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## PROGRAMME

An Evening of Celebrations  
To Felicitate Rotary International Directors Nominee  
Rtn. Yash Pal Das and Rtn. Shekhar Mehta

Please note  
change in date, time  
& venue  
of the meeting.

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Time: 3.45 P.M.

Venue: NIPER, Sector 67, Mohali

## Felicitation of Rotary International Directors Nominee



Rtn. Yash Pal and Manju Das

Rtn. Yash Das joined Rotary in 1971. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Ambala in R.I. District 3080. He has served Rotary in several assignments, such as International Training Leader, Discussion Moderator, Group Study Exchange Team Leader and committee and task force member, Chair of the Rotary International Committee on Sergeant-at-Arms and Chairman for the 2006 Rotary Institute for Zones 5 & 6a in Chandigarh.

Yash served as District Governor in 1993-94. A former member of the India National Polio Plus Committee for 14 years, he is currently the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zones 4 & 6a comprising of Northern – Eastern – Western – Central India & Nepal.

He is the Chief Executive Officer of the family business of running an Automobile Dealership, retailing passenger cars and commercial vehicles. He is a member of various commerce bodies connected with road transportation, and serves on the board of several educational institutions and is also a member of the Rotary Society for the Hearing Impaired.

Yash is married to Manju, a past president of the Inner Wheel Club and both are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. They have two children, Manav and Shagun.

Rtn. Shekhar Mehta did his graduation from St. Xavier's College and M.Com from Calcutta University. He is a Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary. He is a builder heading the Skyline Group of Companies. He is a member of many professional, social, cultural and charitable organisations.

Shekhar joined Rotary in the year 1985. He is a member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. He was President in the year 1991-92.

He served as District Governor in the millennium year, 1999-2000. Shekhar has served many International and National level committees of Rotary International as Member, Coordinator etc. He is the recipient of "The Service Above Self" Award. He is a Major Donor and a Member of the Bequest Society.

He served as Discussion Facilitator during 2008 and 2009 Conventions. A skilled orator Shekhar has been a speaker at International Assembly at Anaheim, in Chicago, Dhaka Presidential Conference and Rotary Institutes, District Conferences, Assemblies and Seminars in and outside India.

Shekhar is married to Rashi, a past president of Inner Wheel Club. They have two children, Chiraag and Chandni.



Rtn. Shekhar and Rashi Mehta

Felicitation of RI Directors Nominee Yash Das and Shekhar Mehta  
NIPER, Sector 67, Mohali  
3.45 pm Saturday, February 6, 2010

- 15.30 hrs. Registration begins  
16.00 hrs. Arrival of RI Directors Nominee Yash Pal Das and Shekhar Mehta.  
16.00 to 16.45 hrs. High Tea  
16.50 hrs. All to be seated  
16.45 to 17.00 hrs. Directors Nominee move to the Auditorium led by folk artistes from Punjab  
17.00 hrs. Welcome dance by troupe from Haryana  
17.10 hrs. Dignitaries to the dais  
Shekhar and Rashi Mehta, Yash and Manju Das, TRF Trustee Ashok Mahajan,  
PRIP Raja Saboo, DG Chetan Aggarwal, President Gurdip S. Deep  
Collar to DG by Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Amar Raj Saini  
Collar to President by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Ajit Singh Gulati  
Call to order by President Gurdip S. Deep  
17.15 hrs. Lighting of the lamp  
17.18 hrs. Bouquets of welcome to  
Shekhar and Rashi, Yash and Manju, Raja Saboo, Ashok Mahajan,  
DG Chetan Aggarwal  
17.25 hrs. Welcome by President Gurdip  
17.27 hrs. Introduction of RIDN Yash Das by PDG Shaju Peter  
17.37 hrs. Felicitation Remarks by PDG Lakshmi Sagar  
17.40 hrs. Introduction of RIDN Shekhar Mehta by PDG Arun Sharma  
17.50 hrs. Felicitations by DG Chetan Agarwal  
17.52 hrs. Felicitations by Trustee Ashok Mahajan  
17.55 hrs. Felicitations by PRIP Raja Saboo  
18.00 hrs. Memento to Yash by DG Chetan Agarwal  
18.02 hrs. Memento to Shekhar by PRIP Raja Saboo  
18.04 hrs. Address by Yash Das  
18.10 hrs. Address by Shekhar Mehta  
18.16 hrs. Dignitaries step down to the floor  
18.18 hrs. Finale. Bhangra by a troupe from Punjab.  
18.25 hrs. Expression of gratitude by Chair PP Ajit S Gulati  
18.28 hrs. National Anthem

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## Relevance of Literature in Contemporary Society



Professor Rana Nayar

Pradesh University, Shimla in 1983-88. From 1980 for 10 years he served as Senior Lecturer at St. Bede's College, Shimla. From 1990 he has been in the Department of English at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

In his talk Dr. Nayar expressed that people have misplaced notions about literature. He said, "Literature practitioners are much misunderstood category." He submitted that, "Literature deals with books. It is a way of reading books. But in literature we primarily do not deal so much with books, as with life, which is our basic concern. In a very small way we also teach children the art of living." He said

Chief Guest in our club meeting on January 22, 2009, Dr Rana Nayar, Professor and Chairman Department of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh was introduced by Rtn. Arjan Singh. Dr. Nayar did Ph.D on English from Himachal

Literature helps us to understand life.

Dr. Nayar drew our attention to sensitivity towards life. He said, "People say that they are very sensitive. But if you probe a little deeper you would discover that they are sensitive to their own needs, their own desires and to their own dreams." He clarified that sensitivity is essentially something which deals with others. Dr. Nayar said we have to be sensitive towards old people, towards others, towards animals and towards life in general, and all this obviously comes from literature.

Dr. Nayar said we have become dependant on the modern technology, internet and mobile, and there is a threat to human element. We are living in the age of rising expectations and unlimited desires. Knowledge and human wisdom does not come from technology. It comes from literature which also plays the right role to preserve sensitivity.

Dr. Nayar concluded his talk with a remark, "As long as you are in touch with your creator you will experience fullness, but the moment you move away from the creator you will be as empty as the bottomless bucket. That is the power of literature, which can be used for the service of mankind."

PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra proposed formal vote of thanks. He said Dr. Rana Nayar enlightened us with his talk which could be termed as 'Life through Literature'.



Dr. Rana Nayar presents anniversary gift to Ann Bir & PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati



Ann Asha & Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal get anniversary gift from Dr. Rana Nayar



Rtn. Dr. Anureet & Mr. R.K.S. Bhatti get anniversary gift from Dr. Nayar

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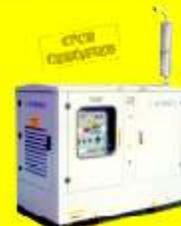
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'Youngest' birthday boy Rtn. Suraj Handa gets gift from Dr. Rana Nayar



Dr. Rana Nayar gives birthday gift to Rtn. Sompal Malik



Dr. Rana Nayar is presented a memento by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. President Gurdip looks on



Ravi Kant of Parwanoo granted interest free loan of Rs. 20,000/- for his tea shop

## GSE Team Arrives

The GSE team from District 5810, Texas, USA has arrived. Details will be in the next bulletin.

District Team Training Seminar DTTS will be hosted by our club which will be held on 21st March 2010 at Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Chandigarh.



Dr. Rana Nayar gives punctuality award to Rtn. Col. Dr. V.K. Kapoor

## Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Mrs Davinder K. Singh  
PP Rtn. T.S. Anand  
Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon



February 06  
February 07  
February 09

## Punctuality Draw :

Won by Rtn. Col. Dr. V.K. Kapoor

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Neerja & Rtn. Anil Nagpal  
PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta & Dr. B.C. Gupta  
R'ann Manju & Rtn. Jawahar Jain  
R'ann Sarabjit & Rtn. J.S. Bawa

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February 09  
February 09  
February 10



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