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'JEST A MINUTE' - Declamation on a 34- Letter Word of Your Choice

Co-ordinators : PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 7.00 P.M.



Installation Ceremony of Pres. Dr. V.J.S.Vohra & Team

It was an interesting evening last Friday, attended by hundreds of Rotarians, including Presidents & members of other clubs, some who came in from as far as Jind, Ropar & Morinda to witness another milestone in our club's history. This was the 30th Installation Function in which the baton of leadership was handed over from the outgoing President, Rtn. Er. R. K. Goyal to the incoming President, Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & his team.



Ann. Lovy Peter welcoming the Guest of Honour



First Lady, Ann. Indu Vohra, welcoming the Chief Guest

The Master of Ceremonies, PP Capt. Moni Kahlon, ensured that the function started on time with the mandatory singing of the National Anthem, following which we had the lighting of the lamp to mark the auspicious occasion & Saraswati Vandana by Rotaract Club. Besides the Chief Guest, Sh. Pawan Bansal, Union Minister of State for Finance, Govt. of India, we had another distinguished visitor to our club - the Guest of Honour RI Director Noraseth Pathmanand from Thailand. We also had the representative of the DG Dhian Chand in the form of PDG Ramesh Bhargava, as well as AG Rtn. Sameer Ghosh. And of course, not to forget our own Shaju Peter, DGE 2007-08 & Anne Lovy. Our PE Bobby Sandhu welcomed the guests & the galaxy of distinguished Rotarians from other clubs who graced this occasion. This was followed by the RI Director Noraseth pinning the PHF lapel pin to three of our members - Mrs. Sushobhita Sharma (w/o PP Dr. SK Sharma), Mrs. Gurleen Kaur (daughter-in-law of Rtn. D.S. Kalsi) & Arun Singhal (B/o Rtn. Sanjay Singhal).

Next was a report of our club's achievements over the last year by outgoing President Er. R.K. Goyal - and what a variety of fare it was! Something in almost every aspect of club service - be it blood donation camp, plumbing training courses, tree plantation, artificial limbs or the formation of an All-Girls' Rotaract Club!

At 2000 hrs., the outgoing President Rtn. R.K. Goyal handed over the Presidential Collar to the incoming President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Outgoing Secretary Gurdeep S. Deep handed over the Club Charter to the incoming secretary Rtn. R.K. Luther.



IPP R.K. Goyal hands over the Collar to Pres. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra


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PP Dr. S.K. Sharma introduced our new President in glowing terms ! Dr. V.J.S. Vohra (PHF) is the CMD of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre, Zirakpur and Prosthetic Adviser to the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, H.P. & UT Chandigarh. And his dad - Padamshri Col. D.S. Vohra (PHF) had also established the Artificial Limbs Centre in Pune in 1947. Dr.Vohra's family is also committed to social work. He, along with his wife, Ann. Indu (PP I.W. Chandigarh Midtown) & daughter Ita are running Jyot Charitable Trust for the disabled.



Club Charter changes hands



Outgoing President & Incoming President making their respective presentations



The Team to 'Lead The Way' in 2006-07

Dr. Vohra came up with a power-point presentation on what he intends to do this year, besides introducing his team - Shaju Peter (DGE), Er. R.K. Goyal (IPP), Sandeep Sandhu (PE), Gurdip S. Deep (V.P.), R.K. Luther (Secy.), J.S. Chopra (Jt. Secy.), R.K. Khattar (Treasurer), Maharaj Baksh Singh (Dir.-CI. Ser.), Atul Grover (Dir.-Voc. Ser.), Kanwaljit Singh (Dir.-Com. Ser.), R.S. Sachdeva (Dir.-

Intl. Ser.) and Mrs. Saroj Jhwar (Sgt-at-Arms). Dr. Vohra announced that as a meaningful start to the new year, a Computer Center for the Handicapped at Saket Rehabilitation Centre has already been set up. Besides this, other projects include Reconstructive Surgery for Leprosy Patients, Blood Donation Camps, Eye Camps, Drug De-addiction and most important, the WCS project of providing free text books to all govt. schools of Chandigarh, a project initiated by IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal & DGE Shaju Peter, would be implemented in consultation with Education Department, Chandigarh.

Then followed a nostalgic introduction of RI Director Noraseth Pathmanand by DGE



Induction of New Member B.S. Channi



RI Director Noraseth addresses

Shaju Peter. The RI Director spoke with a clear vision of RI President Bill Boyd's thrust areas of Clean Water, Health & Hunger, Literacy and Development of Family Ties & Harmony. He ended his talk

by commending our club on its endeavors & wished the incoming team all the best.

The Chief Guest, Sh. Pawan K. Bansal was introduced by none other than PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta. Sh. Bansal took on from where the RI director left & gave us an informed view on what we Rotarians can do for our country. For starters, imagine a country where more than half the people have no access to finance - institutional or otherwise. Only a single digit percentile of its people have access to any sort of insurance - the vast majority are left to die penniless. Those from the villages have only the local money lender & his audacious & life throttling interest rates to sell themselves into a life of penury & slavery!



The audience giving a patient hearing to the Chief Guest

While congratulating the Incoming President Dr. Vohra and the new team, Mr Bansal appreciated the projects of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. Mr Bansal said that Govt. of India is planning to have Micro Loan Scheme for the economically backward people. He said that Rotary Clubs could be involved in such Govt. schemes. He further praised the democratic change of management of the Rotary Clubs.



IPP R.K. Goyal satisfied after a year of Service Above Self; Pres. Vohra assures to Lead The Way



Wishing Happy B'day to each other !

Mementoes were then presented to the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour. Also Pres. Dr. Vohra presented a memento to the Outgoing President Er. R.K. Goyal, followed by presentation of gift to the birthday boy of the week, Rtn. R.S. Sihota by our Chief Guest. Incidentally, both Rtn. Sihota & the Chief Guest Sh. Pawan K. Bansal share the same birth date, July 16 ! VP Rtn. Gurdeep S. Deep proposed the Vote of Thanks after which, followed a sumptuous dose of 'fellow s(h)ip' & dinner.



Members enjoy fellowship with RI Director

We would be grossly failing in our duty if we do not acknowledge the untiring efforts of PP Capt. Moni Kahlon, Chairman-Installation Committee, in making this function a super success which was evident from the smiling faces of all those present. Thanks are also due to Rtn. Raj Khattar & Rtn. Ajay Gupta for organising the 'SIPs'.

 PP Pallav & Pres. Dr. Vohra

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DGE Shaju installs new presidents at Saharanpur Central and Kharar

Shaju spent his first day as DGE with Rotarians of Saharanpur Central. The occasion was their charter day celebrations held at Hotel Punjab on July 1, 2006.

A 12 year old club formed of Rotaractors-turned-Rotarians, the club was led by President Vijay Bhasin in 2005-06 who handed over the collar of responsibility to Anil Kumar Pandav in the evening. Shaju gave away recognitions to outstanding Rotarians in the club.

He was the Chief Guest at the installation function of Kharar held at Mohali on July 4. In a glittering ceremony, Rtn. Pawan Verma took over the reins of the club together with Rajwant Kaur who will be leading the Innerwheel Club of Kharar in the current Rotary Year.

Addressing a large gathering of Rotarians from nearly all clubs of Punjab and Chandigarh Shaju reminisced about his very close association with Kharar and remembered with nostalgia the manner in which Kharar Rotarians shared his glorious moments in his Rotary journey.

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Ann. Santosh Gupta, W/o PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta, has recently undergone Bilateral Knee Replacement at New Delhi. We wish her a very speedy recovery.



Congratulations Hundred Percentors - June 2006



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Rtn. Atul Grover

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