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Powerpoint Presentation on Stress Management
Chief Guest: PDG Surendra Seth

Friday, June 11, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Charter Day Celebrations

June 6, 1977 was a golden letter day in the history of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. On this day the charter dated May 18, 1977, Club No. 15228 was

downtrodden, leprosy-affected patients and disabled persons. From small beginning Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has gained big achievements



Charter President (1977-78)
Dr. B.D. Gupta



President (1982-83)
M.L. Sarin



President (1990-91)
K.T.S. Tulsi



President (1992-93)
PDG Shaju Peter

presented by the then District Governor, now PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo to our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta and Secretary, Chief Justice (Retd) Jawahar Gupta. We were sponsored by Rotary Club Chandigarh. Then President Rtn. Lalit Suri, as GSR, provided all assistance in putting the club on a sound footing.

The then Chief Commissioner of Chandigarh, Mr. T.N. Chaturvedi was the chief guest on this colourful function and 38 charter members were inducted by Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo. Since then the Club has grown by leaps and bounds. We will end up this Rotary year with 116 members.

Thirty-three years of dedicated efforts by Rotarians committed to the cause of the humanity and the well-being of the community they live in, have resulted in giving education, healthcare and smiles to the

of empowering the have-nots.

President Gurdip S. Deep welcomed the Past Presidents who are not continuing as Rotarians; Dr. B.D. Gupta, Mr. M.L. Sarin (fondly known as Mac) and Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi with flowers and bouquets. He also welcomed our own PDG Shaju Peter. President Gurdip said, "I congratulate and offer gratitude to all our Past Presidents who helped our club to grow, mature and to offer fruit." He added, "Out of sincere efforts this succession of Past Presidents who assumed responsibility to nurture the club, I thank them all." He then handed over the proceedings to PP Rtn. Dr. Balam K. Gupta.

In his address Dr. B.D. Gupta shared with us his experience as the Charter President. PP Mac Sarin talked about his association with Rotary and his



Taxation Lawyer Tejmoohan Singh is inducted as a Rotarian by PDG Shaju Peter



CA Manmohan K. Garg, Chairman Gurukul Vidyapeeth is inducted as a Rotarian by PDG Shaju

visits to large number of clubs around the world. PP K.T.S. Tulsi highlighted the drastic change in last two decades, not only in Rotary but technological shift over to computers, mobile and internet. PDG Shaju Peter, the only District Leader from our Club, who is now being given assignments beyond the District level by RI, shared with us his wonderful innings as a Rotarian.

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary Rtn. Ritu Singal. She thanked the Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta for his personal involvement and support till date through the Nursing training centre. She thanked Mr. Mac Sarin for his inspiring talk and Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi for all the encouragement. Ritu thanked PDG Shaju Peter for bringing laurels to our club. She

also thanked all other Past Presidents and the Rotarians of our club for 33 years of dedicated efforts for the well being of the community.

Like in any celebration, music has its own charm. As First Lady Maniki Deep put it, we had R'ann 'Melody Queens', PDC Neeru Khattar, Bir Gulati, Neena Verma and Priya Bhateja who entertained us with some hit songs with professional musical rhythm provided by Nasib Singh.

President Gurdip thanked PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee and Rtn. Ashok K. Puri for their contribution of Rs. 1100/- each for the club projects. He also expressed his thanks to Rtn. T.L Verma, Rtn. Jawahar Jain and Rtn. Anil Khanna who sponsored the cocktails, which followed the meeting.



R'ann Dr. Joginder & PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee get wedding anniversary gift from Dr. B.D. Gupta



R'ann Sudha & Rtn. Ashok K. Puri get wedding anniversary gift from Dr. B.D. Gupta



PP Pallav Mukherjee gets punctuality award from PP Mac Sarin

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Taking Fun Seriously



The sun was beating down mercilessly that Saturday afternoon. It felt as if you had just opened the oven after grilling the meat. Yet, the spirits were high as Indu & Prem Anand, Anita & Ravinder Kapur, Mala & Indrajeet Sengupta assembled at Deepak Sood's house, joined in by young Karanjeet Arora & prospective member Mohan Singh Cheema to proceed in a caravan to Barog. Purnima Sood's stretched her hospitality, in true style, helped by their elder sibling Shivani, a MCA student, who looked more like Gul Panag. Karanjeet's late arrival, being stuck in a traffic jam, only helped in enjoying the "goodies" and now famous Sood hospitality to everyone's pleasant surprise.

Finally Midtowners trooped into Barog Heights by 7 pm, after a Coffee break at "CCD, Dharampur", to be joined shortly by Amarjeet Sohal. It was a "gung-ho" atmosphere, as IPDG Satish Saluja, Dr. Sunita, Samira and Raman Saluja also checked in simultaneously. The lobby reverberated with laughter, much to the amazement of the

receptionist, who looked on incredulously.

The camaraderie last nearly two hours, before Prem called in Lord Bacchus straight from Scotland. Mala welcomed him with her songs which she is known for. Friendships were formed. Discoveries were made. Young Karanjeet is an off track motor sport enthusiast, who has traveled far and wide across India in his car. So promptly, over dinner on the patio, Deepak and Indrajeet promised to join him as Navigators for his tour to Nubra Valley. Excitement was all around before slumber. Deepak, Karan & Mohan continued to play Table Tennis till 1 am.

Indrajeet, often referred to as a "milkman" for his disturbing habit of rising early, was joined in later by all the men folk, for the morning constitutional including a short stint in the gym, obviously to work up appetites.

By 9.30 am, when the gang reached "Pinewood", the place was bustling with activity. Amarjeet & Deepak picked all the registration kits for Midtowners and made ready to greet the rest of the contingent. Those who joined in were Kanan & PDG Yoginder Diwan with Bir & Ajit Gulati, who traveled together, followed by PDG Shaju Peter, who was ferrying B.L. Ramsisaria and Dr. S.K. Sharma. Pallav Mukherjee, with "Moni" Kahlon, Vinod Sobti, and A.K. Puri were in next. Comparatively new members Drs. Manjushri & Anurag Sharma, Drs. Anureet & Raj Karan Singh accompanied by their daughter Inayaat joined after their overnight sojourn in Kasauli.

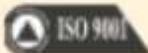
Karanjeet, a Sunday morning late riser, joined in the nick of time, but made such a great impression at the New Member Orientation Seminar, that B.L. Ramsisaria specially mentioned him on his return.

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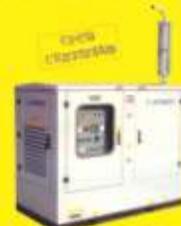
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PDG A.S. Venkatesh from 3020, Chennai, who was the Keynote Speaker in the first plenary session, and PRIP Raja Saboo, during the final plenary session. For us, the Chandigarh Midtowners, it was specially a great day, as we received an Award for the highest number of registrations. Obviously, the magic of Prem Anand, Amarjit Sohal, recently back from the Rotary Leadership Academy, and young Secretary Elect Deepak Sood are an inspired lot. BLR received a lucky draw. It brought back memories of the past.

Infact, the joyousness was infectious. And

enthusiastically Lovey & Shaju, Sushobhita & Dr. S.K. Sharma, Mala and Indrajeet, "Moni" Kahlon registered themselves for the District conference scheduled for November. Will we again receive an Award for the largest delegation? That obvious is a moot question.

The Solan Midtown Team, in their maiden attempt, made a great impression. The food was simple, enough and extremely well organized. The physical arrangements were perfect. Congratulations to President Elect Ramesh Maini and his team worked hard. Their efforts are deeply appreciated.

Cheers – Chandigarh Midtown – we've learnt to take fun seriously!!!

Ruchika gets Rotaract International Award

Three Rotaract Club Presidents of our District have been selected for International Leadership awards, and one of them is Rtr. Ruchika Sharma, President Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown, who has been awarded by Brazil clubs. As Chandigarh Midtowners, we are proud of you. Other two who got this honour are Rtr. Aastha from Rotaract Club MCM DAV Chandigarh awarded by Turkey Clubs and Rtr. Jagriti Bhanstu from Rotaract Club Shimla Midtown awarded by Mauritius Clubs.

Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee

Condolences

R'ann Dr. Manjushri lost her mother last week. Our heartfelt condolences to her and Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma.

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