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PROGRAMME

Presentation on Polio Eradication

Speakers: PP Rtn. Praveen C. Goyal, Chairman, Pulse Polio, Rotary District 3080 and Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa, District Family Welfare Officer, U.T. Chandigarh

Friday, January 08, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Interactive Session with Mayor Mrs Anu Chatrath

Our Club meeting on the first day of the new year 2010 witnessed one of the coldest winters in Chandigarh with the mercury level little over 1° C accompanied by thick fog and icy breeze! But this was not enough for the Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown who defied the weather and headed for the meeting at 6.30 pm in large numbers to have an interactive session with Mrs Anu Chatrath, who earlier in the day created history by being elected unopposed as the 16th Mayor of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation. This was her second visit to our club as she was with us earlier in 2005 during her first term as Mayor.

Besides the Mayor Mrs Chatrath, we also had with us Senior Deputy Mayor Mr. Bhupinder Singh Bhardi and Deputy Mayor Ms. Sheela Devi. After wishing everyone a Happy New Year, President Gurdip S. Deep said, "We are fortunate to always welcome the new team of our civic body every year, in

our first meeting after the election of the Mayor." Introducing the Mayor, PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee, a Nominated Councillor of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation said, "Mrs Chatrath is full of energy and she is a sharp lady! Her husband is a Management Professor and they have one son." Being a lawyer by profession she puts her argumentative skills to its best for the development of the city. Since July 1992 she has been an advocate in the Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. She derives inspiration from her father Mr. Gopal Krishan Chatrath, a senior advocate in Punjab & Haryana High Court. She has also been involved in the social activities for the betterment of the residents of Chandigarh. She also endeavours to contribute to Policy Level Issues in Higher Education as Senator of Panjab University, Chandigarh.

In her address to the Chandigarh Midtowners, Mayor Mrs Chatrath assured that along with the



Mayor Mrs Anu Chatrath addresses the Rotarians and R'anns



PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee introduces the Mayor



Mayor Anu Chatrath, President Gurdip S. Deep and Secretary Ritu Singal



Interactive Session with the Mayor



President Gurdip S. Deep offers Rotarian expertise!



Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon proposed vote of thanks

Senior Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and other Councillors, they would be working as team. She added, "In coordination with UT Administration we shall try to bring some changes in the city." She said her focus would be on formulating a uniform policy for the various departments of the corporation. She was confident that she would take the benefit of experience of Nominated Councillors like PP Rtn Pallav Mukherjee and Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon (former Nominated Councillor). She added, "All of you are invited to give suggestions to enable us to bring a change in the City Beautiful Chandigarh." She remarked, "Our slogan for the year would be Neat & Clean and Dream City, Chandigarh."

President Gurdip Deep said Mrs Chatrath has a very challenging assignment and invited the audience to ask questions! He said there is a great need to bring in harmony between the Corporation and the Administration. The Mayor was of the firm view that, "There has to be proper coordination between the UT Administration and the Municipal Corporation." She admitted that at present there is a dual control over some important departments of the city including roads and electricity, where half the work is under the UT Administration and the other half is with the Corporation! This has led to great confusion, not only for the citizens but for the authorities as well! The Mayor was confident that during her tenure these would be sorted out in coordination with the Administration.



Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon presents mementos to Mayor Anu Chatrath and Dy. Mayor Sheela Devi



PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta bags the Punctuality award and gets it from Mayor Anu Chatrath

There was a lively & vibrant interactive discussion between the Mayor and the Rotarians. Various important issues were discussed relating to electricity, parks & green belts in the sectors, stray dogs & monkeys, public

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transport system, pollution, parking problems for marla houses, garbage disposal and sanitation & public health. As a result of this healthy interactive session, the Mayor assured that what ever is with in her jurisdiction would be duly dealt with, but whatever issues do not come under the purview of the Corporation, she would still take up the matter with the concerned department in the UT Administration as the First Citizen of the City and Representative of the Public. There was a strong feeling for the implementation of 74th Amendment which strengthens Municipal Governance and improves the performance of the Corporation.

The session was concluded by President Gurdip, with an offer to the Mayor that, "Amongst our members, we have very highly learned and experienced Rotarians of different specializations. If at any stage you feel we can support the system or an idea, we shall be happy to help and we offer the Mayor our absolute unquestioned support to draw upon our expertise and abilities."

Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon proposed formal vote of thanks. He said, "With the knowledge, patience and experience of the Mayor Mrs Anu Chatrath, we can expect positive improvement in the city."

Welcome New Rotarian!



Dr. Anurag Sharma is introduced by Rtn. P.K. Verma & inducted by PDG Shaju Peter

Rtn. P.K. Verma introduced new Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma and Ann Dr. Manjushri Sharma. Dr. Anurag is a Senior Interventional Cardiologist at Alchemist Hospital, Panchkula. Dr. Manjushri is General Manager (Administration) in the same hospital.

PDG Shaju Peter formally inducted Dr. Anurag Sharma as a Rotarian of Chandigarh Midtown.

Bon Voyage DGE Madhukar Malhotra & Neeru Malhotra

Rotary Club Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar hosted the Bon Voyage for DGE Madhukar Malhotra & Ann Neeru Malhotra at the picturesque Diplast Farms on Chandigarh-Ambala Highway at Dappar, on Sunday, 3rd January 2010. In spite of the extreme cold weather the function was well attended by District 3080 Rotarians and their spouses.

Our Club was represented by President Gurdip S. Deep & Ann Maniki, PDG Shaju Peter & Ann Lovy, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP R.S. Chandgothia, PP Indrajeet Sengupta & Ann Mala, PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, PP Pallav Mukherjee, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Ann Indu, PE Prem Anand & Ann Indu, Rtn. R.K. Luther, Rtn. Kanan Diwan & PDG Yoginder Diwan, Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva & Ann Shradha and Rtn. V.K. Jawa & Ann Pushpa.

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Felicitation: RI Director Elect

PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter made an announcement that Rotary Chandigarh Midtown shall host a Function to Felicitate RI Director Elect Rtn. Yash Das at NIPER Auditorium in Sector 67, Mohali on Saturday, 6th February 2010 at 4 pm, followed by High Tea.

Sewing & Tailoring Project



Village ladies being trained in tailoring

Sewing & Tailoring Project of our club is a 6 months course catering to 12 ladies of the village Khuda Ali Sher, under Director Vocational Service Rtn. R.K. Luther and Chairperson Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan.

Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher is also very active in this project, in which the village ladies are trained for sewing & stitching of suits, salwar kameez and clothing requirements of their families and villagers. The training is conducted by a qualified instructor.

This is a regular ongoing project costing our club Rs. 1800/- per month. Ladies trained earlier are usefully meeting their own family stitching/sewing requirements. They are also earning reasonably to supplement their family income.

Next Meeting 15 Jan. 2010: An evening with
Dr. Sardar Anjum, Poet Par Excellence!

Punctuality Draw :

Won by PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta

Birthday Greetings

President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep
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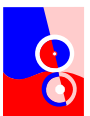
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