

Installation of President Shivender Parmar & Team 2010-11 Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown

Friday, September 17, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Beaming Faces, Enchanting Smiles!



Sheesh Mahal was reverberating with sounds of laughter last Friday, thanks to the extra-ordinary effort by the members of the Cultural Events Committee chaired by Malabika Sengupta, and wisely counseled by Lovy Peter. The Committee met thrice in a period of a fortnight, after conceptualization of the program by the leaders – first at the residence of the chair herself and subsequently at the residence of Anita Kapur and Bir Gulati. Obviously, food served at these meetings by the hosts went a long way inspiring the ladies, as each one is a gracious host.

While the program itself was not a secret, as it was amply clear that the ladies expected that Midtowners entertain them. As announced in these columns earlier, that there appeared to be a mystique around the program. This became amply clear when anchor Mala announced that each Midtowner would have to begin with a one-liner expressing his love for his spouse prior to singing a song. Out came the mystery that we talked about earlier, springing quite a surprise. Minds were whirring.

That was not the catch. It was actually very inspiring to see Sheesh Mahal overflowing. Obviously the Committee had done its home-work for ensuring success. We understand that First Lady Indu Anand, Counselor Lovy Peter, and Chair Mala were on the telephone for the previous three days contacting the spouses to ensure the presence of Midtowners. We are told that though the success was not cent per cent, but on the contrary, the attendance belied





their claim. The attendance peaked to a all-time high and added to that was the enchanting smile of the ladies in attendance.

Mrs. Davinder K. Singh who has been unwell for some time now, took a dose of pain-killer just to keep fit and judge the contest at the request of Mala. Mrs. Deepa Bhar was the second judge, along with PP B.L. Ramsisaria. He takes every work seriously, and brought with him three clip boards and sheafs of paper for all the judges.

For an hour and a half it was pure delight to see Midtowners say impromptu one-liners followed by prepared songs. Not all can sing, The challenge of participation, the traditional turn-out, the poise, in spite of non-singers' singing, some pleasant surprises of singing talent in Dr. Sanjay Kalra, and even Vinod Sobti, and above all the sportiveness, made each one a winner. The judges decided to present the two awards sponsored by Lovy and PDG Shaju Peter to Madhu & Suresh Dhawan and to Priya Bhateja. The awards will be presented at the next regular club meeting on Friday, September 17.

Remarked BLR, that he had not witnessed such a program in the club since 1977.

Photographs appearing in this bulletin are those of comparatively new entrants into the club, those of couples who have, or will celebrate golden jubilees of their marriage and those of the awardees.

The event has been videographed and those who would like to have a copy may please contact Sergeant-at-Arms Indrajeet Sengupta.



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Home Secretary Ram Niwas IAS inaugurates Rain Water Harvesting Project



Mr. Ram Niwas IAS, Home – cum – Education Secretary, Union Territory of Chandigarh inaugurated the Rain Water Harvesting facility that we executed in Government Senior Secondary School in Sector 46 D at 10.00 hrs. on Monday, September 13, 2010.

He was received by Club President Prem Anand and First Lady Indu and taken round the facility where he unveiled a commemorative plaque acknowledging the contributions of Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown, Madison, USA, District 7980, District 3080 and the Rotary Foundation.

Commending the initiative taken by Chandigarh Midtown in setting up the facility at 8 Government Schools in Chandigarh he announced that the Department would be taking up similar projects in other schools of Chandigarh.

The event was extensively covered by Hindustan Times and other vernacular Newspapers the next day.

ARC Shaju at Moga

ARC Shaju was the key note speaker at the Membership Development Seminar of District 3090 held at Moga on Sunday, September 5, 2010 hosted by the Rotary Club of Moga City. Speaking to the Rotarians of 3090, Shaju complimented the District for membership growth last year but invited the attention of District Governor Dr. Krishan Kajal to the disturbingly high number of small clubs with less than 20 members. The Assistant Governors present have resolved to work hard in reducing the number of clubs with below 20 membership.

Rotary 3080 Mission

Leh- The Way Forward

(Excerpts fom Report by Charanjit Singh, Arvind Mehan & Hassan Mejie)

The following are immediate requirements in Ladakh Details

- Prefab housing for 12 families in villages Wanla, and Fotoksar in Khaltsi block to be installed before 15th October.
- 1 Unit of Prefab housing for village Choglamsar for an army jawan of 1-Vikas as recommended by CO Col TYS Bedi.
- Prefab housing for Tibetan Settlement, Colony No.12, for 21 families
- Medicines for the Civil Hospital, Leh
- Clinical Psychologist/Psychiatrist for one-year of work to handle trauma amongst survivors.
- Sports Goods for Tribal Residential Hostel in Khaltsi, and two schools in Skubachan, as well as remote villages.
- Depending upon the dates of RYLA, 6-10 boys and girl students can be sponsored to attend RYLA of D3080, and the SDM Khaltsi may look for possibility of making their travel plans.

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Medical Mission to Behrampur

Our District 3080 is planning a Medical Mission to Behrampur in Orissa in early 2011, lead by PDG Subhash Garg. The mission would like to avail the voluntary services of Medical Specialists in Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Plastic Surgery, Gynecology, Dental Surgery, E. N. T., General Surgery, Anesthesia and Dermatology.

Individual Rotarian Medical Specialists from our Club may please contact PDG Subhash Garg at rplynr@ruchirapapers.com, under intimation to Mrs. Kanan Diwan, Director Community Service on Cell No. 9805022451. Please mark a copy of your mail to PDG Subhash Garg to the Editor for archiving at in.seng@gmail.com.

For the information of our readers PP Dr. Vanita Gupta has already agreed to volunteer her services. Medical Missions both within India and abroad are the brain child of PRIP Raja Saboo and is undertaken annually.

Club selects its candidate for GSE team

Our club has selected Mamika Kalra, Assistant Manager Operations, Reliance Retail Ltd. Mohali as its candidate for GSE Team scheduled to travel to USA in March 2011. The interview board consisted of President Prem Anand, Director International Service Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, Club Service Director Dr. S.K. Sharma and PDG Shaju Peter.

The Board interviewed 20 candidates in a marathon session from 3 o'clock in the evening to 6 o'clock on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Hotel President before choosing Mamika.

Fetch your Studio Photographs

If you had yourself photographed at the studio at the last regular club meeting, please collect hard copies of the photograph on Friday, September 17.

Club Dues

In case Members have not paid their Club dues for the first quarter yet, please do so to Mr. V.P. Sharma at the forthcoming meeting. You may contact him on Cell No. 9814548868 for any clarifications.

Bereaved

Sardar Sohan Singh Dua, father of Prof. Inderjeet Singh Dua passed away in his sleep on September 1, 2010. He was 87.

We offer our condolences to the bereaved family and pray that his soul may rest in peace.

Greetings

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Vinny Sachdeva



September 19

Urmil Luther



September 23

Birthday of Rotarians

Anil Kishore Khanna

September 19

Surjit Kumar



September 21

PP Anil K. Mehan



September 22

Wedding Anniversary

Indu & Pres. Prem Anand

September 17

Rashi & Praveen Khosla



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September 23

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