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Management By Consciousness

Guest Speaker : *Shri Pradeep Narang*

Chairman - Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 6.30 P.M.

Believing in our Rotary Foundation

Dear family of Rotary,

February, our organization's anniversary month, is a great time to renew our commitment to The Rotary Foundation and its outstanding programs.

During the recent International Assembly in San Diego, 532 District Governors-Elect received the training needed to perform their duties and provide positive leadership. Several speakers closely associated with Foundation programs, constituted a shining example of its potential to carry out important projects for the benefit of thousands.

One of the speakers was Francesca Giovannini from Italy, who studied at the Rotary Center at the University of Bradford in England and worked for a long time in Lebanon on peace initiatives. She told the assembly that her two years as a Rotary World Peace Fellow led her to this "profound conviction".

Peace, without understanding, cannot be achieved. Peace without educating minds and hearts becomes a mere dream. Helping people to grow as human beings and peace operators will benefit the entire world, not only one nation. That's why the Rotary World Peace Fellowship sets the example and standards for a new social contract between rich and poor all over the world and shows what can be achieved through the common sharing of resources and capabilities.

Gary Parrish, of the Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas, USA, presented a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant project carried out by his club and the Rotary Club of Cluj-Napoca, Romania. With a 3-H grant from The Rotary Foundation, the clubs helped establish more than 200 income-generating small farms in several Romanian villages. In turn, the farmers meet the needs of children living in orphanages, special schools and hospitals by donating a

percentage of their products to these institutions.

In my speech at the International Assembly, I reaffirmed that the Foundation is experiencing the best moment in its history. It is credible, solid, strong and well-known, all thanks to the tireless work of Rotarians. Today, one word clearly defines our Foundation: credibility.



Luis Vicente Gay

Our Foundation is credible and strong, and it offers a valuable service to humanity. This credibility is the reason governments, non-governmental organizations, international agencies, and individuals choose our Rotary Foundation over other entities when it comes to making contributions. Credibility is what has allowed us to have more than one million Paul Harris Fellows. Soon Paul Harris Fellows will outnumber Rotarians!

But what is the real reason behind these achievements? It's simple: donors have become more selective. They donate only to trustworthy entities, because they are tired of their contributions not reaching their intended destination, tired of having their funds mishandled by bureaucrats and miserly, dishonest, or corrupt individuals.

Conversely, our Rotary Foundation is reliable. It offers internationality, long-term projects, far-reaching programs, excellent administration, information, honesty and, most of all, *credibility*.

In 2006-07, the worldwide fundraising goal for our Annual Programs Fund is US\$120 million, the most ambitious in our history. Contributions to the fund have increased sharply, a sure sign of enthusiastic support for our Foundation. Everything indicates that, if we continue this trend, we will reach our goal.



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But we still have a long way to go. So I invite you to *Lead the Way*. During this anniversary month, let's renew our commitment to sustain - with even greater energy - our Rotary Foundation so that it can continue to offer this extraordinary service to humanity.

Sincerely,
Luis Vicente Giay
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-07

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THE FRIDAY THAT WAS

Last club meeting on March 16, 2007 was aimed at sharing knowledge about Rotary Foundation and how we, as Rotarians, could contribute to the humanitarian cause. DGE Shaju Peter informed the house that our club has a credit of \$ 7000/- on account of our contribution, early this Rotary year for the WCS Literacy Project, initiated in previous year, and which is now being implemented.



DGE Shaju addressing the Rotarians

DGE Shaju further said that in the coming year, he has 45 projects from the clubs of our District, for which he has funds from the Foundation to the tune of \$ 132,000 as DDF. We shall also have GSE Team to & from Italy, Rotary District 2120, and its DGE Rtn. Vito Casarano was in Chandigarh on March 4, '07 alongwith his Distt. Secy. Elect Rtn. Giuseppe Massarelli and they enjoyed the fellowship during holi at PP Col. A.J.S. Gill's residence.

In his talk, PP Col. A.J.S. Gill said the Foundation keeps the Rotary going. We can make the Foundation much stronger by spreading knowledge about its credibility and achievements, for global benefit. Celebrating his 75th birthday by hosting a fellowship after the meeting, Col. Gill said that out of these 75 years, he enjoyed 17 years in Rotary.

PP Pallav Mukherjee spoke about the Rotary image & the brand equity. He had some GR8 suggestions.



PP Col. A.J.S. Gill & Ann Herpreet receive his b'day gift from PP Dr. Vanita Gupta



Rtn. V.K. Jawa gets the Punctuality Award

PAY ONE, GET ONE FREE

The Board of Directors of our club has decided to match your contribution to the Rotary Foundation by 100%. That is, if you contribute to the Foundation, say a minimum of \$ 50, you get the matching amount of \$ 50 from the club and you get a credit of \$100 to become Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

If you contribute \$ 500, the club matches it with another \$ 500 to give you a credit of \$ 1000, that is, you become Paul Harris Fellow (PHF).

If you contribute \$ 1000, you not only become PHF but you also get one extra PHF free for yourself or any of your family members.

If you are already a Paul Harris Sustaining Member, you have to pay half of the balance amount to become PHF. If you have already paid, say \$ 600, having a balance of \$ 400 to become PHF, just pay half of the balance amount, that is \$ 200, and you become PHF.

So, Rotarians catch up with this mega offer before its too late ! Give now. Make your contribution to the Foundation to support its commitment to achieve world peace and understanding.

Please contact the President or Chairman, Rotary Foundation Committee, PP B.L. Ramsisaria.

During the meeting PP Dr. Vanita Gupta committed \$ 100 in the name of her daughter, Dr. Arpeta Gupta & the club would be matching it to make it \$ 200. Rtn.V.K. Jawa made a commitment of \$ 50 and after matching it becomes \$ 100.

- President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

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District Team Training Seminar

DGE Shaju Peter has made an impressive beginning for the coming Rotary year. District Team Training Seminar (DTTS) was meticulously organized, thanks to the hosts Rotary Club of Chandigarh. The DTTS was held in the grand ambience of Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management & Nutrition, Sector 42, Chandigarh on Sunday, March 18, 2007.

DTTS began with a welcome address by the host club President Manmohan Singh. DG Rtn. Dhian Chand presented the incoming District Leader, DGE Rtn. Shaju Peter, to 120 delegates attending the seminar for their training as District Committee Chairpersons and Assistant Governors in the Rotary year 2007-08.

In his address, DGE Shaju talked about the RI Theme for the year, "Rotary Shares". After this the District Trainer, PDG Prem Bhalla took over the proceedings to explain the purpose of the seminar.

Who moves Rotary? And who could present this better than the key speaker of the day, PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo, who gave a motivational talk on the subject.

The seminar consisted of group discussions on various topics conducted by PDG Yoginder Diwan & PP Prof. S.K. Bhatia, PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar & PP Sanjeev Checker, PDG Kanwal Bedi & PP Praveen Goyal, DGN Satish Saluja & PP Dr. Balram Gupta, PP Chetan Aggarwal & PP Rajiv Bhalla and PDG Pramod Vij & PP Col. A.J.S. Gill. PP Madhukar Malhotra proposed vote of thanks.

Management in Consciousness

So far spirituality has been accepted as something divorced from material life - one can either have God or the World. This concept calls for rejection of life. The need of the hour is not rejection but perfection of life through the work that we do. Spirituality is an applied science which can be used as an instrument for perfecting life. Spiritual life, therefore, is not an end but a means for achieving a higher objective. To know how to do it, we are having Shri Pradeep Narang, Chairman, Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, as Guest Speaker in our club meeting on Mar. 23, 2007 at 6.30 pm. at Hotel President.

District Medical Project at Orissa

PP Dr. Vanita Gupta and her daughter Dr. Arpeta Gupta were part of RI District 3080 Medicare mission to Mayurbhanj, Orissa. They served in the backward tribal area of Baripada. The 7- working day camp from 5th to 15th March, 2007 was very successful. Dr. Vanita examined & treated 1431 patients with skin diseases and leprosy. Dr. Arpeta assisted the surgeons in the plastic surgery, orthopaedic & gynecology cases.

Our club has contributed Rs. 10000/- for this project.

- PP Dr. Vanita Gupta

Our Eye Camp Project was successfully completed on March 12, 2007 after 32 surgeries for cataract for poor patients at General Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh. This was a joint project of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, Rotary Club of Wollaton Park & Rotary Club of Castle Donnington, U.K.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal	March 23
Rtn. Rajneesh Ahuja	March 23
Rtn. Anil Nagpal	March 24
Rtn. Jagpreet S. Chadha	March 28
Rtn. Ajay K. Gupta	March 29



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

R'ann Tavinder & Rtn. J.S. Chopra	March 24
Dr. Munisha & Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Bansal	March 26



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Won by Rtn. V.K. Jawa

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