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PROGRAMME

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Subject: Living in a Risk Society
Speaker: Dr. Sherry Sabbarwal,
Prof. of Sociology, PU, Chandigarh

Please Note
the Change to
Summer Timings

Friday, April 9, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Reservations must be Sensible and Sensitive Professor BS Barar

Professor BS Barar of the Political Department of the Punjab University was our honored guest and speaker of the weekly meeting on 02 April 2010. He has been the Head of the Department of Political Science, is now the Honorary Director of Indian Council of Social Sciences and Research and the Chief Editor of the Punjab University Research Journal of Social Sciences. He is a keen researcher and a prolific writer and has a number of books and numerous articles on social sciences research and theory.

PP Rtn Dr. Balram K Gupta introduced the guest speaker.

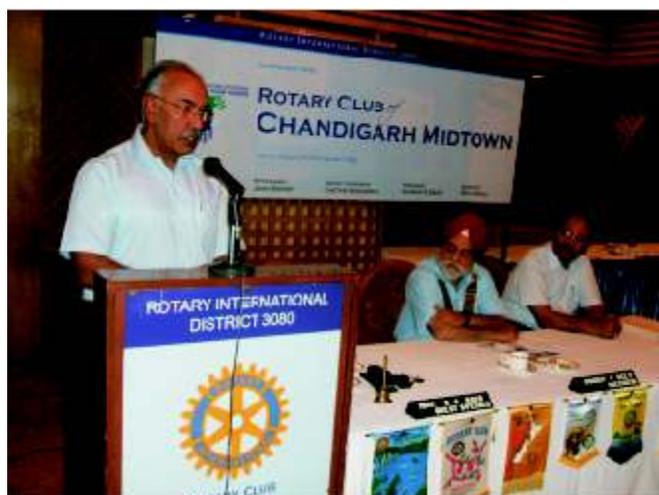
Professor Barar spoke on "Making Sense of Reservation Politics". He elucidated in detail the various policies of the Central and State governments. The policies defy the single purpose of providing a level playing field for all the have-nots

and the haves. It is common that the groups that advocate reservations for one group are also the fiercest opponents of similar reservations for other groups. The struggle of the Gujjars of Rajasthan for reservations and its opposition by some other tribes, and the proposal for reservations for women are points in case.

He further explained that the Governments have made it a vote issue too which has affected the society at large. He elaborated that reservations are necessary for the uplift of the society but they should be made sensibly and with sensitivity. The reservations must be sensible to the needy groups with some riders so that they do not become family and group reserves so that maximum benefit goes to maximum numbers of the needy and they must be sensitive to time and requirement. There must be periodic and timely reviews of these policies. He cited number of researched formulae to achieve a balanced reservation policy. He emphasized that reservations are not peculiar to India alone. Western countries and North America have reservation policy in the form of affirmative actions and policies.

The talk generated a full fledged volley of questions and suggestions. Professor Barar handled them with aplomb and answered each question with researched data and government policies. The interest was so intense that the President had to intervene to curtail the discussions.

PP Col Gill proposed the vote of thanks and on behalf of the Club, presented a memento to the honored Speaker.



An affair to Remember



For the Rotary Year 2010-11, the responsibility of organizing the all important District Team Building event was given to our Club. While District Governor Elect Madhukar Malhotra decided to hold this event on Sunday March 28, 2010, and appointed PDG Shaju Peter as the Counselor, our club chose PE Prem Anand as chair the committee.

The committee comprising of every member of the Board Elect went into the planning mode as early as January this year. The Committee opted to hold the event at Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management & Nutrition, Sector 42, with availability of all infrastructures.

Secretary Elect Deepak Sood was appointed Registration Chair. He selected Sompal Mallik to assist him, with Executive Secretary V.P. Sharma taking care of Spot Registrations.. PP Indrajeet Sengupta was appointed Secretary for planning the event. Amarjeet Sohal was appointed to oversee the functioning of the Audio Visual at the venue, while Ritu Singal enthusiastically supported by IPP Saroj Jhawar and Ann Indu Anand oversaw the simple, yet impressive decoration. General Kahlon, PE Nominee R.K. Luther, PP B.L. Ransisaria & Vinod Sobti as Sergeant at Arms were responsible for Auditorium management. Mrs. Kanan Diwan with her extensive



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experience both as PDC and past First Lady of the district was took care of the reception of delegates. PP D. P. Khandelvia, sponsored the Kit for the delegates.

Among the dignitaries who attended the event were the Chief Guest PRIP R.K. Saboo, DG Chetan

Aggarwal PDG Maj. Som Dutt, PDG Dhian Chand, DGN Manpreet Singh, District Secretary Prof. S.K. Bhatia.

DGE Madhukar Malhotra has lauded the efforts of Counselor PDG Shaju Peter and leadership skills of President Elect Prem Anand.

Help for the Adopted School

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, as a part of UT Chandigarh Administrations Partnership Programme with NGOs, has adopted the Govt. Primary School Mauli Jagran UT Chandigarh. The adopted wing falls under the Sarv Shiksha Abhyan Scheme of the Govt. of India.

PP Rtn D P Khandelvia is the Committee Chairman for this Project of the Club.

PPs Khandelvia, B L Ramsisaria, R S Chandgothia and Club Secretary Rtn Ritu Singal visited the adopted school on 22 March 2010. There were more than 40 children present in the school. Stationery items were presented to the children who obtained 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions in their respective classes, and a bottle of mustard oil and "Laddoos" were given to all the children, Courtesy PP Khandelvia. Secy. Rtn Ritu Singal presented Rs. 1,100/- for five

chairs to the School.

The fall out of the visit was mental happiness to all the four Rtns who visited the School.



Felicitation Function at Ambala

The function was held to facilitate Rtn Kalyan Bannerji and was hosted by Rotary Club Ambala. Rtn Kalyan Bannerjee was showered with felicitations, for his nomination as the RI President Year 2011-2012, by our District 3080 delegates from the clubs of the District. He will be the third RI President from India and that is an honour for Rotary in India.

About 400 delegates attended the felicitation ceremony. The Midtown group left for Ambala immediately after the District Team Training Seminar. PDG Rtn Shaju Peter described the felicitation ceremony, organized by our Director Nominee Rtn YP Das as exceptionally well managed and appropriate to the occasion.

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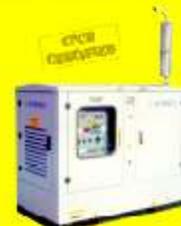
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Congratulations

The Midtowners congratulate PP Rtn Harish C. Sethi for his nomination on the Advisory Council of UT Chandigarh for his expertise in traffic management. He is the only engineer in the Council. We wish him good innings and let us hope that we will now have a smooth flow of traffic on the roads and a meaningful plan for the rapid transit system. Well done, Harish, you have done us proud and brought laurels to the Club.

Apart from Harish Sethi other Rotarians on the Council are PRIP Raja Saboo, PP Manmohan Singh, both from the Chandigarh Club.

Names of members who have committed to contribute to TRF

A K Puri-1

A K Puri-2

P K Verma

Rita Kalra

Anureet Bhatti

Parveen Khosla

Get Well Soon

PP Rtn Pallav Mukherjee had a cardiac problem last Tuesday and was in the CCU of the PGI for sometime. He is back home and is recovering fast. Midtowners wish him a speedy recovery.

Children for Polio

With the help of friends, 11-year-old Tyler Dorsey is collecting thousands of pennies to help in Rotary's effort to eradicate polio.

After Tyler heard about a man in Alabama, USA, who had cashed in 1.3 million pennies in 2005 for \$13,000 in paper bills, he set out to surpass that feat and give the money to Polio Plus.

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Praveen Aggarwal
Rtn. Vijay Kumar
Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati
Rtn. Maharaj Bakhsh Singh
Rtn. Raj Kumar Luther



April 09
April 11
April 13
April 14
April 15

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Harpreet & PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill



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