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PROGRAMME

Alcohol – Facts and Myth

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Ravneet Kaur, Sr. Lecturer
Guru Gobind Singh College of Pharmacy, Chandigarh

Friday, April 27, 2012

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Rotary Friendship Exchange with R.I. District 9320 (South Africa)

PP Rtn. Harish Sethi, Team Leader of Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) with R.I. District 9320 has recently returned from South Africa along with other team members; R'ann Manjit Sethi, PP Rtn. Trilochan S. Anand, R'ann Preeti Anand, Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, (all from Chandigarh Midtown), PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan (Rotary Club Parwanoo), PP Rtn. Maj. B.M. Singh, R'ann Kiran B.M. Singh (Rotary Club Chandigarh), PP Rtn. Vinod Malhotra and R'ann Versha Malhotra (Rotary Club Panchkula). The 6th couple was Rtn. David Moss and R'ann Lynda Moss of Essex (U.K.) who were also part of the RFE team from District 9320 that had visited our District which had arrived in Chandigarh on November 23, 2011. This team had a farewell meeting in our club on December 02, 2011.



L-R: PP Harish Sethi, PDG Yoginder Diwan and PP T.S. Anand sharing their RFE experience in South Africa

A Glimpse of RFE with RI District 9320



Arrival at East London



At Hindu Temple



With President Gunther of Port Alfred



Team members with hosts



Meeting of Rotary Club of Port Alfred



Ride to the forest



Golf at East London Golf Club



Exchange of flags Kenton-on-Sea Rotary Club



Team with hosts

In the club meeting on April 20, 2012 Harish explained that RFE program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. The visit of the team from our District to South Africa was part of this program. Harish, PDG Yoginder Diwan and PP T.S. Anand were highly appreciative of the warm hospitality given to them by their South African hosts and the amazing experience they had in visiting various Rotary Clubs and their projects. The photographs displayed by them through power point presentation was fascinating!

In addition to giving a glimpse of South Africa, they also emphasized the importance of the program like RFE. 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.

Out of the 45 million South Africans, nearly 31 million are Black, 5 million White, 3 million coloured and one million Indian. As far as social, economic and cultural diversity is concerned, it is quite similar to India. The Rotary Clubs have all white members. One of the photographs shows a Rotarian of Indian origin. As for Black people, even if they join a Rotary Club, they do not continue for long. Even the South African Cricket team is dominated by the Whites!

There is lot of cultural mis-match between whites and blacks who do not want to work hard and progress, though there are exceptions. The country is ruled by the blacks. Nelson Mandela, the first black President of the country, continues

to be the most significant leader. Mandela, rightly occupying unmatched stature for his anti-apartheid campaign, is the national liberator and the savior.

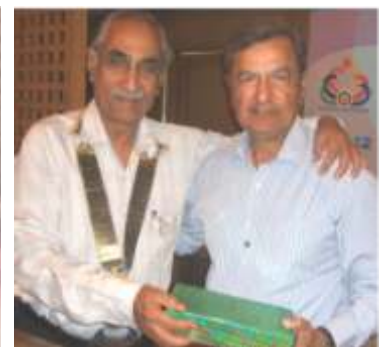
Vote of thanks was proposed by PDG Shaju Peter, who thanked PP Harish Sethi, PDG Yoginder Diwan and PP T.S. Anand for telling us the facts about South Africa and their experience with Rotarians of District 9320.



PP Harish Sethi exchanges flags from RI District 9320 with President R.K. Luther



First Lady R'ann Urmil Luther presents birthday gift to Rtn. Kanan Diwan



President R.K. Luther presents punctuality award to PP HC Sethi

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PDG Shaju Peter presents mementos to PP Harish Sethi, PDG Yoginder Diwan and PP T.S. Anand

Kaam Wali on Facebook! An original one from: PP Pallav Mukherjee

The kitchen was in a shambles - the dirty dishes were piled up in the sink, the garbage can was over-flowing, the husband was not being co-operative, and the mem-saheb was livid! All because the "kaam wali" had not come for the last 3 days! On the 4th day, when she finally did come - the madam "took her class" and rebuked her for not even having the decency to inform them of her absence.

The maids response : Maine to facebook par post kiya tha - ki

main 3 din ki chutti par jaa rahi hoon! Agar aap apne FB account ko nehin dekhte hain, to isme mera kya kasoor?

Memsahab: Yeh facebook - facebook kya hai? Main nahin dekhti koi facebook.

Maid : Kamal hai! Saheb ka to message aa gaya tha!

Madam : KYA MESSAGE?

Maid : Missing you. Come back soon.

Operation Successful!

Mrs. Ajit Kaur, a poor lady, was in desperate need of money for surgery for her ailing son. She was fortunate to go to the right hospital and meet the right doctor! At KUC Super Speciality Surgical Centre in Sector 46-D, Chandigarh, the patient was brought to the kind attention of Rtn. Dr. (Col.) V.K. Kapoor, where the operation was conducted at concessional rate!

Those who contributed for this successful operation were;

PP Pallav Mukherjee	---	Rs. 5000/-
President R.K. Luther	---	Rs. 1000/-
Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia	---	Rs. 1000/-
PP Harish Sethi	---	Rs. 500/-
PP Anil Mehan	---	Rs. 500/-
PP Gurdip S. Deep	---	Rs. 500/-
Rtn. Arjan Singh	---	Rs. 500/-
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Gupt Daan!	---	Rs. 500/-

Human Body System Analyzer



In our club meeting on April 20, 2012 we had a distinguished visitor, Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh, who retired from the army two years ago, having held many important assignments and was also awarded 'Kirti Chakra'. He introduced himself to Rotarians as 'Hardy'. He has developed Human Body System Analyzer, which instantly gives the medical report on the monitor, without any pin prick or loss of blood! Armed with his laptop, the General requested for a volunteer to give a demo, for which R'ann Susan, wife of Rtn. Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath came forward. By the time PDG Shaju Peter finished with his vote of thanks, a detailed medical report was generated and displayed on the monitor!

Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh Gen. Hardy, who is neither a doctor nor a scientist, stated that he has developed this unique analyzer as a

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Residential Workshop of Leadership Academy Concludes at Chandigarh

The 4-day Residential Workshop of the RI District 3080 Leadership Academy concluded at Hotel Chandigarh Beckons, Sector 42-D, Chandigarh on April 15, 2012. The 12th session had 19 participants from clubs far and near. Among the participants were DGNN Dr. Arun Gupta from District 3090 and our own DGNN Col. Dilip Patnaik.

The workshop was inaugurated by Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo on 12th morning. The faculty consisted of Ms. Inderjit Kaur, Ms Navneet Sandhu, professional trainers from

Chandigarh and Dr. Vijay Chopra from New Delhi.

While expressing gratitude to the members of the organizing committee which include PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Administrator of the Academy who was away to Jaipur during the workshop, Associate Dean PDG Shaju Peter said that it was a sheer delight for him to work with Dean of the Academy PDG Maj. Som Dutt, a stickler for details and a passionate advocate of the programme for the last 12 years.

Condolences

Mr. Kuldip Tuli, brother of R'ann Sudha Puri wife of Rtn. Ashok K. Puri, left for his heavenly abode on 19th April 2012. Our heartfelt condolences to the grieved family on this sad and sudden demise. One minute silence was observed in our club meeting on 20th April 2012 as a mark of respect to the noble soul.

Uthala & Rasam Pagri was held on Sunday, 22nd April 2012 at Shree Luxmi Narain Mandir, Sector 6, Panchkula.

Medicare Mission leaves for Rwanda

The International Medicare Mission, a brain child of PRIP Raja Saboo this time would serve the needy in Rwanda, Central Africa. The team led by District Governor Manpreet Singh Gandhoke consisting of 13 Doctors of various specializations and 11 volunteers including PDG Shaju Peter left Chandigarh on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The team will serve the patients of Rwanda at capital Kigali and is scheduled to return on May 2, 2012.

Shaju, a first-time volunteer in a Medical Mission from our District looks forward to his role in Rwanda as an interlocutor between the francophone patients and the Doctors from India with excitement and enthusiasm. He is scheduled to return on April 29 to leave for Myanmar and onward to R.I. Convention at Bangkok with Lovy on April 30.

Aasra Project's fourth time Donor Roop Lal

We acknowledge with thanks the contribution of Mr. Roop Lal of Village Nagrotta, Gogia Tehsil Bhorang (H.P.). Motivated by IPP Prem Anand, he has donated for the fourth time in a row for the Aasra Shelter at GMCH-32, Chandigarh. He has now given five more steel beds worth Rs. 19000/-. He also gave free lunch to about 100 persons from our Rotary canteen.

Prem said, "We pray to God for Roop Lal's long and healthy life."

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Indu Anand



May 03

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Deep & Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon

April 30

Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi