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PROGRAMME

Club Election

Chairman: PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia

Friday, December 24, 2010

Time: 6.30p.m. Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Bulletin Editor
PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Meeting will be
followed by Cocktails

DISCON 2010 District Leadership Seminar

Last Friday, December 17, 2010 our club hosted the District Leadership Seminar and the Pre-Conference Dinner. This was the beginning of the District Conference, DISCON 2010.

District Leadership Seminar was held at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh, as scheduled, at 3 pm, with welcome address by the District Trainer, PDG Rtn. Kawal Bedi.

There was an impressive and educative Power point

presentations by PDG Gulshan Thakral, PDG J.P.S. Sibia and PDG Shaju Peter, who respectively enlightened the delegates on Leadership and Motivational Skills, Leadership Opportunities and Building an International Service Project for Host Districts.

The Seminar concluded with inspiring remarks by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo.

Expression of gratitude was offered by President Rtn. Prem Anand who thanked the Speakers for their knowledgeable contributions which made the seminar a huge success.

The seminar was followed by Pre-Conference Dinner, a well planned cultural evening in the Chandigarh Golf Range lawns. Renowned Punjabi Folk singer Ms. Dolly Guleria, daughter of Late Surinder Kaur, the nightingale of Punjab, was the prime attraction with her hit songs.



PRIP Glen Kinross
RI President Rep to
DISCON 2010



Rotarians have Interactive discussion with PRIP R.K. Saboo, DG Madhukar Malhotra, PDG Shaju Peter and DGE Manpreet Gandhiok



Ms. Dolly Guleria



Balle Balle! Rotarians and R'anns were kept on their toes with melodious music



District Conference

On December 18, 2010, the first day of the two-days District Conference, DISCON, hosted by Rotary Club of Chandigarh at Tagore Theatre, welcome remarks were given by Conference Chairman PP Rtn. Manmohan S. Kohli. RI President Representative PRIP Glen Kinross was introduced by PDG Shaju Peter as proprietor of furniture manufacturing business established by his family in 1911. A Rotarian since 1960, he is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Brisbane, Australia. He has also served Rotary International as a Director and Vice-President and as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. He was RI President in 1997-98, and visited Chandigarh in January 1998 accompanied by his wife Heather, whom he sadly lost a few months after his term as RIP was over.

Rtn. Glen spoke about the Rotary's thrust areas in literacy,

maternal and child health, clean drinking water, etc. He said that today 92 countries have no free education in their system, for which Rotary would try to motivate them to implement the same so that more children can be educated. He emphasized that 2 billion of the 6.9 billion population of the world cannot read and write which is a matter of great concern.

District Governor Madhukar Malhotra reported that over 800 delegates participated from different parts of the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand and Chandigarh, representing 75 clubs of the Rotary District 3080.



DG Madhukar

CBSE will offer Vocational Degrees : Kapil Sibal

DISCON was inaugurated by Union Minister for Human Resource Development and Telecom Mr. Kapil Sibal, who was formally introduced by PDG Kawal Bedi.

In his inaugural address Mr. Kapil Sibal said, "The real wealth of a nation is not its GDP but the intellectual wealth of its people." He added, "The new education system shall change the very aim of education in the country. We don't look forward to create a crowd of literates, but get a brigade of super-specialised human resource." He emphasized, "The Right to Education is aimed to ensure that every child gets access to education irrespective of financial or social hurdles."

Mr. Sibal urged the Rotarians to globalise their efforts and concentrate them towards the aim of "Education for All". He was satisfied that over 220 million children go to school in

India but the unfortunate part is that only 12.4% reach the college or university as maximum students discontinue education after completing their schools. The biggest challenge before the ministry was to deal with this dropout and take these students to colleges and universities.

He asserted, "After completing studies, it should not be simple graduates but trained para-legals, para-medics, chefs, drivers, hospital managers, automobile and construction engineers who should walk out of campuses. As per our latest initiative, CBSE will offer vocational degrees in addition to regular academic certificates."



Mr. Kapil Sibal

Media no Different from the Society : Raj Chengappa

Addressing the afternoon session Mr. Raj Chengappa, Editor-in-Chief of The Tribune Group of Newspaper, held the Rotarians in high esteem for taking up the challenges to serve the society.



Mr. Raj Chengappa

He said large number of people read and discuss the happenings in the world whether it is global warming, environmental concerns, or

elections in Bihar and forget about them as these do not concern them directly.

Responding to a question from the audience Raj Chengappa said that the onus to accept the stories that are getting more entertainment oriented, lies both on the media as well as the listener or the reader to accept or reject them. However, he admitted that media is no different from the society it represents.

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Presentation of Awards of Excellence

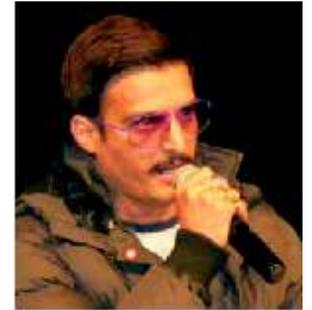
One of the interesting events of DISCON was to honour Padamshri Milkha Singh, the Olympian athlete and Bollywood Actor Jimmy Shergill with the Presentation of the Awards of Excellence.

While Mr. Raj Chengappa presented the award to the Flying Sikh Milkha Singh, Shergill was held up in a shooting but he turned up later in the evening to collect the award, which was presented to him by PRIP Raja Saboo.

The awardees were thankful for the honour.



Milkha Singh



Jimmy Shergill

GSE Team

The Group Study Exchange Team from USA, Rotary District 7770, attended all sessions of DISCON and were happy with the reception they got. Team Leader PDG Mary Martin

Elizabeth presented her team members.

Our District 3080 GSE team has also been selected and would be presented soon in the next Intercity.

Ghalib in New Delhi

The play had attracted Rotarians to the full capacity of Tagore Theatre at 6 pm on 18 Dec. 2010 which lasted for over two hours. 'Ghalib in New Delhi' is a rip-roaring comedy. The great Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib revisits his beloved Delhi to witness his posthumous fame, but comes across a totally different scenario than what was during his life time.

The entire plot revolves around Ghalib who is in desperate need of recognition. He attempts a futile press conference and then opts for an advertising agency to promote himself, but

this also turns out to be a disappointment.

Director, writer and main actor, Dr. M. Sayeed Alam prescribed the right dose of laughter medicine, with good humour throughout the play.



Ghalib in New Delhi

Message of Service from Governor of Haryana



Sh. Jagannath Pahadia

December 19, 2010, the second day of DISCON 2010 concluded with the remarks of Mr. Jagannath Pahadia, the Governor of Haryana, who in his address to the Rotarians remarked that one must devote some time to serve the humanity to make one's life worth living. He praised the Rotarians, who in spite of being involved in their business and

professions, find time for the welfare and humanitarian service and the upliftment of the under privileged.

The Governor advised the Rotarians to expand and engage more people in service activities, as it is difficult for the Government to reach out to different communities to take care of their needs, for which NGOs play a



PRIP Raja Saboo

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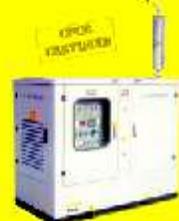
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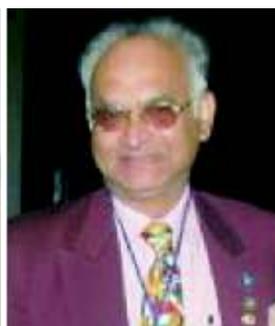
very vital role.

Earlier, PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo apprised the Rotary's involvement in humanitarian projects including eradication of polio from the world, child health, literacy and water conservation.

Due to foggy conditions, Shreyas awardees; Dainik Bhaskar Chairman Ramesh Aggarwal, MP & Cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu and Medanta Medicity Founder & CMD Dr. Naresh Trehan, could not reach Chandigarh as the flight got cancelled.



RIDE Rtn. Y.P. Das is being honoured by District Governor Madhukar Malhotra



PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter is Rotary District 3080 Representative to next District Council on Legislation and



Graduates of District Leadership Academy, President Rtn. Prem Anand and Rtn. Amarjit Singh

PDG Shaju unravels the story of the Four Way Test

"Of all the Past Presidents of Rotary International, the legacy left behind by Past Rotary International President Herbert Taylor would perhaps be the longest lasting," said PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, addressing the Rotarians of Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik on December 14, 2010 at Hotel Sip 'N' Dine, Chandigarh.

Invited to speak on the Four Way Test, Shaju traced the story of the 24 word test written by Herbert Taylor in 1932, adopted by RI in 1943 as a vital component of the Vocational Avenue of Service and the ethical guidepost of Rotarians world over. Shaju described the profile of Herb in glowing terms and hailed the test as a fresh and positive

vision in the midst of our world full of tension, confusion and dog-eat-dog competition.

In the absence of President Sneha Popli, the meeting was presided by PP Rtn. Prithi Vohra. Shaju was introduced to the audience by PP Rtn. Dharinder Tayal.

Bon Voyage to DGE Manpreet Singh Gandiok

Date: 26 Dec. 2010 Time: 10.30 am to 1 pm, followed by lunch
Venue: S.S. Farms, Landran Road, Kharar
To be hosted by: Rotary Club of Kharar

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Ravinder Krishan



December 24

Rtn. Vinod Sobti

December 24

PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta



December 25

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Maniki & IPP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep



December 27

R'ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur



December 27

Greetings

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

R'ann Santosh Gupta

December 25

R'ann Manjit Verma

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December 30

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