

PROGRAMME

Valentine's Day to Express Love for Humanity
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Friday, February 18, 2011

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

Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra

Sheesh Mahal at Hotel President on February 11, 2011 was jam packed with Rotarians, Anns and guests to welcome District Governor Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra and the first lady of District 3080 Ann Neeru Malhotra. It was a colourful ceremony with gracious presence of PDG Yoginder Diwan,

easing of some pressure on local clubs and made some more observations in lighter vein! He said, "Madhukar has a calming and sobering influence upon him", and thanked Ann Neeru for this!



Floral welcome to DG Madhukar by
Ann Indu Anand



Floral welcome to Ann Neeru by
Ann Urmil Luther

PDG Kawal Bedi, District Secretary Charanjit Singh, DGN Manmohan Singh, AG Praveen Goel and our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta.

In his welcome address, PDG Shaju Peter spoke about the advantages of having local District Governor which results in

President Rtn. Prem Anand gave an impressive multimedia presentation, thanks to Jt. Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh. Prem highlighted the projects and programmes carried out during the year till now, in all the avenues of service; Installation of team 2010-11, Induction of new members, Spouse's night, Diwali Celebrations, Children's Day celebration at SOREM Sector 36, Chandigarh, Christmas & New Year celebrations, galaxy of eminent guest speakers at our weekly meetings, content-rich weekly club bulletin which are upto date on our website www.rotarychdmidtown.org, talk on Rotary Institute Bangkok by PDG Shaju, New Member Orientation Programme for zone 3 & 4, District Leadership Seminar followed by Pre-



Lighting of Lamp by
DG Madhukar



PDG Shaju, Pres. Prem, DG Madhukar, Secy.
Deepak Sood & AG Praveen Goel on the dais



Sheesh Mahal
House full!

Conference Dinner and a well planned Cultural Evening, Home Care Nursing Project, Recognition of Teachers, Medical camps, Up-gradation of Aasra project at GMCH-32, Distribution of 6 tricycles to needy disabled persons on World Disabled Day, Youth Exchange student, hosting of dinner for visiting GSE Team from South Carolina (USA), involvement in meaningful projects by our 3 Rotary Community Corps out of which 2 RCCs are having disabled persons as members - perhaps the only ones of its kind in the world, community projects by our two Rotaract clubs including World Aids day rally, blood donation camps, Rain Water Harvesting Project in eight Govt. Schools of U.T. Chandigarh, disbursement of Micro Loans to needy candidates, contribution to Rotary Foundation, per capita contribution of \$ 100 and appointment of PDG Shaju as GSR for the first eClub of our District which will be chartered by April 2011.

No one could have introduced DG Madhukar better than his engineering college mate, PP Ajit Gulati, having association since 1968 as college students, where he was one year junior to Madhukar, and Ajit even shared with us the ragging episode! After formal introduction (see previous bulletin No. 31), Ajit concluded, "I present to the house a very handsome, dedicated and a true Rotarian DG Madhukar Malhotra."

In his address DG Madhukar Malhotra said, "It is a pleasure to be in Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown. It is just like a home club." He added, "I must compliment President Prem Anand and his team for the excellent work they are doing." He appreciated the Home Care Nursing project pioneered by Dr. B.D. Gupta. This type of project needs to be taken up by other clubs in the District, as this project has two aspects. This unique project creates good employment opportunities, and then there are trained persons to serve the elderly and sick persons.



Address by DG Madhukar Malhotra



Welcome address by PDG Shaju Peter



President Prem Anand 'The Year till now'



PP Ajit Gulati introduces DG Madhukar

DG talked about the continuity in Rotary and earlier in the day had interacted with the club leaders and also with the Presidents Elect for 2011-12 and 2012-13, Rtn. R.K. Luther and Rtn. Ritu Singal. He expressed his confidence that the club would be in good hands for the next two years!

DG Madhukar observed, "Your club has good programmes, good community service activities, participating in the District projects - besides your own club projects. You have RCCs, Rotaract and you are there in almost all Rotary programmes."

He advised we should not look at membership growth at the cost of quality. He said one member growth is good enough, "We should not dilute our Rotary organization." However, he pointed out, "In a city like Chandigarh, having a population of 12 lac, five clubs with about 450 Rotarians is not sufficient. We should have about 10 Rotary clubs with much larger number of Rotarians." He added, "In addition to introducing our friends,

we should go out looking for new people who are capable of becoming good Rotarians. We should look into new businesses and professions that are coming up."

DG Madhukar also talked about polio. He explained how this movement, a great initiative by Rotary, has come a long way since last 25 years, when in 1985 UNICEF and WHO came on board as partners with Rotary for worldwide polio eradication programme. To make this programme reach out to the remotest areas where there were no Rotary clubs, it was not possible without the Government involvement. In 1995 after passing of resolution by World Health Assembly all the

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Leading by example! President Rtn. Prem Anand gets PHF recognition from DG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra



PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta gets Multiple PHF recognition from DG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra

Governments came on board. Ultimately it was realized that the Government who has all the resources and manpower could reach across the country. Madhukar said, "For Rotary it is advocacy, awareness and funding and that is where our role is." In 1985 there were two lac polio cases every year in India. It was just 42 last year! It is hoped that this year by June the figure will be zero, and as Madhukar puts it, "That should be a gift to Rtn. Kalyan Banerji when he takes over as RI President, and the credit for that is all yours!"



DG Madhukar visits Home Care Nursing Clinic, seen with IW Pres. Deepa, Pres. Prem and Dr. B.D. Gupta



Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan being inducted by DG Madhukar. He & his spouse were introduced by Rtn. Parveen Khosla

He further advised that the best way to create awareness is through school children, who could be well motivated not only to spread the message but also ensure that every child upto age of 5 gets the polio drops! DG appealed that we continue with our commitment of \$ 30 each for this noble cause. He remarked, "This is the responsibility of the Indian Rotarians."

The inspiring talk by DG Madhukar made Rtn. D.R. Agarwal write a cheque for \$ 380/- to make his grand daughter a PHF. DG will match this amount with \$ 380 and remaining amount will be given by our club.

Rtn. Arjan Singh introduced the students who received scholarship; Nisha Bansal, Naina Dhiman, Shilakha, Aartika Bansal, Anuradha and Rajni Aggarwal. Jeet Singh received

micro loan. This project is implemented through the funds received from all eleven RI Districts of Italy.

President Nominee Rtn. Ritu Singal formally expressed gratitude to all those who made this function a grand success with their presence and participation. She thanked DG Madhukar Malhotra for his valuable advice and motivation.



DG Madhukar presents a cheque to one of the recipients. Looking on are President Prem & Rtn. Arjan

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R'ann Urmil & PE Rtn. R.K. Luther get wedding anniversary gift from DG Madhukar Malhotra



R'ann Saroj & Rtn. Santosh K. Khaitan get wedding anniversary gift from DG Madhukar Malhotra



Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi gets birthday gift from DG Madhukar Malhotra



As a token of our affection President Prem presents a memento to DG Madhukar



Rtn. Ritu Singal Expression of Gratitude



Punctuality award won by Rtn. Vinay Aggarwal, gets it from DG Madhukar

Heartfelt Condolences

Mrs Usha Vij, wife of Rtn. Prof. S.P. Vij left for her heavenly abode on 09.02.2011. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family on this sad demise. Prayers for the peace to the

departed soul was held on 12.02.2011 in Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Sector 10, Panchkula.

District Golf Tournament – 20.02.2011

Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik is organizing the District Golf Tournament on Sunday, 20.02.2011. Reporting time is 7 am at Chandigarh Golf Club. Participation fee is Rs. 600/- each and

Rs. 500/- each for non-participants. Please contact PP Rtn. Harish Sethi (M: 9417201180) or Tournament Chair, PP Rtn. Dr. G.S. Kochhar (email: deephospital@yahoo.com).

Birthday of Rotary Anns

R'ann Shashi Gupta February 19
R'ann Sonika Kanojia February 22



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Lalit K. Azad February 19
Rtn. Rajiv Gupta February 21



Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Brij Bala & Rtn. M.K. Handa February 18
R'ann Rajneet & Rtn. Sriranjit Sandhu February 20
R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Sompal S. Malik February 21
R'ann Mira & PP Rtn. Jagmohan L. Mahajan February 22



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