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"What to do in Emergencies - A Doctor's Advice"

Guest Speaker : Dr. Rita Kalra

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Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Our First Meeting of the Year 2009



The Mayor, Mrs. Kamlesh, interacts with Midtowners

Our first meeting of the year 2009 was held on the Friday as usual, only thing was that it was more than reasonably cold, and for most of us, a warm quilt seemed to be a good way out !

No wonder we've had guys from far off places - Greece, Mongolia, or even Turkey & Persia - dropping in to say 'Hello' to our rulers of old, and plunder & pillage a little, with a bit of desecration of temples. A lot of genealogy is suspect really ! That's how easy it was for these "gentlemen" invaders, including M/s Nadir Shah & Co. to come in & stake their loot - it was 1739, I think.

All us natives could do was to sigh & blame it on our

kismet, and maybe God Almighty himself, as His will & last testament.

So that's how much we citizens are still involved in our governance - best left to the babus. I can hear it unsaid in most peoples' voice, or let's wait for someone to come invade us & do the necessary ruling while we fall, decline & bemoan our bad luck !

That's almost the same way as when Daulat Khan Lodhi got fed up with his living conditions in mosquito infested Ropar, and invited a guy from Afghanistan called Babar to relocate to Delhi, with inside information for a price ! The fall guy was none other than his nephew, Ibrahim, who was living it up in the NCR.



MC & PP Pallav makes a point



Mementoes for the Mayor & her husband by Rtn. B.B. Bahl




Punctuality Draw winner - PP Pallav Mukherjee

If that's what a "fed up" uncle can do to his nephew, imagine what hundreds of "fed up" uncles can do to the country! And they're doing it - selling their souls, office stationery, contracts, petrol, cement, steel, store material, anything they can lay their hands on. If you do not see the obvious, read up about it in any issue of any newspaper, anytime. It seems we've either grown immune to the plunder around us, or we just don't care - not any more. Just like our attitude to our alma-mater, our organizations, our clubs, our

institutions, our families, our parents, our friends, our subordinates, our polity, and to our governance - chalta hai, apni kismat hi kharab hai!

Since those members who participated merrily in the discussions with the Mayor need no summarization, I guess it makes sense to use what might be called blank verse. Ideas for improvement can be e-mailed to the Mayor through mcchandigarh@gmail.com.

 - PP Pallav Mukherjee



PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Samarth!

I like the way they call themselves – Samarth ! What does it mean ? To you & me – maybe not much. But to those one score & a half children / elders who are locked in there, in that below ground level building in an obscure corner of Sector 15, it means – LIFE !

Ask Rtn. Om Prakash, or President Saroj, or Rtn Ashok Sharma, and yours truly – who took the trouble of making it on a cold January morning, to the clean & neat surrounds of the centre being run almost entirely voluntarily by some of the parents & guardians. And yes, some of the mentally challenged children are orphans – think about what it feels to be there!

We met the President of the organization – a brave lady named Mrs. Pooja – who has dedicated her life to the cause. She is very understanding, considering she is the mother of an affected child herself ! And a

lot of young ladies who have braved odds to actually get down to the nitty-gritty to take care of the not-so-fortunate children of ours.

We couldn't do much – sixty pairs of socks donated by Rtn Om Prakash, plus money which he gives everytime he visits, a mixer-grinder for the kitchen donated by Rtn. Ashok Sharma, besides other little knick-knacks for the kids.

It was sheer joy to watch their faces light up & the glee in some of their actions when we visited – you'd have to be there to experience it ! Will someone volunteer to take the only mentally challenged old woman to hospital ? Her finger has gangrene, and she's been hiding it.

Suggest you take a soul-searching trip to the place. Maybe you can do something !

- PP Pallav Mukherjee



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New Interact Club Chartered



The charter presentation ceremony of our new Interact Club at Dev Samaj School, Sector 21 was held at the school library on December 23, 2008. At a simple ceremony, the charter was presented to the Secretary of the club Ms Nisha by IPDG Shaju Peter in the presence of President Saroj Jhawar, PP Moni Kahlon, Rtn. Deepak Sood and Principal of the School Mrs. Sumriti Kanwar.

President Saroj thanked Ms Salomi, incharge of the 15-member Interact club for her enthusiasm and cooperation.

PP Moni Kahlon spoke about the RYLA programme of Rotary. PP Harish Sethi and Ann Manjit also were present on the occasion.

Bon Voyage to DGE Chetan Aggarwal

Rotary Club of Chandigarh is hosting the Bon Voyage function of DGE Chetan Aggarwal & Ann Neelam on Sunday, Jan 11, 2009 at CGA Golf Range, Chandigarh.

All are cordially invited !

Fun Amidst Crisis

- President Bush said clients shouldn't be concerned by all these bank closings. If the bank is closed, you just use the ATM, he said.
- How do you define optimism? A banker who irons 5 shirts on a Sunday.
- Why are all MBAs going back to school? To ask for their money back.
- A trader: "This is worse than a divorce. I've lost half my net worth and I still have a wife."
- If you want to gamble, go to Las Vegas. If you want to trade in derivatives, God bless you.
- The difference between a pigeon and a London investment banker?
The pigeon can still make a deposit on a BMW
- What does AIG stand for?
American Innocence and Greed
- The problem with investment bank balance sheets is that on the left side nothing's right and on the right side nothing's left
- "I went to buy a toaster and a bank was given free with it!"

- Contributed by Rtn. Arjan Singh

Birthday Greetings



PE. Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

January 09

Rtn. Comdr. A.S. Nagra

January 10

Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Sahajpal

January 12

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