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## PROGRAMME

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"Interaction with the Mayor of Chandigarh"

Friday, January 02, 2008

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Appeal

Fellow Rotarians!

Rotary serves through Rotarians. I have experienced with admiration the largess of Rotarians and take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions towards Club Projects.

In the past six months several projects have been completed, and yet others need to be completed. Chief among them is our vision to provide a Computer Laboratory for the under-privileged children of "Sikhia" School in Sector 46, Chandigarh, a World Community Service Project: and the building of "Shelter for Patients and Attendants" in Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

The "Sikhia Computer Laboratory Project" is in Collaboration with the Rotary Club of Erith, U.K.". All processing has been completed and we now require funds to fulfill our commitments. Similarly, for the "Shelter" Project, an Agreement has been signed with the appropriate Authorities who have allotted land for this. Architectural formalities are in the process of finalization.

To fund these Projects, a Souvenir is being published. A copy of the appeal Letter is being sent to every Rotarian of our Club. While our Team and I will be approaching each of you individually, we request for an advertisement in the souvenir.

Your generosity will be helpful for the under-privileged and citizens of Chandigarh.



Saroj Jhawar  
President.

## Mohd. Rafi Nite

Right from the start of the Rotary Year PP Ajit Gulati had promised President Saroj Jhawar to hold 'Mohd Rafi Nite' and the stage for the same was set on 26th Dec, evening. It was a good idea to bring in some music in our lives! And not the stuff that is belted out with the likes of the Bollywood hot item numbers with lyrics like "Tu meri makki di roti, main tera sarson da saag!"

The ball was set rolling by none other than Rtn. Ravi Tulsi by rendering a 'Baiju Bawra' number. Thereafter Ann Urmil Luther, PDC of the Inner Wheel Mrs. Neeru Khattar & Ann Bir Gulati rendered impressive songs.





rwrdgka; scrk bl u' khyh jkr ea (Tere ghar ke samne)  
 plngohadk plln gks; k ykt okc gks (Chaudivi ka chand)

Dinesh Sharma

rfigsD; k l ukAaeafny: ck (Akhri Dao)  
 ; sejk ce i =k lk+dj (Sangam)  
 Nwysnsksukt pd gkBlacks (Kajal)  
 jeb; k ol rk oghvk (Shri 420)

Mr B.D Sharma

ejs egcp rpesjh ekqcr dh dl e (Mere Mehboob)  
 e/kcu esjk/khdk ukps (Kohinoor)  
 esdgh dfo uk cu tkAa (Payar hi payar)

Er. Ramankant



Artists from the Club

Then, came the turn of the stars of the evening. Mr. B.D. Sharma, President Yaadgar Mohd. Rafi Society, Mr. Kamal Kant, an engineer by profession from Canada (who not only sang Mohd. Rafi numbers but also directed the Music for the evening on the Casio with help on the Tabla from Parveen Rathi of Ambala) and Mr. Dinesh Sharma an Electrical Contactor. They sang old Mohd. Rafi numbers which kept the audience spell bound.



Guest Artists

View of the Audience



PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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There was an utter confusion when Ann. Bir Gulati sang a duet with Mr. B.D. Sharma. After the show Bir clarified that she always sings the Mohd. Rafi portion and had specifically asked B.D. to sing the Lata's part. Bir ji, you can expect PP Ajit to sing to your tune, but not others.

Mrs. Mira Mahajan said it for all of us - " Abhi na jao chhor ke!" I could see that some, no, make that, all of us youngsters (under 78 years) who had flooded the club on the last meeting of the year 2008, were delighted with the belting out of old songs, and our favourites, from the repertoire of the Late Mohd. Rafi!

If Rtn. Om Prakash's legs would have allowed him, he'd be dancing a jig! The same went for Rtn. R K Luther - who must've had sore hands from all that clapping! PDG Yogi Diwan went out for a few minutes - only to come back with renewed vigour to appreciate the singers! In fact only those who were tired were not clapping, but tapping their feet.

Long lost faces were seen, with huge smiles on their faces, & you know why!

Rtn. Vijay Gupta, Dr. Savita & Brij Gulati, Sonal & Atul Grover, Santosh & Kesho Ram Gupta, MK Handa, Neeru & Raj Khattar, Mala & Indrajeet Sengupta, RS Sihota, Sanjay Singhal, - I think I'm loosing track of the faces! Lt.

Cdre. A.S. Nagra was there with Ann. Nirmal, inspite of the fact that she was nursing a broken foot. And they sat through the concert.

Hats off to the MC, PP Ajit Gulati to tell Bir off when she wanted to sing the last song, but the fear factor (?) soon made him relent, and she had the last word. But not before Jt. Secy. Ritu Singhal gave us a song form 'Haqueekat'.

We were honoured by the presence of Dr. B.C. Gupta, IAS Financial Commissioner cum Principal Secretary Co-operation, Punjab Govt. who is also the Chief Patron of Yaadgar Mohd. Rafi Society. Mementos were awarded to the artists by him and we were also assured of a Mohd. Rafi Nite by the Artists of Yadgaar Mohd. Rafi Society in future as well.

Credit has to go the three new Rotarians (Deepak Sood, Rajesh Vaidya, & Amardeep Singh) who sponsored the show, and to Rtn Kesho R Gupta who sponsored the eats, & IPDG Shaju Peter who sponsored the fellowsip drinks all of which lent to a good year end affair!

And of course to all of you who guzzled & chomped down the evening away!

Report by PP Pallav Mukerjee

## Artificial Limbs Distributed to Needy Patients

On November 16, 2008 we fitted artificial limbs and assistive devices to 20 disabled patients. Another Artificial Limbs project has been undertaken, which spread over two Sundays, December 21, 2008 and December 28, 2008. On Dec. 21 measurements and plaster casts were taken in a camp held at Cheshire Home, Sector 21, Chandigarh. Being Polio Immunization day, on one hand our club was taking care of infants to ensure that they got the "2 Boond Amrit", and on the

other hand measurements of polio-affected patients were taken for providing them walking calipers! Plaster casts were also taken of patients needing artificial legs.

President Saroj Jhawar was in full command on both the events along with Secretary D.R. Agarwal. Our Artificial Limbs expert & Chairman, Disability Empowerment and Rehabilitation (DEAR), PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra supervised the proceedings and measurements for artificial limbs, which was taken by the technicians under their officer

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Pres. Saroj Jhawar & PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra at Artificial Limbs Camp

i/c Capt. R.L. Handa of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, sponsored by L. Durga Charan Foundation, Ambala Cantt.

Rtn. Chitranjan Agarwal offered Rs 10000/- for conducting corrective surgeries for polio victim patients. Others who participated in the camp were Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, Rtn. Om Prakash, Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Rtn. Deepak Sood and Office Secy. V.P. Sharma.

Our 3 Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra, Panchkula and Khuda Ali Sher were activated for this project. RCC Presidents present in the camp were Mr. Balwant Singh Dardi and Mr. K.C. Wadhawan, who brought large number of disabled persons to the Rotary platform.

On Dec. 28 we were at Satsang Bhawan, Sector 26, Chandigarh where we interacted with President Lions Club Chandigarh Central Bikram Jindal and other members, who were there for the same cause as ours!

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Joginder Singh Puri



January 05

Editor for the week : PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Artificial legs and Calipers were fitted to 50 needy disabled persons by technicians of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti.

## Hundred Percentors-December 2008

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- 3) Rtn. B.B. Bahl
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- 19) Rtn. Vinod Sobti
- 20) Rtn. Deepak Sood
- 21) PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

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