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## PROGRAMME

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### Future of Rotary

Speakers: PDG Yoginder Diwan and PP Col. A.J.S. Gill

Meeting will be followed by cocktails, hosted by PP Dr. Balram Gupta and Rtn. T.L. Verma

Friday, July 03, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

## AASRA, a Shelter..... Dream Made Real

Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh had a unique 'face lift' on the last day of Rotary Year 2008-09, which will be remembered as the greatest day of the year! It may be said that if one dreams purposefully it is bound to become REAL, and that too, it happened at the hands

of none other than His Excellency Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, General S.F. Rodrigues, PVSM, VSM (Retd.), who formally inaugurated this noble project on June 30, 2009 at the meeting of our club held in the Conference Hall, Block B, Level 4, GMCH-32, Chandigarh.



H.E. Governor of Punjab, General S.F. Rodrigues being received by PDG Shaju Peter and PP R.S. Chandgothia



General Rodrigues goes around the Aasra shelter and shares a light moment with PP Pallav Mukherjee



First Lady Mrs Jean Rodrigues

General Rodrigues was received in GMCH at the Aasra Shelter. He was accompanied by First Lady Mrs Jean Rodrigues. After inaugurating the project they were taken around the Shelter, an impressive modern structure, having a big hall with marble flooring and bathrooms & toilets for ladies & gents.

From here they moved on to the Conference Hall, in Block B of GMCH, where the formal function was held. There was limited audience at the Aasra Shelter, but the Conference Hall was full of Rotarians & guests who were watching the live telecast relayed from Aasra Shelter!

Among the large number of Rotarians, including from neighbouring clubs, also gracing the occasion were PDG Maj. Som Dutt, PDG Yoginder Diwan and DGN Manpreet Gandhiok.

In her welcome address President Saroj Jhawar said this project was completed within scheduled time, costing Rs 15 lakh. She gratefully acknowledged contribution of Rs 6 lakh from Maa Devi Wati Sewa Samiti and remaining Rs 9 lakh poured in cash and kind.

The Project AASRA was formally presented by PDG Shaju Peter. But before this Shaju, who alongwith Ann Lovy, had recently attended 100th Annual Rotary International Convention at Birmingham, UK, had presented to President Saroj the Club flags from E-Club of New York and other clubs from USA, Pakistan and UK, which he had exchanged with the flags of our club.

PDG Shaju described the inauguration of the Aasra



General Rodrigues plants a sapling

Shelter as the day of celebration, specially when just two days ago our club was declared as the Best Club of



Welcome address by Pres Saroj



Flags from PDG Shaju



"Century of Service" presented to General Rodrigues

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the Zone! Shaju said that sharp on 1st July the Rotary leadership changes, but 30th June was a great moment culminating in the biggest project of the year for our club. He also thanked the Director-Principal of GMCH, Prof. Raj Bahadur for making this project a reality.

The idea of this meaningful project was conceived by our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta, who identified the need of the shelter in GMCH.

Shaju highlighted the role of Mr. Sita Ram, husband of President Saroj, who had devoted lot of time for the project and was instrumental for collecting donations. Shaju also appreciated the support received from PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia, Rtn. Ritu Singal and Rtn. Atul Grover. Those who gave their valuable time for the project were PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia, PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, Rtn. R.K. Luther and Secretary Rtn. D.R. Agarwal.

Shaju also acknowledged the contribution of Rs 6 lakh from Maa Devi Wati Sewa Samiti and thanked its Trustees, Mr. Kulbhushan Goyal, Mr. Hargobind Goyal and Mr. Jiwan Agarwal.

PP Rtn. Capt. M.S. Kahlon introduced the Chief Guest. From 1990 to 1993 General S.F. Rodrigues served as the Chief of Army Staff. In Nov. 2004 he became the Governor of Punjab. He and Mrs Jean Rodrigues have been helping the under privileged, disabled persons and poor children. As Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, General Rodrigues has initiated many projects for IT, health, education and environment. In March 2009 he has been conferred Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award. Goa University conferred the Honorary

degree of Doctor of Letters (D. Litt) on General Rodrigues in Feb. 2009.

General Rodrigues addressed the gathering and congratulated our club for the Shelter project, which would give relief to the attendants of patients of GMCH. He lauded the commitment of Mr. Sita Ram Jhawar and described him as a big hearted person having a dynamic wife.

General Rodrigues termed the change of leadership on



Address by the Chief Guest General Rodrigues

every 1st July as a revolutionary process. He appreciated the high ideals of Rotary movement, which emphasized on care, commitment and compassion.



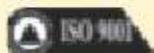
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President Saroj presented a book, "Century of Service" to General Rodrigues. The book gives the history of the first one hundred years of Rotary.

Prof. Raj Bahadur, Director-Principal of GMCH, in his address expressed gratitude for getting Aasra through Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

He said this Shelter will give support to more than 100 patients. Dr. Raj Bahadur thanked President Saroj and acknowledged her tremendous energy to complete the project within her tenure.



Expression of gratitude by Dr. Raj Bahadur

## Rotary Wheel Turns on 01 Jul 2009

Every 1st July the Rotary Wheel has been taking turns, with a new theme and new challenges in its global set up. While the Rotary wheel turns, the continuity is maintained with humble and peaceful handing over of the baton to the new team. Rtn. John Kenny takes over as Rotary International President, and our District 3080 would be led by Rtn. Chetan Aggarwal.



President Gurdip S. Deep

Our Club's incoming President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep is looking forward to ensure that the traditions laid down by our club would not only be maintained but greater heights would be achieved. President Gurdip's team comprises of PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, IPP Rtn. Saroj Jhawar, PE Rtn. Prem Anand, Vice President Rtn. Arjan Singh, Secretary Rtn. Ritu Singal, Jt. Secretary Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Treasurer Rtn. RTPS Tulsi, Directors: Rtn. P.K. Verma, Rtn. R.K. Luther, Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, Rtn. Deepak Sood and Sergeant-at-Arms PP Ajit S. Gulati.

### Our Website Updated

Our Club website has been updated with a new look.

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Manjit & Rtn. T.L Verma



July 06

### Birthday Greetings

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