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1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
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Weekly Meeting Rotary Club Chd Midtown

Date : 16th February 2024

Venue: Hotel Shivalik View,
Sector 17, Chandigarh at 6.30 P.M.

Topic Use of PET-CT in Uterine Cancer



Guest of Honor
Dr. Ankush Gulati
Specialist in Nuclear Medicine

District Conference RID 3080 : "ANAND" - The Joy

District Conference Report: Anand: The Joy Executive Summary

The district conference, theme "Anand: The Joy," was a remarkable gathering that brought together Rotary International (RI) officers, club presidents, and members from various walks of life to celebrate achievements, discuss future directions, and engage in fellowship. The conference was graced by notable dignitaries, including RI President Representative Pavan Aggarwal, and featured a blend of cultural performances, motivational speeches, and discussions on key topics relevant to Rotary's mission and vision.

Pre-Conference Dinner and Musical Evening

The festivities commenced with a pre-conference dinner held poolside, offering a serene backdrop for the musical evening that unfolded. The event was attended by dignitaries and delegates, setting the tone for the conference with an ambiance of camaraderie and celebration. The musical performances provided a delightful experience, enhancing the fellowship among attendees.

Inaugural Session

The official opening of the conference was marked by the release of balloons by RI President Representative Pavan Aggarwal and Prachi, symbolizing the uplifting spirit of Rotary and the start of the conference's proceedings. A welcome march by the RI officers and club presidents, along with Assistant Governors (AGs), added a formal touch to the inauguration. The Rudram Dance Group's performance on invocation captivated the audience, setting a reflective tone for the conference. Brigadier Dhillon, the conference chair, extended a warm welcome to all attendees, followed by an inspiring speech by District Governor Arun Mongia. The presence of PRIP Raja Saboo added prestige to the event.

Keynote Addresses and Performances

The inaugural address by RIP Representative Pavan Aggarwal was highly motivating, touching on themes of service, leadership, and Rotary's impact. An inspiring speaker from BAPS delivered a spellbinding talk that connected deeply with Rotary's ethos of action and leadership.

Cultural performances, including a puppet show on mental well-ness, empowering girls, and saving the environment, and Gurnazar's performance during the banquet, were highlights, showcasing talent and delivering powerful messages. The Rudram Dance Group's performance theme on Ram Mandir Ayodhya was particularly captivating.



Presentations and Recognitions

Assistant Governors presented the achievements of their club presidents, highlighting the impactful work done across various domains. The conference also featured several lucky draws and prizes, adding an element of excitement to the proceedings.

Special recognition was given to AKS and Major Donor Level 2 recipients Dr. Sanjay and Dr. Rita Kalra for their generous contributions. The Shreyas Awards ceremony was a touching moment, honoring Raj Kumar Arora for his selfless devotion to abandoned people over the last ten years.

Concluding Remarks and Resolutions

The conference concluded with remarks focused on business session resolutions, emphasizing the importance of sustained action and commitment to Rotary's goals. Justice Mrs. Nehru Kaul, the chief guest, provided closing insights, inspiring attendees to continue their valuable work.

Additional Highlights

The conference was not just about speeches and recognitions; it also featured food stalls and trade exhibitions that were thoroughly enjoyed by the delegates. These added elements of leisure and learning, making "Anand: The Joy" a well-rounded event.

Conclusion

The district conference "Anand: The Joy" was a testament to the spirit of Rotary, bringing together individuals committed to making a difference. Through its blend of cultural performances, inspiring talks, and recognition of service, the conference reinforced the values of leadership, fellowship, and dedication to humanitarian causes. As attendees departed, they carried with them renewed motivation and a deeper connection to Rotary's mission

Glimpses of Pre Conference Dinner



Glimpses of 1st Day of Conference





Glimpses of 1st Day of Conference



Glimpses of Musical Evening of Conference





Glimpses of 2nd Day of Conference



Key Highlights and Recognitions Lucky Draws and Prizes

A highlight of the conference was the series of lucky draws and prizes, creating moments of excitement and engagement among the attendees. Notable winners included prominent members from the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown: President Jeeten Bhambri, Dr. VJS Vohra, and Past President Salil Chopra. These moments of celebration added a sense of anticipation and joy throughout the event, exemplifying the conference's theme, "Anand: The Joy."

Distinguished Guests and Recognition

The presence of Past Rotary International President Raja Saboo added a significant layer of grace and prestige to the conference. His contributions to Rotary and continued engagement with its mission embody the spirit of selfless service and leadership that the conference aimed to celebrate.

Participants of recent medical missions were also recognized, highlighting the impactful work being carried out by Rotary members in providing essential healthcare services to those in need. This recognition served as a reminder of Rotary's commitment to making a tangible difference in communities around the world.

Organizational Excellence

The successful execution of the conference underscored the meticulous planning and dedication of the organizing team. District Governor Arun Mongia, Charu, and the entire district team's commitment to excellence was evident in every aspect of the event. Their efforts to leave no stone unturned in organizing a memorable and impactful conference were recognized and appreciated by all attendees. This relentless pursuit of excellence set a high standard for future events and initiatives within the district.

Conclusion

The district conference "Anand: The Joy" not only served as a platform for celebration and recognition but also as a testament to the strength and dedication of the Rotary community. Through a blend of cultural richness, motivational insights, and a collective commitment to service, the event forged stronger bonds among members and inspired

continued action towards Rotary's humanitarian goals. The meticulous planning and execution by DG Arun Mongia, Charu, and the district team, along with the participation of distinguished guests and members, underscored the collective spirit of Rotary: to serve above self and to make a lasting impact on the world



Week Gone By

Sushiksha Sessions by Rotary Uncle



Rotary Susiksha Pathshala session on “Namaste and Patience always pays” was explained through a story at Govt Middle School Village Rally, Panchkula. Children have adopted culture of Namaste for their teachers and family members. Thanks to Rotary Uncle for his dedicated efforts.



Rotary Susiksha Pathshala session was held at Govt Primary School Village Behsa, Lucknow where students were taught how to save water and electricity and A story on “Greed is Curse” was narrated. A competition on story telling was planned for the students.



Rotary Susiksha Pathshala Session was conducted at Govt Middle School Village Bhesa, Lucknow - A Competition on story telling by children was conducted. There were 7 entries out of which 5 spoke very well and they narrated stories from other sources and 2 stories were from our topics. Principal and teacher were judges and chocolates were presented to successful participants.

Let's not forget **SWACHTA**. After explaining the need of **SWACHTA**, Children ran to clean the school ground and in less than 6 minutes cleaned it thoroughly and promised to do it daily to keep school free from filth and garbage.

Talk on Reproductive Health by Rtn. Dr. Manjushri Sharma

A Talk on Reproductive Health was delivered by Rtn. Dr Manjushri Sharma in GMSSS Sector 39, Chandigarh. About 70 students of class 8, 9 and 11 participated in this and they had an informative session with lots of knowledge. The talk was coordinated by A'nn Nandita Sisodia.



"Life is Fragile, Handle it with Prayer"

On April 11, 1970, the United States launched the Apollo 13 spacecraft as part of the Apollo space program meant to land on the Moon. But just two days into the mission, a heart-stopping outburst was relayed to Mission Control in Houston by the astronauts 200,000 miles away. The now-famous words were, "Houston, we've had a problem."

"The problem was that oxygen tank number two aboard the spacecraft had exploded. The outcome was catastrophic — there was not enough power, water, oxygen, no fuel cells, no computers, no guiding system, and limited communication. It was like a sinking Titanic in space. President Richard Nixon addressed the world, "There is nothing we can do but get on our knees and pray for those three men."

It was then that technical expertise and divine intervention worked together to ensure the astronauts' safe return on April 17. No doubt, all the scientists involved in this great escape displayed exemplary teamwork and ingenuity. But there was an unseen force aiding their efforts. One of the astronauts, James Lovell, later said in an interview, "I think we had some divine help in this flight."

Shortly after the successful rescue, NASA produced a large commemorative coin portraying praying hands with the words, 'Apollo 13... And the whole world prayed.'



We know how unpredictable life is, and we often find that our strength, knowledge and intelligence is not enough to succeed in dealing with some of life's toughest challenges. It is under such conditions that we need to pray because it gives us immense strength.

Someone has quite rightly said, "Life is fragile, handle it with prayer."

The most amazing of human achievers have admitted to the practice of daily prayer as a cornerstone of their lives. For example, leaders like Abraham Lincoln and Gandhi prayed regularly for strength and guidance to help them.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, America's hero of the Second World War, and who later became the President, declared, "Personal prayer, it seems to me, is one of the necessities of life, as basic to the individual as sunshine, food, and water."

Pray when you need it & pray when you don't, to express gratitude, Life is fragile, handle it with prayer & stay blessed forever.



Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta delivered a talk on : 'Building up the Skills of a Lawyer' at the school of Law, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Chandigarh. The event was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Jaskiran Kaur, Director.

Rtn डॉ शशि जैन से रूबरू दिल से दिल की गुफतगू

PP Rtn. Trilochan Anand is the Charter Member of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. Professionally, he has been involved in manufacturing and sale of hearing aids.

He is regarded as the Father of Digital Hearing Aids of India as he brought this technology to India in 1996 with a joint venture with Widex of Denmark.



PP Rtn. Trilochan Annad

Q. What motivated you to join Rotary club?

A. As a young boy I had an earnest desire to do something for the society and especially for the underprivileged. So a few of us got together and formed this club in 1977. I feel proud to be the founder member of the club.

Q. How do you evaluate your tenure as the President of the club?

A. I was the 9th President of the club in 1985-86. I focused on three major projects in that year. Firstly, 16 huts for the Leper Colony were completed. Then we organised a fund raiser event by inviting famous Gazal Singer Pankaj Udhas. Besides, we donated Rs. 100,000/- to PGI for poor patients' welfare. I was declared as the Best President by the District Governor Jagdish Rana. So I can say with a pride that it was a very satisfying tenure.

Q. What other projects have you been involved in Rotary?

A. I served as the Asstt. Governor in District 3080 to then District Governor Subhash Garg. I also served on various District Committees as Chairperson particularly in Youth Exchange Programme.

I was assigned to lead Group Study Exchange Team to District 7980 Connecticut, USA in 2004 by DG Kanwal Bedi. I was regularly involved in hosting GSE teams over the years.

I also participated in international Family Exchange Programs.

In this connection I visited South Africa with a team from District 3080. It was a pleasure visiting the families and hosting them. We made lifelong friends with some of them.

Wishing you a pleasurable lifelong association with Rotary



The Mark of Excellence - The Rotary Wheel

The Journey of The evolution of the Rotary's Mark of excellence shows how inclusive and democratic Rotary has always been through years, giving space to ideas of all Rotarians...

Here is the Story....A Simple Wagon Wheel is what it started with In 1905, Montague M. Bear, an engraver and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, sketched a wagon wheel with 13 spokes as a club emblem. When fellow club members began to complain that the design was static and lifeless, Bear added flourishes that made the wheel appear to ride on a bed of clouds.

Changes suggested and incorporated

Unfortunately, some members felt the clouds looked like dust, defying the laws of physics by being kicked up on both sides of the wheel. One observant Rotarian pointed out that a wheel would not generate clouds of dust in front of it, so Montague removed the offending cloud and that design remained the emblem for Chicago until 1912.

More changes incorporated

In 1910, the Rotary Club of Philadelphia added cogs to create a working wheel, symbolizing members working together, literally interlocked with one another to achieve the organization's objectives. They used 19 cogs in honor of their club, the 19th in Rotary.

Rotarians had more suggestions and it evolved more

In 1918, two Rotarian engineers from the Duluth Club Charles Henry Mackintosh and Oscar Bjorge (formally of Minnesota) petitioned Rotary to amend the design of the wheel. They argued that a cogwheel with 19 cogs would not work. Also, the emblem had square-cornered teeth of disproportionate size, and the cogs were irregularly spaced. Charles called it, "An anachronism to engineers." Oscar called it "an insult to engineering that only the brain of an artist could conceive." Oscar sketched a new wheel, with 6 spokes (symbolizing the 6 Objects of Rotary at that time) and 24 cogs or teeth. This design was presented to the Rotary world in 1920.

The Strength of Rotary - Common Identity being lost due to custom variations

When new clubs formed, they adopted the wheel in symbols of their own. Each club added some element in the Rotary Wheel to create a unique identity for themselves.

It wasn't until 1922 that the Rotary International Association declared that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. But, before the approval of Charles and Oscar's gear wheel, the President of Rotary Club of Los Angeles, Will Forker submitted one change: "The 'hub' design of the new 'wheel' is that of an 'idler' wheel or gear, there being no provision for the reception or transmission of power to or from a shaft," he argued. But, he said, incorporating a keyway would make the new wheel "a real worker" Oscar and Charles heartily agreed. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design.

The Official Rotary Emblem

At the 1929 Rotary International Convention, it was determined that blue and gold would be the official colors of the organization, so the wheel was designed with these colors. The four blue bands within the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service. And the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

The Rotary Wheel emblem is a registered trademark protected throughout the world by Rotary International. The Rotary Wheel not only distinguishes Rotary in the community, but also helps Rotarians identify each other, and has become one of the most familiar symbols in the world today.

What we see today...

In 2013 the wheel was updated to a more modern appearance and is the Rotary 'Mark of Excellence'. Additionally, the wheel and the word 'Rotary' were brought together to become the Rotary signature or Masterbrand.

As The Rotary's Mark of excellence and The Rotary Masterbrand Signature evolved through the years, so has Rotary and its members evolved but the core remains the same as it was 29 years back....

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Feb 11	Anjali Chhabra
Feb 14	PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi
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Feb 10	Jagvinder S. Bawa and Sarabjit Bawa
Feb 14	PP R.K. Luther and Urmil Luther



PP Rtn Salil Chopra

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