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PROGRAMME

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Panel Discussion on the Indian Budget

Panelists: Mr. D.S. Sra, Chief Commissioner (Customs),
Mr. A.K. Kaushal, Commissioner Income Tax,
Mr. Subhash Vaidhya, DUI, Panjab University
Conducted by: Rtn. Brij Gulati

Meeting will be followed by cocktails, hosted by PP Indrajeet Sengupta

Friday, July 10, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands

Our Club meeting on 3rd July 2009 saw the beginning of the new Rotary Year under the leadership of President Gurdip S. Deep and Secretary Ritu Singal. President Gurdip took over the proceedings by congratulating IPP Saroj Jhawar for the wonderful year under her leadership. Going with the RI Theme of the year, the President made an appeal to the Directors and Chairmen of Club Committees that the future of the club is in their hands. All Rotarians should come together to make the year meaningful and memorable.



President Gurdip S. Deep and Secretary Ritu Singal

PP Dr. Balram Gupta set the ball rolling for the discussion on the Future of Rotary and invited PDG Yoginder Diwan to give his views. PDG Diwan said he could see the

future of Rotary all around. Children are our future but we have to set an example by our deeds. Each Rotarian is an example to the youth. Our teachings and practice has to be the same for future to be bright.

In Rotary classification system is unique. We have to deal with our colleagues, customers and the society in a truthful manner, and this comes from within us. PDG Diwan said that future of Rotary is not in the RI Headquarters at Evanston but in each club and in each

Rotarian.

At the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. PDG Diwan said that being a Rotarian for fifty years, he has enjoyed all

his assignments with a sense of fulfillment. He strongly felt that Future of Rotary is in our hands.

PP Col. A.J.S. Gill said that he has seen Rotary from a different angle. He said Rotary is controlled from its H.Q. in Evanston. But the Future is very safe, very good and very bright as it has been for the last 105 years. He said RI President John Kenny has emphasized that the future lies in the hands of Rotarians and in their clubs.

Col. Gill said what RI HQ would want the clubs to do it would do, and what club wants, Rotarians would do. We should fight polio, promote literacy programmes, spread peace by avoiding conflicts which are caused by ego, jealousy and various complexes. He stressed on family values and said forgiveness is very good. We should propagate Rotary ideals and make Rotary Foundation stronger. He said the R.I. Theme this year

The Speakers



PDG Yoginder Diwan

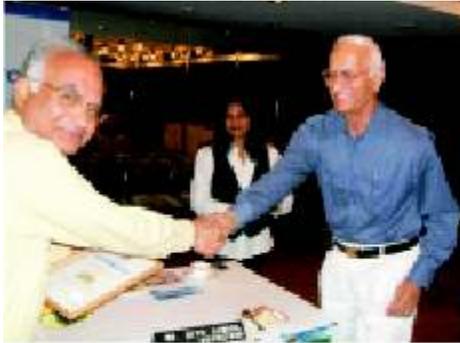
PP Col. A.J.S. Gill

is very appropriate. We should follow this theme and open up our hearts to work together.

IPP Saroj thanked everyone for the full support, love and affection that she got during her year and was confident of the same during President Deep's year.

She said our club has been declared the best club of the zone, recognized for the generous contributions for Bihar floods and Post Polio Immunization. We also received Presidential Citation Award.

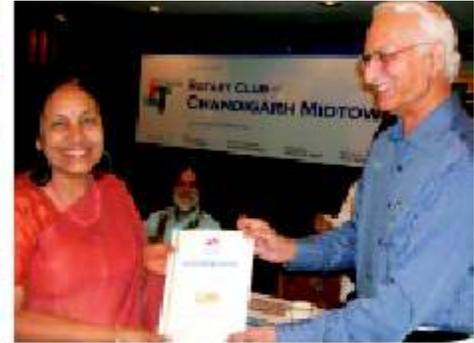
Awards from the District presented by PDG Yoginder Diwan to



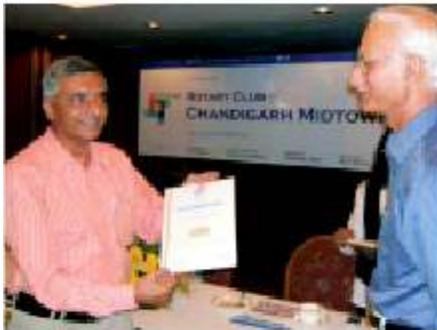
PDG Shaju Peter



PP Dr. Kesho R. Gupta



Rtn. Kanan Diwan



PP Pallav Mukherjee



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Others to receive the District awards are PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Harish Sethi, PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon, PP Dr. Vanita Gupta, PP R.K.Goyal, President Saroj Jhawar, Rtn. R.K. Luther and Rtn. Amarjit Singh.

Vice President Arjan Singh recently returned from UK, where he had gone on Family Exchange Programme, on invitation of PP Mohan Khera of Rotary Club of Wollaton Park. We shall be sharing Arjan's pleasant experience in the forthcoming bulletin.

There was wide appreciation for the first bulletin of the new Rotary year. PP Col A.J.S. Gill congratulated the Editor during his talk, for a colourful bulletin (kind courtesy: PP Subhash Bindra!). This issue has also been uploaded on our website which has been given a new design.

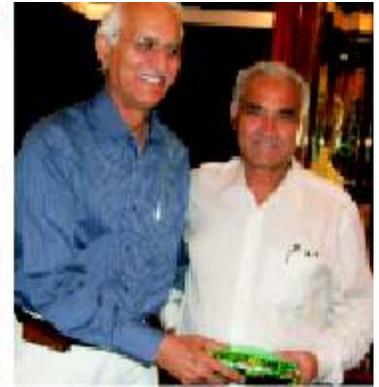
The meeting was followed by fellowship, thanks to PP Dr. Balram Gupta and Rtn. T.L. Verma.



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Anniv. Gift to Rtn. T.L. Verma

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(Uncle of Rtn. Deepak Sood) | Rs. 3000/- | • Mr. Ravi Jain: Window glasses and mirror |
| • Rtn. Deepak Sood | Rs. 2100/- | • PDG Shaju Peter sponsored the live telecast from Aasra shelter to the Conference Hall on 30 June 2009 |

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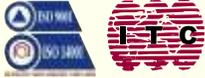
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Partnership Initiative Programme



Inauguration by Governor,
Gen. S.F. Rodrigues

Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, General S.F. Rodrigues in his speech on 30 June 2009 on the occasion of inauguration of Aasra Shelter at GMCH-32, Chandigarh, talked about "Partnership Initiative Programme" and initiatives made by UT Administration in social sectors. This programme was recently launched by him, with a view to building partnerships with NGOs, in socio-economic development in general and the well being of the people in particular. Partnership initiative has been launched with the aim of evolving a responsive mechanism for including NGOs, voluntary agencies,

social workers and resident welfare associations to participate in various social welfare programmes launched by the Chandigarh Administration. Efforts were made to make every concerned citizen a partner of this social transformation, with a special emphasis on upgrading the lives of disadvantaged sections.

In response to above, President Gurdip S. Deep has informed that U.T. Administration advertised on 25 May 2009, inviting NGOs to register with 5 designated Nodal Officers for six social services. Pres. Deep registered Rotary Chandigarh Midtown with all 5 Nodal Officers. IPP Saroj Jhawar and Pres. Deep attended the conference organised by the UT Administration in Tagore Theatre on 10 June 2009 for exposition of Partnership Initiative Programme. Our club is proposing to form a special committee to focus on relationship with the Administration in this context. Also, President Deep and PDG Shaju Peter have started the dialogue with Home Secretary on the subject.

Members are requested to send articles on service, Rotary, personal & family events, jokes, your special works of interest for the bulletin, to make it more informative and interesting. --- Editor

Wedding Anniversary Greetings
R'ann Nirmal & Rtn. Comdr. A.S. Nagra



July 10

Birthday Greetings

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