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PROGRAMME

Distribution of Tricycles & Wheel Chairs
Chief Guest: Ms. Varsha Khangwal, HCS
Director, Social Welfare, UT, Chandigarh

Friday, September 30, 2011

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Artificial - Intelligence



Amit Mukerji

In the club meeting on September 23, 2011 Mr. Amit Mukerji, Director Business Development, Otto Bock HealthCare India, Mumbai was the Chief Guest. The dias was dominated by Mukerjees, the other one being PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee, who obviously needed no introduction. Amit was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra as a very close friend and a dear colleague. Amit completed

his graduation in 1980 in Prosthetics & Orthotics from All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Mumbai. He has number of Scientific Paper Presentations to his credit on upper & lower artificial limbs systems. He had various important assignments in the field of Prosthetics & Orthotics in India and abroad. Since 1998 Amit is working with Otto Bock HealthCare India Pvt Ltd., which is a highly reputed German company having its establishments all over the world, and are the global leaders in artificial limbs and orthotic component systems. Amit was accompanied by two Prosthetists of Otto Bock, Mr. Pradeep Kumar and Ms. Gurpreet Kaur.

Artificial intelligence is a technology of making intelligent machines and equipments by using computerized programs.

Amit said, "This is a very interesting topic, which is something very new and every body is involved with it in normal applications. It is used to provide independence to persons who have been deprived of their limbs." He added, "We use artificial intelligence by creating micro processors in prosthetic and orthotic devices which can be related to understanding of human intelligence and physiology."

Mr. Amit Mukerji had shown us video clippings of patients walking with micro processor controlled knee joints which adjust to the situation or the surface exactly the same way the real knee does. The gait maintained by these patients with artificial legs are very graceful whether they are climbing the stairs or coming down or walking on uneven surface, with a significant gain in mobility and safety. Similarly, a person with both bionic arms can do all the activities that a normal hand can do! An intelligent sensor system measures the state of patient's requirements and acts accordingly in a natural manner.

The presentation generated an interesting inter active discussion between Amit Mukerji and Rotarians. Some even remarked that he should have been given more time for his presentation. As people generally talk of Jaipur foot, the idea of Amit's presentation was to create awareness amongst the Rotarians about the advancements made in the artificial limbs technology which is now related to artificial intelligence. To a query about cost of these devices, Amit responded, "It would be pleasing to know that most of these are within the range of average Indian families, and the cost of premium artificial



PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep presents a memento to Mr. Amit Mukerji



Mr. Amit Mukerji presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta



Amit Mukerji presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. J.L. Mahajan who celebrates with R'ann Mira



Rtn. Arjan Singh celebrates his birthday with R'ann Parveen, is presented gift by Amit Mukerji



President R.K. Luther celebrates birthday of First Lady R'ann Urmil Luther with a gift from Amit Mukerji



Amit Mukerji gives punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma, for which R'ann Dr. Manjushri is responsible

limbs is at par with other medical devices and treatment available in the corporate hospitals.” To a query from President, Amit said, “We have helped Mumbai blast victims and support the Indian army and even NGOs like Rotary. We also help needy patients on case to case basis.” He admitted, “We cannot replace limbs which God has given us and we should be careful with these.” It can be summed up as,

“Artificial Intelligence is no match for Natural Stupidity!”

Vote of thanks was proposed by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep, who on behalf of Rotarians, highly appreciated the developments made in the field of Prosthetics & Orthotics and thanked Mr. Amit Mukerji and his team for an amazing audio visual presentation. Gurdip expressed the hope that soon the artificial limbs would match with the ones given by God!

Quizzed by Pallav!



“One chocolate for each right answer”, says Pallav

PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee anchored the quiz program to test whether we have artificial intelligence or the real one! As expected there was lot of fun and laughter, the best medicine which Pallav always likes to prescribe! Pallav (in the absence of Joginder) very bravely separated the husbands from their wives, but only for the quiz program, as it was supposed to be a contest between them! Wives kept seated on the right side of the hall and husbands were directed to go to the left. But Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua got the opportunity to be the only male member in female team to evenly match!

Pallav shot out questions from his laptop in KBC style. There were chocolates flying all over the hall. Though Jt. Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra was very judicious in distributing the chocolates for the right answers, yet those with wrong ones also had chocolates in their pockets. No one seemed to be caring for the calories and cholesterols!

Those who gave wrong answers or answered out of turn were fined Rs. 100/- by Pallav. Some Rotarians were heavily fined but no one paid the fine because the quiz program itself was very fine!

The quiz was supposed to concentrate only on Chandigarh, but when Pallav attempted to cross the UT borders, there was strong objections of going out of syllabus! Quiz programs by Pallav are always interesting, crisp and entertaining. There is a demand for having more such programs.

Appreciations for The Midtowner

President R.K. Luther read a letter received from PDG Satish Saluja. He wrote, “It is a pleasure to receive your weekly bulletin, The Midtowner. Best part is you always

have an inspiring Guest Speaker. Please convey my compliments to your editorial team headed by Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and members of the club.”

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Water Purifier Project



Rotarians and the beneficiaries with Tata water filters

A get-together was organized in the Drop-in Centre (DIC), Sector 15-A, on 20th Sep. 2011, by Rotary Club Chandigarh

Midtown in collaboration with the Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) and Chandigarh Network of Positive People (CNP+). PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, Project Director, CSACS and its other officials along with Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown and about 20 people living with HIV/AIDS attended the programme, which was graced by AG Rtn. Rajnish Gupta.

An introduction of DIC and its activities was given by Dr. Archana Mohan, Consultant CSACS. This was followed by a welcome address by the Project Coordinator of the DIC, Mr. Nawendu Jha. He thanked Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown for their continued support to PLHIVs in the form of donations and motivational programmes.

President Mr. R.K. Luther addressed the gathering, and introduced the Rotarians. Tata Water Purifiers were distributed to 10 needy PLHIVs who were registered with the DIC and were Antyodaya Anna Yojna card holders. Ms. Pooja Thakur, President CNP+ proposed vote of thanks. (Report sent by PPRtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta)

Free Eye, Dental and Medical Check-up Camp

Mega Eye, Dental and Medical checkup camp was organized by Sanjivni Medical and Educational Trust in collaboration with Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown and Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown on 24th September 2011 at Rural Poly Clinic, Sector 42 Chandigarh. Eminent Eye Specialists of the city and USA participated.

125 Eye patients were examined. Free spectacles were prescribed to 70 patients and all were given free eye drops and medicines. This was sponsored by the Sanjivni Trust. 95 Dental and general medical patients were also examined. They were also given free medicines by the Rotary Club. Rotarian Doctors who examined the patients in the camp were PP Dr. Vanita Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur and R'ann Manjushri Sharma.

The Chief Guest Prof Dr. Raj Bahadur, Director Principal of Government Medical College & Hospital inaugurated the camp. He went around the different department and interacted with the patients and the doctors. He appreciated the efforts of Sanjivni Medical and Educational Trust, Rotary



From Left: PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon, Dr. S. Sood, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Prof. Raj Bahadur, President R.K. Luther, Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, PP Gurdip S. Deep and IPP Prem Anand

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The project was a great success for which we offer our sincere thanks to Medical and Paramedical assistance given by Prof. Dr. S. Sood of GMCH-32 Chandigarh and Dr. K.S. Rana of Govt. Multispecialty Hospital. Our special thanks to R'ann Indu Luthra and Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra for their initiative

and support in organizing this meaningful Project.

Rotarians were represented by PDG Yoginder Diwan, President R.K. Luther, large number Past Presidents, Rotarians and R'anns of Chandigarh Midtown. There were three Past District Chairs of Inner Wheel; Rtn. Kanan Diwan, R'ann Neeru Khattar & R'ann Santosh Gupta and other IW members.

Congratulations!

Our heartiest congratulations to R'ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti. On 7.9.2011 their daughter Kavita and son-in-law Navaljit Singh were blessed with a daughter, Tisya.

Dr. Mrs. Shakti Kapoor daughter of our President R.K.

Luther, wife of Mr. Tarun Kapoor, IAS (Joint Secretary Solar, Govt. of India) has been appointed Chairman European Studies HP University Shimla. She has also been nominated as Vice President of All India French Professors Association. Congratulations to Luther family!

Ann's Column

The Age of Innocence

When father returned home the two little girls went into such a cheer - the tiny one spread her hands sideways and turned round and round and the elder one, 5 years old, jumped up and down - "Papa, papa", she shouted and the little one gurgled with laughter and clapped. Father bent forth, gathered his little angels in his arms and hugged them, laughing all the time. Such a lovely welcome. Such a happy sight!

Children have such winning ways, fresh, lovely and innocent. They dwell in trust and grow in love. And the joys they bring are pure, simple and blessed. Jesus Christ said, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is

By: R'ann Maniki Deep

the Kingdom of Heaven' (King James).

Let not the labours of life snatch at the secret joy nestled in our hearts, as with the passage of time we grow. Let us look skywards and witness the majesty of the rising sun, the sailing clouds across the blues, the birds flying high. Let us watch the large, leafy trees, the flowers, the hues of the changing seasons. Nature in its bounties will leave us in awe. And that wonder will stir the lost innocence in us. When we see ourselves as part of the panorama of creation, we will find our place as creatures of this universe, playing on the sands of time.

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Veena & PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra September 30
R'ann Ranjana & Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi October 02

Donations for Club Projects – Acknowledged with Thanks!

President Rtn. R.K. Luther Rs. 2100/-
Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma Rs. 2100/-
PP Rtn. J.L. Mahajan Rs. 1100/-

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma

Birthday of Spouse

R'ann Nirmal Bahl	September 30
R'ann Kalpana Aggarwal	October 02
R'ann Gulshan Kumar	October 02
R'ann Manju Jain	October 04
R'ann Gagan Meet	October 04
R'ann Herpreet Gill	October 06



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Praveen Khosla	October 01
Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor	October 03
PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma	October 03
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