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PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMME  
Charter Day Celebrations

Please note the  
change in date. The  
meeting will be  
followed by Cocktails.

Saturday, June 05, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Banking Facilities and Developments

The banking sector has undergone rapid changes in the last two decades. To give an overview of many new developments and hassle free banking services and solutions, in the club meeting on May 28, 2010 we

Development Manager, Birla Sunlife Mutual Fund, Chandigarh, who were accompanied by their associates; Mr. Parkash Veer Arya, Chief Manager – Privy League, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd,



Mr. Umang Dixit



Mr. Parkash Veer Arya



Mr. Mohit Bansal

had an interesting powerpoint presentation by a galaxy of banking experts; Mr. Umang Dixit, Associate Vice President, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, Chandigarh Branch, Mr. Mohit Bansal, Business

Chandigarh, Mr. Bhavnish Bedi, Senior Manager-Privy League, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, Chandigarh and Ms. Anuradha Shukla, Relationship Manager, Birla Sunlife Mutual Fund, Chandigarh.



Bank Officers with President Gurdip S. Deep, Secretary Ritu Singal and PP Dr. Balram Gupta

Wide range of products are being offered by banks now. Things like home banking – at your convenience, Internet banking, the technology marvel of Mobile and SMS Banking could not have been thought of in the past. Online banking has brought banking to our fingertips with banks showcasing their products on their websites. Personal Banking services has reached new heights with almost all the banks offering Internet Online Banking services, and one can have the transactions done straight from the click on your laptop or mobile; thereby minimizing the usage of time, expenses on conveyance and increase in the transaction speed as well!



R'ann Indu & Rtn. Col. Dr. Jawahar Luthra celebrate 51st wedding anniversary and get a gift from Mr. Umang Dixit

Mr. Umang Dixit spoke about the banking in general and how the industry has transformed from being a conservative and highly regulated one to being highly customer friendly now and very aggressive in offering various products and services which nobody could have imagined few years before. He spoke about the liberalization of economy in 1991 and its positive after effects on the industry.

Various channels available to customers now include ATMs (Automated Teller Machines), Internet Banking, Mobile and SMS Banking, Home banking, Investment advisory and real estate services etc. Banks are not only an institution for depositing or lending money but a comprehensive one stop shop for various solutions such as home loans, auto loans, business loans, investment advisory etc.

Mr. Parkash Veer Arya spoke about the "Privy League" services offered by Kotak Bank which are meant for High Net worth Individuals covering a wide spectrum of services meant for various types of customers such as entrepreneurs, professionals and accomplished individuals. The services provided by Kotak Bank include investment planning, financial planning, bancassurance, real estate, tax planning, loans, mutual funds etc. The privy league proposition is able to deliver best value coupled with convenience, transparency and one point relationship manager.

Mr. Mohit Bansal from Birla Sunlife mutual fund spoke about the general markets and current happenings in the global markets. It was discussed



PP Indrajeet Sengupta bags the punctuality award and gets it from Mr. Mohit Bansal. Does the big smile indicate a heavy investment? Yes, it is on the membership development!



President Gurdip gives a patient hearing while PP Indrajeet Sengupta announces Membership Development Seminar at Barog (Report will be in the next issue of The Mid Tower)

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in length about the debt problems arising in European countries such as Greece, Portugal, Italy, Iceland and Spain etc and their possible impacts on the domestic stock markets.

The emphasis of entire talk was centered on the domestic factors being positive and a general consensus on the markets moving up further given good monsoons and positive corporate earnings.

The infrastructure spending has been rising steadily over the last few years and thanks to it that we are witnessing a change in our day to day lives. Expressways, airports, dams and power projects are

some examples of the commitment towards infra spending and its cascading effects on the markets as well.

The presentation by the banking officials was followed by a lively interactive session with the Rotarians. President Gurdip thanked Mr. Umang Dixit, Mr. Mohit Bansal, Mr. Parkash Veer Arya and their other colleagues not only for enlightening us with the latest banking developments but also for the Cocktails hosted by Kotak Mahindra Bank after the meeting.

## Vocational Guidance Programme

Vocational Guidance Programme was organised by Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown in the auditorium of Govt. Arts Museum, Sector 10, Chandigarh on 25.05.2010 and conducted by Director Vocational Service Rtn. R.K.Luther. The event was presided by President Gurdip S. Deep.

There was two hours interaction with Class X and XI students of Government Higher Secondary Schools of Sectors 19, 27, 18, 23 & Sector 10. There were 240 students and majority of them girls who attended this colourful and very educative programme. The programme was spread over two sessions of one hour each. First session was devoted to science stream

and covered fields by experts in area of :-

Medical Science : Speaker Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

Engineering : Speaker Mr. Davinder Singh Senior Faculty Member PTU

Information Technology : Speaker Ms. Chander Rekha Senior Faculty Member SPIC

Development of Entrepreneurship: Speaker Rtn. Ritu Singal

Business Management : Speaker Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati

The second session was again of one hour devoted to students in the Arts stream and covered following fields :-

Accountancy : Speaker Mr. Manmohan K. Garg, CA and CEO of Gurukul Vidyapeeth Banur

Law : Speaker Mr. Amar Vivek Senior Advocate Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh

Banking & Finance : Speaker President Rtn. Gurdip Singh Deep



Rotarians on the dais; President Gurdip S. Deep, Secretary Ritu Singal, Director R.K. Luther and Dr. Rita Kalra

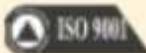


PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon, Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati, Rtn. Deepak Sood and the students. The auditorium was fully occupied!

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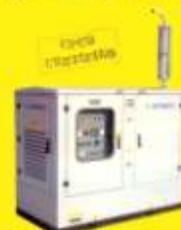
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Merchant Navy : Speaker PP Rtn. Capt. M.S. Kahlon  
The programme ended with vote of thanks presented by Director Vocational Service Rtn. R.K.Luther. All students were given packets of midday snacks and chilled fruity before leaving for their schools.  
President Gurdip said, "The amount of hard work done by Rtn. R.K.Luther was fantastic. The response

received from the teachers and students was wonderful." He further added, "My request to the future Presidents is that we should make this programme an annual event." It would be worthwhile to make Vocational Guidance Programme an on going project for which we could even get sponsors and we could even cater for a larger number of students.

## Forthcoming Events

President Gurdip requested PP Dr. Balram Gupta to share with us something new that we shall be doing in the next club meeting which will be held on Saturday, June 05, 2010. Balram said, "Every year we need to celebrate Charter Day of our club. We would be entering the 34th year, and therefore it was decided in our last board meeting to celebrate the charter or the birthday of our club." He added, "All our Past Presidents and Past Secretaries would be invited and we would have a good evening of fellowship." The celebrations on June 05 will coincide with the World Environment Day, with the Theme: "Biodiversity — Ecosystems Management and the Green Economy".

President Gurdip also announced that the Valedictory function, which will be hosted by the

present board of directors at Hotel President, would be held on Saturday, 26th June 2010, and this would be the last meeting of the current Rotary year! The President said, "We would also be recognizing all those who had helped us to go through the year very comfortably."

President Gurdip had another pleasant announcement, "We are inducting two members on the Charter day and three on the Valedictory function, so that we end up the year with 116 Rotarians."

All Rotarians and their spouses are requested to be present for these auspicious functions.

### Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Preety & PP Rtn. Trilochan S. Anand

June 08

R'ann Sudha & Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

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