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Programme



Please do attend

FRIDAY - JULY 28, 2006

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BLINDNESS IN INDIA

Guest Speaker : Maj. Gen. Rajendra Nath, PVSM (Retd.),
Chairman, Institute for Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 7.00 P.M.

JEST A MINUTE

President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra started the meeting on Friday 21st July with the following remarks :-

"The installation ceremony last Friday (July 14th, 2006) was an important event for our club. It was the first time that we had a Govt. of India's Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Pawan K. Bansal, as Chief Guest, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Madhu Bansal and RI Director (2005-07) Rtn. Noraseth Pathmanand to grace the occasion as Guest of Honour.



The function was a grand success due to the meticulous planning of Chairman - Installation Committee, PP Rtn. Capt. Moni Kahlon who contributed not only his valuable time but money as well. The valuable advice and support of DGE Shaju Peter was readily available. He had also organized the visit of RI Director Noraseth. IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal and PE Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu displayed the continuity which is the strength of an organization like Rotary. All members of our club contributed in one way or the other, to 'Lead The Way'. Rtn. Raj Khattar and Rtn. Ajay Gupta ensured that everyone present enjoyed the 'Fellow-sip'.

The installation ceremony also received good coverage in the Press."

After this, the meeting was handed over to PP Pallav Mukherjee, who was the co-ordinator & the brain behind this pretty interesting programme, JEST A MINUTE a one minute declamation on a 3 letter word of the speaker's choice. Rtn. Atul Grover took over as the co-co-ordinator, in the absence of Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, who had to be away on an "emergency" leave, I guess ! We had the presence of AG Sameer Ghosh as the Guest of Honour as well as Wg. Cmdr. Rtn. Prabhakar, President - Rotary Club of Panchkula.

There were five judges - AG Sameer Ghosh, Wg. Cmdr. Rtn. Prabhakar, Ann. Sonal Grover, Mrs. Priya Singh (Director - Koti Resorts, Shimla) & Ms. Deepa, a close friend of Mrs. Priya Singh.

PP Pallav then requested for a volunteer to start the programme & announced that the current speaker, before leaving the dias, would choose the next speaker....this made it all the more hilarious ! So the first speaker to volunteer was PP Capt. Moni Kahlon & he spoke on TRY.

Then, it seemed, there was nothing stopping the chain of other volunteers (*force majeure*) who came one after the other, chosen by their previous speaker, and spoke on a wide variety of 3 - letter words - Rtn. Arjan Singh (CAT), Rtn. Deepa Bhar (ART), Secy. Rtn. R.K. Luther (DOG), Pres. Dr. Vohra (WAY), Rtn. Santosh Khaitan (TAX), DGE Shaju (HOT), Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi (GOD), S. Handa (CHANGA - 3 letter word in Punjabi), Ann Lovy Peter (MAN), Ann Anupam Jain (OLD), PP B.L. Ramsisaria (COW), Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal (SUN), Mr. M.S. Walia, brother of Rtn. Deepa Bhar (FUN), Rtn. Atul Grover (EGO), AG Sameer Ghosh (PIL) & Wg. Cmdr. Prabhakar (SHE) - so it was lots of fun & knowledge at the same time, some interesting facts came up which we never knew about these common 3 - letter words !



Ann. Anupam Jain speaks..... PP Pallav & Rtn. Atul are all ears !

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For the general information of esteemed readers, there are 965 three- letter words in the English language. Try a search for "three-letter words" on google & you will find no less than 267 million sites in response. Now isn't that an astonishing revelation ?!

Coming back to our programme, following participants emerged as winners :

1. Ann. Anupam Jain - double jubilation for her as we celebrated her wedding anniversary as well !
2. Rtn. Santosh Khaitan
3. Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal
4. Mr. M.S.Walia

Pres. Dr. Vohra brought a basket of chocolates and ensured that there was one for all those who participated, as well as for those who didn't ! He also distributed 'gold coins' with chocolate inside.



A punctual Rtn. Arjan Singh awarded by AG Sameer Ghosh



Happy Anniversary - Rtn. Rakesh & Ann. Anupam



B'day boy Rtn. Atul Grover cuts (or trying to cut ?) the cake

The programme ended with presentation of gifts to the birthday boy and the anniversary couple by AG Sameer Ghosh. The punctuality draw was won by Rtn. Arjan Singh.

 - Editor



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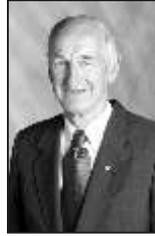
Children : Narinder (D)

Manjeet (S)



President Boyd encourages Rotarians to *Lead the Way*

New RI President William B. Boyd is encouraging Rotarians to *Lead the Way* in the 2006-07 Rotary year, calling his choice for the RI theme "an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time."



Boyd, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, stresses sustainability in Rotary projects. "As Rotarians, we understand the truth of the old saying that when you give a person a fish, you feed him for a day; when you teach him to fish, you feed him for a lifetime," he told incoming district governors at the International Assembly in February.

Boyd has selected water as his first emphasis. "Without clean water, little else is possible. If you are thirsty, nothing else matters," he says.

Citing high childhood mortality rates caused by illness and malnutrition, Boyd has chosen health and hunger as his second emphasis. "Without food, there is no health," he says. "And without health, there is no hope."

His third emphasis, literacy, is fitting for Boyd, who used to work in his family's bookstore. He sees literacy as "the escape hatch from the cycle of poverty" and a natural complement to his emphases on water and health and hunger. "Literacy enables communities to take care of their water resources, address their own health and hunger issues, and teach the next generation," he says.

Given Rotary's need to think about the future, Boyd is also emphasizing the family of Rotary, which he says includes Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, Inner Wheel club members, Rotary Foundation alumni, and Rotarians' families.

"We are the ones who must *Lead the Way*," Boyd told 2006-07 district governors at the International Assembly.

- Source : RI Website



INTER CITY AT ZIRAKPUR

The first Inter-City of 2006-07, named 'PRAGATI' for retention, extension and strengthening of the clubs comprising of Zone I to IV will be held as per details below:-

Subject : Membership Development
 Counsellor : PDG Yogendra Dewan
 Host Club : Rotary Club of Panchkula
 Date : 6th August, 2006
 Venue : Ashirwad Banquet, Kalka-Ambala Road, Zirakpur
 Timings : Registration - 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
 Meeting : 10:00 AM
 Lunch : 1:30 PM
 Registration Charges :
 Upto 25th July - - - Single - Rs 375/- ; Couple - Rs 650/-
 On the Spot - - - Single - Rs 425/- ; Couple - Rs 750/-

DG Dhian Chand has urged active participation of our club members especially the new members, which will boost our morale and inspire us to '*Lead The Way*' during the RY 2006-07.

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Mussoorie Welcomes DGE Shaju

"This evening is special for me, because it was in the hands of one of your own, one of the most admired District Governors of 3080, that destiny had placed a decisive role in selecting the DG of 2007-08. It fills me with a sense of trepidation that I am addressing Rotarians of a club which is older than I am," remarked DGE Shaju at the installation ceremony where Pankaj Jain was installed as the new President of Mussoorie on July 20, 2006. The glittering ceremony was attended by PDG Dr. Gulshan Thakral, Ann Dr. Rashmi and IPDG Ranbir Singh.

In his address he lauded the efforts of Mussoorie Rotarians in the project of awarding scholarships for professional courses like engineering and business administrations to brilliant students from the economically weaker sections of society.

On July 19 Shaju was at Solan Midtown to install President Amit Partap.

Shaju installed President Rakesh Kumar Agarwal at Doon Shivalik Hill on July 8 and President Sandeep Chowdhary at Kaithal on July 9.

His interpretation of this year's theme, "Lead the Way" at all the ceremonies was widely acclaimed.

PROJECT NIGHT SCHOOL SARANGPUR

It is an exciting time when the relatives visit us from USA! It is such fun to open their large, oversized bags and shout with joy and wonder as the goodies are handed around. But, this week, when my sister Sunita visited us, it was different.



Distribution of clothes and refreshment to the children at Sarangpur

Sternly, she announced, on her arrival, that the bags had nothing for us - all I got was one T-Shirt !!

But, the bags were full. And, to our surprise they contained beautiful clothes - clothes for the children of Sarangpur Night School.

On Saturday July 8, 2006, Sunita, Pres. Dr. Vohra, Secy. R. K. Luther, Sgt.-at-Arms Saroj, First lady Ann. Indu Vohra and myself distributed summer clothes to the children in the school. Fruit was also donated by Sunita. Biscuits were given by Dr. Vohra and Ann. Indu. Sunita has left another bag of winter clothes for distribution to the children, later this year.

Thank you, Sunita Gupta for your kind and thoughtful gesture. We await you next visit.

- PP Dr. Vanita Gupta

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Pres. Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

July 30

Rtn. Om Parkash

Aug. 02

Rtn. Ashish Singla

Aug. 03



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Neeru & Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar

July 29

R'ann Savita & Rtn. Rajneesh Ahuja

Aug. 01

R'ann Dr. Sudha & Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain

Aug. 02



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Won by Rtn. Arjan Singh

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