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PROGRAMME

Know Thyself Through Science

Chief Guest: Dr. I.S. Dua, Professor Emeritus
Dept. of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Friday, January 22, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

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

On January 15, 2010 we had a joint meeting with Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik to enjoy an evening with Padam Bhushan Dr. Sardar Anjum, Poet Par Excellence. President Gurdip S. Deep welcomed Dr. Anjum and the Rotarians of Chandigarh Shivalik, led by their President Rtn. Maneet S. Matharu, who was accompanied by Secretary Parveen Gupta, PP Col. Prithi Vohra (PE 2010-11), PP Dr. G.S. Kochhar, PP Sneh Popli, PP Bachhitar Singh, PP Sarabjit Singh, PP Col. A.P. Singh, PP Harshvir Jaspal and other members. Also present were PDG Yoginder Diwan, Rotarians of Chandigarh Central, President H.S. Saggi and PP Navjit S. Aulakh.

Dr. Anjum was introduced by President Gurdip Deep as, "a very dear friend, highly celebrated and well rewarded poet with Padam Bhushan, also a Padam Shri and The Millennium Peace Award recipient. He has been a Director of number of films on various

reality based themes including on terrorism." He has written number of books, both in Punjabi and Urdu. He is very independent in his thought process and has not towed in a political line. Presence of Mrs Anjum and their daughter was also acknowledged by the President.

Addressing the Rotarians, Dr Sardar Anjum said whenever he attends a Rotary function he is very impressed with the decorum and mannerisms displayed by the Rotarians. He said, "It is very difficult to see such people who feel about life, its problems, and all of you desire a beautiful society." Dr Anjum added, "After meeting, talking and interacting with you people, I feel that God was the first Rotarian." He added, "What I see in Rotarians is the respect they have for each other which is a great thing."

Dr. Anjum said God made man not to worship Him



Address by Dr. Sardar Anjum



Joint meeting addressed by President Gurdip S. Deep and President Maneet S. Matharu





Rtn. Mohinder Singh gets birthday gift from Dr. Sardar Anjum. Shivalik Pres. Maneet Matharu & Midtown Secy. Ritu Singal give a helping hand

kya teri majburi hai."

On crossing the border he said, "Dilon ki roshni ban kar, mohabat ki zabaan le kar, tumhari sar zameen par aayen hai Hindustan le kar." This is the positive and straight forward-ness which is evident in Dr. Anjum's poetry.

During a visit to USA, Dr. Anjum was asked the difference between Americans and Indians to which he reacted, "You are slave of a system; we are master of our freedom."

Anjum said one should take the problems as a challenge and never give up. He recited a poem, "Gum ki jo ghata aye, to phir jhoom ke barse, aur barse bhi kuch aise, ki khushi bhi tarse. Marne ka nahi khauf, agar dar hai tu itna, nikle nah meri lash aap ke ghar se. Payab (ankle deep water) mein manzoor nahi hai dubna Anjum, acha hai guzar jaye yeh paani mere sar se."

Anjum advised that one should live life on his own terms and summed up philosophically in a couplet: "Unhee ko sajda karte hain yeh toofan, Jo bhanwar mein kashti utarte hain."

PP Harshvir Jaspal of Chandigarh Shivalik proposed formal vote of thanks. He said, "We are so happy to be here to listen to Dr. Sardar Anjum's golden words of wisdom. We all are honoured."

but to spread friendship, love and affection. But man worships God with mask of problems and demands. Dr. Anjum says one should go to meet Him, to love Him. There should be a relation of friendship with God. Dr. Anjum is a Punjabi Christian but he says, "I am not a Christian; I am a lover of Christ."

Talking about Pakistan, Dr. Anjum had a message to eliminate the tension, "Paas paas bethein hain, phir bhi doori hai, Aa mil jul kar samjein kya majburi hai, Pyar se apne Anjum ko yeh samjha de, deshargardi



Dr. Sardar Anjum gives anniversary gift to R'ann Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashish Singla



Birthday boy PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelwa, along with Ann Sandhya, cuts the cake



PP Ajit Gulati says 'happy birthday'. Rtn. Munish Jauhar cuts the cake.

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Aasra Shelter at GMCH



Darbar Sahib at Aasra Shelter



Rtn. D.R. Agarwal, PDG Shaju Peter,
Prof. Raj Bahadur & President Gurdip S. Deep

On January 18, 2010 the Aasra Shelter at Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh, which was constructed by our club in previous Rotary year and inaugurated on the last day of the year, was having a festive and joyous atmosphere. To promote the shelter for the attendants of the patients, GMCH had organized a function, kirtan and ardas inside the shelter which was attended by the hospital staff, doctors, officers, nurses, patients and their attendants. Guru ka Langar was served just outside the shelter for which elaborate arrangements were made.

Professor Dr. Raj Bahadur, Director-Principal of GMCH and President Gurdip S. Deep were honoured during the function. Dr. Raj Bahadur complimented our club for completing this project within scheduled time, costing Rs 15 lakh which would give relief to the attendants of patients, besides improving the social environment of the hospital. Other Rotarians who attended the function were PDG Shaju Peter, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP R.S. Chandgothia, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. R.K. Luther, Rtn. D.R. Agarwal and Rtn. Deepak Sood.

Let's Celebrate

RI District 3080 will felicitate the two RI Directors Nominee, Rtn. Yash Das of our District and Rtn. Shekhar Mehta from Kolkata on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 4 pm at NIPER, Sector 67, Mohali. This function, which includes high tea, is being hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. Registration will be Rs. 300/- (single) and Rs. 500/- (couple).

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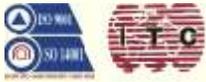
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Change of flags. Rtn. Tripta from Rotary Club of Halifax, Canada.



An invitation from PP Dr. G.S. Kochhar to Golf Tournament

Golf Tournament

PP Dr. G.S. Kochhar invited our Club to the Golf Tournament which will be hosted this year by Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik on February 28, 2010.

For the last many years our club has not only been hosting the tournament, but winning it as well. President Gurdip promptly accepted the invitation and hoped that we shall win it again!

Other Rotary Clubs shall also take part in the tournament, which is an important event, as many Rotarians are keen Golfers.

Punctuality Draw :

Won by Won by PE Rtn. Prem Anand

District Conference at Chandigarh

District Conference "Rotary Confluence 2010-Shape the Future" will be held at Chandigarh on 20th & 21st February 2010, hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Central. Registration charges are as follows:

Date	Single	Couple
Upto 31 st January	Rs. 1200/-	Rs. 2300/-
Upto 14 th February	Rs. 1400/-	Rs. 2600/-
Spot (without kit)	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2700/-

Pre-conference Dinner will be held on 19th February 2010. The charges for the same are Rs. 250/-.

Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown should contact our Office Secretary, Mr. V.P. Sharma for registration.

The host club is making all out efforts to make the conference informative, meaningful, enriching, motivating and rewarding with eminent guest speakers and lively entertainment on 20th Feb. 2010 so that you do not miss the excitement you were expecting of Hardwar.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Sarita & Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva		January 24
R'ann Purnima & Rtn. Deepak Sood		January 24
R'ann Monika & Rtn. Chitranjan Aggarwal		January 25
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