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PROGRAMME

Asia Rising - What it means to the US
Chief Guest: Mr. Peter Burleigh
Ambassador of United States to India

Please note change in date and venue as there will be no meeting on Friday, 25.11.2011. Program for meeting of Friday, 02.12.2011 is also given below, as next two bulletins shall be combined.

The talk will be followed by a long inter-active session where the Ambassador will answer your queries on geo-politics, Indo-US relations and political - economy. This event is of very wide contemporary interest and we look forward to a strong participation from our club members and from other clubs.

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 Time: 6.30 p.m. Venue: English Department Auditorium, Panjab University

PROGRAMME

Family Exchange Team Visit
from South Africa

Friday, December 02, 2011

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens



*Ms. Rita Kohli being honoured by
PP Rtn. T.S. Anand*

Guest Speaker for our club meeting on November 18, 2011, Ms. Rita Kohli, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab enlightened us on 'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007'. She was introduced by President R.K.

citizen (anyone above the age of 60 years) or a parent to the extent that they can live a 'normal life.' This obligation applies to all Indian citizens, including those residing abroad. It defines 'children' as sons, daughters, grandsons & grand daughters and 'relative' as any legal heir of a childless senior citizen who is in possession of or would inherit his property upon death. The Act pertains to Parents which include biological, adoptive or step parents. It is the responsibility of the legal heirs to pay the maintenance fee in proportion to the property they will inherit. A senior citizen can file an application to the Tribunal having all the powers of a civil court, where lawyers are forbidden to appear!

Luther. She did MSc. in bio-chemistry in 1990 and LLB in 1993.

The tribunal can declare a transfer of property (as gift or otherwise) from a senior citizen to a transferee as void if the transfer was made under the condition of maintenance, and the transferee neglects the agreement.

Ms. Rita Kohli started her talk by appreciating the announcement made by President Luther regarding the email received from Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna in connection with the scholarship our club is giving to girl students and interest free micro loan to the needy persons.

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by PPRtn. T.S. Anand, who on behalf of the club appreciated the awareness created by Ms. Rita Kohli on the subject which most of us were not knowing of. It was pleasing to know that India too has statutory provisions to care for the senior citizens.

Talking about Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, Ms. Rita said this Act places an obligation on children and relatives to maintain a senior

Presentation by GSE Team Member

Every year a Group Study Exchange Team from our District visits a Rotary International District in other country and practically all GSE Teams have a member sponsored by our club. This year it was Ms. Palika Monga as a member of

GSE Team to UK, RI District 1140 from 18 September to 18 October 2011.

Palika shared her experience through an interesting powerpoint presentation. She said it was a memorable



Ms. Palika Monga is honoured by PDC Neeru Khattar

members, and Team Leader Rtn. Dr Mahathi Prakash, a

journey from the time they arrived at Heathrow Airport, where they got a warm welcome from District Governor Mukesh Malhotra, DGE Mike Thorn and other Rotarians of the District.

GSE Team had four

Specialist in Paediatrics and Past President of Rotary Club of Karnal. In addition to Palika Monga - a lawyer, other members were Neha Pandey – a Psychologist, Komal Kalhar - a Lawyer and Rajiv Kumar - a Civil Servant.

The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers.

On behalf of our club, R'ann Neeru Khattar, Past District Chair, Inner Wheel District 308, thanked Palika for her explicit presentation and said we are proud to have sponsored her as a GSE Team member.



Ms. Rita Kohli presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Parul (not in pic.) & Rtn. Salil Bali



Rtn. Karanjeet Singh is presented punctuality award by Ms. Rita Kohli. Looking on are President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh

Congrats to PE Ritu



Ms. Rita Kohli presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Kadam & Rtn. Jeetan Bhambari



PE Rtn. Ritu Singal has been selected as 'The Women Entrepreneur of The Year Pan India' by ET. Our hearty congratulations to her

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Double Congrats to Rtn. Munish Jauhar

GrayCell Technologies Exports organized a Blood Donation Camp on 8th November 2011 in association with the Rotary and Blood Bank Society, Chandigarh. The camp was held in Sector 17 near the GrayCell office and saw an enthusiastic response from donors from all walks of life. The GrayCell CSR team worked with the Rotary team to make the camp a huge success and more than 75 units of Blood was collected on the occasion.

This is the second camp organized by GrayCell in two years and is a part of the various social initiatives undertaken by

the CSR team under the able guidance of Rtn. Munish Jauhar, CEO, GrayCell. Efforts have been recognized in this field with the organization being honored with the "Socially Active Unit" award for the last two consecutive years.

Rtn. Munish has also been honoured with 'Award for Most Promising Entrepreneur' at the 3rd annual Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards - India which was held on 11.11.11 at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi. Very well done and double congrats to Munish!



Rtn. Munish Jauhar and other Donors at the Blood Camp

Rtn. Munish with well deserved award and the proud father, Rtn. Tejbans Jauhar

Blood Donation Camp by Rotaracts at Dev Samaj College

A Blood Donation camp was organized by Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College in their college campus in Sector 45, Chandigarh on November 18, 2011. Rotaractors and students, motivated by their Principal, Dr. Meera Modi and other teachers, were so enthusiastic to donate blood that they started queuing up early in the morning. Rotarians and Members of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown were also present in large numbers to encourage the Rotaractors. They also brought refreshment for the donors. By noon 89 Units of blood were collected.

Our club was represented by President R.K. Luther & R'ann



Rtn. Amarjit and his colleague Sonu donating blood

Rotarians and Inner Wheel members with Principal

Urmil Luther, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Rtn. A.K. Puri & R'ann Sudha Puri, Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua and Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh was so inspired that he not only brought Real Juice Tetra Packs for the donors but also donated blood along with his colleague Sonu.

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Library Project at Govt. High School, Sector 47, Chandigarh



A student reads from donated book

On 17.11.2011 our club completed second of three Library Projects assigned to our club by District 3080 under Rotary Foundation Project DSG-72260 at Govt. High School, Sector 47, Chandigarh.

President R.K. Luther, Secretary Amarjit Singh, Director Rtn. A.K. Puri and Rtn. S.C. Kapoor interacted with the Class

V students, Class teacher Ms. Dalvinder Kaur and the Headmistress Mrs. Suman Lata. It was observed that many students need to improve their reading skills.

President Luther officially handed over the Library to class V. As the objective of this project is to create an interest of reading in the students, he asked a few students to read a page each from the donated books which they keenly did.

Headmistress Mrs. Suman Lata appreciated the efforts of Rotary for this noble cause and requested to conduct a counseling program for Class IX and X which we plan to do in a near future through our Rotaract Club. (Reported by Secretary Amarjit Singh)

Renewing Old Memories

In our club meeting on 18.11.2011 we had a visitor, Rtn. Abnash C. Mahajan, who was our member from 1982 to 1987, when he shifted to New Delhi due to his business. He is President (2011-12) of Rotary Club of Delhi South Cosmopolitan, R.I. District 3010. His visit to our club as a Visiting Rotarian renewed old memories with PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia, PP Rtn. Anil Mehan our other senior Midtowners.

World Disabled Day

We have a joint project with Cheshire Homes, Chandigarh and planned a program to empower the disabled persons on the occasion of World Disabled Day which falls on 3rd Dec. 2011. We have identified disabled persons, as follows;

- Job placements - 3 • Artificial arm - 1 (Rs. 11000) • Tricycle - 6 (Rs. 5000 each)
- Sewing machines - 6 (Rs. 2800 each) • Bicycle - 1 (Rs 2800).

Our club has always supported the Empowerment of disabled persons. We seek help from Rotarians. For further details please contact Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh.

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Maniki Deep
R'ann Purnima Sood
R'ann Sushobhita Sharma



November 26
November 27
November 28

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Karanjeet Singh

Bereavement

Our heartfelt condolence to Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh on the demise of his mother, Mrs. Ravi Mohinder Singh. One minute silence was observed in our club meeting on 18th November 2011 in respect of the departed soul.

Kirtan and Antim Ardas was held by the bereaved family on 20th November 2011.

Collection for Souvenir by Rtn. A.K. Puri

PSG Hydro Power & Consultancy (P) Ltd.	Rs. 5,000/-
Avenues Marketing Pvt. Ltd.	Rs. 5,000/-
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Total	<u>Rs.15,000/-</u>
Total Collection for Souvenir till date is	Rs. 59,000/-

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Sanjay Singhal
PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra



November 27
November 28

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sunita & Rtn. Amarjit Singh

November 28

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