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## PROGRAMME

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Convocation : RCC Khuda Ali Sher Electrician Course  
*Chief Guest:* Mr. Surinder Pall, Chief Engineer, UT, Chandigarh

Friday, May 21, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## CoL Report – Some Legislative Changes in Rotary



PDG Rtn. J.P.S Sibia

Rotary's legislative body, the 2010 Rotary International Council on Legislation, recently completed its deliberations in Chicago, USA on 25-30 April 2010. PDG J.P.S. Sibia, CoL Representative for District 3080, was the Chief Guest in our club meeting on May

14, 2010. President Gurdip S. Deep welcomed him along with DGN Manpreet S. Gandhoke & R'ann Poonam and other Rotarians from Mohali.

PDG Sibia shared with us his experience as our District Representative to the Council on Legislation, which meets every three years to consider changes to the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Representatives from Rotary's 531 districts considered more than 200 pieces of legislation submitted by Rotary clubs, districts, and the RI Board of Directors.

Representatives to the 2010 Council on Legislation enacted a number of measures that will make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International, create a fifth Avenue of service for New Generations, increase the annual per capita dues that clubs pay to RI by US\$1, and give Rotarians in North America a choice of how they receive 'The Rotarian'. Representatives

approved a \$1 increase in annual per capita dues starting in 2011-12 that will allow RI's budget to remain profitable through 2013. Rotary clubs will pay per capita dues to RI of \$51 per year in 2011-12, \$52 per year in 2012-13, and \$53 per year in 2013-14. Per capita dues were already \$50 for 2010-11.

The concept of a new type of Rotary club, a satellite club, that would allow prospective members to become Rotarians through a host club while they wait for the satellite to gain enough members for its own charter. Representatives voted in favor of asking the RI Board of Directors to propose legislation for the next Council on creating satellite clubs. Satellite clubs would differ from provisional clubs because there would be no limit to how long they could exist before gaining enough members for a charter. Also, prospective members would be considered full-fledged members of the host club until the satellite club gained its charter.

After years as part of a pilot project, e-clubs found a permanent home in Rotary. Representatives approved a measure that will allow up to two e-clubs per district, amended from just one per district. Proponents of the amendment argued that districts that use more than one language would be better served by more e-clubs.

Representatives also voted to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations, to the four that already exist: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members can contribute



R'ann Chanchal & Rtn. C.J. Rai get wedding anniversary gift from PDG J.P.S. Sibia



R'ann Gurinder & Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua get wedding anniversary gift from DGN Manpreet Singh Gandhoke

within each avenue. Supporters of the fifth avenue feel it will encourage and recognize the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development efforts, service projects and exchange programs. The representatives voted to give Rotarians in the United States and Canada the option of receiving an electronic version of The Rotarian magazine. The

Council rejected a proposal to completely do away with the subscription requirement, but it did allow for joint subscriptions for two Rotarians residing at the same address. It also voted against giving a choice between print and electronic magazines to Rotarians living outside North America. The Council tackled a variety of other issues, including decreasing the number of members on the



PP B.L. Ramsisaria presents a memento to PDG J.P.S. Sibia



Punctuality award won by Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma, who gets it from PDG J.P.S. Sibia

Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International from 34 to 17; giving the Board authority to take steps to limit the number of election complaints from a district, including disqualifying a nominee for District Governor; giving the Board authority to eliminate or change district boundaries if a district falls below 33

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clubs or 1,200 members; and precluding clubs from limiting membership based on sexual orientation.

The Council rejected a measure to create a category of corporate membership that would allow corporate members to designate up to three other people from their business or profession to attend meetings in their place for purposes of meeting attendance requirements.

CoL approved two measures that would make it harder for a member to transfer to a new club for reasons other than relocation. The first measure would preclude admission of a Rotarian who has terminated membership in one club to another until

the former club provides the new club with a certificate confirming previous membership. The second measure would establish a 90-day waiting period, during which the new club could confirm that the prospective member has no outstanding dues or liabilities to the former club.

PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria proposed formal vote of thanks. He complimented PDG J.P.S. Sibia for representing our District in the 2010 RI Council on Legislation. He thanked him on behalf of the Chandigarh Midtown for explaining to us so nicely the deliberations in the CoL.

## Membership Development Seminar at Barog

The stress on Retention and Membership Development has attained greater importance in recent years. Apparently, this aspect of Rotary has attained even greater importance for the forthcoming Rotary Year. This was evident at the recent held District Assembly, and the surprise announcement of a Membership Development Seminar at "The Pinewood, Barog" on Sunday, May 30, way before the beginning of the Rotary Year. Hosted by Rotary Solan Midtown, this seminar includes an exclusive Session for new Rotarians.

Registration is fixed as under:

	Single	Couple
On or before May 25	INR 550.00	INR 1000.00
After May 25	INR 650.00	INR 1200.00

Indu & PE Prem Anand, Purnima & Secy. Elect Deepak Sood and Malabika & PP Indrajeet Sengupta have already registered. Two other Rotarian couples have given loose commitments. They plan to go a day ahead to enjoy the cool climes and enhance fellowship. Several Hotel rooms have been booked at Barog Heights, next to the venue. Fellow Midtowners interested in joining this overnight picnic may please contact Deepak Sood on Cell No. +91-9872211429 and confirm their participation. This will ease the pressure for room bookings.

Barog is only a 2 hour journey from Chandigarh, and members can leave, attend and return the same day. If the quality of the speakers at the District Assembly is any indication, then, this Seminar too should be interesting.

--- PP Indrajeet Sengupta

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## Disabled Persons get Placements

President Gurdip S. Deep appreciated the employment of 37 disabled persons with leading companies - Tech Mahindra and IBM; and lauded the efforts of Confederation of Indian Industry, Chandigarh who initiated this job campaign. The target is to give jobs to 100 disabled persons by June 2010.

To a request on behalf of CII, from PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Chair, Disability Empowerment and Rehabilitation, for holding Personality Development Programmes for the Persons with Disabilities, there was an instant commitment made by President Gurdip and modalities are being worked out. Mr. Manmohan K. Garg, CA and Promoter of Gurukul Vidyapeeth, Rajpura, whose name has been approved by the board for the membership of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, has also volunteered to assist us in this programme.

## Condolences

PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu lost his mother, Mrs Harinder Sandhu on May 12, 2010. Our deepest heartfelt condolences to him, his father Brig. N.S. Sandhu, R'ann Moon Inder and other members of the family.

One minute silence was observed in the club meeting on May 14, 2010 to pray for the departed soul. Kirtan and Antim Ardas was held by the family on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Gurdwara, Sector 8, Chandigarh.

## Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma

## The Salsa Fever is Back.....

And this time with a noble cause to support the Old Age home at Sector 15, Chandigarh. President, Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown, Rtn. Ruchika Sharma said, "We are organizing a three day Salsa workshop on the onset of the hot summer holiday's for the tricity youngsters in the Rotary House, Sector 18, Chandigarh on 27th, 28th & 29th May 2010. The Workshop would be conducted by tricity's best salsa teachers 'Raman & Rahul'. The event is materialized with the open dance competition for our Tricity dancers on 30th May." This event was a great success last year with more than 50 couples and around 20 individual volunteers. As has been the trademark, the members of the Rotaract club worked in complete enthusiasm.

Ruchika added, "After months of planning, hard work and persistence we plan to bring the 2nd Edition of the Salsa Workshop." She appealed to the youngsters to, "Get ready for having the best Salsa Dance learning experience from the best teachers in the industry to mesmerize you all over again. Celebrate MUSIC & DANCE with an arena full of thousands of music lovers and explode out for more of those foot tapping numbers played for you and just for you."

## Birthday Greetings

PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal



May 25

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra  
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