

## Corporate Social Responsibility

Guest Speaker: Vinay Sharma, Senior Correspondent, The Economic Times

Friday, November 19, 2010

Time : 6:30 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Rotary Ideals and the Judiciary

Rotary and Judiciary, both are apolitical. Paul Harris, founder of Rotary was a Lawyer. The Lawyers, Judges and Law Academics have played vital role in furtherance of the Rotary ideals and goals. They have even been Rotary International Presidents and District Governors. Both these Institutions have a common goal, Rotary is a service oriented institution. Service to the community is its functional goal. The same is true in case of judiciary. Doing justice is the aim and objective of the judiciary. Doing justice is the best kind of service that can be rendered to the community and to the individuals. Therefore, 'service' is the common goal of both. Thus spake PP Dr. Balram Gupta, our Speaker at the last meeting.

One of the pillars of the Rotary is -Is it the Truth! "Justice is Truth-in-Action". If the judiciary is able to find the truth in different situations, that is justice-in-action. Thus, the meeting points, both of Rotary and Judiciary are common. In order to find the truth in any given situation between disputing parties, we need independent judiciary. Rotary is an independent institution with an objective mind to find the truth. The Indian judiciary occupies a high ranking place in the world judicial family. The same is true of Indian Rotarians. Indian Rotarians have held the highest position of Rotary International President. Their contributions are acknowledged in the Rotary world and beyond.

To be a Rotarian, one must be a good human-being. To be a Judge, one must be a good human-being. The professional ethics is equally important to both. The highest ethical standards are required to be followed by both. The Courts are open theatres. If a particular party feels aggrieved, they can appeal before the higher court. We have a hierarchy of courts, so that wrongs can be rectified. We are a democracy. The judgments are subjected to open criticism on sound grounds. The Summit Court changes its view if it is satisfied that the



earlier view was not correct legally. This is how the law grows. It would not be out of place to refer to the recent case of proposed impeachment of a High Court, Judge pending before the Indian Parliament. The Judge while being a Lawyer was appointed as a Receiver. As a consequence, he received certain amount of money. He got the same deposited in his own personal account. Number of years later, he was elevated as judge of the High Court. The issue came up before the High Court. The Single Bench decided against the judge. The matter came up before the Division bench on appeal. The division Bench decided in favor of the judge. No Special Leave Petition was filed. The panel of three-members was constituted by the Vice-President of India. It found that the judge was guilty of misconduct. It would be relevant to point out that the judge had returned that entire money along with interest. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Division Bench had found that there was no misconduct on the part of the judge. Now, the matter is to be placed before both the Houses of Parliament. If a Resolution is passed by both the Houses, the Judge would

stand impeached. If he is impeached, this would be the first impeachment in the constitutional history of India. There is one difficulty. The Division Bench of Calcutta High Court has already held him not guilty of misconduct. No appeal was preferred before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, the decision of the Division Bench has attained finality. The moot point would be, can the Parliament over-rule the judicial decision which has already attained finality. The Parliament can amend the law. Can the Parliament take a view contrary to the judicial view, which has already attained finality? If a view is

taken contrary to that of Division Bench, will it not amount to contempt?

We need judicial ombudsman. It would serve a two-way traffic. The judge in question today has no forum where he could present his point of view. No one can be condemned unheard. The judicial Ombudsman can fill up this gap.

The future of the Indian Judiciary is good. The faith of people in judiciary is its main strength. This faith must be cemented and strengthened. We look forward to rich contributions both from Judiciary as also from Rotarians.

## SOREM Touches Hearts!



What did Pawan Verma say to Neena Verma? "You do all the good work, and I will support you!" Need proof? See her at work at SOREM!!!!

Her face becomes animated. Her voice, generally low, gains strength. Her poise takes an extra bounce. It gives to her an aura that many in the club have never seen.

It was at the last committee meeting, when the topic of Children's Day Celebration was being discussed that Neena volunteered to have it done at SOREM with the handicapped. When Mala and Lovy visited prior to the event opened eyes to the exceptional work being done by the 80-year old Mrs. Promilla Chander Mohan. Its brilliant, nothing short. She leads by example. No wonder the teachers team is dedicated, as are the volunteers.

The students are a happy lot. Her physical needs are meticulously attended too under intricate care. Their individual needs are understood and the teachers and volunteers adjust to it. Phenomenal attitude!

No wonder they love to paint, to dance, to run! Their needs are greatly little. They need love. They need empathy.

That's exactly what the Club, guided by the committee aimed to do, and achieved. The Cold drinks and refreshments were sponsored by Vikas and Vivek Anand, the two sons of first Lady Indu and President Prem Anand. The drawing sheets and the prizes of crayons were sponsored by Mala Sengupta. The galore of telephone calls the evening before ensured far greater attendance than on the first-day-of-the-week-morning. Several members were heard thanking the organizers for the telephone call. Patinder Maharaj Baksh Singh was one. Om Prakash called up the next morning, as did BLR and Ram Swaroop Chandgothia And Daulat Ram Agarwal promised a tea-and-coffee vending machined currently missing at the center.

We deserve a pat on the back for having heeded to Neena's call! Thank you, Neena Verma!

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# New Member Orientation a Success



Visualized by PRIP Raja Saboo, implemented by PP B.L. Ramsisaria, successfully experimented last Rotary Year, and adapted in a different format this Rotary Year, this program was conducted for Zones 3 and 4 of RI District 3080 by our Club.

Originally slated for October 31, it had to be postponed for November 14, 2010 for reasons beyond our control.

PDG Som Dutt, who we are aware had other commitments, was the Chief Guest, was inevitably with his defence back ground, right on time. We hosts were still expectantly awaiting the delegates. PDG Maj Som Dutt, is a Charter Member of

SAS Nagar Club, and was District Governor in 1991-92, when Raja was World President. He is Dean of the Rotary Leadership Academy of District 3080 since its inception in 2002. He spoke briefly but meaningfully while inaugurating the function.

IPDG Chetan Agarwal, who confesses that each seminar is a learning experience, was there from Ropar at the insistence of PP B.L. Ramsisaria, was the first speaker of the day. The topics that he discussed drew interest and interest queries from the dozen or so participants in attendance.

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pertaining to Rotary. He was the next speaker. His discourse too, on topics like Attendance and make-ups, Club Assemblies, Board meetings, resources for study of Rotary, also drew queries in grey areas, which were replied with crystal clarity.

PDG Shaju, who was in for the inaugural function, had to leave for a short spell to attend another function. The ARC in his own inimitable way spoke with authority which no doubt impressed the audience. He had researched his topic, "Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation well, some updated to the previous day.

Indrajeet was the last of the Faculty to speak. He dwelt on the five avenues of service historically, saying the ambit of service in these areas can only be limited to ones imagination. He dwelt with authority on the programs of Rotary highlighting their history.

Responses were received from three participants, who underlined the fact they had been exposed to the unknown areas of Rotary, making Rotary more interesting. In fact, two felt that the present Presidents and Secretaries if their Club should be mandatorily made to attend these courses. AG Praveen Goyal and PP Navjit Aulakh too expressed their opinions about such programs. AG Prof S.K. Sharma, who attended the inaugural session had to leave because of pressing personal reason. Secretary Hassan Mejie was there throughout the Seminar.

The formal vote of thanks was proposed by President Prem Anand. We thank PP Baldev Agarwal for the excellent lunch his restaurant provided.

## Rotaractors for Safe Chandigarh

On 9th November 2010, President Pallavi Arya, secretary Purodha Singh with Shilpa of Rotract Club Dev Samaj College attended a seminar "Making Chandigarh Safe and Secure" organized by Chandigarh police and Rotary International District 3080 at PHD Chamber Sector 31.

The seminar discussed the object reducing the differences between the police and the public and to make Chandigarh safe and secure. It was a panel discussion that comprised of

eminent personalities like P.K. Srivastava Inspector General of Police Chandigarh, Mr Kawar Sandhu, Mr Sinha Editor of Amar Ujala, Mr R.K. Saboo Past President of Rotary International and Mr Vipin Pabbi Editor of Indian Express.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Justice N.K. Aggarwal Chairman Police Complaint Authority. Issues like The Red Beacon, beat system were discussed by the panel and were put to house for discussion.

It was good to know that the police itself is taking a step to be close to the public and be a part of it.

## We will Miss Them

The following members have resigned from the Club as they were unable to meet their attendance obligations. The Board has accepted their resignation


Rajnish Ahuja  
Manmohan Garg  
We will miss their fellowship.

## Donation for Club Projects

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of ₹ 1100.00 from Mr. A. K. Sachdeva for our Club Projects.

## Greetings


### Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Neera Gupta		November 22
Amarjeet Kaur Cheema		November 23
Sarita Vasudeva		November 24

### Birthday of Rotarians

Satosh K. Khaitan		November 22
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### Wedding Anniversary

Lalita & Daulat Ram Agarwal		November 19
Neena & P. K. Verma		November 22
Parul & Salil Bali		November 23
Gulshan & Surjit Kumar		November 24

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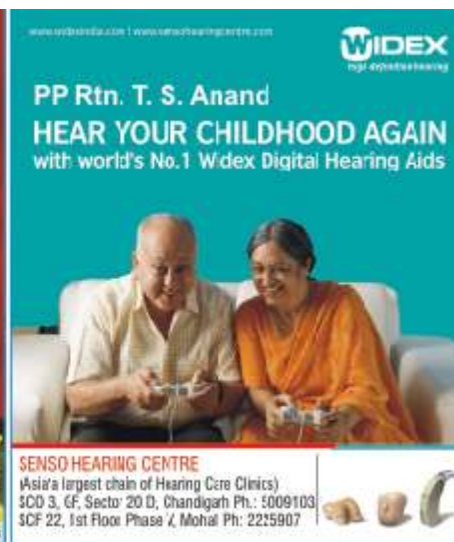


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