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PROGRAMME

An evening with

Padam Bhushan Dr. Sardar Anjum, Poet Par Excellence!
Joint Meeting with Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik

Friday, January 15, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Presentation on Polio Eradication

We had interesting PowerPoint Presentations on Polio Eradication in our Club Meeting on January 8, 2010. The Speakers were Past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Rtn. Praveen C. Goyal, Chairman, Pulse Polio, Rotary District 3080 and Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa, District Family Welfare Officer, U.T. Chandigarh, who was accompanied by other Doctors involved in the Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign of Chandigarh Administration. President Gurdip S. Deep welcomed the Speakers, particularly the Doctors from Chandigarh Health Department as we have been participating in the Polio Immunization Programme of U.T. Chandigarh since 1995.

Dr. Wadhwa addressed the gathering and said, "First of all, I take this opportunity to thank the Rotarians on behalf of the Chandigarh Health Department for associating us with such a noble cause and allowing us this kind of interaction with such an august audience. Rotarians are the pioneers

in the Pulse Polio Immunization and since the very beginning they are involved in this programme." He added, "We are a team from District Family Welfare Bureau from Sector 22, Chandigarh. We manage the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme on behalf of Chandigarh Administration." Dr. Wadhwa then introduced the members of his team; Dr. Vinay Goel, District Immunization Officer, Dr. Sangeeta, the Nodal Officer who takes care of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Dr. Satbir Singh, the second Nodal Officer who has been active in Polio Immunization Programme since 1995 and manages all the human resources as 1800 persons are deputed by the Health Department to carry out this programme!

An informative PowerPoint presentation was given by Dr. Satbir Singh. He said, "Rotary has been a Partner in the Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign since it was started in 1995. It has extended great



Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa, District Family Welfare Officer, U.T. Chandigarh



Dr. Satbir Singh, Nodal Officer, Polio Immunization Programme



PP Rtn. Praveen C. Goyal, Chairman, Pulse Polio, Rotary District 3080



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra proposes formal vote of thanks



From Left: Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep, PP Rtn Praveen Goyal, Dr. Vinay Goel, Dr. Sangeeta, Dr. Satbir Singh, Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa and our Joint Secretary Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur

help in procuring vaccine, IEC material, volunteers and transportation to make this programme successful." He added, "Prior to 1995, before Govt. of India accepted this programme, it was known as Polio Plus and it was exclusively carried out by the Rotary Clubs." When this Programme started in 1995, India had been the world's largest polio endemic country and there were 50000 polio cases every year. This has gradually declined and as on December 15, 2009 total number cases reported in India is 703.

Most of these cases have been reported from Uttar

Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Rajasthan. Globally, 1503 polio cases have been reported from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria and Angola. India's contribution is 703 cases. Western U.P. is the worst Polio affected area in India. In Chandigarh most of the cases were found in the slum areas, but the good news is that Chandigarh is a polio free city for the last three years which is a big achievement! Dr. Satbir cautioned, "Still we have to be on the alert to ensure that Chandigarh continues to be polio free." The high risk areas are the slums, colonies and the villages which are having people migrating from other states, and Chandigarh is surrounded by these areas. During the three pulse polio immunization campaigns held in Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2009, 1,27, 565; 1,30,507 and 1,29,075 children in the age group of 0-5 years were covered. More than 82 per cent of children in Chandigarh have been given three doses of polio vaccine each. Another three day campaign will



Birthday gift to President Gurdip S. Deep from Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa



Birthday gift to Rtn. Lt. Comdr. A.S. Nagra from Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa

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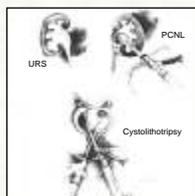
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Birthday boy President Gurdip S. Deep cuts the cake, while the other birthday boy Rtn. Lt. Comdr. A.S. Nagra accompanied by R'ann Nirmal, waits for his turn!



PP Rtn. Praveen Goyal gives a warm hand shake to PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S Vohra, who gets the Punctuality award from him!

Goyal added that American President Obama has made an appeal during a recently held Islamic Conference to eradicate polio and this should be a great boost to our efforts. Our partners for this programme is WHO, UNICEF, CDC and the Bill Gate Foundation.

An interactive session followed the presentations given by the Speakers. Difference between P-1, P-2 & P-3 polio viruses were

clarified. It was explained by the Doctors how the Government machinery is actively involved now in rooting out polio, by making it a three day door to door campaign.

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra proposed a formal vote of thanks. She said, "On behalf of Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown I thank Dr. Rajiv Wadhwa and his team of doctors from the Chandigarh Health Department for highlighting the facts on Pulse Polio Immunization Programme." She also thanked PP Rtn. Praveen Goyal for his motivational talk.

continue from January 10, 2010.

On behalf the Rotary Movement on Pulse Polio Immunization, PP Rtn. Praveen Goyal also gave an impressive PowerPoint presentation! He said, "We made a promise to eradicate polio globally. Our dream was a Polio Free World, our aim being to reach out to each & every child! The challenges which came before us from some countries were the civil war, lack of political commitment and there was a funding gap. Rotary International has already spent 7.13 billion dollars on this programme. India alone has contributed 86.97 million dollars." Rtn. Praveen

Two More Micro Loans!

Vice President Rtn. Arjan Singh gave the details about disbursing two more Micro Loans in the last two weeks. The recipient of the first loan is Kanwal Kishore Kalra of Kishengarh village. He has been advanced a sum of Rs. 20,000/- for his Karyana store. Kanwal Kishore has a son and a daughter who are pursuing engineering diplomas. As a result he had to run his store on minimal stocks. With this loan he is re-stocking his store.

Ravi Kant of Parwanoo is the second recipient. He has taken Rs.20,000/- for starting a tea shop. His loan is recommended by PDG Yoginder Diwan.

Arjan said, "I urge Rotarians to look around their immediate surroundings and they are bound to find many needy and deserving borrowers. Take a leaf out of PDG Yoginder's book and find the needy. All you need to do is to keep your eyes and ears open."

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Braille's Birth Anniversary Observed by RCC of Panchkula

On January 5, 2010 Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula, which is sponsored by our Club, observed the 201st Louise Braille Birth Anniversary, organized by the National Handicapped Welfare Council, Haryana, in Sector 12-A, Panchkula. Addressing the audience the Chief Guest, Mr. Subh Ram Vashisth, Controller of Printing and Stationery Department, Haryana, said: "We must accept the fact that disabled persons have more diligence and genius than a physically fit person."

Mr. K.C. Wadhawan, President, RCC of Panchkula and Senior Vice-President of the Council and Director of the National Institute for the Disabled, said presently more than 100 disabled persons of different categories are taking technical and vocational training in various streams.

District Conference: Venue at Chandigarh
District Conference is now scheduled to be held in Chandigarh instead of Haridwar, and will be hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Central on the same date as announced earlier, that is, 20-21 February 2010. Further details would be intimated shortly

Punctuality Draw :

Won by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

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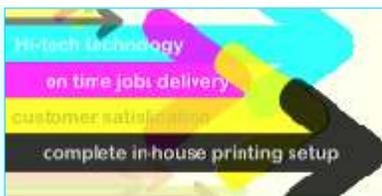
Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Mohinder Singh January 17
Rtn. Munish Jauhar January 19
PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia January 21



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashish Singla January 17



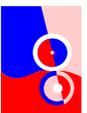
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