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PROGRAMME

Stress Management

Guest Speaker: Dr. S.N. Ghosh, Professor of Psychology, H.P. University, Shimla

Friday, December 30, 2011

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Club Elections

The temperature on December 23, 2011 having come down to 4 degrees, and Chandigarh being colder than Shimla, could not hold back Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown to the warmth of their homes. The hall on the ground floor of Hotel President was more than full, and many of us were happy to stand through out the evening. The main attraction may be the club elections or the Christmas celebrations, or both! We had the gracious presence

3. Vice President Rtn. Amarjit Singh
4. Secretary Rtn. A.K. Puri
5. IPPRtn. R.K Luther
6. PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter
7. Joint Secretary Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua
8. Treasurer Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi



PP R.S. Chandgothia declares the results



Board of Directors 2012-13 with Prof. Dr. Raj Bahadur and Chair, Club Elections PP R.S. Chandgothia

of Prof. Dr. Raj Bahadur, Director-Principal, GMCH-32, Chandigarh, a PHF inducted as Honorary Rotarian of our club last Monday by RI President Kalyan Banerji.

PP Rtn. R.S. Changothia, Chair, Club Elections had the pleasant task of declaring the unanimous election results, due to which the Board of Directors for Rotary year 2012-13 would be as follows:-

1. President Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal
2. President Elect Rtn. Deepak Sood

9. Director PPRtn. Prem Anand
10. Director Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Rita Kalra
11. Director Rtn. Arjan Singh
12. Director Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan
13. Director – To be appointed by the Board
14. Sergeant-at-Arms PPRtn. Dr. Balram Gupta

President 2012-13 Rtn. Ritu Singal thanked all Rotarians for their support and getting the board in place so smoothly.

Christmas Celebrations

The hall was very well decorated to create the warmth of Christmas by Ms. Harleen, the highly talented daughter of Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh. Harleen had the support of PP Mrs. Saroj Jhwar, Anns Malabika Sengupta and Sudha Puri to create fabulous surroundings including a Christmas tree. Rtn. Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath gave a detailed historical facts about Christmas and birth of Lord Christ. This was followed by songs of praise and joy by the Carol Singers from All Saints'

Church (CNI), Sector 18-C, Chandigarh, Rev. Mrs. T. Aying Sampat, Rev. Sampat Prakash, Sabina Banerjee, Vandana Singh, Vanessa Worrell, Aienla Singh, Narola Singh, Watinung Sang, Inato Achumi and Inderjit Singh Dhillon.

The much awaited Santa Clause was there, who made a surprise back door entry. Could any one guess who was in Santa's attire? However, he danced around, distributing gifts to the kids - spreading message of peace, harmony and brotherhood.



Rtn. Wg. Comdr.
Kamal Nath



PDG Shaju Peter (2nd from left) joins the Carol Singers led by Rev. Mrs. Sampat



Santa gives gift to a kid. Looking on are Anns Mala Sengupta and Veena Bindra



Kids, Anns Shashi Gupta, Lovy Peter & Urmil Luther with Shaju and Pres. Luther



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents memento to Rev. Sampat Prakash



A memento to Rev. Mrs. T. Aying Sampat



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents gift to Rtn. Wg. Cdr. Kamal Nath & R'ann Susan



Dr. Raj Bahadur, Birthday Boyz Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur & Rtn. Vinod Sobti



Punctuality award to Rtn. M.K. Handa



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Saroj Jhavar. Looking on are Pres. R.K. Luther and Secy. Amarjit Singh



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Maniki & PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur

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Vote of thanks was proposed by PDG Shaju Peter who congratulated all members of our club for the smooth and unanimous election process of our club for the board members (2012-13). He thanked President Luther for dedicating the meeting to Christmas. He also thanked Rtn. Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath for organising the carol singing at a short notice and also

for giving an informative talk on birth of Christ. Shaju also thanked the Carol Singers for their amazing performance.

It was a celebration with style and a true feeling of Christmas, a memorable and a wonderful evening, followed by cocktails through kind courtesy of Rtn. Vinod Sobti, Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur and VP Rtn. Deepak Sood.

News Trust Executive Committee meets at Kolkata

The 8-member Executive Committee of the Rotary News Trust which publishes the Regional Magazines, Rotary News and Rotary Samachar met at Kolkata on 5.12.2011 at Hotel Taj Bengal.

While reviewing outstandings from the 31 Districts of India by way of subscription dues of the two magazines, it turned out that 3080 is one of the best with long overdue arrears of only Rs. 120/-! PDG Shaju Peter who attended the meeting as a member of the Committee has taken upon himself the task of ensuring no-dues status from our District. Shaju invited attention of the Committee to issues raised at the last Institute in Kolkata of the

need for transparency in accounts of the Trust and not-up-to-the mark translation of articles from English to Hindi. Trust accounts will henceforth be uploaded on the net.

Editor Balakrishnan had made elaborate arrangements for the transportation of the Committee members from and to the Airport and their stay in Kolkata. The third quarter meeting of the Committee is tentatively fixed for 13.3.2012 at Chennai.

RI Director Yash Das was with Shaju right through the journey and they had a great time discussing the preparations for next year's Institute at Hyderabad.

Rotaract Spreading the Warmth

A month long collective effort of all the members of Rotaract Chandigarh Midtown paid off in a convincing style today as the cloth distribution drive took place all over the tricity for the Poor and needy. Through the cause "Spread the Warmth," around 7000 cloths were collected from across 10 centers in the tricity. People contributed with their open heart and spread their warmth in this chilly winter to the poor. "Pick up free service", launched just a week before, met with great success.

The drive was inaugurated by Mr. Saurabh Joshi (Municipal Councilor, Chandigarh) from Kartar Aasra Trust in Kambala and moved on to Babu Dham Colony in Sector 26. PP Pallav Mukherjee, Vice President Deepak Sood and Secretary Amarjit Singh from Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown were also present to encourage the young Rotaractors.

The cavalcade of cars and bikes went on from Chandigarh to various places at its periphery where poor people were large in numbers and suffering from bitter cold. These places were Mansa Devi complex, Industrial area phase 1, Chandigarh

Railway station and Mohali Bus stand.

President of Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown, Rtr. Manpreet Singh thanked the people of tricity for their generous contribution.



Secretary Amarjit Singh hands over warm clothes to the needy

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Bon Voyage to DGE Rtn. Manmohan Singh

On a sunny Christmas day, 25th December 2011 a very warm Bon Voyage was organized in honor of DGE Manmohan Singh and his spouse R'ann Rajwant, by DGN Rakesh Aggarwal and host club Rotary Club of Dehradun.

PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo, RI Director Rtn. Yash Das, RI Officers and Rotarians from all over RI District 3080 were present to convey their best wishes to DGE Manmohan Singh, who while speaking out of his heart assured the Rotarians that he will do his best to meet their expectations. District Secretary 2012-13 Rtn. T.K. Ruby formally introduced DGE Manmohan Singh to the gathering and said, "Our DGE is a man of diverse personality having Engineering, Arts and Management degrees."



Rotarians with DGE Manmohan Singh

Meeting was followed by fellowship and sumptuous lunch organized by the host club. A local singer Ms. Sonia Anand further added the flavor with her melodious voice.

Chandigarh Midtown was represented by PP T.S. Anand & R'ann Preety, PP Anil Mehan, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Secretary Amarjit Singh and Secretary Elect. A.K. Puri.

Get well Soon

Rtn. O.P. Malik, Rtn. Om Prakash and Rtn. C.J. Rai have been having orthopaedic ailments in their lower limbs. We wish them

a very speedy recovery to see them back on their feet and enjoy their company at our club meetings.

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Bir Gulati
R'ann Dr. Joginder Mukherjee
R'ann Nita Manaktala
R'ann Manjit Sethi
R'ann Saroj Khaitan



December 31
January 01
January 01
January 02
January 03

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Harbans S. Bajaj
Rtn. Balraj Singh



January 01
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Donations for Club Projects – Acknowledged with thanks!

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