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Independence Day Celebrations
By Children of Blind School, Sector 26, Chandigarh
Rotarians with Family, Children and Grandchildren Invited!

Friday, August 13, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Rotary's Finest Hour – the Origins

As we wait and prepare to celebrate Rotary's finest hour in sustainably wiping out polio from face of the earth, it would be worthwhile to reflect on its humble beginnings.

Rotary is like river. As it meanders down through hills and vales, it gathers momentum. Throughout it is guided by leaders with vision and action, from Paul Harris to Ray Klinginsmith.

Rotary had always worked with crippled children. The focus was more on those who were already crippled. One fact was overwhelmingly clear. Polio did not discriminate. By 1955 the American Public Health Department had approved and launched the injectable vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. Yet it was widely believed that an oral vaccine would be easier to administer and more effective. The team lead by Dr. Albert Sabin worked on this concept and produced an oral vaccine. Mass scale trials were conducted in the Soviet Union, and an extra-ordinary drop in polio cases was observed. Though Rotarians became involved in immunization activities, facilitated by the invention of the "vaccine gun", it was not a world-wide movement till much later. They successfully experimented mass immunization in Guatemala.

A strong proponent of mass immunization, Dr. Sabin,

propagated this in individual Rotary Clubs, and became an honorary member in one. Awareness was spreading.

In anticipation of Rotary's 75th Anniversary, W. Jack Davies, RI President in 1977-78 had already suggested planning

Rotary's involvement with United Nations International Year of the Child. He even sent an emissary to World Health Organization to collaborate with Rotary International for immunization, quoting the success of Guatemalan experiment, which was turned down as a flash in the pan. At the Tokyo Convention, the one with highest attendance in Rotary's history, Rotarians' imagination had been fired by the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Robert Hingson, and his demonstration of the "peace gun".

When President Elect Clem Renouf unfolded the concept of 3-H Program, the response was overwhelming.

RI President Elect Clem Renouf of Australia dreamt big. He dreamt of Rotary to execute larger projects to make larger impact on humanity, with a larger number of

participating Rotarians and more number of participating Clubs. He had commissioned a 3 man Committee to explore this possibility. One member included in this Committee was Cliff Dochterman, future RI President in



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1992-93. When it was finally designed it was named the 3-H program – Health Hunger and Humanity. Just before he was to take over, he suggested to the RI Board that major international service projects should be cleared through the 3-H Committee, which was accepted. His proposal to create a 75th Anniversary Fund over to be collected over a two year period and spent for the purpose was also accepted.

Obviously, the Members of our Club were witnessing history in the making. By the time, these events were occurring; this Club was already a year old. We invite Charter members to reminisce about these events. These must be vivid.

Proposals for Projects for under the 3-H program were now open to Rotary the world over. Out of the 15 odd proposals received, one came from Dr. Sabino “Benny” “Santos, of the Rotary Club of Malolos, Philippines, with support of M.A.T. Caparas, the Rotary Leader from Philippines, later to become RI President during 1986-87. The proposal was simple – if Rotary could provide Polio Vaccine, Philippines would immunize its 1 million children. This proposal was selected. In a massive mobilization effort all members of all

Philippines Clubs participated in this gigantic effort. The immunization finally took place the following year, after Clem Renouf demitted office and James Bomar Jr. took office. A total sum of US \$ 7,60,000.00 was approved and disbursed. It was successful, in spite of the hurdles, the biggest being the Interior Minister Mrs. Marcos' signature.

The seed had been sown.

The 1981-82 RI President Stanley McCaffery commissioned the Nw Horizons Committee, with Cliff Dochterman in the Chair, to make suggestions for an international service project. World-wide immunization against polio was the suggestion selected, modified and called Polio 2005, to mark the “campaign for a polio free world on Rotary's 100th Anniversary”.

The Challenge was immense as the projected cost was originally a US \$ 100 million, jacked to US \$ 120 million for safety. The second to marshal forces to help deliver the challenge. Enormous work loomed ahead. RI teamed up with WHO, UNICEF, CDC, who gradually came to realize the trust-worthiness of this organization to “do good to this world”.

The rest is history.

The Classification Principle

It is only appropriate that in the Rotary Designated Month for Membership Development and Extension members be informed of the various aspects of Membership.

The first among them is the principle of “classification”.

At the very first meeting in Room 711 of Unity Building on Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, the office of mining engineer Gustavus Loehr, when the first Rotarians – Silvester Schiele, Paul Harris, Hiram Sheory and host Gustavus Loehr – met, it was decided that one member from each profession or line of business, and only those for whose integrity the other members could vouch would be invited.

Thus began the principle of classification.

Virtually all membership in Rotary since then is based on classification. Classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society..

In determining the classification of a Rotarian it is necessary

to look at the “principal or recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company or institution”, with which an active member is connected or “that which covers his principal or recognized business or professional activity”. It is the principal and recognized activity of a business or professional establishment or the individuals' principal and recognized business or professional activity that determines the classification to be established and loaned to a qualified person.

The classification principle also permits business and industry to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing and servicing. Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a large corporation or university within a club's territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering.

The classification principle is a necessary concept in assuring that each Rotary Club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community.

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Liver Diseases and its Prevention



The meeting started with President Prem Anand thanking and congratulating the Rotarians and Anns for organization, well attended and beautiful Installation Function. Then with a heavy heart he announced about the sad demise of the President of Rotary Club of Solan for which two minutes silence was observed. He also announced that Rain Harvesting Project would be taken up in 8 U.T. schools. After this he handed over the mike to Rtn.P.K.Verma who introduced Dr. Rohit Gupta DM Gastroenterology the Chief Guest and Speaker of the Day to make the Rotarians, Anns and Spouses aware of the structure, functioning, diseases and health of Liver. Dr. Rohit Gupta made an interesting and detailed power-point presentation on the types, causes, effects, cures and prevention of liver diseases. He explained that after cancer and heart disease, liver disease was the third most deadly disease. There are many kinds of liver disease. Viruses or toxins cause, some of them, like Fatty Liver, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and C, D, E. Hepatitis A and E are water born and are self limiting. However, Hepatitis B and C can lead to chronic hepatitis and liver cirrhosis which are serious. These can be caused due to consumption of some drugs, poisons or drinking too much alcohol or by transmission of contaminated blood or improperly sterilized medical instruments.

Liver is the largest organ inside our body and is also one of the most important one. It has many jobs including changing food into energy and cleaning alcohol and poisons

from the blood. The secretion of bile a yellowish-green liquid that helps with digestion is the most important function of liver.

There is a vaccination for Hepatitis B and everyone should get it. But there is no vaccination for Hepatitis C. Dr. Gupta gave alarming data that 30% of world population is suffering Hepatitis B and 1 million die of it every year. In India 2 to 7% people suffer from Hepatitis B. Dr. Gupta advised the Rotarians to abstain from drinking for Healthy Liver. It evoked an interesting and healthy discussion amongst the Rotarians-regarding the safe limit of alcohol. Ann Lovy Peter decided to garbage or give away all alcohol bottles in her house because she was concerned about the health of her husband. However, Dr. Gupta concluded that alcohol taken in moderation was not harmful and one's own body is the best judge to know the limits of moderation. Prof. I.S. Dua proposed a vote of thanks for the useful and extremely informative talk and also wished him Many Many Happy Returns of the Day as this happened to be his birthday.

In the end Ann Indu Anand gave her greetings to all those whose Birthday or Wedding Anniversary was celebrated. She recited a sher for Rtn. Om Parkash who always stood by others in their happy and sorrow moments.

Prindon ko Milegi Manjil Ek Din,
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Condolences

We deeply regret to inform you of the untimely demise of President Ramesh Maini of Solan Midtown.

It seems like it was the other day that we met at Barog, when the Club hosted the Membership Development Seminar which 25 Midtowners attended.

PDG Shaju Peter will be the most affected, because Rameh served the Solan Midtown Club as Secretary when he was Governor in 2007-08. It was on July 17, 2010 that he was at the Club to install Ramesh as President.

We offer our deep condolences his wife Jyoti, other members of his family, and all the 32 members of the Club.

Intercity to Welcome Monica & Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer and his gracious wife Monica Wilhelm Stenhammer are visiting Chandigarh and an Intercity to welcome him has been organized on Saturday, August 28, 2010.

The Intercity will commence at 2.30 pm on Saturday, August 28, 2010 and end by 4.45 pm for High Tea. The registration charges are Rs. 250.00 for single registration and Rs. 450.00 per couple. Registrations should reach Seminar Chair Pratap Aggarwal on or before August 25, 2010 on rotaryclubchandigarh@gmail.com. with Cheque/Demand Draft in favor of "Rotary Club of Chandigarh", or by direct deposit into HDFC A/C No. 13061000202812.

Those in our Club who are keen to attend, should immediately contact President Prem Anand on Cell No. 981413993; Secretary Deepak Sood on Cell No. 9872211429; or, Jt. Secretary Amarjit Singh on Cell No. 9814011760 with advance registration.

Acknowledgements

Last week's bulletin could not have been possible without the active participation of Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain and Amandeep Singh Siyali.

Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain, just back from a trip to Bhutan, took the initiative of detailing the proceedings for writing of the text. Few know that she is now doing her MBA!

Immediately prior to to the function, it was felt that archiving the inspiring speech of the Chief Guest was important not only to faithfully reproduce what he said, but also to draw inspiration. Amandeep Siyali was approached and he more than willingly, and un-obtrusively video – recorded his speech. The conversion to a suitable Indian format for clear viewing was done by him.

We at Chandigarh Midtown are overwhelmed by their voluntary spirit.

Omission

After the final print of the bulletin it was realized that the speech of AG Praveen Goel went un-reported.

We tender our unconditional apology to him and our readers for this inadvertent omission.

Greetings

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Patinder Maharaj Singh



August 15

Amarjeet Bajaj

August 18

Birthday of Rotarians

Ashok Agarwal



August 13

Dr. B. R. Jain

August 15

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August 16

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August 14

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