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Installation of President Rotaract Club Dev Samaj College for Women Chief Guest : PDG Maj. Som Dutt

Friday, September 11, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Rotary and Healthcare

On September 4, 2009 during the club meeting President Gurdip S. Deep announced that in the next meeting there would be installation of President of our all girls Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College, Sector 45. On September 26, 2009 Blood Donation camp is being organized in the college. Arrangements have been made with GMCH, Sector 32, and we are expecting 100 donors! Donors would feel motivated with presence of Rotarians.

The Guest Speaker, Justice J.S. Narang was introduced by PP Dr. Balram Gupta. Justice Narang did his Graduation in Law from Panjab University,



Justice J.S. Narang gives a talk on Rotary and Healthcare

Chandigarh. He joined the Bar at the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 1968. He excelled in the field of Corporate Laws, Banking Laws, Constitutional Law and Labour Laws. In the year 1999, he was elevated as a Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court. He retired in January 2007. Immediately thereafter, he was appointed as the Director General of

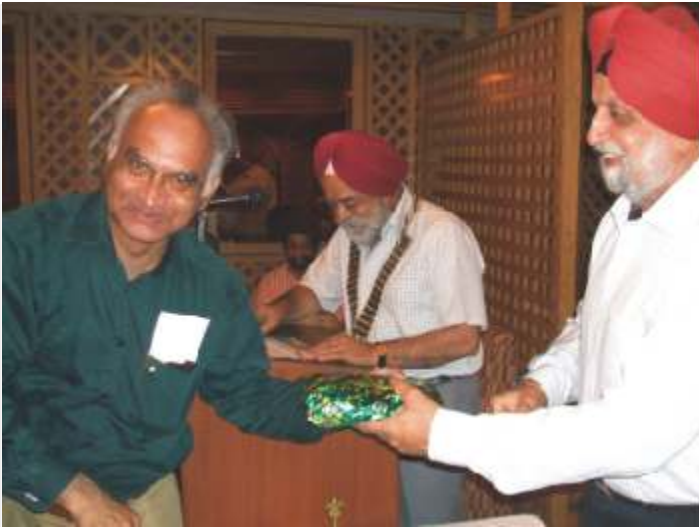
the newly set up State Judicial Academy in Sector 43.

Justice Narang was a member of our club for number of years, being a Charter Member and past Secretary. Dr. Balram Gupta said, "in fact, it is a home coming for him."

Justice Narang admitted that it was definitely a home coming for him and recalled the charter meeting held at the residence of Rtn. Lalit Suri, then President of Rotary Club of Chandigarh. He was happy to see old friends including Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta, who was present in the meeting. Justice Narang shared with us his experience as our club secretary (1979-80) when Justice J.L. Gupta (Now Chief Justice, Retd.) was the President.

Justice Narang said we have to educate the needy persons about hygiene. We have the best of things available in modern India. We are quite well off. Even a rickshaw wala or subzi wala have mobiles phones. He added, "but they have not reached to hygiene". Good healthcare is available in our country but it is only for those who can afford it. Persons living below the poverty line cannot afford these hi tech healthcare facilities available in private hospitals and clinics. For the poor persons these facilities are very costly affair.

Justice Narang suggested that we must upgrade the Government Hospitals. To establish medical colleges there are conditions laid out by Medical Council of India, which has to be fulfilled. MCI will not allow a medical college to function if the conditions are not fulfilled. Justice Narang said, "there are no regulations or guidelines for setting up and functioning of



Justice J.S. Narang gives wedding anniversary gifts to PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter and Rtn. Ravinder Kapur

hospitals." There are no basic conditions or statutory requirements for hospitals. The civil hospitals are lacking in basic amenities and even an ambulance would not be available. He said, "this is the area where we as Rotarians have to reach." In private hospitals the board of directors lay down the rules and regulations and they ensure that these are implemented to give the state of the art facilities to the patients. But all these are available for a price which only rich people can afford. Where would the poor go?

Justice Narang remarked, "unfortunately, as far as my profession is concerned I also face the same kind of thing, people ask about the arrears and that why a case is not decided for 20 years. I am answerable for that." He also talked about the population. There is every kind of Public Interest Litigations (PIL). But there has never been any PIL for reducing the population. He said, "If China can reduce their population, why can't we do it?"

Justice Narang said it is a desire of every married couple to have a child. But the girl child has to be



protected. He said, "a girl child or women are very essential in our society." He said one child, whether girl or a boy is good enough, at the most two children. If this is sincerely followed by even one generation, the population will come down. He further remarked, "Our healthcare is equally affected if we do not reduce the population." In PGI or in Government hospitals thousands of people are lying on the floor in the verandah.

But this not seen in Fortis or any private hospitals because they have increased their tariff to provide the best facilities.



PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra gets the Punctuality Award from Justice J.S. Narang

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Justice Narang concluded that to improve our healthcare, we all should put in efforts to control the population.

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Ravi Tuls. Secretary Rtn. Ritu Singal announced the

Midtowners serve as Members of Faculty at Membership Seminar

Membership Seminar titled 'More Hands More Service', was hosted by Rotary Club Jagadhri North at Kamal Palace, Yamunanagar on Sunday, August 30, 2009. Six of us from Chandigarh Midtown who attended the seminar were PDG Shaju Peter, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Ajit Gulati & Ann Bir, PP Indrajeet Sengupta and PE Prem Anand.

While addressing more than 400 delegates from 62 clubs in the district, Chief Guest of the event PRIP Raja Saboo traced the historical development of Rotary over the last century and contrasted the near stagnant situation of 3080 when it comes to the number of clubs and the total strength. He brought home to the delegates the immediate need for our attention to quality membership and growth to keep pace with the

contributions of Rs. 2100/- by PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi and Rs. 5100/- by Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta. She appealed to the Rotarians to contribute for club projects.

challenge of delivering more meaningful service to our communities. Among members of the faculty who dealt with various aspects of Membership Development were PDG Shaju Peter and PP Ajit Gulati, who made a presentation on Rotary Extension. PDG Prem Bhalla and PP B.L. Ramsisaria dealt with the topic of retention.

"Instead of extending we are shrinking", said Shaju bringing to sharp focus the decline in the number of clubs during the last 5 years from 77 to 71. As Counsellor to the District Rotary Extension Committee, he enjoined the delegates present to volunteer their time and energy in chartering six new clubs this year.

Shaju speaks at 3070 Seminar

"How about celebrating your Birthday with us in Jullunder?" - that's how PDG Dr. S.P.S.Grover phrased his invitation to PDG Shaju Peter to be a guest speaker at the Membership Seminar of District 3070 at Jullunder.

Invited by District Governor Kuldeep Kalra and Counsellor to the Seminar Dr. S.P.S. Grover, Shaju and Lovy reached the venue of the Seminar, Hotel Regency Park, Jullunder on Sunday, August 23, 2009 to be received by District Trainer PDG Surinder Seth, PDG Suresh Choudhary and other members of the organizing team.

Addressing the gathering of nearly four hundred Rotarians from all parts of the District, Shaju said he would rather be learning from them about membership development, for 3070 had registered a growth of 15% in 2007-08 and by 16% last year. He congratulated the District Governors, Dr. Grover and Vinod Sharma for their commendable efforts in membership development in the last two years.

"Membership is all about extension, recruitment, retention and revitalization of small and weak clubs, E + 3R," said Shaju bringing home to the delegates the vital ingredients of sustaining and improving membership growth.

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Rtn. Arjan Singh informs that more micro loans have been given;

1) Mr. Samai Singh runs a DJ business in Janata Colony, Naya Gaon. He has been given a loan of Rs. 20,000/- for buying new equipment to upgrade his business.

2) Mr. Gaurav Kumar of Janata Colony is our other borrower. He runs a furniture business which is in need of capital. With the loan of Rs. 20,000/- he plans to make & sell items like box beds



Samai Singh runs DJ business



Gaurav Kumar makes furniture

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Asha & Rtn. D.K. Gupta



September 13

R'ann Indu & PE Rtn. Prem Anand

September 17

DONATIONS FOR CLUB PROJECTS

Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta

Rs. 5100

PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi

Rs. 2100

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Birthday Greetings

Rtn. B.B. Bahl



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