

# The Mid Towner



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## PROGRAMME

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Banking Facilities and Developments

*Presentation by:*

- Mr. Sourabh Ghosh, Vice President, Kotak Bank
- Mr. Amit Arora, Branch Manager, Birla Mutual Fund

Friday, May 28, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Convocation : RCC Khuda Ali Sher Electrician Course



Electricians with PDG Shaju Peter, President Gurdip S. Deep, Rtn. R.K. Luther and members of RCC of Khuda Ali Sher

Due to official commitments, Mr. Surinder Pall, Chief Engineer, UT, Chandigarh, the Chief Guest of the club meeting on May 21, 2010 expressed his inability to attend. President Gurdip S. Deep requested PDG Shaju Peter to do the honours. The meeting was handed over to Director Vocational Service Rtn. R.K Luther, who along with Chairman Electrical Training Programme, Rtn. Munish Jauhar organized the six months camp conducted for students in Khuda Ali Sher, Chandigarh to keep away the youth from the drug menace and to provide them meaningful vocational training like the Plumbers course last year and those trainees are now self employed, doing very well in their vocation. This year we took up the Electricians course. Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Khuda Ali Sher, sponsored by our club, has also been actively associated with this programme. Over 50 candidates

appeared for this course but it was short listed to 15 students.

Training was held in a well equipped classroom with adequate arrangements. Practical training was also provided to prepare the students to be qualified electricians.

Classes were held by a Retired Senior Instructor from Industrial Training Institute, Mr. Shamsheer Singh, whose efforts were very well applauded. He along with RCC President Bhupinder Singh, Ex Sarpanch Khuda Ali Sher Gurdial Singh and the students expressed their gratitude to our club for conducting this useful project. They acknowledged that these meaningful courses are generating self employment for the youth of the village who are serving the public with their skills and knowledge acquired in these courses. Tailoring course for girls of the village, which was started by our club three years ago, is another appreciable project of our club. A programme of our Inner Wheel club that generated keen interest, for which IW Past President Shashi Gupta gave the details, is the Nursing course being conducted at Sector 15 Chandigarh in the clinic of our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta. President Gurdip requested PE Prem Anand to look into the possibilities of projects like Computer training for girls at the village, which may be taken up in the next Rotary year.

Rtn. Luther also informed about the Vocational Awareness programme that our club is



PDG Shaju Peter



Thanks giving address by Mr. Bhupinder Singh, President, Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher, Chandigarh



Mr. Salil Bali, member of GSE Team recently returned from Texas, USA, presents a flag to President Gurdip. Salil feels that Rotary meetings and projects in India are more meaningful



R'ann Indu (not in pic) & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra get wedding anniversary gift from Mr. Bhupinder Singh, President Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher



PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati bags the punctuality award and receives it from Ex Sarpanch of Khuda Ali Sher Mr. Gurdial Singh and Member Panchayat Samiti Mr. Gurmail Singh

conducting on May 25, 2010, which will be reported in the next issue of our bulletin.

Certificates to the trainees of our Electrical course were presented by PDG Shaju Peter. In his brief but impressive address he congratulated Rtn. R.K. Luther for being in the forefront of Chandigarh Midtown's Vocational Services, which is recognized as one of the most difficult projects to accomplish. PDG Shaju remarked, "We feel very good of ourselves today because we do not realize the good that we do,

and it is true of Rotarians worldwide. It is only on such occasions when somebody whom we have touched comes and speaks about it, that we feel good. I feel very proud of being a Chandigarh Midtowner." Shaju also congratulated Chair of the project, Rtn. Munish Jauhar and added that Rotary Community Corps have been of tremendous help for this project. He also thanked the beneficiaries for giving us the opportunity of serving.

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## Camaraderie and Learning at District Assembly



Even before the start of the District Assembly at Ajanta International, Rajpur Road, Dehradun, on Sunday, May 16, 2010 the legendary camaraderie among Rotarians was evident, when the Chandigarh Midtown contingent of five – AG & Director Club Service Designate PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, Secretary Elect Deepak Sood, Director Elect Vinod Sobti, Jt. Secretary Elect Amarjit Sohal, and Sergeant-at-Arms Elect PP Indrajeet Sengupta - met up with Rotarians from other clubs of Chandigarh, Parwanoo, and Shimla at a wayside Café after Nahan over a refreshing cup of tea. PDG Shaju Peter traveled independently accompanied by District Trainer PDG Kawal Bedi.

Our contingent was at the venue in time and continued meeting old friends over breakfast. The first plenary session of the Assembly began a slightly late, but was very interesting. It began with the presentation by DGE Madhukar Malhotra's meaningful and interesting district projects, who enunciated the norms for participating clubs. RI Director Elect Yash Das eloquently presented a Powerpoint presentation of Strategic Planning. However, the presentation by PDG Dr. Manoj Desai on the need for Retention and Membership Development stole the show, for which he received a

spontaneous standing ovation.

Separate presentation for District Budget Approval & Planning & preparing Club Budgets were conducted by DGE Madhukar and District Treasurer Anil Chaddha. The Rotary Foundation session was also conducted by DGE Madhukar, PDG Dhian Chand and District Trainer Kawal Bedi, meant for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Simultaneously, presentations to Assess Community Needs and Management of Public image of Rotary were conducted by our own PDG Shaju Peter, assisted by PP Rajiv Bhalla; District Secretary Charanjit Singh accompanied by PP Ramesh Bajaj respectively.

A very important session for Club Trainers, lasting for a grueling hour & half was attended by PP Indrajeet Sengupta. PDG Gulshan Thakral, who has several publications for this to his credit, conducted this session alone, emphasizing the crucial role of training at every level of Rotary.

In all, as Vinod was heard emphatically mentioning, it was a great learning experience.

--- PP Indrajeet Sengupta

## Membership Development Seminar at Barog

As per detailed information in the last bulletin, the Membership Development Seminar will be held at The Pinewood, Barog on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Some of our Rotarians and their spouses have planned to go a day ahead to enjoy the cool climate and enjoy the fellowship, for which several hotel rooms have been booked at Barog Heights. Those interested may please contact Secretary Elect Rtn. Deepak Sood on Cell No. 9872211429.

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northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth while southern Europe is going to be poor. I've placed a continent of white people and of black people."

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a triangular land. God said, "That's India the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful beaches, mountains, streams, hills, waterfalls and vineyards. The people from India are going to be very beautiful, handsome, modest, intelligent and humorous and they are going to be found traveling the world holding good jobs. They will be extremely sociable, hardworking and high-achieving, and they will be known throughout the world

## Well Balanced!!!

Once upon a time in the kingdom of Heaven, God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael the archangel found him, resting on the seventh day. He inquired of God. "Where have you been?" God pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael I created a planet, and I've put life on it. It's going to be a great place of balance, for example,

as diplomats and carriers of peace, play cricket and win international matches. "Michael gasped in wonder and admiration, but then proclaimed, "What about balance, God? You said there would be balance!!!" God replied wisely, "Wait until you see the clowns that will run their government."

--- Rtn. J.S. Chopra

## Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Rekha & PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan  
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