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## PROGRAMME

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### Installation of President & Board of Directors 2009-10

Chief Guest: Mr. Pradeep Mehra, IAS, Advisor to UT Administrator, Chandigarh  
Guest of Honour: Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo, Rotary International President 1991-92



Saturday, July 25, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

## CLUB ASSEMBLY

On July 18, 2009 first Club Assembly of RY 2009-10 was held at Restaurant Shehanshah in Sector 17, Chandigarh. President Gurdip S. Deep welcomed the Directors & Committee Chairmen. He said the Directors and all Chairmen present in the assembly had done an excellent job to put forward their plans, and he would ensure that the Chairmen are empowered enough to carry out their plans. He said, there were some more Committees to be constituted like, Installation, RYLA, District Governor's Visit and State Relationship Building.

Director International Services Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon presented his proposed plans & expenses for



G S E , Rotary Scholarships & Youth , International Hostings & Visits, Rotary Foundation & WCS, Water Harvesting, Polio, Medical and Aids

Detection and Revolving Loans. PDG Shaju Peter informed that for the Rain Harvesting project, as on 1st July 2009, we had a Matching Grant partner, Rotary Club of Madison (District 7980, USA).

Director Community Services Rtn. Deepak Sood presented his proposed projects; new Rotaract Club & Interact Club, Blood Donation and Aids Awareness,

Eye Camp, Medical camps for Neurology and Orthopaedics, Drug Awareness, In Case of Emergency (ICE) awareness, Night School Sarangpur, Environment Protection, Tree Plantation, Global Warming, Solar Water Disinfection, Golf Tournaments, Disability Empowerment and Rehabilitation and involvement of our 3 Rotary Community Corps to participate in our projects at grass root level.

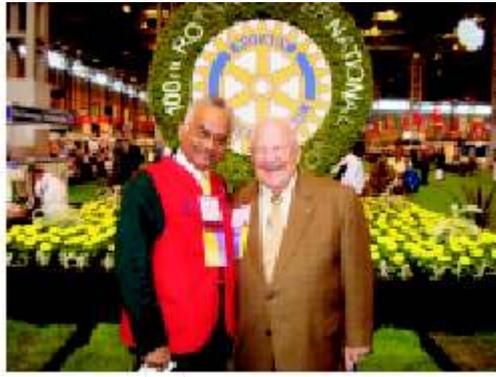
Proposed plans under Vocational Services was presented by Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur regarding Career Development, Vocational Awareness & Awards, Plumbing training, Tailor training and Home Care Nursing. Under Club Services, Rtn Vinod Jawa initiated serious discussion regarding adhering to the attendance requirements. For weekly bulletin Rs. 1,10,000/- has been generated- more than the amount to cover its cost. Thanks to the advertisers: PDG Shaju Peter, PP D.P. Khandelvia, PP TS Anand, PP Subhash Bindra, PP Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta, PP Indrajeet Sengupta, Rtn. D.S. Kalsi, Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva, Rtn. Deepak Sood, Rtn. Mohinder Singh and Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor.

Others who actively participated in the Club Assembly were; PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Harish Sethi, PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon, PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, PP Ajit S. Gulati & Ann Bir, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, PP Palav Mukherjee VP Rtn. Arjan Singh, Rtn. RTPS Tulsi, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Office Secy. V.P. Sharma.

## Birmingham Convention – A Report Back



PDG Shaju and Lovy with Convention Chair Sakuji Tanaka and Kioki from Japan



Sergeant-at-Arms Shaju with PRIP Cliff Dochterman. Shaju served as our club president during Cliff's term as RI President in 1992-93

but I did not want to embarrass my husband!

Our hotel, though one of the official hotels, was quite a distance but we had shuttle buses to reach the venue. I was on my own most of the time, because Shaju was busy at work as a sergeant.

The sessions were well planned with excellent speakers. The discipline

You can imagine my excitement when Arjan, Praveen, Shaju and I touched Heathrow, London at 6.30 pm on June 16. As we drove in a taxi to Nottingham, the scenic beauty which unfolded, literally overwhelmed me. So clean was the English atmosphere, without a speck of dust.

After 2 days as house guests of Jambunathan and Eileen, we proceeded on 18th June to Birmingham to hear Arch Bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, the Noble Prize recipient for World Peace. When he spoke on apartheid in his simple and childlike style there was not a single Rotarian in the hall who was not touched. After hearing such an inspiring speech, I was determined for the next four days to attend as many sessions and learn more from our Rotary leaders. Alas! I had underestimated the size of the venue. The National Exhibition Centre was a huge complex with its own Railway Station and Airport, just five minutes by monorail. Imagine walking from one hall to another: the distance was about 2 kilometers. Two days later my feet gave away. There were wheelchairs,

and punctuality struck me. You just could not enter the hall without your badges, with sergeants-at-arms all around, including Shaju. They just turned you out if you didn't have your badge. I was very particular. I did not want to miss the opportunity of listening to renowned Rotary leaders who covered a wide spectrum of Rotary topics.

But the best were the inaugural and closing sessions. So beautiful were the Korean dances that you were transported to a different world. The keynote address by Bang Ki Moon, Secretary General of U.N. stressed on the final push to eradicate polio from the world and complimented the tireless efforts of Rotarians. He was awarded the Polio Eradication Champion Award by President D.K.Lee.

The ticketed events were equally interesting the concert of concerts featuring Catherene Jnkns, a welsh singer of world renown and the tour of Warwick Castle, the best preserved medieval castle in Europe. The route to the castle was 'inhabited' by medieval characters and once inside, we saw some of the finest

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PDG Shaju Peter reports back on Birmingham Convention



PP HC Sethi talks on Friendship Family Exchange



Rtn. Atul Grover gets b'day gift from PDG Shaju Peter

wax reproductions of medieval kings and queens by Madam Tussuaw.

The House of Friendship, the largest so far in a convention, I am told, was fascinating. It reminded me of an Indian mela. There were not only stalls, but dance, drama and music by performing artists from all over the world. The most colourful were the Rotarians from Africa in their colourful dresses and headgears. We also had an opportunity to interact with Rotarians from South Asia over breakfast.

The final curtain fell on 24th June, but not before the handing over of the collar to John Kenny by D K Lee. In his message to Rotarians, John Kenny emphasized on the last push for the eradication of Polio. True to his theme for the year 'The Future of Rotary is in your Hands', he came across as a humble, down-to-earth International President when he asked for the support of each club in the world to contribute its own fresh ideas to make the world a better place. We shall be in Montreal for sure next year.

Contributed by Ann Lovy Peter

## FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TRIP TO NOTTINGHAM

After PDG Shaju's presentation on Birmingham Convention, President Deep requested PP Harish Sethi, who recently returned from UK, after the Family Friendship Exchange programme to share with members his experience.

Harish said this was through the efforts of Rtn. Arjan from our Club & Rtn. Mohan Khera from the host Club. The couples reached Nottingham on 16th & 17th June. Their first engagement was a meeting with Mrs Packer, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham. She presented to the members

signed brochures which had been brought out on the 80th anniversary of the Council house. We attended the weekly meeting of the host Club in the evening at the prestigious Wollaton Golf Club.

On 18th Shaju & Lovy left for Birmingham R.I. Convention. Arjan & Parveen along with Devinder Kalra & Anuradha visited the Nottingham Castle and D.H. Lawrence's house. Alan Gardner, President of host Club drove Manjit & me around some of the most scenic parts of Derbyshire. He then took us to the Wollaton Hall,

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a very impressive Palace, which now houses a vast collection of age old Industrial machines, lace machines, vintage cars etc. In the evening the male members watched the World Cup T-20 Cricket semi-final match while the ladies went around the Nottingham University

19th morning the group was received by the members of R.C. Castle Donington where our Club flag was presented to them. John & Chris then took us to Stratford –upon-Avon, the birth place of William Shakespeare. On our way back we had a glimpse of the Warwick Castle. In the evening there was a gala party at Dr Atwall’s place. Members of the Group & all the hosts were present. The ambience was great & fellowship was excellent. Bonds of friendship between two Clubs were strengthened further at this farewell dinner.

On 20th June the members left for their respective destinations. It was a wonderful trip during which fantastic hospitality was extended and amazing personal



Members of the Group & the Host at the Shakespeare Centre at Stratford-upon Avon

care was taken by the hosts.

Harish concluded “We will cherish the fond memories of this visit for a long time.”

### Donation for Club Project

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### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R’ann Neeru & Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar



July 29

### Punctuality Draw: Won by PP Rtn. Dr. V. J. S. Vohra

### Congrats to Dada-Dadi Prem Anand & Indu.

Heartiest Congratulatory to PE Prem Anand and Ann Indu who have again become Dada-Dadi. Their son, Vikas & daughter-in-law, Tamana have been blessed with a girl child, Pragyaa.

### Birthday Greetings

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



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# Installation of President & Board of Directors 2009-10

Chief Guest:

Mr. Pradeep Mehra, IAS

Advisor to the Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh



Mr. Pradeep Mehra, IAS

Mr. Pradeep Mehra, Advisor to the Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, is an IAS officer of the 1975 batch. He served as the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB), from August 1993 to November 1995. He has also been the UT Adviser from November 1995 to April 1997. In fact, he is the only Adviser to have returned to the same post in Chandigarh for the second time.

He has served as Secretary to Lt. Governor, Delhi and CEO of the Delhi Jal Board. He was in Pondicherry 1987 to 1992 and was Chief Secretary, Pondicherry September 2006 to September 2007.

Mr. Mehra completed his schooling from St Johns' High School, Sector 26, and went to Govt. College, Sector 11 for his graduation and then completed his MA in English from Panjab University and MA in Urban Development from London University.

Programme on reverse

# INSTALLATION MEETING

SATURDAY, 25th July 2009

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Master of Ceremonies : PDG Shaju Peter

Reception Committee : All Past Presidents

## PROGRAMME :

19.00 hours	Registration begins
19.20 hours	Arrival of Guest of Honour PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
19.30 hours	Arrival of Chief Guest Mr. Pradeep Mehra IAS, Advisor to the Administrator of Chandigarh.
19.30 hours	Call to order National Anthem Lighting of Lamp
19.38 hours	Welcome by PDG Shaju Peter
19.41 hours	Presentation of Bouquets
19.43 hours	Report of 2008-09 by IPP Saroj Jhawar
19.58 hours	Installation of President Gurdip Singh Deep
20.00 hours	Introduction of President by P.K.Verma
20.03 hours	Address by President (2009-10) Introduction of Members of the Board (2009-10)
20.15 hours	Announcement of PHFs and MPHFs for recognition, by President Elect Prem Anand
20.18 hours	Felicitations by Assistant Governor Charanjit Singh
20.20 hours	Felicitations by Guest of Honour PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
20.30 hours	Introduction of Chief Guest Mr. Pradeep Mehra IAS by Dr. Balram Gupta
20.34 hours	Address by Chief Guest Mr. Pradeep Mehra IAS Presentation of Mementoes, Wedding Anniversary/Birthday gifts Expression of gratitude by Secretary Ritu Singal Adjournment for Fellowship and Dinner