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R.I. District 3080

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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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#### 2nd CLUB ASSEMBLY RY 23-24

Date: Friday, 2nd February 2024 Time: 06:30 PM

Venue: Hotel Shivalik View, Sector 17, Chandigarh



#### Vocation Awards & Republic Day Celebrations with Dr. Subhash Garg - President Rotary Kurukshetra

Dr. Subhash Chander Garg, a native of Ludhiana, has established himself as a distinguished figure in the medical fraternity. After completing his graduate studies from the prestigious Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) in Rohtak, he furthered his expertise by pursuing a postgraduate degree in medicine from the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh.

With a medical career spanning four decades, Dr. Garg has devoted his life to the healthcare sector, demonstrating exceptional skill and compassion in his practice. His extensive experience and knowledge have made him a respected and well-known figure in the medical community.

Dr. Garg is married to Dr. Bindoo Garg, a skilled dental surgeon. Together, they have formed a formidable team, not only in their respective professional fields but also in their shared commitment to serving the community. The couple's dedication to philanthropy is evident through their active involvement with the Rotary Club of Kurukshetra. For the past 20 years, Dr. Garg has been a vital member of this club, and he currently holds the esteemed position of President. Under his leadership, the club has undertaken numerous initiatives aimed at improving the lives of the less fortunate and addressing various social issues.

Apart from his medical and philanthropic work, Dr. Garg is also passionately involved in literary pursuits. He is an accomplished poet, writer, and author, contributing significantly to the world of literature. His talents extend to various literary activities, and he has authored several books that reflect his depth of thought and creativity. Dr. Garg's poetry has graced the pages of renowned national magazines like 'Hans' and 'Sarita', where his work has been widely appreciated. His writings not only showcase his literary prowess but also offer insights into his profound understanding of human emotions and the world around him. Dr. Subhash Chander Garg is a multifaceted personality - a dedicated doctor, a committed philanthropist, and a gifted author and poet. His contributions to medicine, society, and literature have been invaluable, making him a true asset to his community and an inspiration to many.

Republic Day Celebrations - A Day of Honor and Cultural Richness with Rotary Chandigarh Midtown In a remarkable celebration of Republic Day, our Rotary Club stepped beyond the ordinary with a unique felicitation ceremony. We honoured the unsung heroes among us - five extraordinary individuals from government departments who have shown exceptional dedication and service beyond their call of duty. Their inspiring stories, read out by fellow Rotarians, reminded us all of the power of commitment and the impact of individual actions on our community.

The event, expertly coordinated by PP RK Luther, was a tapestry of cultural and artistic expressions. The invocation on Lord Rama by Rtn Suresh Dhawan and Madhu ji was a melodious start, touching our hearts and setting a tone of reverence and celebration. President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambari welcomed the guest and awardees and shared the club projects during the week.

Our Chief Guest, Pres Rtn Dr. Subhash Garg, a renowned poet, writer, author, and medical specialist, was introduced by Rtn Dr Rita Kalra. He captivated us with his beautiful and thought-provoking poetry. Covering various 'Rasas' or themes, his words resonated with the 50-plus audience, leaving us all enthralled.

The spirit of patriotism was further elevated by musical performances. Aahan and Samridhi, the talented grandson and daughter of Rtn SK Dhawan, sang a beautiful patriotic song, instilling a sense of pride and joy in all of us. IPP Dr. Sanjay Kalra's nostalgic number on patriotism was a reminder of our rich heritage and the sacrifices made for our nation.

A special moment was the felicitation of our cricket team by the District Governor, recognizing their participation and spirit in the cricket tournament.

In a significant acknowledgment, Mr. Lalit Jawa received the prestigious PHF recognition for his generous contribution to the Rotary Foundation, embodying the essence of giving and community service. As IPP Dr. Sanjay Kalra expressed our collective gratitude in the vote of thanks, we were reminded of the strength and unity within our Rotary community.

The event concluded with delightful refreshments, where fellowship and stories were shared, strengthening the bonds within our Rotary family. Today, we celebrated not just the Republic Day of our nation but also the spirit of service, culture, and community that defines us as Rotarians. Proud to be part of this incredible journey!

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National Anthem recitation by A'nn Indu Anand and A'nn Ranjana Tulsi joined by PP Rtn. RK Luther and PP Rtn Salil Chopra



Invocation by Rtn. Suresh Dhawan & A'nn Madhu Dhawan with a special apperance of President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri



Handover of Microloans Audit Report to President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri by PP Rtn. Prem Anand joined by PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



Introduction of the Guest Speaker Rtn. Dr. Subhash Garg by PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra on the dice are PP Rtn. RK Luther, Rtn. Dr. Subhash Garg and President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri



Poetry and Hasya Vyaang recited by Rtn. Dr. Subhash C Garg President Rotary Kurukshetra



Fecilitation of Rtn. Dr. Subhash C Garg by PP Rtn. RK Luther & PP Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra joined by President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri and Secretary Rtn. Anup Sharma



A Beautiful Song "Nanha Muna Rahi Hoon" sung by Aahan grandson of Rtn Suresh Dhawan joined by Mrs Smridhi (Mother of Aahan)



A feeling of Patriotism came when Mrs Smridhi sung a beautiful song "Lehra Do" from 83 joined by Aahan grandson of Rtn Suresh Dhawan



Facilitation of Mrs Smridhi and Aahan daughter & grandson of Rtn Suresh Dhawan for the songs sung on Republic Day joined Rtn Suresh Dhawan, A'nn Madhu First Lady Dr. Kadam, President Jeeten & Secretary Anup



A Beautiful Song "Aye Mere Pyare Watan" sung by PP Rtn Dr. Sanjay Kalra



A Romantic recitation of Kumar Vishwas by PE Rtn Nitin Kapur



Facilitating Rtn. Dr. Sashi Jain with Lucky Draw by Rtn Dr. Subhash Garg

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### District Cricket Tournament at Yamunanagar held in December 2023

Facilitation of the Cricket Team of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown from the District 3080 for Participation in the District Cricket Tournament at Yamunanagar held in December 2023

Participants:

President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, Secretary Rtn. Anup Sharma, Rtn. Kulbir Bhatia (Captain), PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh, PP Rtn. Salil Dev Bali, PP Rtn. Deepak Sood, Rtn. JS Bawa, Rtn. Praveen Khosla, PE Rtn Nitin Kapur, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia, Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan, Rtn. Dr. Raja Rajan, Rtn. Raman Salwan, PP Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia & PP Dr. Sanjay Kalra, PP Dr. Rita Kalra

Mr. Lalit Jawa son of Rtn. Vinod Jawa being awarded with Paul Harris Society Pin by Rtn. Dr. Subhash C Garg, President Rotary Kurukshetra joined by Presdient Rtn Jeeten Bhambri, Secretary Rtn Anup Sharma, PP Rtn. RK Luther and Rtn. Vinod Jawa





#### Vocational Award Winner - RY 2023-24

Vocational Awards have been bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and diligence in their respective fields year after year. Selection of Awardees is done by the committee which receives various applications from different departments ensuring right choice for these awards.

The Rotary Club extends its congratulations and gratitude to these individuals for their outstanding contributions to their respective professions and communities.





Sh. Rajesh Kumar, working as a Mali under the circle office, was recognized for his hard labour and commitment to maintaining the Terrace Garden and organizing the Chrysanthemum Show annually. His exemplary work ethic and good moral character make him an invaluable asset to the department.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar was introduced by A'nn Jyotie Sabharwal





Sh. Sushil Kumar, son of Sh. Jai Prakash, received recognition for his outstanding work as a Lineman under the jurisdiction of Electricity OP Subdivision in Chandigarh. Entrusted with the crucial responsibility of overseeing the maintenance of LD systems in the VVIP area of Sector 10, along with managing complaints in the local distribution area and recording solar readings, Sh. Sushil Kumar has proven himself as a reliable and efficient professional.

Sh. Sushil Kumar was introduced by Rtn Brig JS Sabharwal.







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Sh. Pradeep Kumar, son of Late Sh. Devi Chand PSS(Retd.), received recognition for his outstanding work as a Electrician under the jurisdiction of Electrical Div.no 1 Chandigarh. Entrusted with the crucial responsibility of Upkeep of Electrical Installation at the GMS Hospital, Sector 16 Chandigarh, Sh. Pradeep Kumar has proven himself not just as a reliable and efficient professional but also a poet.

Sh. Pradeep Kumar was introduced by Rtn Arjan Singh.





Constable Nakul, with badge number 4651/CP, serving in Chandigarh Police since May 2011, was lauded for his hardworking, painstaking, and dedicated service. His keen interest and efforts during the investigation of various cases have led to the successful tracing of accused persons. Constable Nakul's commitment to upholding law and order makes him a commendable member of the police force.

Constable Nakul was introduced by PP Rtn Prem Anand.





Ms. Anjali DEO, a commendable employee from the blood bank at Civil Hospital Panchkula, was also honoured for her unwavering dedication and meticulous efforts. Her hard work and collaboration with NGOs and volunteers have significantly contributed to the success of the blood donation program. Ms. Anjali goes above and beyond her call of duty, ensuring that the hospital and other healthcare facilities in Panchkula have an ample blood supply. Her regular blood donations exemplify her commitment to the cause.

Ms. Anjali was introduced by Rtn RK Jain.

| Sr. No. | Name of Awardee | Mobile No. | Department of Work                  | Designation of Awardee | Nature of Job Handeled  | Introducing Rotarian / A'nn |
|---------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|         |                 |            |                                     |                        |   |                             |
| 1       | Rajesh Kumar    | 8556815391 | Wing Municipal Corporation          | Mali                   | Maintaing Terrace Garden &<br>Charysanthemum Show                   | A'nn Joytie Sabharwal       |
|         |                 |            |                                     |                        |   |                             |
| 2       | Sushil Kumar    | 8054820824 | Electricity Dept., Chandigarh Admin | Lineman                | Looking after Power Supply of VVIP Area under Sector 10, S/Division | Rtn. Brig JS Sabharwal      |
|         |                 |            |                                     |                        |   |                             |
| 3       | Pradeep Kumar   | 8283869014 | Electrical Wing, Chandigarh Admin   | Electrician            | Upkeep of Electrical Installation at the Hospital                   | Rtn. Arjan Singh            |
|         |                 |            |                                     |                        |   |                             |
| 4       | Nakul           | 9467332350 | Chandigarh Police                   | Constable              | Investigation of Cases and Tracing accused persons                  | PP Rtn. Prem Anand          |
|         |                 |            |                                     |                        |   |                             |
| 5       | Ms Anjali       | 9041572009 | Blood Bank Civil Hospital, Pkl      | Data Entry Operator    | Arranging Blood through Blood  Donation Programs                    | Rtn. RK Jain                |





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### Week Gone By

#### Nikshay Diwas - Distribution of TB Nutrients to TB Patients in Sector 16, Panchkula







TB Mukt Bharat on Nikshay Diwas at sector 16, panchkula Dispensary -TB Nutrients were distributed to 24 patients and 26 packs were handed over to Neeraj from civil hospital sector 6 Panchkula. Our Pledge to care for 50 patients till they recover is on roll month after month. Rtn Suman Gupta, Ann Indu Anand and Rtn. Renu Chopra were present for the distribution of the nutrients.

#### Sushiksha Session on Greed is Curse

Rotary Susiksha Session at Govt Middle School Village Rally, Panchkula where children participated in interactive session on "Greed is Curse"

The session was given by no other than our Rotary Uncle PP Rtn Salil Chopra. It is nice to have the Rotary Uncle back in action, the youngsters have been missing you.





#### New Rotract Club Installation at PU, Chd - Rotract Club Community Champions

A landmark achievement for the Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown: Installation of Rotaract Club of Community Champions, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Furthering the community outreach efforts of the Rotary Club Chd Chandigarh Midtown through the involvement of youth, Rotaract club of community champions was installed at Panjab University. The event was graced by the presence of President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, PP Rtn. Salil Chopra, Director Community Services Rtn. Dr. Manjushri Sharma, Chairperson Centre of Social Work Dr. Gaurav Gaur, Prof. Monica Munjhal, Mr. Prashant, Centre for Social Work. PP Rtn. Salil Chopra gave an excellent, and a passionate speech, apprising the students of the role played by Rotary and Rotaract club in community development as well as personality development of the Rotractors. The students were encouraged to bring in innovative ideas for community development programs by Dr. Gaurav Gaur. President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri had an interactive session with the students, and he motivated the students to come out of their comfort zones and do worthwhile activities for the community. 25 Rotractors from Panjab University were inducted in the club, and the office bearers were pinned by the Rotarians.















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#### History of the Rotary Bell

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organised an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, other club rituals and of course the closure of the regular club meeting. #Rotary #RotaryBell #

#### From the Desk of PP Rtn Balram K Gupta

In the happiness of Ram Mandir don't forget to thank him. He is 92 years old SC lawyer K. Parasaran. He had argued the Ram Janm Bhoomi case barefoot, standing for 4.5 hours at 90+ age.



When judge requested him to take seat & continue argument He said I have argued standing for all my clients till date. Today Lord himself is my client, how can I sit & argue? He didn't wear the footwear for 4.5 hours while arguing on behalf of Ram.

DID YOU KNOW THAT A PAKISTANI
REPRESENTATIVE **DR MALEEHA LODHI**ONCE SAID 8 YEARS AGO AT UN SECURITY
COUNCIL " **INDIA IS THE COUNTRY WHICH GAVE BIRTH TO TERRORISM**"



SUSHMA SWARAJ REPLEID BACK HARD AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN A THUG LIFE MANNER

SUSMAJI SAID " YES INDIA DID GIVE BIRTH TO PAKISTAN IN 1947"

Best reply by any INDAN FORIEGN MINISTER
TO THE PAK REPRENTATIVE



A Swedish citizen waiting for the train to return home immediately after leaving work. She has bought a Burger for her Dinner. This is her picture after being asked to pose for a photo. The name of this citizen is Elva Johansson and her job is Minister of Labor in Sweden. She has no caravan of cars, she has no line of guards. She doesn't even have helpers. Sweden is a rich, developed country, but they show great discipline in the use of public funds! Developing countries can learn from this Lady the use of taxpayers money...

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

A'nn Sunita Rani is wife of PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh. She is not only a home maker but has always supported her husband in business and Rotary. She did her Diploma in Computer Application after her marriage and started supporting her husband in his IT business. In 2006, she floated a new company RAVHAR (INDIA) which is providing IT services to more than 1000 clients. She has actively participated in Rotary projects.

Q. Which of the Rotary projects have you been involved and which are your favourite projects?

A. I have participated in a number of projects like Annapurna, Swaccht Bharat Abhiyaan, Adult Education and vocational services. However, Sewing and Tailoring Centre is very close to my heart.

Q. How did you support your husband when he was the President of the Club?

A. My husband PP Amarjit Singh joined Rotary in 2008 and was given the responsibility of leading the club in RY 2016-17.As the First Lady of the club, I actively participated in all weekly meetings. I collected the contact numbers of all spouses and R'Anns for Club Roaster. I managed the computerised club accounts and celebrated Diwali through potluck dinner. Attending the RI Convention is my husband's passion and he led the largest contingent of 16 members to Atlanta RI Convention during his tenure. It was a very successful and satisfying year.

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

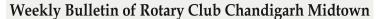
A. The four way test of Rotary is a testimony of this international organisation to serve the society specially the

Wish you continue to serve society through Rotary

underprivileged and needy to create hope in their lives.



A'nn Sunita Rani







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#### Hands Across the Globe: Rotary In Action

#### Tenterden Rotary Club's Continued Support for Turkey: Aquabox Aid Shipment for Earthquake Victims

Nearly a year has passed since Turkey endured a powerful earthquake that left many families and orphans without adequate shelter or safe water supplies. Despite the passage of time, numerous individuals remain displaced, unable to return to their homes, either still homeless or residing in temporary camps. The aftermath of subsequent earthquakes has only exacerbated the challenges faced by these communities.

In response to this ongoing crisis, the Tenterden Rotary Club has once again demonstrated its commitment to humanitarian efforts. Recently, the club organized a fundraising event to support Aquabox in doubling the number of filters sent to provide further assistance to the affected regions in Turkey.

#### Collaboration for Impact:

Collaborating closely with Operation Orphan, an aid partner founded by Brad and Cyrilyn Moore, the Tenterden Rotary Club facilitated the collection of 150 Aquabox family filters from the Aquabox depot in Cromford on January 15th. These filters, generously collected by Brad Moore, are set to depart from Operation Orphan's base in Nottingham on January 26th, bound for Hattay province.

Roger Cassidy, Chairman of Aquabox, standing alongside Brad Moore from Operation Orphan, expressed gratitude for this collaborative effort. Cassidy emphasized the significance of these family filters, highlighting that each unit can meet the daily water needs of up to 10 people and can continue to provide clean water for months if not years.

#### A Steadfast Commitment:

This marks the third shipment of aid to the affected area orchestrated by Aquabox. Recognizing the scale of the disaster and the persistent needs of the impacted communities, both organizations anticipate that additional shipments will be necessary. As they embark on this mission, they extend heartfelt appreciation for any donations received, emphasizing the collective effort required to address the ongoing challenges faced by those affected by the earthquakes.

Tenterden Rotary Club's fundraising initiative and collaboration with Aquabox and Operation Orphan exemplify the power of collective action in responding to ongoing humanitarian crises. As the aid shipment prepares to leave for Hattay province, it serves as a symbol of hope for the families and orphans in Turkey still grappling with the aftermath of the earthquakes. The Tenterden Rotary Club's steadfast commitment to making a positive impact echoes Rotary's core values of service and fellowship, demonstrating the profound change that can be achieved when communities come together in times of need.



#### District Conference "Anand" - 10th & 11th February 2024 at Chimney Heights, Zirakpur





Dear Creators of Hope,

Warm Rotary Greetings!

Prepare for the excitement of the upcoming District Conference, "Anand-The Joy".

Don't miss out — it's all about joy. Grab your conference kit now before it's too late!

Registration DetailsSingle: Rs 4500/- | Couple: Rs 8000/- | Rotaractor: Rs 2250/- until 31st January with kit. After 31st January registration without

Kit. Secure your spot before registration

closes.
Best Regards,

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#### Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's



Paul Harris passed away on this day, 27th January 1947, 77 years ago. What Paul began in Chicago in 1905, has now become the top service organisation in the world with over 1.4 million members from all over the globe, united in service and fellowship.

#PaulHarris# Rotary#rotaryinternational

|        | Wedding Anniversaries               |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Jan 28 | Pradeep Sisodia and Nandita Sisodia |
| Jan 30 | Amanpreet Singh and Dilpreet        |



