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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Jointly hosted by Rotary Clubs: Chandigarh Midtown and Chandigarh Central

**Venue:** Panjab University, Sports Complex, Chandigarh | **Date:** 11, 12, 13 December 2023 | **Time:** 10.00 am  
**Change in Venue, Date and Time**

## Antakshari

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In our meeting held on 01st December 2023 President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri welcomed all Rotarians and R'Anns in attendance, to participate in the fun filled Antakshari, hosted by IPP Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra and PP Rtn Dr Rita Kalra.

The meeting was called to order by PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra who invited Rtn Jagvinder Bawa and R'Ann Sarabjit Bawa for the National Anthem, followed by Invocation by Rtn Suman Gupta which kindled the spark for Antakshari.

It was an entertaining evening of singing and dancing with enthusiasm and lot of fun and joy for all present to enjoy the wonderful event. R'Ann Shivani Kapur was the lively anchor, who along with Secretary Rtn Anup Sharma ensured and inspired every participant not only to sing but dance as well!

Dr Sanjay Kalra announced the names of the winners and prizes were given to all the participants by President Jeeten. First Lady R'Ann Dr Kadam Bhambri thanked all the participants for the rocking performance.



Welcome address by President Jeeten Bhambri



PP Dr VJS Vohra officiating as Sergeant-at-Arms



National Anthem by Rtn Jagvinder Bawa and R'Ann Sarabjit Bawa



Invocation by Rtn Suman Gupta



Announcements by Secretary Anup Sharma



Observation about our club PHF by PP BL Ramsisaria



Hosts IPP Dr Sanjay Kalra and PP Dr Rita Kalra



Vote of thanks by R'Ann Dr Kadam Bhambri



The participants and the audience



Glimpses of Ankashari prizes and recognitions

## Congratulations to all Rotary Chandigarh Midtowners as we are now 100% PHF club Appreciation from TRF Chair Past RI President Barry Rassin

11 August 2023

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town

Dear Rotarians:

Congratulations to you, the members of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town for becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

This significant accomplishment demonstrates that every member of your club shares a dedication to The Rotary Foundation's work. Your contributions to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and approved Foundation grants allow The Rotary Foundation to improve lives in your community and around the world. Your club's support makes it possible for Rotarians to lead projects in our areas of focus, which build international relationships and create a better world.

This banner expresses The Rotary Foundation Trustees' appreciation for your support and your commitment to Doing Good in the World. Recognition for becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club is a one-time award. However, it sets a standard that I hope your club will strive to maintain in the years to come. Congratulations again, and thank you for your leadership on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

Barry Rassin  
Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2023-24



Our senior most Past President Rtn BL Ramsisaria announced that taking into account our former members, relatives of members and former members, our executive staff and others, we are more than 300 Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs).

## Bon Voyage to DGE Rtn Rajpal Singh and Rtn Inderbir Kaur Gracious Presence of Past RI President Rtn Raja Saboo and Past RI President Rtn Shekhar Mehta Hosted by DGN Rtn Ravi Prakash and R'Ann Shalini Prakash | Rotary Club Roorkee Midtown



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



R'Ann Deepti Sharma, wife of Secretary Rtn Anup Sharma did her Bachelor in Education from Kurukshetra University. During her school and college days, she actively participated in various co-curricular activities. After her marriage, she chose to be a house maker to take care of the family.

Q. Your husband is on an important position in the club and is very busy in club projects. How do you feel about it?

A. Rotary plays a very important role in our family. Technically, my father-in-law, Mr VP Sharma was not a Rotarian but he was more than involved with club and Rotary. Since he left us suddenly, my husband is trying to follow his footsteps in Rotary. As he is the Secretary in the current year, he is very busy with club activities all the time. I feel very proud of him.

Q. How do you help your husband in discharging his responsibilities of the club?

A. I try to shoulder the family responsibilities myself and do not much bother my husband. I give him enough space and time to do club projects. I try to accompany him for club activities whenever possible. I support him in these activities if he requires any help. I am always around him, so I feel as if I am also directly involved with Rotary.

Q. What do you think of the philosophy of Rotary?

A. What I have understood of Rotary's philosophy, it is to make friends with other Rotarians throughout the world. At the same time, it provides you the opportunities to help the needy and the underprivileged. Having fun and enjoying fellowship are the added advantages.

Wishing you more involvement and fun in the club



PP Rtn Salil Chopra receives birthday gift on behalf of his son Rtn Himanshu Chopra



President Jeeten Bhambri presented birthday gift to Rtn Rajinder Rai, joined by R'Ann Dr Seema

## Happy Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn Shashi Jain	03 December
Rtn Shuchi Thakur	05 December
Rtn Saakshi Verma	08 December

## Happy Birthday of Spouses

PDC, IW R'Ann Neeru Khattar	05 December
Mr Naresh Kumar Gupta	08 December

## Happy Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn Deepak Chaudhary and R'Ann Ritu Chaudhary	02 December
Rtn Vijay Kumar Gupta and R'Ann Suman Gupta	07 December
Rtn Tej Mohan Singh and R'Ann Gaganmeet	07 December

## Happiness and Smiles by Rtn Raj Khattar

Young rider on motorbike bangs in to young man on foot.

Man on foot: अरे भाई, देख के चला।

Man on motorbike: मेरे बाप ने दिलायी है। क्या करेगा तू।

Man on foot pulls out a pistol from his pocket: अच्छा जी, ये मेरे बाप ने दिलायी है। चला दूँ।

Man on motorbike with folded hands: अरे भाई गलती हो गई। माफ़ कर दे, मैं तो मज़ाक कर रहा था।



President Jeeten Bhambri presents punctuality award to PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra and R'Ann Indu Vohra



President Jeeten Bhambri presents birthday gifts to PP Rtn Deepak Sood and R'Ann Purnima Sood

## Handover of Toilets at Govt Sanskriti Primary School

**Organized By: Rotary Chandigarh Midtown**  
**Chief Guest: District Governor Rtn Arun Mongia**

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, in a significant community service initiative, completed and handed over a new toilet facility at Govt Sanskriti Primary School Buddanpur. The project aimed at improving sanitation and promoting good hygiene practices among students. The handover ceremony was graced by the presence of District Governor Arun Mongia, who inaugurated the facility. Stressing the link between sanitation and education, he pointed out that better sanitary facilities directly contribute to increased attendance and better learning environments, especially for young girls.

PP Dr. Rita Kalra, Adl. Distt. Secretary Mother and child health delivered an enlightening talk on "Good Hygiene for Good Health," emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in daily life. Additionally, she led a Swachhta (cleanliness) pledge and demonstrated proper hand washing techniques to students, instilling in them the habit of maintaining personal hygiene.

Assistant Governor Sanjeev Checker shared insights into the project's journey, highlighting the rapid completion and the collaborative efforts involved. The project included the construction of modern toilet facilities, equipped with running water and proper sanitation systems. The design focused on being child-friendly and accessible, ensuring ease of use for the young students. An important highlight was the insightful speech delivered by Rtn Sandeep Jain, the Chief District Secretary focusing on the pivotal role of Rotarians in enhancing sanitary conditions in educational institutions how their

**Date of Event: 21 November 2023**  
**Location: Govt Sanskriti Primary School Buddanpur**

proactive approach leads to significant community improvements.

### Impact

**Hygiene Education:** The event served as a platform for educating students about the importance of hygiene.

**Improved Sanitation:** The new facilities mark a significant step towards better sanitation in the school.

**Community Engagement:** The project exemplified community involvement in school welfare.

**School Commitment :** For maintenance and upkeep of the facility so that the project is sustainable.

### Future Commitments

President Jeeten Bhambari Rotary Chandigarh Midtown reaffirmed its dedication to similar projects in the future, aiming to enhance the learning environment for children. He expressed Gratitude to the dignitaries, Rajiv Chopra Friend of Rotary, ASHI for their gracious support and presence, special thanks were extended to the school authorities, project team, and all the Rotarians involved for their tireless efforts and support.

### Conclusion

The successful completion of the toilet facility at Govt Sanskriti Primary School stands as a testament to Rotary Chandigarh Midtown's commitment to service and community development. It marks a step forward in the club's ongoing efforts to improve hygiene and health in the community.



## Roads of Responsibility: TARA Traffic Awareness with Rotary Awareness

Contributed by  
PP Rtn Dr Rita Kalra

Traffic safety is not just a topic – it's a lifeline. It is about understanding the rules of the road, respecting other road users, and recognizing the weight of responsibility that comes with being a pedestrian, cyclist, or driver. We live in a world where the roads are busier than ever, and the distractions are numerous.

The statistics on road accidents are alarming, and they underscore the need for better traffic awareness. This is where you come in. Armed with the right information and a commitment to safety, you can help turn the tide. Traffic safety is an issue that touches the lives of everyone. Whether we are pedestrians, cyclists, or drivers, each one of us has a role to play in making our roads safer.

The increasing number of vehicles, coupled with the distractions of modern technology, makes this more important than ever. As we dive into today's program, we are focusing not just on the rules of the road, but on cultivating a culture of safety and respect.

The Rotary initiative of **Traffic Awareness with Rotary Awareness (TARA)** was advocated by PDG Rtn Manmohan Singh during Rotary year 2012-13 and since then it has been a flag ship program of Rotarians, Rotaract and Interact year after year. Several sensitization seminars by Rotary Clubs on traffic rules, debates, poster completions are held in schools and colleges to prepare youth before they take off on the roads to be safe and aware. Helmets and seat belt rules are emphasized in road shows with help of Traffic personnel.

We envision a ripple effect – where each person becomes a champion of traffic awareness in schools, neighborhoods, and among peers. Share what you learn, set an example, and be the voice that advocates for responsible and safe road behavior. We aspire to create a continuous wave of awareness and action. In a world where road accidents claim countless lives every year, your role is not just important; it is essential.

We have the power to make a difference, to save lives, and to create a safer environment for everyone. Together, let's pave the way for safer roads. Let's inspire and be inspired. Let's take this journey of awareness, responsibility, and action. Our roads, our communities, and our future depend on it.

On streets that weave through time and towns, Rotary's voice in traffic sounds.

With every turn and signal bright, we champion safety, day and night.

In lanes where life and dreams converge, we educate, inspire, and urge.

Awareness blooms like morning's light, Guiding through paths both left and right.

With helmets, signs, and zebra stripes, We guard the young, the old, all types.

Our Rotary wheel turns with care, In every rule we teach and share.

Each signal that we stop and see, each caution taken, makes us free.

In Rotary's grasp, we hold the key, for roads safe for all, as they should be.

Speeding not in haste, but slow, for every life matters, this we know.

Through busy streets and crossings wide, in Rotary's heart, safety resides.

Under the sun, in twilight's glow, we spread the word so all may know.

Respect and care on every street, make journeys sweet and life complete.

Our mission clear, our vision bright, In Rotary's service, we unite.

For every road, each path we roam, Leads to a world that feels like home.



Members are requested to send Rotary articles for the bulletin, sharing their Rotary experience or information. Interesting articles on personal achievements or non-political topics for community service are also welcome. The article should have upto 500 words.

Please send your article to the Editor on email: [drjvsvohra@gmail.com](mailto:drjvsvohra@gmail.com) or Whatsapp: 91 9814006829.

## Election Notice - Rotary year 2025-26 Reported in previous bulletins numbers 21 & 22

President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri invites nominations from Club members for the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2024-25 and for the President for Rotary year 2025-26.

S.No	Particulars	Date and Time
1.	Filing of nomination papers	By 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 up to 7:00 PM
2.	Withdrawals, if any	By 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 up to 7:00 PM
3.	Elections (voting) if required and declaration of results	On 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at 6:30 PM
		<b>Revised date Wednesday, 20th December 2023 at 6.30 PM</b>

Nomination papers duly filled in and signed by the proposer, seconder and the candidate should be submitted in a sealed envelope to Election Committee Chair. The envelope should be addressed to The Chairman, and the Election Committee and submitted to the President /Secretary.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- a) **President 2025-26:** Minimum 3 years standing as a Rotarian and has served 2 years on the Board of Directors at the time of assuming office.
- b) **Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer:** Should have a minimum of 2 years standing as a Rotarian and has served on the Board of Directors for one year at the time of assuming office.
- c) **Directors, Joint Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms:** Should have been a member of the Club for 12 months at the time of elections, and should have served as committee chairman for at least 01 year.
- d) Candidate for any post for election should have maintained a minimum 50 percent attendance in the 12 months preceding the month of nomination and should not be in arrears of club dues (as of the first quarter ending September 30, 2023).

Any member in arrears of club dues will not have the right to vote, propose, second or be eligible for election.

### RYLA - Zone 6 RID 3080

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Zone 6 RID 3080 focused on Traffic Awareness and Road Safety and was held at Bhawan Vidyalaya on November 18, 2023. Organized by AG Zone 6 Rtn Mohit Singla and Host Club President Arun Kamboj from Rotary Chandigarh Uptown, the event was a memorable success. PP Ajay Gupta was the Master of ceremonies. Chief Guest Vivek Atray, IAS, shared his experiences in implementing road safety rules in Chandigarh.

The District RYLA Chair, Rtn Dr. Rita Kalra, emphasized the vision of spreading traffic awareness through each participant in their schools and communities. The event was marked by unique enthusiasm and commitment from the 25 participants representing 13 schools. It featured interactive sessions with traffic management experts and poignant stories from road accident victims, highlighting the importance of road safety.

The Presentation on Traffic awareness by Traffic Police, Chandigarh, was well-received by the attendees. More than 150 students from 13 schools participated in the function.

The paper reading session was judged by Mrs. Aruti Nayar, Rtn Anjana Kapoor, and Rtn. Rajinder Partap, with winners being First- Hargun from Moti Ram Arya Sr. Secondary School, Sector 27. Second Twinkel from Gyan Jyoti Global School, Mohali and Third was Shivjot Kaur, Govt. High School, Vill- Rampur Rurki, Lalru. The best school trophy awarded to Moti Ram Arya Sr. Secondary School, Sec-27. Presidents from various Rotary Clubs of Zone 6, included Rotarians Arun Kamboj, Dr. Surinder Makkar, Sarab Marwah, Bhupinder Saini, and Sandeep Vij, who actively participated and recognized the students.

The event was professionally managed by senior Rotarians of Chandigarh Uptown, with Rotaractors led by DRR Chinmay providing backend support.

Rtn Mohit Singla expressed gratitude for the dedication of all involved and emphasized the goal of continuing to spread awareness and action for road safety. The event underlined the critical role of youth in making a difference and saving lives through responsible road behavior, aspiring to create a safer environment for all.

**Fear never builds the future, But Creating HOPE in the World does.**

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## Good Thoughts

### Thought by Rtn Raj Khattar

- Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working.
- Joy is not in things; it is in us.

### Thought by Rtn Colonel JS Chandoak

I never let my schooling interfere with my education.

----- Mark Twain



Wedding anniversary gift for Rtn Bhavmit Chandoak and R'Ann Amanpreet Chandoak

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