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BUSINESS MEETING **Presentation of Budget**

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time: - 7 PM

UNLEASHING YOUR CHILD'S EXECUTIVE POTENTIAL

The Guest Speaker for the Club meeting on Friday, August 3, 2007, Rtn. Raghu Nandan of Rotary Club of Pondicherry, was welcomed by our President Sandeep Sandhu. He was formally introduced by PP Pallav Mukherjee. For 35 years, Rtn. Raghu Nandan was a Consultant to the World Bank and various UN bodies on Industrial Development projects and has been an advisor to the Governments of many nations. He has lived and worked in almost 20 developing nations. After retiring and coming back to India, he has been very active in academic activities all over South East Asia as an external examiner and visiting faculty to various professional institutions. He did a lot of seminars and workshops on Entrepreneurship and International Management.

Rtn. Raghu Nandan has already published some works in popular management genre in India. All three of his publications in India have been popular management genre. His wife, Ann Rachna Singh also attended the meeting. She is a Past President of Inner Wheel Club of Pondicherry and presently she is the District ISO.

Rtn. Raghu Nandan began his talk by saying that there was only one contact number listed for our club in the International Rotary Directory and that was of IPP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. He said he was touched by the warm response he got when he called him up! Rtn. Raghu Nandan then gave an impressive & inspiring talk on the subject, as follows :-

"For over 35 years, I have lived and worked in many developing countries on World Bank and UN assignments. Almost every country from Fiji to S.E. Asia to Africa on to the West Indies has people of Indian origin who settled there generations ago, plus recently, there has been an influx of young professional expatriates from India.

I have seen our youth work side by side with people of other races and I can say with chest thumping pride that, in brains, in caliber, and in capacity for sheer back breaking hard work, our children are second to none in the world. I will add that the last decade has seen the next generation of India make even more stunning progress.



The Guest Speaker Rtn. Raghu Nandan

Sure, this is a matter of pride for every parent, but the situation carries a hidden warning too. The competitive pressures on the coming generations are increasing rapidly. They will be under pressures our generation could never dream of. They not only have to compete with each other, but increasing globalisation has brought the best in the world into India.

By living with other people and seeing how they bring up their children, I have learnt some very valuable lessons. I feel that parents in India do indeed have a role to play in helping their children learn to cope with the tensions and challenges that would invariably come in their working life later on.

I will talk about one of the aspects here. This is extracted from my forthcoming book, "Unleashing Your Child's Executive Potential"

First, a question.

Say, you live in a small town and your son is keen to participate in a badminton tournament in his school. Sure, you love your child so you arrange to book the air conditioned hall in your club for him to practice. But if the tournament is going to be in open ground and in the afternoon under the hot sun, are you behaving like a good parent?

The idea is not to make your child comfortable but to help him prepare for the tough life ahead.

Now, let us consider the environment you give your child at exam time. Every mother I know makes the utmost effort to see that the child is left completely undisturbed while studying. No one can watch TV in the house and no one can make a noise. Like magic, the bathroom is free when it is time for the child to have bath. If I want to come and visit, I am very politely but firmly told not to come till the exams are over.

Then comes the real life. No matter what profession your child gets into, the very word manager conjures up an image of a desk, memos, reports, analysis: In short, paperwork. Say, your boss suddenly dumps a file on your table telling you to be ready for a meeting in Bombay the next morning. Nobody leaves you alone to study the file; there are endless interruptions and distractions throughout the rest of the day. You cannot put the file aside to take home as you may need inputs from other people to prepare for the discussions the next day.

This is a common fact of life and it happens to every executive. But, good executives do manage to learn to take this in their stride. There is no way he can survive if, at the meeting, he sheepishly confesses that he did not get time to study the file.

Either he manages to learn to read, understand, analyze and assimilate a lot of facts and presentations at a run, or face hypertension or worse. It is indeed a pity he never started learning all this at home. His mother taught him to play badminton only in an air conditioned hall.

I will give your child a very simple way of helping him study when, say, the TV is on.

(Your child can follow through by improving his spoken English too. I suggest that you try this.)

A very simple way is to spend fifteen minutes every day reading a single paragraph in a newspaper, a magazine or any sort of a book. Read a paragraph, and read it only two or three times and try to ignore the disturbances around you.

And then, keep the paper or the magazine away. *The trick is to step a few feet away from where you have kept the magazine, sit down and give yourself a couple of minutes to think. Don't start writing immediately.*

Then, write what you have read. Do not write a summary, do not write about the ideas you read, *write the exact language that you have read.* Try to recall and then write the sentences as they were. Never try to look at the original paper again.



Vote of Thanks by PP Dr. Balram Gupta



Rtn D.R. Agarwal gets the Punctuality award from Rtn Raghu Nandan

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Deepa Bhar & Ann Rachna Singh cut the cake



Deepa Bhar gets her birthday gift from the Guest Speaker, Rtn. Raghu Nandan

After writing it, show the original and what you have written to somebody else and you will be amazed at the mistakes you made.

Now you can follow through and make an effort to improve your spoken English too. You will notice that in reading the paragraph a few times you have somewhat internalized it and if you try to read it aloud, you can read this more fluently than the other paragraphs that you read for the first time.

So, go ahead and read this paragraph aloud and record yourself on a tape recorder.

The trick here is not to listen to this recording immediately. Give yourself at least a day and then when you listen to yourself, it would be the voice of a stranger. You will yourself notice mistakes in your own pronunciation and be able to correct them.

Do try to make it a daily habit. Soon, you will notice a remarkable improvement not only in your command and your fluency of the English language, but also your style of study will change. You will find yourself coming closer to what you are going to face in real life after you finish your education."

PP Dr. Balram Gupta, who appreciated that the talk was very interesting and a great motivation to the youth, proposed vote of thanks. He said that by giving an example of the Japanese in his

talk, Rtn. Raghu Nandan has given the message that we should be proud of being Indians. India has excelled in so many fields. We have to cultivate & build up the personality of our youth, who as the Guest Speaker said, are the best in the world!

President Sandeep Sandhu thanked all the members for making the Installation function last Friday, a grand success! Sgt.-at-Arms PP Capt. Moni Kahlon received a special mention as the Master of Ceremonies.

Seminar on Membership

Under the dynamic leadership of **District Governor Shaju Peter**, the first Intercity of the Rotary Year 2007-08, the **Seminar on Membership** is being held at Jind. In the last club meeting, President Sandeep Sandhu requested the members to register for this event, so that we could actively participate in the proceedings of the seminar in large numbers. The President said arrangements would be made to make the trip enjoyable & pleasant.

The Host Club, **Rotary Jind Midtown** have made elaborate arrangements to provide the best hospitality at the venue, **Raj Mahal Farm House**, Gohana Road, Jind, having a spacious air conditioned hall. The registration for the seminar will be as follows:-

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Vocational Training Centre



PE Saroj Jhawar shared Rotary Information with the Members, on all four avenues of service

President Sandeep Sandhu informed the house that the Vocational Training Centre at Khuda Ali Sher has picked up well. PE Saroj Jhawar has been taking care of this center ever since it was established there in April 2007, and we have got very good response.

The President appealed to the members to help this center in every possible manner, and even market its products, to encourage this project

Congratulations to Hundred Percentors July 2007

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Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain
Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar

Aug. 12
Aug. 15
Aug. 16



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R'ann Beena & Rtn. Viney B. Aggarwal

Aug. 12



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