

# The MidTowner



BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN : R.I. DISTT. 3080

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## PROGRAMME

Speaker: Professor BS Brar

Subject: Making Sense of Reservation Politics

Friday, April 2, 2010

Time: 6.30 P.M

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Chandigarh Midtown is a Gentleman's Club DG Chetan Aggarwal

District Governor RI Distt. 3080, Rtn Chetan Aggarwal carried out his annual visit to our Club,



District Governor Rtn. Chetan Aggarwal

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown on Friday 26 March, 2010. He was accompanied by his smile – spreading wife Ann Neelam Aggarwal.

They arrived on the dot at 11:30 Hrs. at our PP Dr. B D Gupta's clinic and training centre, Sector 15-A, Chandigarh. They were received by President Rtn G S Deep, Secy. Rtn Ritu Singal, PPs, Rtns B L Ramsisaria, Chandgotia, Col Gill and PE Rtn Luther, Rtn Deepak Sood and our office Secretary V P Sharma. PDG Rtn Shaju Peter joined the group later. President of our inner wheel Club President Mrs. Gupta with IW members were their to receive the D G Dr. BD Gupta and teacher Ms Poonam spoke on the details of the course. Each student was presented a first aid kit by the first lady of the Distt Ann Neelam.

### Visit to Some Major Projects

It was not possible to visit all the major projects of the Club due to constraints of time. The major projects that could not be included in the schedule were adequately covered by the President in his audio – visual presentations.

### Home Care Nurse's Training

It is a one year course that is on – going for the last 14 years. There has been an average of 12-16 girls in each batch. The current course will graduate in May 2010. The training centre is being run by Dr B D Gupta in memory of his son Dr Vikrant Gupta. The District Governor expressed his appreciation by saying that such a project is the need of the day for the growing elderly population of the region. It is also a means to Women – Empowerment. Our inner wheel club takes a very strong and supportive interest in this project. They select the students for training.

The DG, first lady of the Distt Ann Neelam with Rtns and IW members then Rvd at the Chandigarh Golf Association and proceeded to village Kishan Garh to visit two recipients of our interest free Micro Loans. The President led the convoy to visit the Micro Loan Projects.

## Micro Loan Projects

The Project, a WCS Project, commenced in the year 1995-96 with contributions from the Rotary Foundations and Rotary Club Milano Sud-Est Italy, with an amount of about Rs 5 Lac. Two more WCS projects followed, one each, in the year 1998-99 and the current year 2009-10. The Club now has three Micro Loan

Projects with a total amount of Rs 20 Lac. More than 150 loanees have benefited by the interest free loans in improving their business and life and enabling them to educate their children. VP Rtn Arjan Singh conducted the DG and Ann Neelam to two such loanees.

## Lakhbir Karyana Shop

Lakhbir Singh was loaned Rs. 20,000/- which has increased his daily turn over by more than Rs. 500/-. He is planning to increase this to about Rs. 800/- by June 2010.

## Kewal Kishore Chawla

He also runs a Kiryana shop and has received Rs 30,000/- as loan. He is very happy and says that his turn over per day has increased by our average of about Rs. 1,000/-. He is expecting to raise it further by few hundred rupees. A Cheque of Rs, 15,000 was presented to Mr. Chawla to make the total loan to Rs. 30,000.

Both the loaners were very appreciative of Rotary and thanked the District Governor profusely.



Rs. 15000 Cheque for Chawla Karyana Shop

## Club Assembly

The District Governor held a meeting with President and the Secretary at the Chandigarh Golf Association that was followed by the Club Assembly. Seventeen Club Leaders attended the Assembly where the programmes of the Club were presented and discussed. PDG Shaju requested the DG to clarify the status of the Distt goals on the donations to the TRF and the increase in the membership. The DG lucidly explained the situation and said that he is very hopeful of meeting the goals. The District Governor commented that Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is a Gentleman's Club and is one of the Best in the District. He further said that he saw full cooperation all round and

enthusiasm all round. He explained in detail the Medical camp held recently in Madhya Pradesh at Mandla in the Adivasi belt. He commented that everybody there worked, not for awards, but being thankful for this wonderful opportunity to serve the needy of the Adivasi community. Replying to a request by the President, the District Governor suggested that the Club should consider to extend the Micro Loan Project to the Chamba region of Himachal.

The President then escorted the District Governor to visit the Club Projects in the village Khuda Ali Sher and Panchkula.

## Khuda Ali Sher Training Centre

It handles two courses. One for 12-15 girls for a six month in tailoring embroidery and other facets for clothing. The second course is for 12-16 young boys to train them as electricians. 10 June 2010 is the graduation day for these boys & girls. Rtn Munish Johar, the Club Committee Chairman for these courses conducted the DG and explained the details of the training programme.

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## Training of Differently Abled Persons

The District Governor was escorted to the Training and Employment Institute for the Disabled Panchkula. The Institute is funded by the National Welfare Council for the Disabled and donations. It is managed by the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Panchkula which was sponsored by our Club. Most of the members of the RCC are differently abled and they are active to help the disabled and carry out many projects to serve the community. They are a shining example of empathy, sympathy and service to the Community. Our Club has donated three computers for the Institute Computer Training Centre. The District Governor was touched by the courage and hopeful attitude

of the differently abled to face the realities of life. The D G Was particularly impressed and touched to see the differently abled children taking on the life and dealing with their problems with confidence and hope. A tricycle was presented to the RCC Panchkula at the instance of PP Rtn VJS Vohra. The General Secretary of the RCC Panchkula, himself having an artificial leg is full of confidence and is enthusiastic to serve the community and thus enhance the image of Rotary.

The Party dispersed thereafter to meet at Hotel President at 18:30 Hrs for the Club Meeting.

## The Club Meeting

After the collar ceremony, Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn Ajit Singh Gulati called the meeting to order and the National Anthem followed. Lighting the Lamp ceremony was followed by presentation of bouquets. Secy. Ritu Singal welcomed the DG Rtn Chetan Aggarwal and the first Lady of the RI District 3080, the visiting Rotarians and

Rotaractors, the Inner wheel leaders, members of Midtown Inner wheel and all the Midtowners. She narrated a story of a quiet, determined and a wise frog that carried the day with perseverance and planned strategy. Master of Ceremonies, PP Rtn TS Anand, requested the President for his presentation.

## The Presentation

President Rtn Gurdip Singh Deep started his Power Point-presentation with gratitude to the Club Board that extended all the help to plan and execute the Club's projects and to run the affairs of the Club efficiently. Rtn Amarjit Singh operated the lap-top.

The President's presentation was a crisp, to-the-point, clear and concise spectrum of the Club's activities till date and further plans till 30 June 2010. He touched all the projects,, more than 40 in all, with essential details for each Avenue of Service, and laid out detailed plans for the remaining three months. He appreciated PP Rtn Vohra, Editor of the Club Bulletin, for bringing out the timely issues week after week with full cooperation and help from PP Rtn Subhash Bindra's printing set up. He also mentioned the good quality of programmes organized by PP Rtn Balram Gupta. The Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate, won by the MCM Girls College Team, was a great hit.

In Vocational Service, besides the various Career and skill

development courses, awards for outstanding employers and members of the Society were organized after very careful selection of the awardees.

Community Service was hands-full for the Midtowners. Aasra Tree Plantation, help to the Sikhya School and Children, running of the Night School for the children of daily wages and brick kiln workers, Blood donation camps and street plays on social themes by our two Rotaract Clubs, activities of our RCC Clubs, contribution of 15,000/- to the District's Congo Medical Mission, and social service activities were all conducted with zeal and devotion. In addition a number of medical camps were held. The Club has signed an MOV with the UT Chandigarh Administration as part of the Partnership Programme, to educate and care for the slum children.

In addition to the Micro Loan Projects, the Club is managing the Scholarship programme of the Milan Rotarians. The programme has come to us with the efforts of PP Rtn Laxmi Khanna, an old friend of the Club since

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1995 when he helped us to start our Micro Loan Project. VP Rtn Arjan Singh is the Committee Chairman for this Project.

The President further explained the prestigious Rain Water Harvesting Project in 8 schools of UT Chandigarh. It is a WCS Project in collaboration with a Rotary Club in USA and will cost more than Rs 10 Lac.

He congratulated PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria for getting the four Avenues Service Award of the Rotary International. The President announced that TRF donation targets will be met. He thanked PDG Rtn Shaju Peter for agreeing to become a major donor.

Subsequently Dr Dua, a renowned educationist, was inducted as a new member of the Club, by the District Governor.

The Presentation evoked pin-drop silence and rapt-attention.

PDG Rtn Shaju Peter introduced the District Governor with his complete Zodiac forecasts. It generated great interest among the audience.

## Address by the District Governor

The DG expressed his happiness over the various projects of the Club and asked the Rotarians to continue the service to the needy and other activities to further the cause of Rotary.



Address by the District Governor

He said that Midtown is a prestigious club of the District and one of the Best.

He explained the functioning ethics of Rotary and said that Rotary is the premiere organisation in the world. The District

Governor emphasized the need to increase the contribution to the Foundation, increase in the membership particularly the women members. He strongly suggested to enroll young persons as members to bring down the average age of members in the Club. The DG motivated the Rtns to attend the felicitation ceremony at Ambala on 28 march 2010.

Future of Rotary is in your hands and we all should work for the cause of Rotary.

## Vote of Thanks

PP Rtn Ramsisaria proposed the vote of thanks. Punctuality Draw was won by PP Rtn Kesho Ram Gupta.

The Meeting was followed by cocktails, courtesy Rtn Rajneesh Ahuja, and a sumptuous dinner.

## Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Daulat Ram Agarwal  
Rtn. Ravinder Kapur



April 04  
April 04

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Seema & Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Sahajpal  
R'ann Pritpal & Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati



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April 07

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