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## Judiciary and the RTI Act Guest Speaker: Dr. P.S. Jaswal

Professor & Head, Dept. of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Friday, September 18, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

### Installation of President Rotaract Club Dev Samaj College for Women

Two weeks after the installation of Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown, which was sponsored in the Rotary year 2008-09, another Rotaract Club sponsored by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown in RY 2005-06, an all girls Rotaract Club, had the installation of its President and her team.

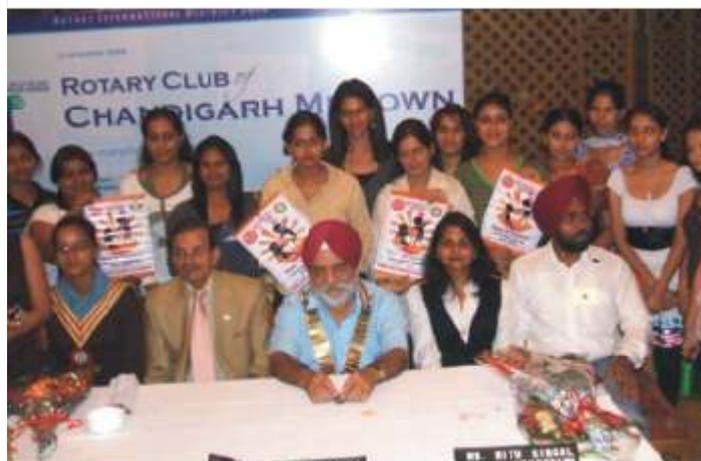
On September 11, 2009 the Council Members of Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College for Women, installed in the presence of Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Major Som Dutt were: President Disha Kashin, Vice President Mehak Jain, Secretary Pallavi Arya, Treasurer Shivranjini Sharma and Joint Secretary Venus Sharma. The Presidential collar was handed over to Rtn. Disha by President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep.

The Rotaracts gave a multimedia presentation of the projects they undertook in the previous year. The newly installed President Rtn. Disha said this is an opportunity to serve an esteemed organization. She highlighted her plans for the year and was confident of the success with a renewed sense of purpose and support of her energetic team. DRR Satinder Singh Dev appreciated the work done during the previous year and hoped that the new team would accomplish their plans with courage and determination.

President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep in his address, congratulated the new team and welcomed the Rotaractors as our extended family. He advised the Rotaractors to join us in our projects as partners in service. He said that he was happy to know through the teacher in-charge of the Rotaract Club, Ms. Amarpreet that they have a bank account, correctly managed

through the office of the Principal of the College, Dr. Meera Modi. President Deep said that he would like to make a beginning and said they could collect a cheque for Rs. 5000/-. He said, "this is a token and money will not be a limiting factor when you add on to the projects." At same time he advised the Rotaracts some fund raising projects. He said a marathon walk could be arranged which would be sponsored by Rotarians.

PP Rtn. Harish Sethi formally introduced the Chief Guest, PDG Maj. Som Dutt, who is a member of Rotary Club of S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali. He was the District Governor in the year 1991-92, when Rtn. Raja Saboo was the RI President and Rtn. Harish Sethi was our club President. During Maj. Dutt's Governorship the Rotary District 3080 achieved 100% polio immunisation which brought him laurels and honour



Rotaracts with PDG Rtn. Maj. Som Dutt, President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep, Secretary Rtn. Ritu Singal and DRR Satinder Singh Dev

from the Rotary Foundation. He was also instrumental in the rehabilitation of earthquake victims and construction of 150 permanent huts for them in Uttarkashi.

PDG Maj. Som Dutt and PP Harish, were students of Govt. College, Ludhiana, and were very good cricketers. Maj. Dutt was also a Ranji player. He is a passionate golfer. He is the Director of Rotary District 3080 Leadership Academy.

In his address PDG Maj. Som Dutt complimented the outgoing team for accomplishing their projects and doing really well. He was confident that the new team of this young and vibrant club will carry out lot of activities to achieve their goals.

Maj. Som Dutt remarked that the Rotaract Club has been sponsored by an outstanding Rotary Club of the District. He added, "Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has a name in the District." He advised the Rotaractors that they should attend the Rotary meetings in groups of 4 or 5 and interact with Rotarians who are professionals from various fields.

Maj. Dutt said, "main object of the Rotaract movement

is to develop professional and leadership skills." He further advised Rotaractors to attend leadership camps, seminars and made a special mention of RYLA.

He concluded, "youth is extremely alert, intelligent, dynamic and has strength & vigour. You must realize



Address by PDG Maj. Som Dutt



PDG Maj. Som Dutt gives lapel pin to Rotaract President Disha

that elders have also wisdom and experience. Given the correct direction and guidance, I have no hesitation in saying that you people can achieve really wonders."

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by Rotaract Joint Secretary Rtr. Venus Sharma. She thanked PDG Maj. Som Dutt for motivating the Rotaracts and also showing them how to achieve their goals.

PP Rtn. Capt. M.S. Kahlon introduced a young man from Austria, George Kellermeyer, who is with Rotary Club of Morinda on a four week Youth Exchange Programme. George said that he has already spent 3



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weeks. He said the best you can give to people of the other country is by speaking their language, and shared his Punjabi experience with us.

He ended his brief talk with, "Dhanyawad, Sat Siri



Ann Indu & PE Prem Anand receive wedding anniversary gift from PDG Maj. Som Dutt

Akal, Namaste", and received a big applause for it!

Before adjourning the meeting President Deep thanked Rtn. B.B. Bahl for hosting the fellowship.



PDG Maj Som Dutt gives Punctuality Award to PP Harish Sethi

## September is New Generations Month

### Message by RI President John Kenny - September 2009

My fellow Rotarians:

Lord Byron wrote, "The days of our youth are the days of our glory." For me, that is the line that springs to mind whenever Rotary's youth programs are mentioned. In Rotary, September is New Generations Month – a time to focus our attention on our programs for youth and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Our youth programs – Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange – are some of the most important programs of Rotary. I say this because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill, and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become. In the words often attributed to St. Francis Xavier, "Give me a boy

until he is seven, and I will give you the man." For myself, I would give it a bit longer than that – but there is no doubt that the experiences of our youth have a greater formative power, and a greater ability to shape character, than any we may have in our adulthood.

When a teenager from the United States has the chance to travel to India to participate in a National Immunization Day, or when a student from Brazil spends a year studying in Japan, that person will be forever changed. These young people will have formed connections and affections that will endure. They will never think about their own country, or the world, in the same way again. Their perspective, their priorities, and their values will have been permanently shaped by that experience in a way that no later experiences will have the power to do. Your hard work ensures that these

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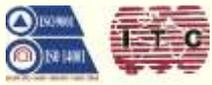


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experiences continue to be possible – that these programs continue to be available, to be well run, and to earn the trust of the participants and their families.

The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second chance at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experiences. But there is never

another chance to build who we are. That happens only once: in our youth.

The days of our youth truly are the days of our glory – but through Rotary's youth programs, those days become the glory of all of Rotary.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

## Congrats Ann Indu and Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra

Heartiest Congratulations to R'ann Indu and Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra who have been blessed with a grandson, Krish Luthra son of Sandhya and Rajiv Luthra on 30th May 2009 at Shady Grove Hospital Washington DC.

### Project Updates

Details of all activities and projects undertaken by the committees should be sent by the respective Director or Committee Chairman to the Editor on his email ID, drvjsvohra@gmail.com, so that the same could be reported in our weekly bulletin, which is also uploaded on our website.

--- President Gurdip S. Deep

### Blood Donation

Blood Donation camp, which was announced in the last club meeting, scheduled for September 26, 2009 at Dev Samaj College for Women Sector 45, has been postponed.

New date will be announced later.

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Rashi & Rtn. Parveen Khosla September 18  
R'ann Raj & Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor September 23



Mobile number of Rtn. B.S. Channi is 9814011450

### Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Anil Kishore Khanna September 19  
Rtn. Surjit Kumar September 21  
PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan September 22



### PUNCTUALITY DRAW :

Won by PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi



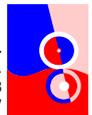
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