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PROGRAMME

Naxalite Problem - Search for Solution

Guest Speaker: Professor S.K. Gupta, Professor Sociology (Retd)

Friday, December 09, 2011

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Rotary Friendship Exchange Team from RI District 9320

Considering Rotary as a Stress Buster, President R.K. Luther, in his welcome address to Rotarians from South Africa, in our club meeting on December 02, 2011 quoted Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." This is much in line with R.I. President Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee's theme, 'Reach within to Embrace Humanity'. President Luther said, "India is growing and so are Rotarians. The order of priority set by R.I. President is Family, Business or Profession, followed by Rotary." He added, "Rotary is an organization which provides an opportunity to serve others by using your talent thus giving you happiness all around."

"Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. The primary goal of a Friendship Exchange is to build greater international understanding and goodwill. It provides a strong foundation for carrying out

other international activities and service projects", said PP Rtn. Harish Sethi, who was the RFE District Chair for 2010-11 and was responsible for making this Exchange possible. He mentioned that he has been organising number of Inter-Club & Inter-District Friendship Exchanges but this one was most satisfying, though it took him almost a year to firm up things. He said it was DG 2010-11 Madhukar Malhotra's guidance and support which kept him going.

RFE team from District 9320 had arrived in Chandigarh on 23rd November 2011. They were taken to Kasauli after an interesting ride on heritage train from Kalka to Dharampur. On the way they stopped over at the famous Pinegrove School and enjoyed fabulous hospitality of Rtn. Capt. A.J. Singh, the Headmaster of the School and one of our hosts. Rtn. Andy Russel the team leader had desired that they would like to see some of the religious places of India as they had heard a lot about them. So we planned a trip for them to



Team Leader Rtn. Andy Russel & Ann Hilary with IPDG Madhukar Malhotra & Ann Neeru



Rtn. Peter Turner & Ann Maureen with President R.K. Luther & Ann Urmil



Rtn. Colin Armstrong & Ann Alison with Secretary Amarjit Singh & Ann Sunita



Rtn. Dave Hawkins & Ann Delene with Ann Manjit Sethi, IPDG Madhukar and President Luther



Rtn. Roger Carthew & Rtn. Bridget with Ann Manjit Sethi, IPDG Madhukar and President Luther



Rtn. David Moss & Ann Lynda with Ann Manjit Sethi, IPDG Madhukar and President Luther



Rtn. Andy Russel and President Luther exchange flags

Rtn. Mohinder Singh gets punctuality award from Rtn. Andy Russel

Gurudwara Keshgarh Sahib at Anandpur Sahib and visited the Virasat-e-Khalsa which was a memorable experience.

IPDG Madhukar Malhotra had requested PDG Subhash Garg and AG 2010-11 Sushil Gupta to take the team to Haridwar and Kurukhetra, the famous religious places of Hindus. They graciously agreed to host the team for two nights and took them to both these places. We are indeed grateful to both of them, PDG Satish Saluja, PDG Arun Honi and other hosts from Yamunanagar and Jagadhari for this excellent gesture.

Harish said it was a hectic schedule but our guests enjoyed it. He thanked all the gracious hosts, that is, IPDG Madhukar

Malhotra & Neeru ji, PDG Yoginder Diwan & Kanan ji, PP B.M. Singh & Kiran ji, Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon & Deep ji, PP Tarlochan Anand & Preety ji, Rtn. Capt. A.J. Singh & Samiksha ji, PP Vinod Malhotra & Varsha ji, President M.P. Gupta & Uma ji, Rtn. Neenu & Parveen Vij for opening up their homes and extending all the care and warm hospitality to our guests from South Africa and U.K.

Team Leader Andy Russel expressed his gratitude for the phenomenal hospitality extended to the team members. He said they were completely overwhelmed by the warmth and affection showered on them by the hosts. He said they will



Inayat

Harleen

Saloni & Palak

cherish the memories of this trip for a long time and they will have to work really hard to reciprocate in equal measure. He introduced the other members of the team and they made

Rtn. Andy Russel Presents :



Birthday gift to Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain



Wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Sushobhita & PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma



Wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Sunita & Rtn. Amarjit Singh



Wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Gagan Meet & Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh

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presentations about their Clubs. Three members along with team leader Rtn. Andy Russel exchanged their Club flags with President Raj Luther.

IPDG Madhukar Malhotra said Rotary Friendship Exchange shows up the 'Inter-nationality' of the Rotary Family, building goodwill & understanding amongst the people of different nationalities and religions. He thanked the hosts for providing all the care and comfort to the guests from South Africa.

In the forenoon the team members had visited our Club project 'Aasra'. They were received by PDG Yoginder Diwan and our dedicated Rtn. Kanan Ji who is looking after this important project of our club. The members of team were presented with mementos and an album of photos taken by PP Harish during the visit of the team. Ann Manjit had worked

hard to collect all the photos and compile the albums before this meeting. The members of the team were highly appreciative of this effort.

This was followed by dance by budding artists from our club, Inayat d/o PE Ritu Singal, Harleen d/o Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Saloni & Palak grand daughters of Rtn. Daulat Ram Agarwal. It was a scintillating display of Indian culture. Our guests were totally amazed at their performance and took dozens of pictures.

PP Harish thanked PDG Shaju Peter, President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh for their help in making this farewell meeting a success.

The meeting was followed by fellowship and cocktails, very kindly hosted by R'ann Sunita & Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh.

*RID 3080 Recognized for Highest per Capita Contribution to TRF for 2010-11
Our Hearty Congratulations to IPDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra*

At the Rotary Zone Institute our District was recognized for the Highest Per Capita Contribution to TRF in zone 4&6A. We were followed by D3140 (Mumbai), D3291 (Kolkata) and D3010 (Delhi), leaving all the districts with metro towns behind. This is a unique achievement and shows our generosity for humanitarian causes. We were also No. 1 in Contribution to the \$200 Million Challenge Fund, a success story of the 'Children for Children' program raising awareness about Rotary's 'End Polio Now' campaign and simultaneously raising funds from the community through

involvement of children of our Interact Clubs in schools. Other awards were 2nd Highest Permanent Fund Contributing District, \$ 70 Per Capita on Total Contribution, 80% Clubs Contribution to TRF and 2nd highest number of New Interact Clubs formed.

IPDG Madhukar Malhotra said, "These are achievements of Team 10-11 consisting of 3000+ Rotary families led by the remarkable team of Assistant Governors and Club Presidents of 2010-11. My grateful thanks to you all for making this possible and congratulations on your achievements."

PE Ritu Singal gets Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2011 Award

In recognition of her achievement in steering her businesses from the brink, within a short span of four years, the ET NOW channel declared PE Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal, Managing Director, Raglan Group as the winner of "Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2011" Award, from among 50,000 contenders from across the country, in the micro, small and medium enterprises category. In addition to a brief mention made in bulletin No. 21 about this prestigious award to Ritu, this was also announced by Jt. Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra in the club meeting on November 29, 2011 in the presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Peter Burleigh, Ambassador of USA to India, which received a thunderous applause from the audience. Ritu was presented the award by Mr. N.R. Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus, Infosys Technologies at a glitzy ceremony in Mumbai on November 28, 2011.



PE Ritu Singal with Mr. N.R. Narayana Murthy and other dignitaries, after receiving the award

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Distribution of Water Filters at Khuda Ali Sher



Water Filter Distribution

On November 21, 2011 our Club distributed 4th lot of 15 Tata Water Filters to needy residents of Khuda Ali Sher who are undergoing Plumber Training, a vocational project run by our club. Demonstration was given to the beneficiaries on how to assemble, use and clean the Filter. Showing their technical skills the recipients assembled the filters within no time.

Training instructor Ashok Kumar Bhatia was also present on this occasion along with Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Director Vocational Service Rtn. A.K. Puri and R'ann Sudha Puri.

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Lalita Agarwal
R'ann Pushpa Jawa



December 13
December 15

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia
Rtn. Karanjeet Singh



December 10
December 12

Library Project at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School



President Luther gives the key to Principal

On 21.11.2011 our club completed last of the three Library Projects assigned to us by District 3080 under Rotary Foundation Project DSG-72260 at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh. President R.K. Luther officially handed over the Library to School Principal Mrs. Monica Maini. Other Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown present on this occasion were Secretary Amarjit Singh, Director Rtn. A.K. Puri and R'ann Sudha Puri.

Principal Mrs. Monica Maini while appreciating the efforts of Rotary assured that they will make best use of the Library and involve the students of class XI and XII of their school to motivate the class V students to develop their interest in reading.

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Vanita & Rtn. Vijay Kumar December 10
R'ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia December 11
R'ann Nita & Rtn. Madhu Sudan Manaktala December 12
R'ann Meena & Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan December 12
R'ann Manjit & Rtn. Darshan Singh Kalsi December 13

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Mohinder Singh

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