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Please do attend

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Financial Planning for Investors

Mr. Anup Kalra

Associate Vice President (FPG), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Meeting will be followed by Cocktails

Time : 7.00 P.M.

District Governor Dhian Chand's Official Visit

Visit to Computer Centre for Handicapped: On Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 11.30 am District Governor Rtn. Dhian Chand & Ann Meena were received at Saket Institute for Handicapped, Chandimandir by DGE Shaju Peter, AG Capt. M.S. Kahlon, Saket DG Col. (Dr) G.P. Taneja, President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Ann Indu, Secretary R.K. Luther & Ann Urmil, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Col. AJS Gill, IPP Er. R.K. Goyal. Rtn Atul Grover accompanied the District Governor as his Aid.

four computers were donated for this purpose. In Dec. 2006 two more computers were added through Vijaya Bank, making a total of six computers for this project.

After necessary training the handicapped persons are helped to get employment. During the current Rotary year, 26 handicapped persons have already been provided employment at E2E Serwiz Solutions Ltd, Mohali, a subsidiary of Tata Sons Ltd. Another 5 handicapped persons were provided employment at



DG Dhian Chand & Ann Meena spent some time with the handicapped students of the Computer Training Centre, who had typed the welcome message for the DG on their monitors. Sunil who has a loss of both the arms from the shoulders, plays the musical instruments very well with his feet. Now he uses them to learn computer.

On July 6, 2006 this Project was established by our club, when

Excel Callnet at Ram Darbar, Chandigarh, owned by Sgt.-at-Arms Rtn. Saroj Jhawar.

Meeting with President, Secretary, President Elect & Secy Elect was held at 12.45 pm at Golf Club Chandigarh, where PE Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu made the necessary arrangements.



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Vocational Training Centre at Khuda Ali Sher was inaugurated by DG Rtn. Dhian Chand at 2.30 pm. Rtn. Saroj Jhawar, Rtn. Ritu Singal and the members of the Youth Club were there to receive the DG & Ann Meena.



This Vocational Centre shall be run by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown who installed 7 sewing machines, including 2 imported ones donated by Secy.R.K.Luther.



Rtn. Saroj Jhawar gave details of the project to the District Governor, who interacted with the Rotarians, the village Sarpanch and the members of the Youth Club and gave them valuable advise and suggestions.

Night School, Sarangpur: Little before 4 pm DG Dhian Chand & Ann Meena, along with AG Capt Kahlon, President Dr.Vohra & Ann Indu, Secretary Luther & Ann Urnil, Rtn.Atul Grover and other Rotarians left KhudaAli Sher for the Night School, Sarangpur, our on going project, run by the Club where poor children are given free schooling. PP Dr.Vanita Gupta, who started this school in 2001, was there to receive us, along with Rtn. Saroj Jhawar, Rtn. Ritu Singal & Rtn. J.S. Bawa, who rushed ahead of us from Khuda Ali Sher. PP R.S. Chandgothia came with the books for the students. PP Col.AJS Gill brought milk. PE Sandeep Sandhu provided toothbrushes & paste. Dr.Vanita gave fruits to the children. Rtn. Ritu brought the prizes for students who had regular attendance.



DG Dhian Chand & Ann Meena got so involved that they personally distributed all these to the students of the night school.

Club Meeting at President Hotel was called to order by Sgt-at-Arms Saroj Jhawar at 7.25 pm.



National Anthem was led by Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown who also performed the 'Vandhana'. Welcome address was given by Master of Ceremonies, PP Dr. Vanita Gupta.

President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra gave a detailed Multimedia Presentation of Projects & Events taken up till date during the current Rotary year under all the avenues of service.

He also spoke about the \$ 22000/- WCS Literacy Project for which we are holding a ceremonial function on 15th May 2007. RI President Elect Rtn. Wilfrid Wilkinson shall be the Chief Guest. The books would be given to the needy students of Govt. Schools of Chandigarh.



Another Eye Camp at Saharanpur in May 2007 has also been approved by our board.



PHF Recognition was given by DG Dhian Chand to Master Akshat grandson of Secretary R.K. Luther, who made another commitment for making Ann Urmil a PHF very soon.

The DG complimented Secy Luther for leading the way for other Rotarians to continue our support for the Foundation.

He said giving is joy so why should we wait for some one to tell us.

DG Dhian Chand also thanked DGE Shaju Peter who is going to be a major Donor this year, that is, before taking over the District Leadership on July 1, 2007.



DGE Shaju Peter, while speaking on the 'Significance of District Governor's Official Visit', said that DG's role is not of an Inspector. Rather he is a friend and a guide. His role is of a motivator who also recognizes the good work done by the club.

Rtn. Arjan Singh formally introduced DG Rtn. Dhian Chand as a self-made first generation entrepreneur and a pioneer in developing resort

tourism in the state of Himachal Pradesh. He is a committed Rotarian and a major donor of Rotary Foundation of level 1.

In his address DG Rtn. Dhian Chand complimented President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown for taking up meaningful projects of providing artificial limbs to the handicapped persons, giving them computer training and getting them jobs also. He appreciated the task of getting employment for 31 handicapped persons in the call centers.



DG Dhian Chand said that Rotary Chandigarh Midtown has all the pillars of an effective club. He acknowledged the projects as excellent.



He also praised the Night School at Sarangpur and the work done at Khuda Ali Sher.

He also acknowledged the contribution of PP Dr. Vanita Gupta & her daughter Dr. Arpeta at the District Medical Project at Orissa.

← Ann Bhawana & Rtn. Raj Jain inducted in our club by DG Dhian Chand & DGE Shaju Peter

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DG Dhian Chand also advised about expansion saying that there are many people who deserve to be Rotarians. He also strongly advocated the forming Rotary Community Corps.

PP Dr. Balram Gupta proposed vote of thanks. He also thanked

the District First Lady Ann Meena for being so active. He expressed gratitude on behalf of the club to DG Dhian Chand for circulating Rotary spirit.

- President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

Well Organized Pets & Sets

Rajpur Resorts, on the old Mussoorie Road where a few of us stayed overnight! Really took us back into time maybe to the Rudyard Kipling days! High termite infested ceilings in a hundred year old vintage Dak Bungalow! Toilets the size of a modern day bedroom! Crickets chirping away in the still silence of the night! Dogs (were they wolves?) baying away at the moon early dawn! Visions of hunters of yore hunting down wild animals, especially the man-eaters! Going back even further we were told that these were the hallowed grounds where the Princes of Indraprastha, the Pandavas, were given their military training in the arts of weapons & warfare by the Great Guru Dronacharya, after whom the city of Dehra Dun is named!

These & similar visions were put paid when Moni, - our current AG for our zone, knocks vigorously on the door to wake us up & tell us to get dressed & ready pronto! Not to be late even by a minute that's the instruction!

All this getting up & ready early on a Sunday morning is definitely not my idea of a trip to Dehra Dun, & most certainly not of Atul Grover, our incoming Secretary who must've been tired after that singing bout last night at the PETS & SETS Talent Nite! Not to mention the round the clock classes that were held in the four classrooms for the purpose. Didn't find the

time to check out the health of our incoming President Bobby Sandhu! And the enthusiasm was quite evident! As were the notes they took in their pads! I filched a few of the Questionnaires myself thought I'd fill them up.

Rotary sure is getting quite professional in its approach to training what with HR trainers & their ilk mobilized for the purpose. One could not help but be impressed with the clock work precision with which the sessions were conducted, & all credit goes to the Distt. Trainer PDG Prem Bhalla, for that.

Another first - our Distt. 3080 is getting truly in with the times! We now have all Rotary info available to each & every club on the Rotary website, & I'm not talking of Rotary International. All club activities & correspondence can be done via the RI website - & actually pertain to our District! So now all your communication with the Distt. can happen on-line, & you can actually save your stationery & postage to boot! This was brilliantly explained in a AV presentation by our talented & eloquent PP from Ranipur Rajiv Bhalla! He also gave a way a CD containing Rotary for Dummies to all club Presidents!

Thanks to DGE Shaju Peter & the incoming Distt. Secretary PP BL Ramsissaria for a well organized Pets & Sets!

- PP Pallav Mukherj



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Deep & Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon
R'ann Ramanpreet & Rtn. Tejinder Singh

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PUNCTUALITY DRAW :

Won by Rtn. Ravinder Kapoor

Hearty Congratulations H/Rtn Suraj Handa & Kanta ji for celebrating your Golden wedding anniversary on April 25, 2007.

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