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"Teej Celebrations"

Aaya Sawan Jhoom Ke - An evening of Fun & Dances
by Annes & Children

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of Venue

Friday, August 08, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: Rajasthan Bhawan, Sector 33, Chandigarh

Oh, This Back-Breaking Inflation !



Guest Speaker Mr. Karan Avatar Singh, IAS

Our Guest speaker for the last meeting was speaking not as a bureaucrat, but as an Economist – which he is ! Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh informed us that Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, IAS, had done a full term for his Ph. D in Eco from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbour, Illinois, and that too not very far back. He made the subject sound so simple – & we are now full of questions.

So what's Inflation ? Here's one take :

A wife asks her husband the same question –
“Darling, what's inflation ?”

Husbands know how not to get into an argument or long drawn speeches with their better halves & so, he replies, “When you were young, my dear, you weighed only 55kg, & your waist measured only 24”!

You were of great value then. Now, you weigh 83 kg & your waist measures 42". There's more of you, but your value has reduced!”

That, about explains Inflation, in the simplest & most practical terms !

Why do prices go up, and quantities go down ? Well, for one, you are earning more & therefore the demand for commodities goes up. An increase in your earnings reflects in your desires of ownership – that new car, that 48" flat screen TV, holidays in Bangkok & Malaysia, all these things bring on an increase in prices – pandering to increased human desire!

On the other hand there are limited earth resources such as timber, coal & oil, and land too ! The soil has a limit to its productivity – an acre can grow only so much of each crop. Then there is the matter of water for irrigation, – and its availability. There is also climate change. And don't forget our burgeoning population – three million years to get to a population of just 357 million in 1950's & now 1147 million plus in India alone !

Won't the demand grow up, and up & up, and bring with it additional stress on our resources – natural or manmade ?



The B'day Boyz - Rtn. Ashish Singla, Rtn. Om Prakash & the Guest Speaker himself ! Mr. Karan Avatar celebrated his b'day on Aug. 04 & was wished on behalf of our club by Jt. Secy. Rtn. Ritu Singal

We have to innovate to find better & more efficient ways of doing things - increase production at lower costs, utilize resources optimally. We have to think small, in terms of natural resources I mean, minimize the usage of water, or other natural material. Use local material wherever possible. Change our obsolete, wasteful methods & practices, change concepts – dispose off files & cases at once, not let a person have to follow up, whether through agents, or personally. All these inefficiencies cost money & add to the national burden.

The moment you have control from the government, you have subsidies, there are high taxes to go with it, the money market dries up because no one wants to save in the banks or through controlled financial instruments.

And YOU end up paying that money!

The talk ended with a lively discussion & lots of questions, agreements & disagreements on various issues raised - & those involved were Rtn. P.K. Verma, Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh, PE Rtn. Gurdip Singh Deep, PP

Tochi Anand, PP Col. A.J. S. Gill & a host of others.

PP Col. Gill gave a two - minute introduction to Membership in Rotary.

August is the month dedicated to Membership by the RI. The fact that RI dedicates the second month of the year to Membership, shows the importance attached to it. Our club also gives due emphasis to membership - it has four club committees looking after the membership aspect of Rotary. In the last five weeks of this Rotary year, the club has already inducted three new members and many more are in the pipe line.

The other thing that came up on a proposal mooted by PP Ajit Gulati was a condolence for the Voice of India, (Late) Ishmeet Singh, who was recently honoured with the Young Achievers Award by IPDG Shaju Peter at the Distt. Conference held at Panchkula. In fact, Shaju came up with a Condolence Message that was sent to the parents of Ishmeet at Ludhiana in time for his Bhog ceremony.

We also had an addition to the family of Rotary that

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Our new member, Dr. Anil Singla, being inducted by IPDG Shaju



PP Ajit Gulati presents a memento to the learned speaker



The 'Punctual' Mrs. Davinder K. Singh

day – Dr. Anil Singla, who was introduced to the club by Rtn. Deepak Sood, who himself is an active & involved new member! This induction brings the club

strength up to 106, in fact a great head start to the month of August, the Membership Development Month.



PP Pallav Mukherjee

Sarangpur Night School Update

A painting competition among the children of our Night School at Sarangpur was organised by our club on Monday, July 28, '08. The judges were Ann Vinney Sachdeva & Mrs. Amita Singla, a friend of Jt. Secy. Ritu Singal. The entire arrangements were looked after by Rtn. Munish Jauhar & Jt. Secy. Ritu Singal.

Vanita Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Rtn. Om Prakash, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Ann Priya Bhateja, IPDG Shaju & Lovy - all came with lots of refreshments!

On Thursday, July 31, '08, a number of Rotarians again gathered at Sarangpur to be a part of the Prize Distribution function for the winners of the painting competition as well as various games & sports organised by the children of the school. Prizes were also given for these events & these were sponsored by Rtn. Santosh Khaitan.



Rotarians and the Proud 'Winners'

PP R.S. Chandgothia distributed stationary articles & note books to the children. Jt. Secy. Ritu, PP Dr.

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Rajesh Vaidya Donates a Computer to Theatre Age

Theatre Age, an NGO run by Mr. Zulfikar, seeks to educate street children and inculcate in them values of self reliance and dignity of labour through evening classes and training in dance, music and theatre.

It was the long cherished desire of Zulfikar to obtain a computer for his students at the school in Sector 24, Chandigarh so that the children could open a new vista of knowledge and experience. He shared the idea with PP Capt. Moni Kahlon during the rehearsals for the Vande Mataram programme on the second day of the Conference of Sharing. He, in turn, discussed it with IPDG Shaju and thus began the search for a volunteer who could donate a computer for the children.

A couple of months ago, Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya, who runs Jetking in Sector 34, one of the leaders in computer training, invited Shaju to inaugurate a Blood Donation Camp he had organized at his Institute and that's where Shaju shared the request with Rajesh.

Rajesh didn't take even a second in saying YES and last week the computer arrived at the School in Sector 24 with a brand new keyboard and mouse to the delight of Zulfikar and his students.

Thank you Rajesh. Rotary shares !

Birthday Greetings



Rtn. Ashok Kr. Sharma
Rtn. Mrs. Deepa Bhar
PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria

August 09
August 09
August 12

Our Micro-Loan Beneficiary



Microloan of Rs 15000/- has been given to Sh. Daroga Prasad Verma of Janta Colony. This loan is to be utilised by him for a new engine in his auto rickshaw and for refurbishing it's exterior.

Business Meeting

Dear Rotarians, we have a Business Meeting scheduled for Friday, August 22, '08. Please ensure your presence for more effective participation.



Wedding Anniversary Greetings



R'ann Beena & Rtn. Viney B. Aggarwal August 12
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Won by Rtn. Mrs. Davinder K. Singh



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