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Role and Functioning of Income Tax Ombudsman
Chief Guest: Mrs Pamela Bhandari, Income Tax Ombudsman

Friday, April 23, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Administration of Justice in the United Nations

The Chief Guest of our club meeting on April 16, 2010, Justice K.S. Garewal, was introduced by Vice President Rtn. Arjan Singh. Justice Garewal was elevated in May 2000 to the Punjab and Haryana High Court. He retired on September 20, 2009. Prior to his appointment as a High Court Judge he served as a District Judge for 14 years and gained vast experience of conducting civil and criminal trials. He was also Registrar of Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh for three years. He got his law degree from Panjab University in 1970. Justice Garewal was recommended by Internal Justice Council of the United Nations for appointment as Judge of United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

Justice Garewal said this Tribunal is the highest judicial body to hear appeals in disputes between the management and the staff members of the United Nations. Administration of justice at the United Nations is the basic framework for a new independent, transparent, professionalized and decentralized system of administration of justice. Efficient and effective system of internal justice has been ensured for accountability, in accordance with relevant resolutions and regulations. This new internal justice system was set up by the United Nations with effect from July 1, 2009.

"There is a great desire in every human being that justice should be fair. Even children understand this very well, and if they are treated unfairly they feel very hurt." said Justice Garewal.

Justice Garewal revealed the fact that United



Justice Kamaljit Singh Garewal

Nations cannot be dragged to the Court. UN enjoys absolute immunity. The courts have no jurisdiction to hear lawsuits against the United Nations. Even the UN employees cannot approach the courts. The functioning of the UN Appeals Tribunal is not as cumbersome and there are no arguments like in the courts. In this Tribunal the judges examine the cases and give the judgments. Recently the Tribunal passed judgments on the first batch of 33 cases, just in three weeks. These are binding judgments which are to be enforced.

Some Rotarians expressed unhappiness and concern for the inordinate delays that takes place in the Indian courts. To this Justice Garewal responded that, "the Indian Law is very well developed and is at par with the world." But he

admitted that, "the process of our judicial system is very long and that is the sad part. The journey the litigant has to take from start to finish is unfortunate and he breaks his back completely by the time he gets the judgment." As a solution to this problem, Justice Garewal advocated the Alternative Dispute Resolution systems. To a query, "Whom to blame for the backlog; the lawyers, the system or the litigants? Justice Garewal firmly replied, "it is the Law Minister of the state who is to be blamed but no body knows who he is! He is to provide the infrastructure, he has to ensure that the recruitments takes place on time, that enough posts are there to cope up with the work." Defending the judges, Justice Garewal said, "The judges work very hard, having very long working hours. They pass strong judgments. Judges

cannot be blamed for the backlog."

Vote of thanks was proposed by PP Dr. Balram Gupta. He remarked, "Justice Kamaljit Garewal has given us justice system right from morning till evening, how it is carried out. Maybe children, grand children, in or outside the kitchen, and from that common platform to an international organisation, United Nations and how the administration of justice is actually factually translated, he has given us the glimpse of facts. In fact, Justice Garewal has done us proud as he is the first judge on the UN Tribunal from the Indian system. It is very kind of you to share all what is going on, ultimately with the object of good governance, which in our own system we need to introduce."

49 Rotarians drafted United Nations Charter

During his talk, Justice K.S. Garewal also observed the striking similarities between objects of United Nations and Rotary. He even read the Objects of Rotary and compared it with those of the UN. During interaction with the Rotarians, PDG Shaju Peter and PP B.L. Ramsisaria pointed out the fact that Rotary and the United Nations have a long history of working together and sharing similar visions for a more peaceful world. In 1945, 49 Rotarians drafted

the United Nations Charter. Representative of Rotary International participates in the United Nations Conference as consultant, and this is not merely a gesture of good will and respect towards a great organization. It is in fact recognition of the practical role Rotarians have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations.



Token of love & affection from PP Dr. Balram Gupta to Justice K.S. Garewal



Rtn. Kanan Diwan gets birthday gift from Justice K.S. Garewal



Rtn. Deepa Bhar bags the punctuality award, presented by Justice Garewal

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Tricycle Donated to Disabled Person



Justice K.S. Garewal, President Gurdip S. Deep, Rtn Kanan Diwan and other Rotarians engaged in motivational talk with Moni

Justice K.S. Garewal presented a Tricycle to poor disabled person, Moni, a polio victim with deformity of both lower limbs. He works in a factory at Ram Darbar, Chandigarh. Moni was delighted to get the tricycle.

The cost of the tricycle was generously donated by Rtn. Kanan Diwan.

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Chandigarh Midtown have experienced a unique satisfaction by contributing in a big way to help these special persons and empower them as useful and self supporting citizens.

Sharing Thoughts with Fellow Rotarians

President Gurdip S. Deep said, "I have to share a few thoughts with members of our club. We are into our last quarter.... the first nine months have gone on extremely well, and I am grateful for all the support we have got. The remaining three months have to be very fulfilling so that we close the year on a good note."

President Deep added that we had made certain commitments to the District; like making a contribution of \$ 11000 for the Rotary Foundation. He said, "All those who would like to become Paul Harris Fellows, are welcome." The District has already offered PHFs at 40% of the contribution of \$ 1000, that is, for \$ 400/- only. For the sustaining members also it shall be 40% of the remaining contribution.

He further added, "We also have the Rain Harvesting Project for which we hope to make a beginning in a couple of weeks and install the system in all the eight Government schools." The third commitment to the District, "is to have 11 new members during the current year. We have already inducted seven, which means we should add another four." Rotarians are requested to introduce new members and give their applications so that this task could be completed by next month.

A job fare for the disabled persons known as "Ability Fair 2010" is to be organised on 21-22 May 2010 in CII, Chandigarh. As of now some companies have come forward with their requirements/ specifics on recruiting candidates. Our club would participate so that our Rotarians could be the perspective employers.

Congratulations

Hearty congratulations to Dada-Dadi, PP Ajit Gulati & Ann Bir. Their son Taranjot (Bunny) & daughter-in-law Sapna have been blessed with a son on April 14, 2010.

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President Elect Training Seminar

PETS was held from 9th-11th April 2010 in PDG Dhian Chand's scenic Kufri Holiday Resort, with excellent arrangements. The theme was: Building Communities and Bridging Continents. For the first time in our District, spouses of Presidents and AGEs were officially invited to participate in the PETS. It was the brain child of DGE Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra, who wanted to make Anns an equal partner, thereby creating a new synergy in taking Rotary District 3080 to new heights during the year 2010-11 and thereafter. The tone of the seminar was set by PRIP Raja Saboo by his electrifying elocution, which made every one more committed to serve the needy. RIDE Yash Das further reinforced this resolve.

A scintillating and emotional speech by Ann Usha Saboo was heard in pin drop silence. An excellent talk was given by Ann Sunita Sharma. It was a unanimous opinion that the Anns had stolen the thunder from PDGs, who gave subsequent talks. It was a well balanced but very intensive programme put together by District Trainer PDG Kawal Bedi, who could not attend due to severe health problem. It was very thoughtful on her part to address the delegates on cell phone.

All the Presidents were distributed in two groups for better interaction. There were separate sessions and programmes for the spouses. Lectures were delivered by PDGs on Roles & Responsibilities, Club Leadership

Plan, Club Members, District Leadership, Club Administration, Membership Development, Service Projects, Goal Setting & Strategic Planning, The Rotary Foundation, Public Relations and Rotary's Public Image. There was a special lecture on Rotary News/Rotary Samachar by PDG Mukesh Arneja. To keep the Rotarians fit, Yoga classes were organized by PP Rtn. Vijay Wadhavan.

Chandigarh Midtown was represented by PDG Shaju Peter, AGE Dr. S.K.Sharma and PE Prem Anand. PDG Shaju's talk on Presidential citation was highly appreciated. It was a memorable professional experience for participants. Rotary year 2010-11 is expected to be a productive one, with a qualitative change in the working of the clubs as well the District.

SETS was earlier held at Chandigarh and our Secretary Elect Rtn. Deepak Sood said, "It was really a good learning experience for me to attend this Seminar." PDG Yoginder Diwan, District Secretary Elect Charanjit Singh and PP N.S. Aulakh shared their experiences with the delegates. SE's were apprised of their duties, role and responsibilities. Live demo on "Rotary Member Access" and information on SAR was given. Updating club data on RI website was also explained.

--- PP Dr. S.K. Sharma & Rtn. Deepak Sood

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Deepa Bhar

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Kanta & Rtn. Suraj Handa



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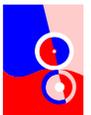
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