

# THE MID TOWNER



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## PROGRAMME

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### PLANS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD Followed by Fellowship by Board of Directors

Friday, July 04, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

## The Quietly Determined President

The petite Saroj Jhawar takes over as second woman President of our Club. Her diminutive stature belies the strength of her quiet determination. Some of us are privy to this nature of hers.

Historically, it was her husband, Sita Ram Jhawar, who was initially a member of our Club. Following an accident, he could not attend meetings for quite a long while. In keeping with ethical standards, he resigned. The Club was not willing to "lose" a member of this philanthropic family. Saroj, who was a partner in her husband's business, was persuaded to join.

Since then, her rise through the ranks has been meteoric, beginning as in-charge of the Night School in Sarangpur, through being the President this year.

Born into a business family of Darjeeling, to being a wife of a businessman, was not an easy transformation, for she had to double as a mother of three exceptionally talented children. Sarika, the first born daughter, is an Architect, practicing in Delhi. Sameer is an Engineer from Thapar, and attends the family BPO business. Abhay, a Business



*Pres. Saroj Jhawar, with her supportive husband, Mr. Sita Ram Jhawar*

Administration Graduate, is also working in Delhi. The entire Jhawar Family are animal lovers.

Saroj will focus on the currently topical issues related to Global Warming, with the involvement of Rotary Ann's, notwithstanding her interest in Water Harvesting, Drug De-Addiction, Women's Health programs.

So, Fellow Rotarians, please look forward to a year of hectic activity.

# The Last Meeting of the Year 2007-08.



Pres. Sandeep Sandhu & DG. Shaju thank Mid Towners for all their support during the year



Annes & Rtns. enjoy the evening

The last meeting of the Rotary year 2007 – 08 was the Valedictory Function, hosted by the outgoing President Sandeep Sandhu & his Board on Friday, June 27 at the picturesque North Park Resort on the River Ghaggar (the erstwhile Saraswati?). It was a well – organized & a well – attended function with a head count of over a century, including Anns. The already high spirits of the Rotarians were further boosted by the uninterrupted service of drinks & snacks, supplied right at their seats!

The occasion was graced by the presence of PP Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna, along with his gracious wife, from RC Milano Sud-est, (both of whom came down especially from Italy) who has been associated with our club since a long time in the WCS micro – loan projects. In the current year too, he, along with his club from Italy, will be involved with our Club through a large revolving micro-loan project.

The function started with the National Anthem after which Sgt.-at-Arms PP Moni Kahlon handed over the proceedings to Pres. Bobby. The President extended a very warm welcome to one & all, and

expressed his thanks & gratitude to the club members for their support during the year. He also recognized the new Paul Harris Fellows of our Club:

- i) Arnav, the second grandson of our Rtn. R.K. Luther. With this, both his grandsons are now PHFs!
- ii) Rtn. Ritu Singal.
- iii) Rtn. V.K. Jawa
- iv) Rtn. Col. V.K. Kapoor
- v) Ann. Manjit Sethi, w/o PP Rtn. Harish Sethi.
- vi) Rtn. Vinod Sobti
- vii) Ishan Sandhu, s/o IPP Sandeep Sandhu
- viii) Mrs. Niti Sarin, w/o PP M.L. Sarin.
- ix) Mr. Nitin Sarin, s/o PP M.L. Sarin.
- x) Mr. Vivek Sood, son-in-law of PP M.L. Sarin
- xi) Mrs. Vidya Gupta, daughter-in-law of PP M.L. Sarin
- xii) Rtn. Deepak Sood
- xiii) Mrs. Tara, d/o of PP T.S. Anand
- xiv) Mr. Ambar Taneja, son-in-law of PP T.S. Anand.
- xv) Ms. Chinnamma Varkey, Secy. to IPDG Shaju Peter

With this, the tally of PHFs in our Club has gone up to 135, kudos to the efforts of PP Rtn. B.L.

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Ramsisaria for his continued motivation & persuasion to the members in this direction. The outgoing President, as a gesture of his & his team's appreciation of the support received from most of the club members, then invited them one by one to the dais, along with their spouses to receive a token of gratitude & thanks.

IPDG Shaju Peter( when you'll be reading this!), while addressing the gathering, his last as the District Governor 2007 – 08, thanked his home club

for the tremendous support extended to him during his year. He proudly shared that he had achieved the 11% membership growth target set by him at the start of the year & had surpassed the target of \$2,70,000 as contribution to the Foundation from Distt. 3080 by a margin of \$50,000, thereby creating an all-time high record of \$3,20,000 ! That's remarkable indeed, Shaju !!!

A delicious & sumptuous dinner followed the meeting.

## Shaju Hands Over The Collar To Satish Saluja.



D G Shaju handed over the responsibility of administering District 3080 to our incoming District

Governor Satish Saluja at a solemn ceremony held at Hotel Pallavi, Sector 5, Panchkula on Sunday June 29, 2008. Hosted by Chandigarh Central, the event was attended by more than 350 Rotarians from various clubs in the district who had assembled to receive recognitions from the governor for their outstanding performance in all the four avenues of service.

The major highlights of the event were a multimedia presentation made by Shaju on the panorama of service, his thanksgiving address in

Hindi which struck an emotional chord on everyone present, the distribution of awards and the keynote address by PRIP Raja Saboo on 'Celebration and Challenges'.

The Rotarian of the year award went to PP Charanjit Singh from Chandigarh for his outstanding work as a PR professional during the last 12 months. The best AG was Col. Dilip Patnaik from Dehradun Central. President Pradeep Jain from Ambala was recognized as the Best President in the Big Clubs category and President Narender Tayal from Gangoh in the Small Clubs category.

The announcement by outgoing governor Shaju that the contribution to the TRF this year surpassed US\$310,000.00 drew thunderous applause from everyone who was present. This is a record in the history of 3080. Midtowners are proud of the outstanding performance of the District under the leadership of Shaju.

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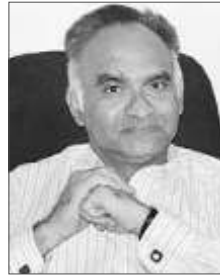
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## Birthday Greetings



PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

July 04

Rtn. Madhu Sudan Manaktala

July 08

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings



R'ann Manjit & Rtn. T.L. Verma

July 06

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July 10

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