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ROTARY CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN 50th Anniversary 1977-2027 GOLDEN JUBILEE

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Distressing with Meditation
Stress to Strength
by Ann Jyotie Sabharwal
Date : 23rd October 2026
Time : 6:30pm
Venue : Hotel Shivalik View,
Sector 17, Chandigarh





District 3080 Raises US$ 6,000 for PolioPlus Through "WGM" - World's Greatest Meal

In a remarkable initiative to strengthen Rotary's global mission of eradicating polio, Rotary International District 3080 organised the World's Greatest Meal (WGM) on the occasion of World Polio Day. The innovative fundraising event encouraged Rotarians to contribute US$ 25 each towards Rotary's PolioPlus Fund and received an enthusiastic response, with an impressive US$ 6,000 already contributed towards this noble cause.

Event Chair Rtn. Ravjit warmly welcomed the guests. District Governor Dr. Rita Kalra shared the origin and concept of the World's Greatest Meal, highlighting how a simple meal can become a meaningful instrument of service when accompanied by a contribution towards polio eradication. DRSC Dr. Bhanu Parmar elaborated on Rotary's pivotal role in the global fight against polio and the remarkable progress achieved through decades of dedicated efforts. The programme was deftly anchored by DISC Dr. Sanjay Kalra, while DWGM Chair Rtn. Kulvinder proposed the formal vote of thanks.

The evening was filled with enthusiasm and fellowship. DRR Purandi and DWM Anup conducted an engaging polio awareness quiz, adding an interactive dimension to the programme. A vibrant flash mob on the Rotary song, composed by Rtn. K.P. Singh of Rotary Club Chandigarh Shivalik, brought everyone together in celebration. The symbolic candle-lighting ceremony, carrying the powerful message "End Polio Now", followed by a special cake-cutting ceremony, reinforced Rotary's collective resolve to create a polio-free world.

DES Nitin, DS Mohit, along with PP A.P. Singh and his team, efficiently managed registrations and accounts, ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

The formal proceedings were followed by a delicious Chinese dinner, scintillating music and dance, making the evening a memorable blend of service, celebration and fellowship.

Congratulations to the entire Team WGM for conceptualising and successfully executing this novel fundraising initiative. With US$ 6,000 already channelled towards PolioPlus, Team Unstoppable has once again demonstrated the power of collective commitment. Indeed, Team Unstoppable Rocks!



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Glimpses of Weekly Meeting













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Week Gone By

Moral Values, Ethics and Education Session at Government Primary School, Village Bhaisa II

A meaningful session on Moral Values, Ethics and Education was organised at Government Primary School, Village Bhaisa II, with the objective of nurturing good values, strengthening character and promoting healthy family relationships among young students.

The children were encouraged to respect their teachers, recognising them as their Gurus and guiding lights who play a vital role in shaping their future. The importance of caring for elders and senior family members was also emphasised, motivating children to earn their blessings through love, respect, kindness and thoughtful gestures.

A special interactive discussion focussed on strengthening inter-generational relationships with parents and grandparents. Children were encouraged to share their school experiences, friendships, everyday happenings and personal thoughts with their family members. They were also advised to take an interest in their grandparents' lives by asking them to narrate stories from their childhood and share experiences from their times. Such conversations help bridge the generation gap and create lasting emotional bonds.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation and wonderful two-way interaction. The children's spontaneous responses, curiosity and lively involvement made the discussion particularly engaging. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, leaving behind meaningful lessons on respect, affection and the importance of family values.





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Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Marks Golden Jubilee with a Landmark Menstrual Hygiene Initiative

Celebrating 50 years of dedicated service to the community, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown marked its Golden Jubilee with a significant menstrual hygiene initiative on 24 October 2026 at Government Model High School, Indira Colony, Manimajra. As part of this milestone project, 50 menstrual hygiene machines, comprising 25 sanitary napkin vending machines and 25 incinerators, along with sanitary pads, were provided to 21 schools across Chandigarh.

The initiative was undertaken with the support of Jaquar Foundation as the CSR partner, with the equipment supplied by Noparvah. The project seeks to improve access to menstrual hygiene facilities, encourage safe and responsible disposal practices, and empower young girls to manage menstruation with dignity, confidence and self-respect.Addressing teachers representing the participating schools, Rtn. Salil Chopra highlighted Rotary Chandigarh Midtown's sustained commitment to the holistic development of children through initiatives promoting Swachhta, water conservation, Each One Teach One, environmental awareness, moral values, respect for elders and mental health awareness. He also expressed sincere appreciation to Jaquar Foundation for its valuable CSR partnership and continued support in advancing Rotary's community service objectives.

The occasion was graced by Mr Amit Nayyar from Jaquar Foundation, President Rtn. Renu Chopra, MOC Rtn. Shashi Jain, IPP Rtn. J. S. Bawa, Joint Secretary Rtn. J. S. Sabarwal, Secretary Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, R'Ann Dr. Kadam Bhambri, Rtn. B. L. Ramsisaria and Rtn. Salil Chopra.This landmark initiative beautifully reflects the spirit of Rotary's Golden Jubilee—transforming five decades of fellowship and service into meaningful action. By addressing menstrual hygiene in schools, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown has taken another important step towards creating a healthier, more inclusive and empowering environment for the next generation.50 Years of Service. A Legacy of Care. A Future of Dignity.









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Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Unveils the Golden Rotary Wheel, Celebrating 50 Years of Service Above Self

Marking a significant milestone in its Golden Jubilee year, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown proudly unveiled the Golden Rotary Wheel, symbolising five decades of dedicated service, fellowship and commitment to humanity. The commemorative installation was inaugurated by District Governor Dr. Rita Kalra, in the gracious presence of Club President Rtn. Renu Chopra and the committed team of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

The occasion was graced by an esteemed gathering of Rotary leaders and senior members, including Rtn. B. L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. R. K. Luther, Secretary Suresh Dhawan, Joint Secretary Dr. Brig. J. S. Sabharwal, IPP J. S. Bawa, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Director International Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Prem Anand, Director Youth Services Dr. Shashi Jain and Rtn. Amarjit Singh.

The Golden Rotary Wheel is much more than a commemorative emblem; it embodies the club's rich legacy and enduring spirit of service. Its design carries profound significance. The 50-year milestone celebrates five decades of meaningful contributions towards humanity, community welfare and nation-building. The Rotary Wheel represents unity, fellowship, integrity and collective action, while its golden hue reflects excellence, achievement, wisdom and the invaluable legacy created through years of dedicated service.

The wheel's continuous circular motion signifies Rotary's unwavering commitment to progress, responsible leadership and sustainable community development.

As Rotary Chandigarh Midtown celebrates 50 glorious years, the Golden Wheel stands as a lasting symbol of its proud journey, honouring the Rotarians who have served before and inspiring generations to carry forward the noble motto of Service Above Self.







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Hand Wash Station Inaugurated at Government Primary School, Singhpura Under Global Grant - SUVIDHA



Reinforcing Rotary's commitment to promoting hygiene, health and quality education, District Governor Dr. Rita Kalra inaugurated a Hand Wash Station at Government Primary School, Singhpura, under the GG–Suvidha (Facilities) initiative.

The project aims to encourage good hygiene practices and instil healthy habits among schoolchildren by ensuring access to proper hand-washing facilities. The initiative covers five schools and reflects Rotary's continued dedication to two important focus areas: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Basic Education and Literacy. By providing essential sanitation infrastructure, the project seeks to create cleaner, safer and healthier learning environments where children can grow and thrive.

The initiative has been jointly funded by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown (District 3080), Rotary Club Mission Viejo (District 5320), USA, and The Rotary Foundation, exemplifying the spirit of international cooperation and collective commitment to community development.



The inauguration was attended by Assistant Governor Amarjit Singh, President Renu Chopra, Rtn. B. L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. Prem Anand, Rtn. R. K. Luther, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, IPP Jagwinder S. Bawa, Secretary Suresh Dhawan, Rtn. Brig. Jaswinder Singh Sabharwal and R'Ann Sudha Puri.

The presence and participation of the Rotary leadership and members highlighted the club's shared vision of translating service into meaningful action. This initiative goes beyond providing a facility; it represents an investment in children's health, dignity and future. By making hand-washing accessible and encouraging its regular practice, Rotary is nurturing lifelong habits that contribute to disease prevention and overall well-being.





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HUNNAR: Celebrating Skills, Confidence and the Joy of First Earnings





In a heartwarming celebration of skill development and women's empowerment, the HUNNAR Beauty Tech Training Program provided its trainees with an opportunity to showcase their newly acquired skills and take their first steps towards financial independence this Karva Chauth.

The young women trained under the programme enthusiastically offered beautiful mehndi applications to Rotarians and community members at the marketplace and HUNNAR Village, Bir Ghaghar. Their intricate henna designs added colour to the festive celebrations, but the real highlight was the transformation of learning into earning.

For many of these trainees, the day marked a significant personal milestone as they earned their first ₹100 through their own skills. What began as a modest first earning soon grew into thousands of rupees, reflecting the demand for their work, their dedication and the confidence they had gained through vocational training.

The joy on their faces and the sparkle in their eyes spoke volumes. Beyond the monetary achievement, the experience gave them something far more valuable—the confidence to interact with customers, the courage to offer their services independently and the belief that they could build a livelihood through their own abilities.

At HUNNAR, the guiding philosophy is that true empowerment is achieved when learning translates into earning. The initiative goes beyond imparting vocational skills; it seeks to nurture self-confidence, encourage entrepreneurship and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for young women.

This Karva Chauth, the celebration became much more than a festive engagement. It was a meaningful demonstration of how skill-based education can open doors to economic independence and transform lives. Every mehndi design represented a new beginning, every rupee earned symbolised progress, and every smile reflected the dignity that comes with self-reliance.HUNNAR continues to uphold the spirit of empowerment by turning skills into opportunities and helping young women move towards a confident, independent and brighter future.





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Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's



	Birthday – Spouse
Oct 19	R'Ann Preety Anand
Oct 24	R'Ann Meena Mahajan

	Birthday - Rotarian
Oct 16	Rtn. Sanjana Arora

	Wedding Anniversaries
Oct 20	Rtn. Arjan Singh and Praveen











