

PROGRAMME

What is Indian Sports?

Guest Speaker: Prof. S.P. Gupta, Member of CWG

Friday, March 04, 2011

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

Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate

Is Political System of India Capable of Tackling Corruption? This was the topic of Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate held in our club meeting on February 25, 2011. President Prem Anand said, "Credit goes to Mr. Ashwini Kumar Gupta, Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta and their families for keeping alive the memory of late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta by sponsoring this project year after year, which is not only a great tribute to their father but also a glaring example of maintaining family values."

Prem added, "This project was visualized in 1990-91 after the demise of Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta, to keep alive his leadership qualities, by the club Board of Directors, led by then President K.T.S. Tulsi. PDG Shaju Peter was the Secretary at that time." Since then Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate is organized by our club which encourages the participation of Rotaractors of District 3080, represented by a team of two members, one speaking for the motion, and the other speaking against the motion.

This debate has witnessed the participation of Rotaractors from far flung areas of RI District 3080. With the persistence of Club Leaders this year, 07 teams with 14 participants took part in the debate.

To evaluate the debate and select the winners, the panel of Judges comprised of Prof. Ms. Tejinder Kalra of English Department Dev Samaj College, Sector 45, Chandigarh, PDG Shaju Peter and PP Dr. S.K. Sharma (Ex DUI, PU, Chandigarh).

President Prem handed over the meeting to Director New



On the dais from left: Rtn. Ashok Puri, Pres. Rtn. Prem Anand & Secy. Rtn. Deepak Sood



PDG Rtn Shaju Peter declares the winners

Generation, Rtn. Ashok Puri who efficiently conducted the proceedings by calling the participants, one by one, to speak on the topic, both for and against the motion. Akshi Chawla, Purodha Singh, Priyanka, Kaavini Takkar, Akshat Kapur,



Mr. Ashwini Gupta & Rtn. Vijay Gupta presents rolling trophy to Akshi Chawla & Tamana Chawla of MCM College



Amongst the individual speakers the winner Devneet Singh is presented the award by Mr. Ashwini Gupta



Runner up Akshi Chawla is presented the award by Prof. Tejinder Kalra



The Judges; Prof. Tejinder Kalra, PDG Rtn Shaju Peter and PP Rtn. Prof. S.K. Sharma being honoured by Rtn. Arjan Singh, while looking on with expression of gratitude is President Prem Anand



R'ann Shradha Sachdeva gets birthday gift from PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria



IPP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep gets punctuality award from Mr. Ashwini Gupta

judiciary, bureaucracy and the police, while debating, "Is Political System of India Capable of Tackling Corruption?"

Certificate of participation were presented to all the 14 speakers by President Prem Anand. All the participants had expressed very well, they spoke with conviction and confidence. Before announcing the results PDG Shaju Peter had well observed advice for the participants. He said, "A debate is not necessarily a

Simerpreet Singh and Gaganpreet spoke for the motion. Going against the motion were: Tamana Chawla, Pallavi Arya, Surbhi, Jalaj Sharma, Devneet Singh, Sangmitra Singh and Vasudha. All the speakers were given five minutes each to present their views. Their talk revolved around IPL, financial irregularities in CWG, Ardash Housing society scam, 2G spectrum allocation scam, corporate lobbying and politicians exposed by media.

The young speakers, the Rotaractors - the youth of nation had candid views not only against the politicians, but also the

reading competition. Debate involves your ability to rebut your opponent's arguments."

In the individual category Devneet Singh, speaking against the motion, felt that there is a need to revolutionize the system, was declared the winner. Akshi Chawla who spoke for the motion was the runner up. The Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Rolling Trophy was won by the team comprising of Akshi Chawla and Tamana Chawla of MCM College, who wins this

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trophy for the fourth time!

Expressing gratitude, Rtn. Arjan Singh thanked the family of Late Vishnu Kumar Gupta for making this programme possible every year. He said, "I thank all the young participants, who had made the standard of the debate much better than last

few years, and I congratulate you all for the good work you have done." Arjan also thanked Rtn. Ashok Puri for working really very hard in organizing and putting together the debate. Special thanks was offered to Prof. Tejinder Kalra, who along with PDG Shaju Peter and PP Dr. S.K. Sharma applied their judicious mind to select the winners.

WCS Hearing Aids Project

PDG Shaju Peter had great news to share with us. Our club had been working on matching grant project of hearing aids for children since last 2½ years which was initiated by IPP Gurdip S. Deep. Every child in Chandigarh suffering from hearing disability will not be deprived of a hearing aid for want of money.

Even where necessary surgery will done. The project is US\$ 25,000 (nearly Rs. 12 lakh!). We have a partner, Rotary Club of

Kelowna in Canada in RI District 5060.

Shaju said, "Our club would contribute Rs. 1,50,000/- for this project. District 3080, Rotary Club of Kelowna and District 5060 will pool in \$ 3500/- each and balance will be the matching grant component."

The funds are expected in Prem's year as President, but the project would continue to the next year of PE R.K. Luther. Continuity goes on!

Scholarship



Cheque for Rs. 25000/-, 2nd installment of scholarship being handed over to Manmohan Singh by Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua. Looking on are President Prem Anand and Rtn. Arjan Singh, whose friend, Mr. Tom Sykes of Seattle, USA has donated Rs. 50000/- for this project.

Picnic



President Prem said that a picnic was being organized on Sunday, 13th March 2011 at Ravindra Farms, Kot Billa, Panckkula. Rotarians & R'anns are requested to get registered with Secretary Deepak Sood or Office Secy. V.P. Sharma. Registration is Rs. 250/- per person. Prem said, "Early ten registering couples will be benefitted."

R'ann Lovy Peter also requested all the couples to enjoy the picnic in the farm house of Rtn. Ravindra Krishan, which is expected to be full of fun, frolic and laughter!

Thanks!

President Prem Anand thanked Vice President Rtn. Ritu Singal for presiding the last club meeting on 18th Feb. 2010 and for having a wonderful programme for the members to enjoy and celebrate the Valentine's Day. He said, "All were feeling relaxed after the Official Visit of District Governor Madhukar Malhotra."

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Long Term Youth Exchange Programme with Germany

As per email received from District Governor Madhukar Malhotra, an application has been received from a 16 years old girl named Antonia Deutscher of Berlin, Germany. She will be in India from June 2011 for one year and would like to attend schools.

The Rotarian who hosts the young girl will get the reciprocal

opportunity for his son/daughter who can go to Germany for a year thereafter, under Long Term Youth Exchange Programme with Germany.

Those interested may immediately contact District YE Chair PP Rtn. Harjit Singh Saggu Mobile : 09814108903.

PP T.S. Anand Wins the ET Business Achievers of the North Award



PP T.S. Anand receives the award from Punjab Minister Mr. Manoranjan Kalia

At a ceremony held recently in Hotel Mount View, Chandigarh, PP T.S. Anand was awarded the Economic Times Business achievers of North Award. The award has been constituted by

the Economic Times newspaper to honour the heads of business houses who have shown great astute in making their business a huge success nationwide.

Mr. T S Anand, Managing Director, Widex India Pvt. Ltd. was presented with this prestigious award by Mr. Manoranjan Kalia, Minister of Industries, Govt. of Punjab.

In his Speech Mr. Anand said, "It's a proud moment for me to represent Widex and my family. For me, the simple mantra of success is a high level of professionalism to run these very sophisticated markets. And although families provide a certain amount of passion and commitment at the end of the day, it is professionalism alone that can take you to greater heights. He further quoted, "This is a great recognition for us and shows that we are on the right path and would continue to further grow our operations year by year to help the hearing impaired. I dedicate this award to the entire Widex team and our channel partners who have helped us reach where we are today."

Our hearty congratulations to R'ann Preety & PP Rtn. T.S. Anand for the well deserved achievement.

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva

Rtn. D.K. Gupta

Punctuality Draw

Won by IPP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep



March 06

March 08

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Lalit K. Azad

R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balam K. Gupta

R'ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti



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