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HOLI CELEBRATIONS

Please note the change in the date, venue and time of the Meeting

Venue: - 63, Sector 8-A, Chandigarh

Time : - 11.30 AM

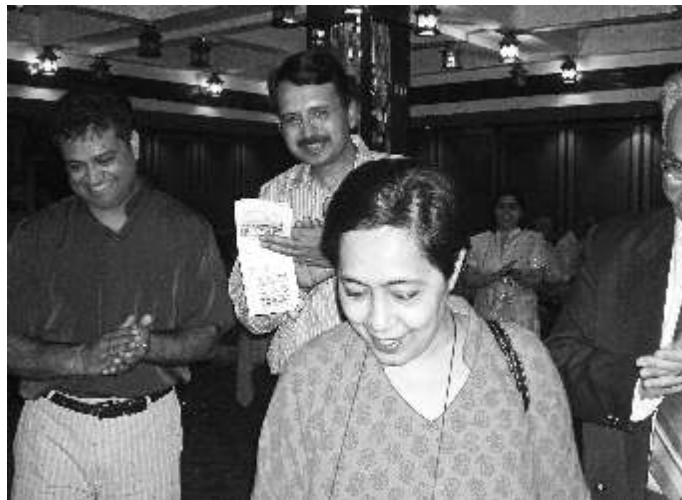
Help the Child to Learn the Way the Child Learns Best

Mrs Komal Singh, Principal The Millennium School, SAS Nagar, is an experienced teacher. She has a Masters in English and History, Post Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Teaching of English, and a Certificate course of Management and Training for learning Disabled. Her varied experience of teaching starts from 1980 till date that includes 28 years of long stint in the prestigious Yadindra Public School, SAS Nagar. She took over as Principal of The Millennium School, another prestigious institution, in January 2008.

Rtn Atul Grover, a past student of Mrs Komal Singh, introduced her to the audience.

Mrs Singh started her address by stating that the best way to help the child to learn is the way the child learns the best. The teachers and the parents must keep this in mind that every child is different. Some children learn best when they are reading aloud, some while standing or walking, some prefer to write. Thus they have their own way of learning. (Some learn the best when they are lying

down, even mathematics-Ed). Often we try to teach them the way we learnt and we forget the fact that children are different individuals and we should use the way they would like to learn. The way they learn may be as unique as how they look or act. Learning style is the way a person acquires knowledge, how a person learns.



Happy Cake for the Guest Speaker

Mrs Singh explained that there are three common styles of learning and in the education world it is called the VAK Model i.e. the visual learning style, the auditory learning style and the kinesthetic learning style. In the visual style, the students prefer learning from sources that can be seen.

They think in pictures and have rich imagination. In the auditory style the students like learning resources that can be heard. To them talking is a learning function. The students that have the kinesthetic learning style learn the best by experience, by touch, and they express their feelings through gestures. They, generally, are poor listeners. There are various methods and training aids to follow the VAK model, but what is more important is to judge and

assess the learning style of each student and use the appropriate model for his/her learning process.

Parenting is an onerous responsibility, the learned speaker explained, and there are no shortcuts to good parenting. Children should not be treated harshly in their learning process whether in school or at home. When disciplining is needed, it should be done gently but firmly. The teachers and parents must show that they are not happy with the child's action, but fear should not become part of the disciplining as this affects the child's self confidence adversely. Strict discipline is necessary for eating and sleeping times. The whole essence of discipline, as far as children are concerned, is contained in the word "love". Love your children and they will rarely misbehave, suggested the experienced teacher.

Mrs Singh added that values are best imparted by setting a personal example by the teachers and the parents, and by living these values at school and at home. In the early years, a child lives and learns through imitation and the image that a teacher and a parent shows to the child is the medium for the child to use as a base for learning and growth. At home, the quality of relationship among the members of the family has a lasting influence on the growth, attitudes and behavior of the child. The child should perceive love, understanding, caring and a balanced style of living at home and the child will, surely, absorb all the qualities of a correct and successful growth. There are bound to be conflicts and differences in opinion in any group. The important point is the resolution of such situations in a manner of love, understanding and



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caring. The child will learn that conflicts are a natural part of living and the way to handle the conflict is through love, understanding and caring in a balanced fashion.

The learned speaker further explained that good parenting includes the process to help the child in all-round development so that the child grows up to be a complete individual who is an asset to the family and the community. There should be no comparison with the achievements of others. She emphasized that the child must be allowed and encouraged to engage in creative and meaningful activities involving individual and group efforts to ease the child's inner self and to guide the child to get overall confidence and contentment. She further added that the education of the mind is as important as the education of the heart and both need attention for a balanced development.

Mrs Singh concluded that, in India, there is a unbalanced emphasis on academic brilliance. The academic brilliance, alone, is not the end-all of a balanced development. The child should have all the faculties of successful living, she added.

Rtn Deepak Sood proposed the vote of thanks and presented a memento to the Chief Guest of the evening, Mrs Komal Singh, on behalf of the Club.

RI District 3080 Inter Club Golf Tournament

Chairman District Conference Tournament, PP Rtn Harish Sethi, is at it again just like the previous many

years, to organize the golf tournament this year.

The tournament will be held on Sunday March 23, 2008 at Chandigarh Golf Club Chandigarh. First tee-off will be at 6.30 AM. A team will consist of four golfers, but clubs with less than four golfers can also participate. Annes can also form part of the team. The competition will be played over 18 holes on Stableford format. Maximum handicap allowed is 18 for men and 24 for ladies. Senior citizens, 65 years and above, can opt to play 9 holes, but they will be eligible for individual prize only.

There will be team and individual competitions.

Registration charges will be as under: -

- Golfer (single): Rs. 400/-
- Golfer (couple): Rs. 550/-
- Non-golfer Rotarians: Rs 350/- (single) and Rs 500/- (couple)

Please send entries to PP Rtn Harish Sethi latest by 20.3.2008 at the address given below. Cheques / drafts should be drawn in favor of "Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown"

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Holi

Midtowners have decided to celebrate the festival of Holi on 22 March 2008, Saturday, at House No. 63, Sector 8-A, Chandigarh, from 1130 hrs onward. Lunch


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will be served at 1330 hrs.

The weekly meeting of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has been postponed from March 21 to March 22 Saturday. The venue will be House No. 63 Sector 8-A, Chandigarh.

The Meeting will be called to order at 1130 hrs.

Midtowner Addresses District Conference RID 3070

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta was invited to address the District Conference of RID 3070 on 15 March, 2008 at Amritsar. He addressed the Conference in the Inaugural Session which was chaired by the PRID Rtn. Sushil Gupta. He spoke on Future of Indian Judiciary-A Rotary Vision, with the main theme of the Four Way Test, as applicable to Indian Judiciary. The address was highly appreciated. Well Done Dr. Gupta for carrying Midtown Flag around the Rotary Region.

Paid Parking

PP Rtn. Pallav Mukharjee is looking for suggestions to

improve the quality of service of Paid Parking. Readers are requested to give their suggestions to PP Pallav who is a Councillor of the MC Chandigarh.

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Past President Rtn. Dr. Larry Long

Dr. Long and Ann Nancy of Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA, RID 6110 visited Chandigarh and met a



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal

Mar. 22

Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal

Mar. 23

Rtn. Rajneesh Ahuja

Mar. 23

Rtn. Anil Nagpal

Mar. 24



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