

Khap, Panchayat & Election

Guest Speaker: Mr. Dharamvir, Chief Election Commissioner, Haryana

Friday, July 16, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Differently Abled Donate Blood

B.B. Bahl inaugurates Camp



Narinder Pal, Dharamveer Singh, Sunny, Sunil Kumar, Tilak Raj, Randeep Singh, Kanwar Vikrant, Vinod Kumar, Ajay Pal, Ram Pal and Ajay Sharma had one thing in common their severe physical disability. The joy of giving and love for fellow human beings motivated them to become blood donors. Their



pride in doing so must have been the most important action in their life, setting an example for all to emulate. For them, it was an opportunity to serve their fellow human beings, including the able bodied.

On their crutches and assistive devices these special persons came to the Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir Auditorium, Sector 24, Chandigarh on Saturday, July 10, 2010, where arrangements had been made by the Rotary Blood Bank Society, in a camp organized by Physically Handicapped Association (Punjab), Chandigarh and Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra, sponsored by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. RCC leaders Mr. Balwant S. Dardi and Harmesh Kumar deserve compliments for arranging this camp.

Bharat Bhushan Bahl, a Midtowner, owner of Hotel President where our regular meetings are held, President of Chandigarh Territorial Congress Committee and Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu MLA Kharar jointly inaugurated the camp. They interacted with the disabled persons and donated Rs. 2100/- each. Our Club donated Rs. 5000/- and also announced the donation of four tricycles for economically weak disabled persons. Mid town Team led by President Prem Anand and Secretary Deepak Sood, PP Pallav Mukherjee, PP Saroj Jhawar, Director Vocational Service Vinod Sobti, who devoted a great amount of time with the differently abled, Director Community Service Mrs. Kanan Diwan and Joint Secretary Amarjit Singh, were present to cheer the donors,

Twenty - five disabled persons were also examined by, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Senior Consultant in Prosthetics & Orthotics for fitment of artificial limbs and walking calipers. These would be provided free of cost by Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, under the aegis of world famed "Jaipur Foot". Railway pass, which entitles the disabled persons to travel with an escort at 75% concession were also issued to 20 disabled persons.



Indu Vohra helped 30 disabled persons to register for suitable placements. 42 disabled persons have already been employed by Tech Mahindra and IBM in the last couple of months. A large number have not been so lucky so far. Rotarians as leading Businessmen, Industrialists, Hoteliers, Realtors, Professionals, Doctors, Lawyers, Educationists etc., can offer a placement opportunity to empower them. They do not seek our sympathy, but deserve our sensitivity, to recognize and accept their intelligence and ability to perform in call centers, offices, technical assignments. The not-so-educated can be employed as peons, watchmen or attendants. Amarjit Singh has already employed one disabled person in his office. PP Saroj's Excel Calnet has employed a few. Arjan Singh has one at his petrol station. PP Indrajeet Sengupta is on the lookout to employ a disabled person as his personal secretary. Data bank of these persons is available with Chair Disability Empowerment, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra.

The Polio Challenge

Ministry of health, senior health ministry officials, existing and potential funders, vaccine manufacturers and key partner organizations met in Geneva in mid-June at meeting co-hosted by WHO Director General Dr. Margaret Chan and UNICEF Executive Director Tony Lake to discuss and implement a strategic plan for Polio Eradication. Polio Eradication Initiative triggers new challenges with success in endemic countries like India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Senegal, Angola and some other African nations.

India is monitoring with caution endemic states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and is elated that no type 1 cases have been reported in the last 6 months. In Nigeria, wild polio virus type 1 cases have plummeted from 312 in 2009 to 3 in 2010. It is concerned about the 239 cases in Tajikistan which



originated from India.

Therefore, the challenges are new. Partners in Polio Eradication are looking at these challenges and addressing them. Their cause for concern is the deficit of US\$ 1.3 million as against US\$ 2.6 million required.

Tachi Yamada, president of global health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, urges partner governments to prioritize polio eradication, as the next 12 months of the next 3 years will be crucial to success, to eliminate the last and most difficult cases!

Any one to help take up this challenge?

The story of the humble beginnings of this challenge, which has become the only corporate project of Rotary International is fascinating, and will be told in later issues.

Atul Grover for New Generation

Former Vice President of this Club hit the headlines for all the right reasons recently. Atul Grover, feted the under-19 Chandigarh Football team, who recently returned from Kolkata after winning the prestigious 47th. Dr. B. C. Roy Running Trophy.

If the gleeful photographs of the team in the newspaper is any indication, the participants obviously had a whale of a time.

In this year, when Rotary has focused on the New Generation as the Fifth Avenue of Service, Atul's act goes a long way in this direction.

Humble Atul could not have accomplished this without Sonia, a very gracious host with attention to detail.

Sonia and Atul, you do us proud!

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District Secretary on RI Theme



Charanjit Singh, a past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh, is this year's District Secretary. He was formally introduced to the audience by PP Pallav Mukherjee. A journalist by education and profession, he later specialized in Public Relations and established Chandigarh's first PR Company which he manages. His contribution to his vocation, earned him a place in the "Hall of Fame" of the Public Relations Society of India, of which he is the Past Chairman of the Chandigarh Chapter. Much sought after as a Rotarian, he has served as Assistant Governor and has been declared the Best Rotarian of the District.

Echoing the thoughts of RI President Ray Klinginsmith Charanjit said, we have to recognize that communities are breaking up because of loss of Core Values, and that is why 'Building Communities' is essential. As an International Organization, Rotary's perspective is world-wide. To give the

The Garamond Clarity

Several Members has given a feedback regarding the clarity of text of the Bulletin. While the effort of Team Bindra cannot be understated, the choice of the font has also contributed to clarity. The Garamond was designed by Claude Garamond and cut in 1495.

first part of the phrase, an international perspective "Bridging Continents" is only a natural corollary. Local action global vision,

Quoting German philosophers, he said, the community provides cohesion, and therefore, Security. Industrialization has depleted this asset. Therefore building the community to instill core values is the need of the hour. It will help the people of the community to share and work together for the foundation of a strong community.

Glaring examples of community disintegration stares us in the eye. The younger generation, out of sheer lack of community security, turn to virtual community, where community intimacy led to sharing food, events, our joys and sorrows, this is now sorely missing. The nuclearisation of the family, an entity of the community, contributes its own share of problems. Though social networking continues, the focus of purpose of the community is lost.

Drawing similarities from the community, to Rotary, Charanjit said, the universal fall in attendance level, lack of fellowship and camaraderie, are parallel examples. The limitation of real connectivity makes Rotary loses its universality and internationality.

This loss of "Social Capital" is what RI President Ray Klinginsmith wants to address in this Rotary year. This why his call of 'bigger, better, bolder' gains relevance.

Arjan, while giving the formal vote of thanks, mentioned that it required more than just study to be able to interpret so succinctly what the RI Leader's theme represented. He presented Charanjit a token gift on behalf of the Club.

Claude Garamond was born in 1480, and learned how to cut steel punches with great precision before he was fifteen. At the age of sixty he was commissioned to design a Greek alphabet and was given the title of royal type founder by King Francis I. He died in 1561.

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Stop Press

The Installation of President Prem Anand and his Team will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. All details will be published in future edition of this Bulletin. Mrs. Manpreet Singh Badal, Finance Minister, Punjab will be the Chief Guest. The ceremony is expected to be held in PHDCCI Auditorium, Sector 31, Chandigarh.

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Fifty Years of Togetherness



Nirmal and Cmdr. Amarjit Singh Nagra celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 10, 2010.

Members of the Club all join together in congratulating both on this happy occasion. We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Rs. 1100/-for club projects. Thank you and congratulations.

Greetings

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Krishana Om Prakash  July 18
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