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PROGRAMME

District Conference Rotary Confluence 2010

Please note change
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of the meeting

Saturday-Sunday, February 20-21, 2010

Time: 8.30 A.M.

Venue: Law Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate

On February 12, 2010 we had the Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate. It is highly appreciable that Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta, his elder brother, Mr. Ashwini Kumar Gupta and their families have been keeping alive the memory of their late father, Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta. They are not only paying a great tribute to their father but have also set a glaring example of maintaining family values. Since last many years Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate is organized by our club which encourages the participation of Rotaractors of District 3080, represented by a team of two members, one speaking for the motion, and the other speaking against the motion.

The topic of the debate this time was, "Trial by Media is Interference in the Judicial Process". Eight teams from Rotaract Clubs of Chandigarh participated in the debate. President Gurdip S.

Deep acknowledged the sincere efforts made by Rtn. Arjan Singh for conducting this programme.

It was a very lively debate for which we had a panel of two judges, Dr Rana Nayar, Professor & Chairman Dept. of English, Panjab University and Mrs Daman Duggal, who till recently was the Principal of Vivek High School, Chandigarh. Dr. Rana Nayar announced the names of the winners. In the team event the Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Rolling Trophy was won by MCM DAV College for Girls Sector 36, and the runners-up were DAV College Sector 10. Amongst the individual speakers, Akshi Chawla bagged the first prize and the second prize was won by Divya Gurnay. The 'verdict' of the debate went in favour of the Judiciary. Akshi felt that, "media has assumed a role of parallel judiciary and instead of doing investigative journalism; it has chosen the path of sensationalism."



Awards being presented to the winners by Mr. Ashwini K. Gupta and Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta

Vocational Awards

As one of our important annual projects, we gave vocational awards of Rs. 5000/- each, along with a citation to the underprivileged community workers, who have done exceptionally good work beyond the call of duty. Rtn. R.K. Luther, Director Vocational

struggle for him. He studied upto Class 12. He understands the problems of the disabled. Whenever, Mr. Harmesh comes across a disabled person at any public place, he takes time out to enquire from him/her. Not only this, he makes



PDG Shaju Peter gives the award to Harminder Pal Sharma



Harmesh Kumar gets the award from PDG Shaju Peter.



Dr. Archana of Aids Control Society, Chandigarh gives the award to Narain Dass

Services, supported by PP Dr. Vanita Gupta and PP Ajit S. Gulati, put in great efforts to identify four such persons, whose details are as below:-

1) Mr. Harminder Pal Sharma: A Fireman at fire station, Sector 32, gave a rare performance. He participated in the risk operation in Sector 31, Chandigarh. In this process, two mine labourers lost their lives. He entered the sledge with the help of ladder and rope around 30 feet down from the road level at the risk of his life and recovered two missing bodies.



Rakesh Sethi gets his award from PDG Shaju Peter

2) Mr. Harmesh Kumar: He is having 80% disability due to post polio deformity of both lower limbs. He lost his father at the age of three. Life t h r o u g h o u t remained a big

sincere effort to find solution to eliminate their sufferings. He has made his own life and that of others meaningful. Large number of disabled persons, including President of Rotary Community Corps Dadumajra, Balwant S. Dardi were present in the meeting to greet Harmesh.

3) Mr. Narain Dass kaikade: His exemplary services for the cause of HIV/AIDS, he himself belongs to PLHA community. Being a rickshaw puller and in spite of his failing health and unable to earn, he has fought the disease fearlessly and at the same time guided others like him by providing moral support and taking them to PGIMER Chandigarh free of charge in his own rickshaw.

4) Mr. Rakesh Sethi: He joined as a daily-wager with the Engineering Department, U.T Chandigarh in the year 1977. He became ALM in 1985 and got promoted as SSA in 2006. During this long tenure with the Department he acquired sound knowledge of all the electrical equipment installed at 66 KV

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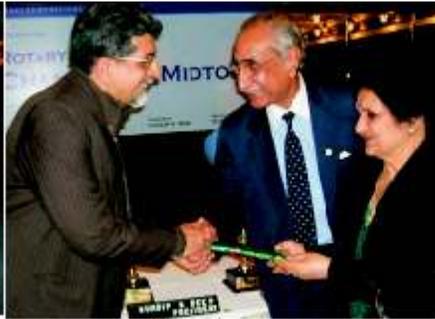
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recognised.

The Vocational award was well covered in the press by Chandigarh Tribune and Punjab Kesri.



Dr Rana Nayar, Professor & Chairman Dept. of English, Panjab University, gives wedding anniversary gifts to R'ann Saroj & Rtn. Santosh K. Khaitan, R'ann Urmil & Rtn. Raj K. Luther and R'ann Brij Bala & Rtn. M.K. Handa



Dr. Rana Nayar, who judged the debate being honoured by Pres. Deep

Rtn. Mrs Davinder K. Singh and Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi get their birthday gifts from PDG Shaju Peter

Invitation

R'ann Mira and PP Rtn Jagmohan Lal Mahajan invite you all to "Maine Ram Rattan Dhan Payo" an evening of Bhajans rendered by Smt Shruti Sadolikar on 21 February, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the auditorium, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Sector 27, Chandigarh.

Please Note

Instead 26.2.2010 (Fri) the next Club meeting would be held on 27.2.2010 (Sat) at Hotel President, to host a farewell for the GSE Team from District 5810, Texas, USA

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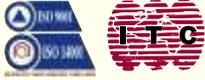
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Donation for Club Projects

Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta and Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma donated Rs. 3000/- each towards the cost of the wheel chairs for two disabled students of Engineering College.



After getting b'day gift from PDG Shaju, PP T.S. Anand gets the punctuality award from Dr. Archana.

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand and Rtn. Santosh K. Khaitan donated Rs. 2100/- each and Rtn. R.K. Luther contributed Rs. 1100/- for the Club Projects.

PP Harish Sethi at Rotary Club in Hong Kong

PP Harish Sethi was able to make up at Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast, RI District 3450, during his trip to Hong Kong. He exchanged flags with the Club President Martin Yeung at their weekly lunch meeting on 15.1.2010. Members of Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast raised a toast in honour of our Club as a token of goodwill and friendship. Back home, PP Harish Sethi presented the flag to President Gurdip S. Deep.



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

- R'ann Rajneet & Rtn. Srirambir Sandhu February 20
- R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Sompal S. Malik February 21
- R'ann Mira & PP Rtn. Jagmohan Lal Mahajan February 22

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- Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta Rs. 3000/- }For two
- Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma Rs. 3000/- }Wheel Chairs
- PP Rtn. T.S. Anand Rs. 2100/-
- Rtn. Santosh K. Khaitan Rs. 2100/-
- Rtn. R.K. Luther Rs. 1100/-

Birthday Greetings

- Rtn. Lalit K. Azad February 19
- Rtn. Rajiv Gupta February 21
- PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu February 26



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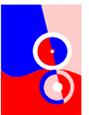
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