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Rotary Quiz Night

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Date : 20th November 2026

Time : 6:30pm

Venue : Hotel Shivalik View,
Sector 17, Chandigarh





TRF – THE FUEL BEHIND THE IMPACT
DRFC PDG RAMAN ANEJA



Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised an inspiring weekly meeting on the theme "TRF – The Fuel Behind the Impact," highlighting the pivotal role of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in transforming Rotary's vision of service into meaningful and sustainable community development.

The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, followed by an invocation by IPP J.S. Bawa. Through an engaging story, he explained the fascinating concepts of zero and infinity, illustrating how perspective determines our understanding of scale and magnitude. His example comparing the Earth's diameter with its distance from the Sun made the presentation particularly interesting.

President Rtn. Renu Chopra warmly welcomed Guest Speaker DRFC PDG Raman Aneja and DG Dr. Rita Kalra with bouquets. In her opening remarks, she drew an apt analogy between fuel and an engine, emphasising that just as an engine cannot function without fuel, Rotary's mission of service requires the support of generous contributions to TRF. PP B.L. Ramsisaria introduced the guest speaker.

PDG Raman Aneja delivered an informative and motivating presentation on Global Grants and the Endowment Fund, explaining how collective contributions empower Rotary to undertake projects with long-term community benefits. Sharing a pioneering example, he narrated how he and his club had successfully implemented a rainwater harvesting system in Panipat through a Global Grant, at a time when the concept was still relatively unfamiliar. He also highlighted the club's contributions to the Foundation and encouraged members to strengthen their commitment to its mission.

His appeal received an enthusiastic response, with members pledging over US$8,000 towards the Endowment Fund. Demonstrating remarkable personal commitment, PDG Raman Aneja further volunteered to make up any shortfall should the members be unable to raise the entire pledged amount.

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The session was further enriched by the online participation of PDG Shaju Peter, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Rtn. Anup Sharma and Rtn. Indu Luthra. PDG Shaju Peter shared his club's successful experience with a Global Grant in Kerala, emphasising the importance of international Rotary partnerships in enhancing the reach and effectiveness of service projects.

As a mark of appreciation, the guest speaker was presented with a stole and a plant, while DG Dr. Rita Kalra was felicitated with a plant in gratitude for her presence. Rtn. Maneesha Gupta proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the dignitaries, speaker and participants. The meeting concluded with fellowship hosted by Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra.

The session reinforced a powerful message: The Rotary Foundation is not merely a fund; it is the driving force that transforms generosity into opportunity, vision into action and service into lasting global impact.















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Week Gone By

"Every child is an artist; the joy lies in giving wings to their imagination."
Bal Divas Painting Competition by RWA, Sector 36, Chandigarh

Celebrating the joy of childhood and providing a vibrant platform for young creative minds, RWA Sector 36-C, Chandigarh, organised a Bal Divas Painting Competition with enthusiastic participation from 42 children across two age groups: 6–10 years and 11–16 years.

Winners in both categories were awarded First, Second and Third Prizes, along with five consolation prizes, recognising talent and encouraging every budding artist.

To ensure a delightful experience for all, drawing material, participation certificates, refreshments and gifts were provided to every participant.

The event was compered by Rtn. Maneesha Gupta, who kept the enthusiasm alive throughout the programme. The need to keep the neighborhood parks clean, protect public property and recycling was also impressed upon.

The competition received wholehearted support and cooperation from the residents of Sector 36-C, whose participation and encouragement contributed immensely to its success.

As truly said by Ralph Waldo Emerson... Every artist was first an amateur.





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RIDE OF DREAMS – A CHILDREN'S DAY TO REMEMBER!
AT HOMI BHABHA CANCER INSTITUTE, MULLANPUR

Some dreams are little, but the happiness they bring is immeasurable!

An initiative conceptualised and led by Rtn. Jeeten Bhambari, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, in collaboration with The Thumpers Cafe Bikers Group, celebrated Children's Day with the young warriors at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, turning a child's wish to experience a superbike ride into a beautiful reality.

The entire atmosphere was buzzing with excitement. The children were thrilled to see the superbikes, and the bikers were equally excited to bring smiles to their faces. The celebration included cake cutting, distribution of safety gear kits, exciting bike rides and children felicitating the bikers.

The rally was flagged off by President Renu Chopra, and the excitement was so infectious that our District Governor Dr Rita Kalra also joined us to witness the celebrations!

The event was meticulously planned by Event Chair Rtn Aman Garg, with Dr Sonali and her dedicated team at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, along with Rtn. Jeeten Bhambari. Our Rotaractors provided excellent ground support, coordinating the rally with the hospital staff.

A heartfelt thank you to Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and The Thumpers Cafe Bikers Group for making this memorable experience possible.

The most mesmerising sight was the happiness sparkling on the children's faces. Their smiles made every effort worthwhile! What better way to celebrate Children's Day than by making dreams come true?









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MORAL VALUES, EDUCATION & ETHICS – THE STRENGTH OF UNITY

A session on moral values, education and ethics was conducted at Government Sanskriti Model Primary School, Village Fatehpur, with the objective of instilling important life lessons among young students.

During the interaction, it was observed that children were finding it difficult to adjust and sit together harmoniously. To address this, an engaging story on “Unity is Strength” was narrated.

The story revolved around a farmer who asked his four sons to break a single stick, which each could easily snap. However, when the sticks were tied together into a bundle, none of them could break it. Through this simple yet powerful example, the children understood that unity gives us strength, while standing alone can make us vulnerable.

The key message, “Together we are strong; divided we are weak,” was well understood and appreciated by the students.

It was encouraging to see the children grasp this valuable lesson, reminding us that even simple stories can shape young minds and lay the foundation for strong moral values.



Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown Empowers Nine Students Through Beautician Training Course

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organized a certificate distribution ceremony to recognize nine students who successfully completed the short-term Beautician Training Course conducted under the Club’s vocational training initiative.

The certificates were presented in a simple yet meaningful function, where PDG Yoginder Diwan congratulated the students and encouraged them to utilize their newly acquired skills to become confident, skilled, and financially independent.

Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia also addressed the gathering and congratulated all nine students on successfully completing the course. He motivated them to pursue future opportunities with confidence, continue upgrading their skills, and work toward establishing their own careers or entrepreneurial ventures. He emphasized that even a small beginning, backed by dedication and determination, can lead to remarkable success.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Club President Renu Chopra, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Kanan Diwan Ji, IPP Jagvinder Bawa Ji, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia, Rtn. Manisha Gupta, and Ann Nandita Sisodia.

A special award of appreciation was presented to Ms. Rajni, the course instructor, in recognition of her dedicated efforts, guidance, and valuable contribution toward the successful completion of the training program.

The initiative highlights Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown’s continued commitment to vocational education, skill development, women’s empowerment, and self-reliance, providing participants with practical skills and opportunities to build a brighter and more independent future.





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MORAL VALUES, EDUCATION & ETHICS – SHAPING CHARACTER THROUGH FORGIVENESS



A meaningful session on Moral Values, Education and Ethics was conducted at Government Middle School, Village Ralli, Panchkula, with the objective of nurturing good values and positive attitudes among students.

The session highlighted three important principles for leading a meaningful life: Keep your head cool, keep your tongue sugar-coated, and learn to forget and forgive. Students were encouraged to remain calm in challenging situations, speak politely and treat others with kindness and understanding.

To reinforce the power of forgiveness, an inspiring story was narrated about a student who had stolen his teacher's watch. On discovering the theft, the teacher chose not to punish the child but instead forgave him. Since the teacher had also been blindfolded during the exercise, he never knew who the culprit was. This compassionate gesture transformed the student's life, and he eventually grew into a successful businessman.

The story conveyed a powerful message: sometimes, forgiveness and trust can transform a life more effectively than punishment.

EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH COMPUTER EDUCATION AT HUNAR - BIR GHAGGAR

Computer classes at Bir Ghaggar are providing students with an opportunity to develop essential digital skills and enhance their learning capabilities. The initiative aims to bridge the digital divide by familiarising children with computers and their practical applications. Through regular sessions, students are learning basic computer operations, improving their digital awareness and gaining confidence in using technology. These classes are helping them explore new avenues of knowledge while preparing them for the demands of a technology-driven world. By promoting digital literacy at the grassroots level, this initiative reflects Rotary's commitment to education, empowerment and creating opportunities for a brighter future.





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NURTURING MORAL VALUES AND ETHICS AT GOVT. MIDDLE SCHOOL, RALLI

A meaningful session on moral values, education and ethics was conducted for Class V students at Government Middle School, Village Ralli, Panchkula. The session focussed on inculcating respect, gratitude and positive values among young minds.

The importance of greeting others with a traditional Namaste was explained, including its correct manner and the respect it conveys. Students were encouraged to remember that every day is Teachers' Day when we express gratitude and appreciation to our teachers by simply saying "Thank You".An inspiring story about a Rishi, children and a berry illustrated how kindness and patience can transform even a difficult temperament. The Rishi blessed all the children, wishing them a bright and successful future.

The students and teachers greatly appreciated the interactive session. The Principal also submitted a request for support of 25 tube lights to brighten the school classrooms.



MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT
BREAKING THE SILENCE, BUILDING AWARENESS

An informative and engaging session on Menstrual Hygiene Management was conducted by Dr. Manjushri Sharma, focussing on creating awareness, dispelling misconceptions and encouraging open conversations around menstrual health.

The session addressed menstruation as a natural biological process, explaining its science in a simple and accessible manner. Dr. Manjushri highlighted the importance of maintaining proper menstrual hygiene, adopting safe sanitary practices and following appropriate methods for the hygienic disposal of sanitary products. She also emphasised the role of balanced nutrition in managing common menstrual discomforts, particularly cramps and fatigue, offering practical guidance for better health and well-being.The interactive and lively presentation ensured enthusiastic participation, making a traditionally sensitive subject comfortable to discuss. By addressing common concerns and encouraging participants to overcome hesitation and stigma, the session helped foster a better understanding of menstrual health and personal hygiene.

The initiative reflected Rotary's continued commitment to health awareness, education and women's well-being. It was a meaningful step towards empowering individuals with knowledge, confidence and the right practices to make informed decisions about their menstrual health.

The session reinforced the message that menstrual health is not a matter of embarrassment, but an essential aspect of health, dignity and overall well-being.





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सेक्टर 36-C में धूमधाम से मनाया गया बाल दिवस,
पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता के माध्यम से बच्चों ने दिया पर्यावरण संरक्षण का संदेश

■ ट्राई सिटी न्यूज लाईन/विजय अरोड़ा



चंडीगढ़। सेक्टर 36-C की रेजिडेंट वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन द्वारा बाल दिवस के अवसर पर विशेष समारोह एवं पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता का भव्य आयोजन किया गया। RWA के प्रधान अरुण अग्रवाल ने अपनी टीम के साथ इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया। इस अवसर पर पूर्व सीनियर डिप्टी मेयर एवं वार्ड नंबर 24 के पार्षद जसबीर सिंह बंटी बतौर मुख्य अतिथि शामिल हुए।

कार्यक्रम में बच्चों ने बढ़-चढ़कर भाग लिया और 3 आर रिड्यूस रीयूज रीसाइकल तथा पर्यावरण संरक्षण जैसे विषयों पर सुंदर एवं रचनात्मक पेंटिंग बनाकर समाज को जागरूकता का संदेश दिया। बच्चों की प्रतिभा, कल्पनाशक्ति और रचनात्मकता ने सभी का मन मोह लिया।

मुख्य अतिथि जसबीर सिंह बंटी ने बच्चों को सम्मानित कर उनका उत्साहवर्धन किया। अपने संबोधन में उन्होंने सभी को बाल दिवस की शुभकामनाएं देते हुए कहा कि पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू जी बच्चों से बहुत प्यार करते थे और उनका मानना था कि बच्चे देश का भविष्य हैं। बच्चों की प्रतिभा और रचनात्मकता ही देश के उज्ज्वल भविष्य की नींव है।

उन्होंने कहा कि पेंटिंग केवल रंगों से तस्वीर बनाना नहीं, बल्कि अपने विचारों, कल्पनाओं और सपनों को व्यक्त करने का एक सुंदर माध्यम है। हर बच्चे में कोई न कोई विशेष प्रतिभा होती है, जरूरत है उसे पहचानने और प्रोत्साहित करने की।

इस कार्यक्रम का संचालन की जनरल सेक्रेटरी श्रीमती बिंदु दलजीत सिंह की देखरेख में किया गया। पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक मंडल में रश्मि सूरी, सीमा सचदेवा एवं रश्मल किर्क शामिल रहीं। मंच संचालन मनीष गुप्ता ने किया, जबकि जेरीएन किर्क एवं कुलबीर सूरी ने कार्यक्रम की अन्य व्यवस्थाओं को बखूबी संभाला।

कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने में सेक्टर निवासियों ने भी भरपूर आर्थिक सहयोग दिया। निवासियों ने बच्चों को आशीर्वाद देते हुए उनके लिए पुरस्कार एवं रिफ्रेशमेंट की व्यवस्था की। सभी के सामूहिक प्रयासों से यह आयोजन बच्चों के लिए यादगार बन गया।

अंत में जसबीर सिंह बंटी ने RWA सेक्टर 36-C के प्रधान अरुण अग्रवाल, जनरल सेक्रेटरी श्रीमती बिंदु दलजीत सिंह, सभी पदाधिकारियों, निर्णायक मंडल, आयोजकों एवं सहयोग देने वाले सेक्टर निवासियों का हार्दिक धन्यवाद किया।

उन्होंने बच्चों के उज्ज्वल भविष्य की कामना करते हुए कहा कि बच्चे हमेशा बड़े सपने देखें, मेहनत करें और अपने माता-पिता के साथ-साथ देश का नाम भी रोशन करें।

Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's



	Birthday – Rotarian
Nov 19	Rtn. Neeraj Jain
Nov 20	Rtn. Suman Gupta
Nov 26	Rtn. Maniki Deep
Nov 28	PP Subhash Bindra

	Wedding Anniversaries
Nov 18	Kadam and IPP Jeeten Bhambari
Nov 19	Amanpreet and Rtn. Bhavmeet Chandoak
Nov 19	Lalita and Rtn. Daulat Ram Aggarwal
Nov 25	Neeta and Rtn. Dr. Gopal Munjal
Nov 28	Sunita and PP Amarjit Singh

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