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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN: R.I. DISTT. 3080

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"Paediatric Dentistry - A Dentist for the Kids"

Guest Speaker : Dr. Sumeet Rajpal, Paediatric Dentist Affiliated with Cosmo Hospital, Mohali & Apollo Clinics, Chandigarh.

Friday, March 27, 2009 Time: 6.30. PM Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

District Rotary Golf Tournament '09- Great Golf & Excellent Fellowship





Rotarians & Anns Enjoy Fellowship with DG Rtn. Satish Saluja

Inter-Club Golf tournament has become an annual feature and the responsibility of organizing it invariably falls on us. The picturesque course of Chandigarh Golf Club seems to be getting popular with golfing Rotarians as more than sixty golfers participated. Besides the five Rotary Clubs from the tricity, we had Rotarians from Ambala, Roorkee and Shimla.

The first tee-off was at 6.28 a.m. As usual a large contingent of 13 golfers from Ambala led by the inimitable golfer PDG Yash Das arrived at 6.30 a.m., well before their tee-off time. Being Sunday the course was extremely busy and the last tee-off was at 9.15 a.m.

For the Team Championship, Rotary Club Chandigarh, Chandigarh Midtown, Shivalik, Panchkula & Ambala had entered teams. There was keen competition but the game was played in a spirit of perfect camaraderie. The Championship was won by a relatively new entrant in the fray – Panchkula Rotary Club. The team consisting of Dr. Gopal Munjal, Dr. Shobhit Ghai, Mr. Shiv Gupta and Mr.

Vinod Malhotra lifted the trophy donated by our own Rotarian Vijay Kmar Gupta . Panchkula Rotary Club logged 104 points. Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, which has been winning the tournament for the last three years consecutively, was the runner up with 93 points. The teams comprised of PP H.C. Sethi, IPP Sandeep Sandhu, Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva and Rtn. Vijay Gupta.

In the Individual Competition for handicap less than 12, Sandeep Sandhu was the winner and Ashwin Puri was the runner up. In the handicap more than 12 category, Dr. Gopal Munjal was the winner and Shiv Gupta was the runner up. There was a separate competition for the ladies which was won by Ms. Tavleen Batra from Ambala with 37 points. Ms. Ashu Bachittar Singh of Chandigarh Shivalik was the runner up with 34 points. Longest drive for men was won by IPP Sandeep Sandhu and nearest to the pin was won by Arun Talwar, PP H.C. Sethi and R.P. Sehgal in their respective age groups. The competition for non-golfing ladies was won by







DG Rtn. Satish Saluja gives away the prizes to the winners in their respective categories

our President Saroj Jhawar and Manjit Sethi was the runner up. I do hope they will get into serious golf soon.

District Governor Satish Saluja arrived dot on time in spite of the fact that he was on his official visit to RC Doon Vikas and had returned from there very late the previous night.

By this time almost half the golfers had finished their round and they hit the bar straight. As usual fine birdies and missed puts were being discussed and there was excellent fellowship. There was liberal supply of appetizers, courtesy Rtn.T.L. Vema.

Inevitably the compilation of results were delayed but DG Satish Ji showed admirable patience and stayed on till

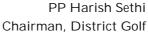


And the winners areTeam RC Panchkula!

3.30 p.m despite reminders from IPDG Shaju to join him at the Orientation Programme for the new Rotarians of the Zone. In his address, DG Satish was all praise for the organization of the event and requested the audience for

giving a standing ovation. That really made my day!

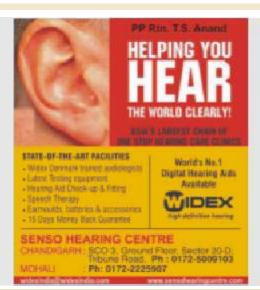
I must thank Vijay for his graciousness to accept my request to donate the Trophy. He seldom says NO - a habit he has picked up from his late father, Vishnu Ji. I must also thank Pres Saroj, Secy D.R. Aggarwal, Rtn. Arjan, my golf buddy Rtn. A.K. Sachdava, Office Secy. V.P. Sharma for their help in organizing this prestigious event of the District





Pres. Saroj - a Golfer in the making?

MOTOROLA





Second Rotaract Club Formed with Rtr. Ruchika as President







Pres. Saroj collars Rtr. Ruchika Sharma

Rtn. Pawan Taneja presents a memento to Chief Guest

Punctuality Draw prize for Rtn. M.K. Handa

Last Friday saw our Club moving a step ahead in its Partners in Service program with the formation of the second Rotaract Club (the first one being the Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College, Sector 45, Chandigarh), involving the students of Govt. College of Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh. Rtr. Ruchika Sharma took over the reins of this club in a well attended ceremony at Hotel President.

Rtr. Ruchika first introduced her team members - Akanksha (Vice President), Ritu (Secretary), Vasundhra (Jt. Secy.), Giza (Dir. Club Service), Deepika (P.R.O.) & Anima (Dir. Community Service).

She then described the Rotaract Club as like a little bird who has just opened her little feathers and is ready to see the heights of this endless sky. Starting on with their very first event on 7th February 2009, the Rotaractors visited the Sadhna School for mentally retarded students who, they deeply felt, are still the unseen, unexperienced part of our society. They are true people of this world who understand the warmth of love, care or hatred whatever you share.

Further, the Rotaractors had Super 6 in collaboration with CCET club and they also celebrated Holi recently at the Old Age Home of Red Cross Society, which was a very touching & at the same time, satisfying experience for them. Rotaractors worked actively in District Conference, Intercity and helped G.C.G. in selling things made by special

students.

Rtr. Ruchika then enumerated the various projects which were to be worked upon :

- 1. Enlistment of woman in every possible sector, being a women oriented club.
- 2. A major fund raiser event to sponsor a needy student's education.
- 3. Recognization programs for Sadhna School
- 4. One voice campaign against terrorism

and much more to come up.

She ended with a quote, "If you would not like to be forgotten as soon as u die, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing."

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Gurpreet Singh Arora, M.D., Orient Electronics, Budapest, Hungary. Gurpreet is a Rotary Foundation alumnus and a former member of our club. He left Continental Devices, Chandigarh to take up an assignment in Hungary in 1997. He spoke about Hungary, life and culture of Hungarians and its strategic location in Europe.

IPDG Shaju Peter who introduced him to the club, fondly recalled his stay with Gurpreet at Budapest on his return from San Diego after attending the International Assembly with Lovy.





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Gates Discusses Working with Rotary to End Polio

On 21 January, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged US\$255 million to help underwrite Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio – the largest grant Rotary has ever received. That amount came in addition to the \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant awarded in November 2007, which Rotary pledged to match dollar for dollar. In response to the new grant, Rotary committed to raising an additional \$100 million by 30th June, 2012. The total matching effort is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

Gates made the announcement during an enthusiastically received surprise appearance at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Assembly participants also learned that the governments of the United Kingdom and Germany had committed a combined \$280 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Though that amount won't count towards Rotary's challenge, it will target the four countries where polio still rages - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Gates visited India in November and Nigeria in February.

Satyam Nursery Rhymes

Raju Raju sat on the wall, Raju Raju had a great fall.

Balance sheet died, Shareholders cried. Raju Raju made a fraud.

Raju Raju, Yes baba. Cheating us? No baba. Telling lies? No baba. Open the balance sheet HA HA HA!!!



Contributed by Rtn. Santosh Khaitan

Australian Districts Provide Relief to Victims of Wildfires

Rotary Districts in Victoria, Australia, are bringing relief to families victimized by a series of devastating wildfires that swept across the state in the recent past, killing more than 200 people and leaving thousands homeless.

As the scale of the disaster becomes clearer, Rotary clubs in districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, and 9820 are excavating debris and providing food, clothes, tools, and short-term shelter to those affected by the blaze. District 9800 has also established an emergency fund for medium to long term assistance for rebuilding.

The process of rebuilding is unlikely to begin for months, and it will take many years to replace homes lost in the fire, says Joan Janka, president of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, near Melbourne. Just days after the fire started, her club partnered with members of the Rotary Club of Boroondara to turn a vacant nursing home into a temporary shelter for up to 60 displaced residents.

"Volunteers worked very hard and extremely fast to transform an unusable residence into a clean, fully functional living facility," says Janka. "It's a huge effort put forth by Rotarians."

Eye Camp

Our club is holding an Eye Check-up Camp on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 at Vill. Khuda Ali Sher. Dr. Rana from General Hospital, Sector 16 would be examining the patients. The camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. & continue till 1:30 p.m.

Members are requested to be present at the camp in large numbers.

Birthday Greetings Rtn. Jagpreet Chadha Rtn. Ajay K. Gupta Punctuality Draw Won by Rtn. M.K. Handa



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