This reinforces the importance of the leadership structure within Rotary Clubs, as previously mentioned, where the Immediate Past President (IPP - Rotary year 2022-23) Rtn Dr. Sanjay Kalra serves as a mentor and advisor to the Current President (Rotary year 2023-24), Rtn Jeeten Bhambri, and ensures that all is well in the club. The President-Elect (PE), Rtn Nitin Kapur prepares to take on the role of President in the next Rotary year (2024-25). It's through this continuity that is practiced by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown and other Clubs which can effectively carry out their service projects and other activities for contribution to their communities.

While discussing about Immediate Past President, Current President and President Elect, the role of past presidents of Rotary clubs varies, but they often continue to play an active role in their Rotary clubs and their local communities. Some of the key roles and responsibilities that past presidents of Rotary clubs should undertake are Mentorship and Leadership in supporting the club's mission of advancing peace, goodwill and community service.

Some past presidents may choose to become involved at the district or international level of Rotary, serving in leadership positions or participating in Rotary programs beyond the club level.

It's important to note that the level of involvement and the specific roles taken on by past presidents can vary widely depending on the individual, the club's needs, and the opportunities available within the Rotary organization.

The role of a past president is often one of ongoing service and leadership within the Rotary community.



**Kal (Tomorrow) Aaj (Today) aur Kal (Yesterday) of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown PE Rtn Nitin Kapur, President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri and IPP Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra**

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### Thought by Rtn Raj Khattar

- Balance of Head and Heart yields strength in character.
- Technology should improve your life... not become your life.

### Thought by Rtn Col JS Chandoak

Nature never deceives us; it is always we who deceive ourselves. "

----- Jean Jaques Rousseau

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