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COMMUNITY SERVICE IN NEW GENERATION

Panelists : Irina Brar, Leading Golfer & Youth Icon, Harkirat Singh, Distt. Rotaract Representative, Parmod K. Sharma, President Youth Satta

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time: - 7 PM

HIMALAYAN SHOCK

The Speaker for the evening (September 14) was Col. (Retd.) K.S. Dhami. He was introduced by PP Rtn. Moni Kahlon. Indeed, the presentation made by the Guest Speaker was the 'Last Awakening Call'. The Speaker presented a slide show, with background music, like a documentary film. The presentation was neat and clear. The same fully illustrated and demonstrated the Himalayan Shock. It depicted a waterless, power starved and polluted Indo-Gangetic-Plain. Our ancient sages had cautioned to preserve nature. The Speaker

made reference to the report on 'Climate Change' made by Sir Nicholas Stern. The report pointed out that the climate change problem will be difficult or 'impossible to reverse' unless the world acts quickly. The slides focused on the Himalayas being degraded, unfortunately at a shocking rate with no thought or consideration for the younger and future generations. The slides pointed out the disappearance of the green cover and the eternal white mantle of snow. The slides showed the saga of Mountains, Forests, Pastures and Wild life. It



Col. (Retd.) K.S. Dhami answering questions.



Memento for the Chief Guest

was dazzling ecological plan in the diversity of plants, herbs and flowers.

The Speaker pointed out that Bhutan was the only Himalayan State, which had taken steps to preserve environment. It was made clear that keeping a balance between the need to ensure development but not at the cost of environment and its unique culture. Based on geo-environmental investigations carried out years ago (1994), it had taken mitigating steps to face natural and man made disaster. With Mountain of information available, the Speaker highlighted the need of the hour with positive action on the ground at the highest level was needed. The

speaker shared the concern and said that the answer lies in preserving what left, reviving the degraded forests, pastures, wet lands and more of planting. He also pointed out that water must be conserved for

survival and energy for growth. He showed clear concern when he said that act right now, tomorrow will be too late.

Developed Nations led by USA are not prepared to reduce carbon emission where it conflicts with economic growth. They have through the UN come up with a 'Carbon Market Scheme' that has angered environmentalists by which companies in developed countries pay those in developing



Once again Punctuality Award won by PP B.L. Ramsissaria



Before the Meeting was called to order

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Nations to reduce their emission of greenhouse gasses. In this manner, western companies can continue their own carbon emission in a 'Trade Off'.

The Speaker felt concerned and, therefore, said that it was advisable to compel the developed countries to do more 'Carbon Trade Off and genuinely reduce greenhouse gasses. Developing Nations can keep blaming the west for the present situation but get onto facing the catastrophe ahead as it affects their country 'on a war footing' and take action on the latest report on 'Climate Change'. The Speaker concluded that the world scientists and economists have done their job. Now it was time for quick action to act or perish.

Rtn. (Dr.) Nitin Mathur thanked the Guest Speaker



Wedding Anniversary, Many Happy Returns of the Day

for sharing his concern and cautioning but act immediately otherwise it may too late.

PP. Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

Fellowship Dinner

An old tradition of our club of having fellowship dinners was revived when Subhash Bindra, Chairman Fellowship & Picnic committee took the lead and hosted the first fellowship dinner of the year of 5th September. The dinner was very well attended and it was nice to see Kanwaljit Ghumman & Manmohan Singh our newly inducted Rotarians invited for the evening.

It was an evening to remember, there was great fellowship with sumptuous food. Another fellowship dinner follows this month, so watch out for invitations. Subhash is looking forward to more hosts volunteering. We hope to cover all the members at least one, and want to invite more of the newer members to these evenings to have greater binding among all our members.

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Do you know ?

- What is the difference between an auction and sea sickness?
One is the sale of effects, the other the effects of a sail.
- Why a room full of married people empty?
Because there is not a single person in it.

Get Well soon

Ann. Beena Jee W/o Rtn. Viney Aggrawal has not been well for sometime.

Our Rotary family prays for her. We wish her very early recovery.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS :

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| Rtn. Surjit Kumar | Sept. 21 |
| PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan | Sept. 22 |
| PP Rtn. Dr. (Mrs.) Vanita Gupta | Sept. 26 |
| PP Rtn. Jagmohan Lal Mahajan | Sept. 27 |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY :

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| R'anne Raj & Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor | Sept. 23 |
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Editor for the week : PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

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