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PROGRAMME

Income Tax Planning as per Budget 2012-13

*Guest Speaker:* Prem Garg, Chartered Accountant  
Tax Consultant

Friday, March 23, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Open House Discussion on National Election System

In the month March Rotary focuses on extremely important area of service, which is Literacy. In the club meeting on March 16,

Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia. Someone was surprised how our meeting could be handed over to Pranab Mukherjee, who

### The Speakers



*PP Pallav Mukherjee*



*Ann Indu Luthra*



*PP Gurdip S. Deep*



*Rtn. B.B. Bahl*



*Ann Lovy Peter*



*PDG Shaju Peter*



*Dhananjay Ramaswamy*



*Sumer S. Johal*

2012, inspired by RI Director S h e k h a r Mehta's 'Direct Talk' in the latest issue of Rotary News, President R.K. Luther quoting him, said if the world thinks

this is impossible goal for Rotary just remember what Gandhi said, "First they will ignore you, then they will laugh at you, then they will fight you and then you will win."

The President then switched over to Open House Discussion on National Election System. To judge the three Best Speakers, there was a panel of 'Judges', comprising of PP Rtn. Anil Mehan, Rtn.

presented the Union Budget 2012-13 on March 16 in the Parliament. However, it was clarified that it is not Pranab, but Pallav! Explaining how it goes about in politics and the problems we have in the system, Pallav generated inter active discussion with everybody present and some were agreeing with him and some objecting to his averments.

R'ann Indu Luthra talked about the scandals and the recent events after the general elections in India. She said there should be simultaneous elections for Union and state legislatures and there should be ban on exit polls.

R'ann Lovy Peter said we should cast our votes for good people so that they get elected. She said education would bring good leaders, and even the poor should have the Right to Education.

Our guest, Mr. Dhananjay Ramaswamy, Executive Director of Agni Energy of Mohali said, "Singapore has Parliamentary democracy that works, USA has Presidential democracy that occasionally works." He expressed, "I am in favour of

### The Winners



*'Judge' PP Rtn. Anil Mehan presents (L-R) first prize to R'ann Indu Luthra, followed by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep and Mr. Dhananjay Ramaswamy. Looking on are President Rtn. R.K. Luther and Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh*

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Presidential democracy as it allows us to have somebody who has a plan.”

PP Gurdip S. Deep agreed with the points made by Indu Luthra and elaborated his views for stronger democratic policy.

Rtn. B.B. Bahl, Congress President in Chandigarh for last 12 years, said the constitution of all political parties, Congress, BJP or any party are positive. We just do not believe these but are free to speak any thing about anyone! With great sense of humour, he put across the facts. He said, “India has the best democracy on the earth. Have faith in your country.” We should be proud that India has progressed and is one of the fastest growing economies of the world.

We had another guest, Mr. Sumer S. Johal, Chairman & CEO of Agni Energy of Mohali. Agreeing with Mr. Bahl, Sumer focused on politics as a career which the parents may encourage their children from their younger days. Giving his



President R.K. Luther recognizes PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra as Best Editor of our bulletin, *The Midtowner*

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra presents the punctuality award to PP Gurdip S. Deep

ideas he did not see anything wrong in politicians getting good pay and perks. A person with MBA has a good pay structure in the private sector, so he deserves the same if he chooses to be a politician!

PDG Shaju Peter talked about the positive aspect of Indian democracy. He said, “Despite all that has gone wrong, we have done tremendous amount of work and I do not agree that we have not achieved anything politically.”

### Scholarships



R-L: PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, President Rtn. R.K. Luther, the four beneficiaries, Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Arjan Singh and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

The second installment of scholarships for this year was given to Manmohan Singh 5th. semester Electronics at CEC (66%), Aartika Bansal 3rd semester Electronics at UIET (Topper in batch), Naina Dhiman 5th semester Info. Tech at UIET (77%) and Shilakha 5th semester Comp. Sc. at UIET (66%). Each scholar received a cheque for Rs.25,000/- making a total of Rs.50,000/- for the year.

Rtn. Arjan Singh said the scholars who have passed out, are now in well paying jobs in Chandigarh and Bangalore. Our club and our associate club, Milano Sud-Est, should be congratulated for having picked meritorious students.

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## Over 150 Disabled Persons visit Multi-Purpose Camp at Cheshire Homes

Over 150 disabled persons visited the Multi-Purpose camp held for them on Sunday, March 18, 2012, organized by Cheshire Homes, Sector 21, Chandigarh.

Dr. Raj Bahadur handed over a below elbow prosthesis fitted by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, to a disabled person, which was donated by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. A new bicycle was given



Photos L-R: Dr. Raj Bahadur presents below elbow artificial arm, gives advice to a disabled patient and presents a bicycle to disabled inmate of Cheshire Homes. Looking on are President R.K. Luther, PP Gurdip S. Deep, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Mrs. Raminder Panag



L-R: PP T.S. Anand, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Harmesh Kumar, Pres. R.K. Luther, Secy. Amarjit Singh, disabled person donating blood and doctors.

Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and large number of disabled patients who are being examined by Rotarian doctors

Railway passes being issued to disabled by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on are Harmesh, K.S. Sanawa, PP Gurdip S. Deep, Anns Maniki Deep & Indu Vohra

Dr Raj Bahadur, Director Principal, Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. He appreciated the efforts taken by Cheshire Homes and the support given by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown for the cause of the disabled persons.

PP Rtn. Gurdip Singh Deep, Chairman of Cheshire Homes, said the objective of the camp was to provide single-window service to the disabled persons in the region and bring various agencies together for their benefit.

A team of doctors from Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh conducted the assessment of 50 persons for issuing of Disability Certificate.

by Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, Chairman Emeritus of Cheshire Home, to a disabled inmate. A wheel chair was donated by PP Rtn. Anil Mehan.

Twenty persons, including physically challenged, donated blood. A team of doctors from the Blood Bank, Govt. General Hospital, Panchkula were present at the camp for this purpose.

A free medical check-up was provided to over 70 disabled persons by a team of Rotarian doctors of our Club, Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Col. Dr. V.K. Kapoor, Dr. Anurag Sharma, Dr. Rita Kalra and Dr. Anureet Kaur. Dr. Luthra also arranged two more doctors, Dr. Raman Bedi and Dr. Vineet Sharma.

As Hony. Prosthetic Advisor to Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Himachal, Dr. V.J.S. Vohra issued 33

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Railway passes with which disabled persons are entitled to travel by train, with an attendant, at 75% concession. Dr. Vohra also examined 10 disabled patients and referred them for free services of 'Jaipur Foot' for fitment of artificial legs and calipers to Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Ambala Cantt.

Lunch was provided to 250 persons for which Rtn. Lalit Azad had contributed a sum of Rs. 5100/-. Refreshments were provided by our club and also by Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown, represented by their President Uma Gupta, Secretary Manju Jain, PDC Santosh Gupta, Past Presidents Indu Luthra, Deepa Sahib Singh and Shashi Gupta.

The inmates of Cheshire Homes, National Handicapped Welfare Council (Panchkula), Physically Handicapped Association (PHA) of Punjab, Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula, Rotary Community Corps of Dadu Majra and Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher not only participated in the camp but were also helpful in motivating the large number of disabled persons to attend the camp. Prominent disabled persons who

attended the camp were Mr. R.C. Sethi, IPS, IGP Training (Punjab), Mrs. Jatindar Kaur, PSS, Secretary to Minister, O/o Chief Secretary (Punjab), Mr. K.C. Wadhawan, Jt. Director Public Relations (Haryana), Mr. G.S. Kochhar, Retd. Chief Engineer, Mr. Kashmir Singh Sanawa Chairman PHA, Harmesh Kumar, Gen. Secretary PHA, D.S. Mundi and Vinod Nagpal.

Our Club was also represented by President R.K. Luther & First Lady R'ann Urmil Luther, Secretary Amarjit Singh, PDG Shaju Peter, PP T.S. Anand, PP Dr. Kesho R. Gupta, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, PE Ritu Singal, Rtn. Ashok Puri, R'ann Maniki Deep, R'ann Indu Vohra and Office Secretary V.P. Sharma.

Some Rotarians mentioned above are also members of Cheshire Homes. Other members of its Governing Body who participated in the camp were Mr. C.M. Taluja, Vice Chairman, Mr. Mukesh K. Gupta, FCA, Treasurer, Mrs. Raminder Panag, Dr. Vibha Taluja, Rtn. Neena Singh (President Rotary Club Chandigarh), Chairman P.R. Committee Rtn. Charanjit Singh (PP Rotary Club Chandigarh) and Mrs. Shashi Gulati, IAS, F.C. (Haryana).

### New Generation Grandparents : Asset or Liability?

By: Ms. Shikha Sood, daughter of Rtn. Deepak Sood

It was my grandparent's lap in which I used to rest when ma was busy at office or cooking at home. It was them who took me to the park in the evening when ma used to be tired after office. It was my grandfather who used to wait with me for my school bus when ma and papa were getting ready for work in the morning. It was them who used to give me lunch after school. It was them who protected me from papa when he used to be furious over my silly mistakes.

To be honest, I still relish my daadi's food more than my ma. They taught me how to play games like carrom, ludo, cards and many more. I still love playing cards with them..(using the tricks taught by them on them).Its papaji, as we fondly call him, who still waits

for me outside when I return from college and is worried when I am late, even if its for ten minutes!

The only difference between parents and grandparents is that I love them Double because they're my parent's parents! They have so much to give to us. Their unconditional love is God's greatest blessing on us. In the end, how can they be a liability on us. They are our valuable assets and will always be!

(It is regretted that in the last bulletin, inadvertently the name of the author did not appear under the title of the article, hence it has been reproduced here. The Editor strongly feels this article is worth reading for the new generation.)

### Congrats R'ann Dr. Savita Gulati

Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association had honoured five women achievers on International Women's Day on 10th March 2012. In addition to PE Rtn. Ritu Singal, another women achiever from our club, R'ann Dr. Savita Gulati, wife of Rtn. Brij Gulati also received the award from Mrs. V.P. Malik, wife of Retired Chief of Army Staff.

#### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Dr. Sudha Jain



March 23

#### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Tavinder & Rtn. J.S. Chopra

March 24

#### Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

#### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal

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