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Please do attend

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PICNIC AT RAVINDRA FARMS

Host : Rtn. Ravinder Krishan

Chairman Fellowship : PP Subhash Bindra

Venue : Ravindra Farms, Vill. Billa, Panchkula



Time : 11.30 P.M.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

For the last club meeting on Friday, Dec. 8, the Guest Speaker was Mr. T.R. Sarangal, IAS, Secretary -Health cum Managing Director, Punjab Health Systems Corporation. He was introduced by PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta. Mr. Sarangal is B.Sc. in Agriculture, Masters in Public Administration & holds a Diploma in Management. He served in UCO Bank, Indian Railways & IPS, before joining IAS in 1985.

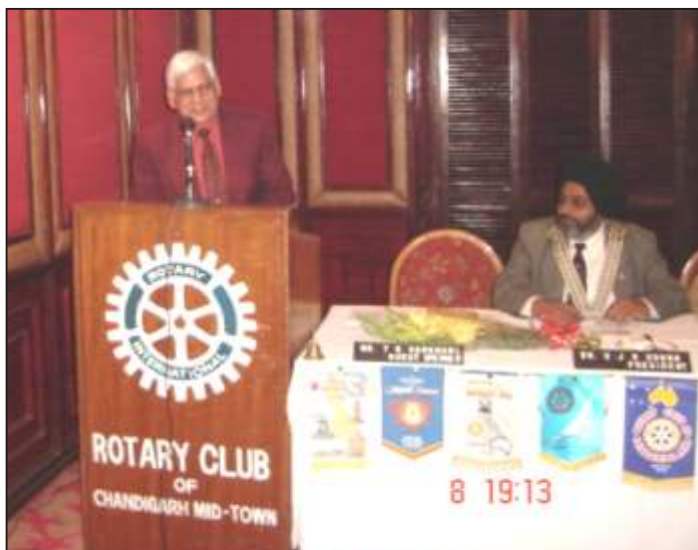
Mr. Sarangal explained that in India, more than 6,000 women are killed each year because their in-laws consider their dowry inadequate. Only small percentages of the perpetrators are brought to justice. Violence against women is the result of unequal power relations between women and men. Behind these power relations is patriarchy, a structure that is constructed, reinforced and perpetuated by society and institutions put in place by men, thereby ensuring that men, by virtue of their sex, have power and control over women.

In all societies, there are cultural practices and beliefs that undermine a woman's autonomy and contribute to gender-based violence. Many cultures condone or at least tolerate a

certain amount of violence against women. Many cultures hold that men have the right to control their wives' behavior and that a woman who challenges that right, may be punished.

Factors that perpetuate domestic violence are :

- ✍ Women's economic dependence on men ;
- ✍ Limited access to cash and credit ;
- ✍ Discriminatory laws regarding inheritance, property rights, use of communal lands and maintenance after divorce or widowhood ;
- ✍ Limited access to employment, education and training for women ;
- ✍ Lesser legal status of women either by written law or by practice ;
- ✍ Laws regarding divorce, insensitive treatment of women and girls by police and judiciary ; and
- ✍ Limited participation of women in organized political system.



Mr. T.R. Sarangal addressing the Rotarians



PP Dr. Vanita Gupta presenting a memento to Mr. Sarangal

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Culture-specific forms of violence include honor killings, acid attacks, public mutilation, stove-burnings, sati and forced temple prostitution. 90,000 women all over India, aged 15-49, were interviewed and the results of the survey are : Women Who Justified Beating -56% ! Higher the education level, less the likelihood of the woman justifying wife beating ; lower the standard of living, higher the chance of the woman being beaten.



Punctuality draw won by Rtn. Raj Khattar



Birthday Boy PP RS Chandgothia



Anniv. Greetings - Ann Sushobhita & PP Dr. S.K. Sharma

PP Dr. Vanita Gupta gave the vote of thanks. She thanked Mr. Sarangal for giving a revealing & eye-opening power point presentation. The meeting was followed by 'Fellow Sip', jointly hosted by PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, Rtn. M.S. Manaktala & Rtn. D.S. Kalsi.

CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN RETAINS ROTARY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Our club once again got the honour of hosting the District Golf Tournament which was organised at Chandigarh Golf Club on Sunday, December 10, 2006. In spite of chilly weather & foggy conditions en route, golfers from Ambala, led by PDG Yash Das reported in full strength. After a long time Panchkula Club was also represented. It was a team of two doctors - Dr. Shobhit Ghai & Dr. Gopal Munjal, both relatively new to this sport but very keen golfers. Our President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Secretary Raj Luther were there well before the tee-off time along with Mr. V.P. Sharma to ensure that arrangements were perfect. Forty golfers from six Rotary Clubs took part in the championship.



PP Harish Sethi announces the results



DG Dhain Chand addressing the Rotarians

As it happened last year, there was keen competition between our Club and RC Shivalik. We had entered two teams of 4 players each. Chandigarh, Shivalik & Ambala had entered one team each. Three best cards of each team were considered to arrive at the score.

Our 'A' Team, comprising of PE Sandeep Sandhu, PP Harish Sethi, Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva & Dr. B.C. Gupta combined very well to aggregate 95 stableford points and emerge as winners. Shivalik team were runners-up with 93 points. Our second team consisted of Rtn. Rajneesh Ahuja, Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva, Rtn. D.R. Agarwal & Rtn. Santosh Khaitan. Their aggregate for three cards was 78, which earned them the third place, well ahead of Ambala & Chandigarh.

Well done Chandigarh Midtown golfers, for winning twice in a row - keep it up !!!



AK Sachdeva, Sandeep Sandhu, Harish Sethi & Dr. BC Gupta getting the trophy from the DG



PDG Yash Das led the Golfers from Ambala

In the Individual Competition, PE Sandeep Sandhu was the winner for handicap less than 12. Anil Gakhar of Shivalik won in the higher handicap category. Sandeep Sandhu also won the 'Longest Drive' competition with a drive of 319 yards. In the Putting Competition for non-golfing ladies, Mrs. Manjit Sethi & Mrs. Kanan Diwan were joint winners.

District Governor Dhian Chand along with Ann Meena Ji arrived well in time for fellowship which was great as usual. DGE Shaju Peter, who was away to Shimla to finalise details for the District Assembly to be held next year, curtailed his trip to be back in time. Our thanks to Shaju, PDG Maj. Som Dutt, PDG Yoginder Diwan and Ann Kanan for gracing the occasion.

DG Dhian Chand complimented our club for organising an excellent tournament which provided a unique opportunity to a large number of Rotarians to interact and enjoy fellowship. He hoped there would be more competitions from other clubs for Midtown golfers to stop them from winning the trophy every year !

I must thank AG Capt Moni Kahlon, Pres. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Secretary Raj Luther, my golf partner A.K. Sachdeva & Mr. V.P. Sharma for all the support they provided in organising this big event. I am grateful to our own golfers P.K. Verma & T.L. Verma for being instrumental in raising the spirits of golfers who had a round of golf in the chilly weather, by organising a very liberal supply of beer & cocktails. Thanks so much to R.S. Sachdeva for pitching in and sponsoring the prizes. Thanks are also due to our benevolent PP R.S. Chandgothia for presenting a watch as a prize for maximum number of birdies, which once again was won by our own Bobby Sandhu.

PP Harish Sethi
District Chairman Golf

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Rtn. Ravinder Krishan is hosting a picnic on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at 11:30 am at his Ravindra Farms, Vill. Billa, 4 km from Ramgarh. All Rotarians & their spouses are invited to enjoy the hospitality & fellowship in the ambience of his picturesque farm house (Mobile : 98146-36146).

PP Subhash Bindra
Chairman, Fellowship Committee
Mobile: 9814004444

Watch out

BLOCK THE DATE Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007 at Yamunanagar : Bon Voyage to DGE Shaju Peter & Ann Lovy, hosted by Rotary Club of Yamunanagar. It is proposed to hire a bus for Chandigarh Yamunanagar - Chandigarh. For detailed programme, see next bulletin.

ILL-TIMING

Musharraf calls Bush on 11th Sept :

Musharraf : Mr. President, I would like to express my condolences to you. It is a real tragedy. So many people, such great buildings.....I would like to ensure that we had nothing in connection with that..

Bush : What buildings? What people ??

UPDATE YOUR ROSTER

The residential address of Rtn. Tejinder Singh has changed to : H.No. 1634, Sector 44-B, Chandigarh.

The office address of Rtn. Ashish Ahuja has changed to : Pfizer Limited, Pabhat Road, Off Chd.-Amb. Highway, Zirakpur.

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The Prime Minister of China called President Bush to console him after the attack on the Pentagon: "I'm sorry to hear about the attack. It is a very big tragedy. But in case you are missing any documents from the Pentagon, we have copies of everything."

Musharraf : Oh, and what time is it in America now ?

Bush : It's eight in the morning.

Musharraf : Oops... Will call back in an hour !

- Jokes contributed by
Rtn. J.S. Chopra.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Rtn. P.K. Verma
Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Bansal
Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhawar



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Won by Rtn. Raj Khattar

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