

THE MID TOWNER

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Allocation of Responsibilities and Involvement of Members by DG Rtn Shaju Peter

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : - 6.30 PM

Rotary Awareness

January is the Rotary Awareness Month and the Inter Club Rotary quiz in our weekly meeting of 25 Feb was a very interesting and appropriate programme to observe the Rotary Awareness Month.

The President gave a brief account of the DG's official visit that went off very well, being both educative and corrective. The attendance was very good and the President attributed this to the popularity of our District Governor Rtn Shaju Peter.

The President welcomed PP Rtn Lakshmi Khanna and Ann Neerja Khanna from the Rotary Club Milano Sud-Est, Italy and detailed his help in establishing and initiating our two Micro Loan Projects starting from the Rotary Year 1995-96 onwards. He further explained the offer by PP Lakshmi Khanna to help start a third Micro Loan Project. The President then requested PP Lakshmi to share his plans with the Club.

PP Lakshmi Khanna explained that the money for the third Micro Loan Project has been collected by the spouses of the District Governors of the ten RI Districts in Italy. This has been possible because the micro loan projects of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown are a good example of correct reporting and meticulous planning and execution, explained the visiting Past

President from Italy. There are more than 160 beneficiaries and 60 of them has been able to make a significant improvement to better their lives with the help of the interest free micro loans disbursed by the Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

He thanked the Midtowners for their welcome and the promise to carry on collaborating with his clubs in Italy for good work that Midtowners are doing in service of the needy. He further explained the proposal for another project to identify two bright school girls who are finding it difficult to continue higher studies and he will arrange the scholarships to help the continue the studies. He described a similar project which his Club has completed in the southern part of India, where they helped six bright girls to obtain engineering degrees. When the project started the monthly income of their families ranged between 2,000 and 4,000 rupees a month and today all the six girls are making around five lac rupees a year. What an achievement? President Sandeep promised to start working on these proposals immediately.

The Rotary Awareness Quiz

PP Rtn Praveen from Rotary Club Chandigarh, the Quiz Master, took over the proceedings thereafter and



Quiz Masters and the Rotary Central Team



The participating Teams

explained the ground rules for the conduct of the quiz. Four teams took part in the quiz. Rotarians HS Saggi and President Rajneesh Gupta from Rotary Chandigarh Central, Rotarians MP Gupta and President Rachna



DG Shaju resolving the Tie

Aggarwal from Chandigarh Shivalik, PE Rtn SK Duggal and Rtn Suchitra Luthra from Rotary Club Chandigarh, and PP Harish Sethi and IPP VJS Vohra from Chandigarh Midtown formed the four teams that were all keyed up to face the volley of questions from the Quiz Master PP Rtn. Praveen Goyal. President Sandeep helped the Quiz Master.

Very interesting questions, some easy, some difficult, were thrown at the four teams in turn. Some of them provoked interesting and enlightening discussions. There were questions and chocolates for the audience too and hilarious bouts of laughter. At the end PE Saroj Jhavar of Chandigarh Midtown had quite a handful of chocolates which she shared with other Rotarians. Though DG Shaju was constantly being discouraged to answer the audience questions, but the silence of the

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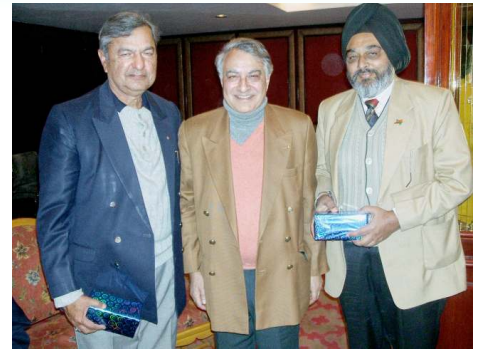
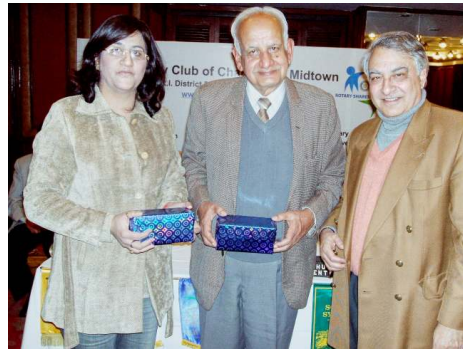
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Past President Lakshmi Khanna from Italy giving away the awards (L to R) Rotary Shivalik, the Winners, Rotary Chandigarh, Runner up, Rotary Midtown, Third Position

audience in response to some questions helped him to collect many chocolates.

The results showed a tie between Rotary Chandigarh and Rotary Shivalik which was resolved by tie breaker questions from DG Shaju. And Rotary Shivalik was declared the winners of the quiz contest with Rotary Chandigarh as the runners up. Chandigarh Midtown

was placed third followed by Chandigarh Central. It was a very close contest an the team members showed a very good grasp of Rotary knowledge and awareness.

Awards and Mementoes

Ann Neerja Khanna gave away the gifts to the happy birthday boy and the anniversary couples.



Ann Neerja Khanna giving away the Happy Anniversary gift



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PP Lakshmi gave away the awards to the quiz teams, the winner, runners up, and the third placing. Rtn Suraj Handa gave away a memento to the winner of the Punctuality draw, PP Rtn Harish Sethi.

Youth Exchange (YE) Opportunities!

According to District Youth Exchange Chair PP N.S. Aulakh, RID 3080 has received request to send students for Long Term YE to USA (2), Brazil (3), Hungry and Taiwan (4).

The YE is for a period of One (1) year for age group between 15.5 - 18.5 years upon arrival in late August 2008.

Any member desirous of proposing a suitable candidate should get in touch with me.

In case of more than one application, the selection of the District will be made by interview.

The YE is on reciprocal basis.

PP Rtn. Capt. Moni Kahlon
Club Youth Exchange Officer

Congratulations - 100 Percentors, Dec. 2007

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| 2. Rtn. B.B. Bahl | 12. Rtn. Vinod Kumar Jawa | 22. DG Rtn. Shaju Peter |
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| 4. Rtn. B.S. Channi | 14. Rtn. Dr. Col V.K. Kapoor | 24. Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva |
| 5. PE '09-10 Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep | 15. Rtn. R.K. Luther | 25. Pres. Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu |
| 6. PP Rtn. Col AJS Gill | 16. Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra | 26. Rtn. Ashish Singla |
| 7. PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal | 17. Rtn. Maharaj Bakhsh Singh | 27. Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal |
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| 10. PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta | 20. Rtn. O.P. Malik | 30. IPP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra |



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rtn Mrs. Devinder K. Singh
PP Rtn. Trilochan S. Anand

Feb. 06
Feb. 07



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Ann Gurpreet & Rtn Munish Jauhar
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