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PROGRAMME

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"The Current Economic Situation in India"
Guest Speaker : Mr. Karan Avatar Singh, *M.D. – PSIDC*

Friday, August 01, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

The Nuclear Deal and It's Political Fallout



The Learned Guest Speaker, Mr. G.V. Gupta

The meeting on 25th July 2008 was presided by PE Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep and as per the directive of recently installed Pres. Saroj, Punctuality Draw was held at the start of the meeting and it was none other than PE Gurdip winning the draw!

On behalf of Pres. Saroj, PE Gurdip expressed extreme gratitude to all Midtowners for making the installation ceremony on Sunday, July 20th, a great success. Installation Chairman PP Ajit Gulati thanked all Rotarians who were very helpful and also all R'anns for being present with their spouses at the installation.

The presence of PDG Yoginder Diwan was duly acknowledged. He accompanied our very new member, Rtn. Kanan Diwan.

PP B.L. Ramsisaria introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. G.V. Gupta, IAS (Retd) as a person of great

distinction, who occupied key positions in Haryana Government. He was Chief Commissioner of Chandigarh, Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University & Chairman of HSEB.

In his address, Mr. Gupta said he agreed with the Nuclear Deal but vehemently argued that this could have waited. He said USA is more keen to implement the deal and cautioned that India would become perpetually dependant on their technology. He emphasized that the major issue is the serious inflation. We should first fight inflation with long term planning. This is not the right time for nuclear deal, which could wait.

But large response from Rotarians was, "Why wait?" From an Indian perspective, what exactly does the nuclear deal accomplish? The direct benefits to India are three-fold: Increased energy diversity, greater access to technology and the potential for newer & deeper strategic partnerships.

As anyone who has experienced India's power cuts can feel, its people and its burgeoning businesses are badly in need of stable and assured energy sources. This will require a diversification of India's energy options & development of renewable energy sources, in addition to greater investments in nuclear energy.

PE Gurdip was the first one to disagree with the hon'ble guest speaker. He said it is very favourable situation and how long should we wait. We have 11

reactors which are under - utilized. Rtn. Ravi Tulsi attributed the delay to the Left. PDG Yoginder Diwan felt we are not dependant on USA. PP Ajit Gulati said it is a political move to face the electorate.

PP Col. A.J.S. Gill cited the regional strategy and issues. He said two Asian super powers are India & China. Historically, China has shown no mercy towards India. Whereas China has developed into a nuclear nation, where are we? Col. Gill further stressed that a beginning must be made immediately. However, another guest and a retired army officer, Col. Mahesh Kumar had different views. He felt that nuclear generation will be very costly and may lead to larger deficit.

Mr. Gupta felt happy that we are so concerned about



the nuclear issue. He said that the next Government in India, whether Congress or BJP, shall also go ahead with the nuclear deal.

To sum up, had there been a confidence vote in the meeting, there would have been an extremely better result than what the UPA Government got in the Parliament!

Rtn. Deepak Sood presented the vote of thanks and expressed our gratitude to Mr. Gupta for an interesting interactive session on the important issue faced by the country. Every person present in the meeting was fully involved in the proceedings and there were no 'fellow-slips'.



- PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



PDG Yoginder Diwan gives away Punctuality Draw prize to PE Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep & a gift to b'day boy PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

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Our Installation Function In The News

The Installation Function of our club held at Red Bishop, Sector 1, Panchkula on Sunday July 20, 2008 got extensive coverage both in English & vernacular dailies. It was also reported on local radio channel as well as on Citi Cable news.

सरोज बनीं रोटरी क्लब चंडीगढ़ की प्रेसिडेंट

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पंचकुला। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ चंडीगढ़ मिडटाउन की इन्स्टालेशन समारोह में सरोज जहार को जून 2008-09 का प्रेसिडेंट बनाया गया। इस मौके पर क्लब के पूर्व अध्यक्ष संदीप संधु ने सरोज जहार को क्लब का नया अध्यक्ष उद्देश्य से डा. किदवाई के सम्बोधन के बाद किदवाई मुख्य अतिथि थे।

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‘बाल कल्याण पर ध्यान दें’

Saraj is Rotary Club chief

PANCHKULA: Haryana Governor chief Kidwai installed Rotarian Saroj Jhawar as president of the Rotary Club, Chandigarh Midtown, and her team at a function here on Sunday in Sector 2, here. Justice Nirmal Yadav of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Past Rotary International president Rajendra K. Saboo were also present. Saroj Jhawar is the lone lady president in Rotary District 3080 that spans vast areas of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhnad and whole of UT Chandigarh, having 72 clubs in the district. — TNS

ए.एस. किदवाई मुख्य अतिथि के अतिथि निमल यादव, रोटरी इंटरनेशनल के पूर्व प्रेसिडेंट राजेंद्र के. साबू ने सरोज को अध्यक्ष बनाया। रोटरीयन समाज में विधवा की शोषण को रोकने के लिए सरोज को क्लब की प्रेसिडेंट के रूप में चुना गया है।

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Intercity of Membership Development

As informed earlier (Bulletin No. 2), the first Intercity meet of the year is being held at Panipat, hosted by Rotary Club of Panipat Central.

Date : August 10, 2008 (Sunday), Venue : Kohinoor Resorts, G.T. Road, Panipat, Registration : Rs. 450/- (Single) ; Rs. 850/- (Couple)

We have very learned and motivational team of speakers, panel discussions and interactive sessions. Besides motivational addresses by PRIP Rajendra K Saboo, we shall also get the opportunity of listening to our keynote speaker RRIMC Dr. Bharat Pandya. The new Rotarians who have been inducted during the month of July would be recognized at the MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, EXTENSION AND RETENTION Seminar. The recognition would also include their spouses, sponsors and the President of their club.

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All members are requested to be present in large numbers to encourage the children.

Teej Celebrations

Come, let's get together & celebrate Teej on August 8, '08 (Friday) at Rajasthan Bhawan, Sector 33, Chandigarh. Rotary Annes & children are requested to participate in this Cultural Event (singing, dances related to sawan, etc.) in large numbers.

Please register your names with :

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Sheela Aggarwal - 2562968

(Daughter-in-law of Secy. D.R. Aggarwal)

Prize will be given to the Teej Queen with solah singar.

Theme- Green color dresses with matching jewellery.

Programme will be followed by delicacies - chat, tikki, chana-bhatura & sweet dish.

Birthday Greetings



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Wedding : November 12

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Spouse : PDG Yoginder Diwan

Vocation : Business

D.o.B. : July 31

Children : Jyoti (D)

Praveen (S)

Naina, Navya (GD)

Sahil, Ankur (GS)

Being a good person is like being a goal keeper - no matter how many goals we save, people will remember only the ones that we missed ! That's LIFE....

Wedding Anniversary Greetings



R'ann Savita & Rtn. Rajneesh Ahuja August 01

R'ann Dr. Sudha & Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain August 02

Punctuality Draw won by PE Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

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