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PROGRAMME

Is Vastu a Science or a Fiction

Guest Speaker: Virender (Shiv Upasak), Vastu Expert

Meeting will be followed by cocktails, sponsored by President R.K. Luther

Friday, June 29, 2012

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee's final message for Rotary year 2011-12



RIP Kalyan Banerjee and Mrs. Binota

which was a tremendous accomplishment that came from the hard work and efforts of so many. My wife, Binota, and I have seen first-hand the countless and wonderful ways in which Rotary makes a difference in the world. We have witnessed the tireless, selfless efforts, and dedication of the many Rotarians



As the 2011-12 Rotary year comes to a close, I feel happy and proud to have brought the Rotary message to 68 countries. It's been an amazing 12-month journey.

India was declared

polio free this year,

who are willing to help others in improving their lives.

We have been so fortunate in having a wonderful Board of Directors in 2011-12. I believe they were the best Board of Directors ever at Rotary International!

Binota and I would like to convey our thanks to the family of Rotary, which includes the several event organizers, hosts, local aides, and other Rotarians too numerous to name individually. They have made us feel welcome on our trips with their kindness, generosity, and open arms. To the Rotary staff who has worked diligently behind the scenes to make this year a wonderful and memorable experience -- we thank you all!

Finally, whatever we have done in 2011-12, has only been possible because Binota always held my hand and we did it together.

Source: Rotary International

Message of our Club President R.K. Luther for Rotary year ending 2011-12



President Rtn. R.K. Luther

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotary Anns,

As the Rotary Year 2011-12 comes to an end, I wish to thank you all, including all Past Presidents, for the cooperation and support that you very generously extended to me and my wife Urmil to carry out your club programmes and projects which I set out to do at my

installation.

Coming Friday, 29th June would be very special occasion for me to personally thank you all. Urmil and myself look forward to your kind presence along with your family.

Warmest regards

Rtn. R.K.Luther

President

Mission Rwanda – Serving Beyond Borders



PDG Shaju Peter in official dress of Rwanda Mission

In our club meeting on June 22, 2012 we had an Audio Visual Presentation by PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter on Mission Rwanda. Prof. Dr. Raj Bahadur, Director-Principal, GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.

Sixteen doctors and Eleven Rotary volunteers, DG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and spouse Poonam, PDG

Ranjit Bhatia Coordinator, PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Chetan Aggarwal and spouse Neelam, Mrs. Brij Parmar, Dr. Sandeep Anand, Dr. Nivedita R. Singh and Mrs. Primila Singh, lead by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and spouse Usha Saboo arrived at Kigali, the capital of the Republic of Rwanda, a tiny little country in the East Central part of the African Continent on April 22, 2012 on a 12-day long



Dr. Raj Bahadur's address to Rotarians

For Restricted Circulation Only

mission of performing highly advanced surgical procedures on needy patients.

The 16 doctors were Dr. Rajesh Gulia and Dr. Karan Singh for urological procedures, Dr. P.S Chari and Dr. Vijay Obed for plastic surgery, Dr. S.K. Singhal for ENT ailments, Dr. R.S. Parmar and Dr. N.S. Sandhu for general Surgery, Dr. Rajan Sharma, Dr. Pardaman Singh and Dr. Ravjit Singh for orthopedic procedures, Dr. Nidhi Parhar, a facial maxillary surgeon, Dr. Ritu Anand and Dr. Anju Huria for gynecological procedures, and anesthetists: Dr. Ajay Sood, Dr. Lokesh Anand and Dr. Ashish kulshreshta.

Rwandans presently have no access to these procedures locally. 770 kg of medical supplies including medicines and orthopedic and other equipments costing approximately Rs one million had arrived with the team at Kigali airport after a 13 hour flight on Qatar Airways via Doha and Entebbe.

Giving details of the medical mission, Shaju said, "The 27-

member team was received at Kigali Airport by Assistant Governor Ndoba Mugunga, responsible for Rwanda and Burundi of District 9150, PDG John Nyombayire and other local Rotarians. The Reach out to Africa programme was an extension of the idea of serving beyond the borders conceived by PRIP Raja Saboo nearly 13 years ago when the first such team went to Ethiopia. Since then similar missions have been to Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, Republic of Congo and Zambia from India as Matching Grant projects of the Rotary Foundation in collaboration with Rotary Districts and clubs from all around the world."

To welcome the team at the airport was a large contingent of journalists both from print and electronic media. One of them asked, "What will be the approximate value of the medical service you render to our fellow countrymen in the next 12 days?" "How can you ascribe a Dollar value to our mission? How can you count in Dollar terms the number of hours of these



PDG Shaju Peter presents Award of Excellence to Dr. Raj Bahadur



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents Award of Excellence to PP Pallav Mukherjee



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents a memento to PDG Shaju Peter



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Manjit & PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi



Dr. Raj Bahadur presents birthday gift to Rtn. Jeetan Bhambari



PP Pallav Mukherjee gets punctuality award from Dr. Raj Bahadur

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medical professionals, each one an outstanding professional in his own field, who agreed to forego their private practice and serve under the Rotary banner? How do you measure the value of time of the business leaders who volunteer paying for their own air tickets and their stay in hotel while in Kigali?," responded PRIP Raja Saboo.

This program had several months of preparation and planning between the project Director PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar from 3080, DG Fred Tatulila District 9150 and Dr. Theobald Hategekimana, Director General of University Teaching Hospital of Kigali. Dr. Theobald and his team had done a remarkable job in identifying 230 patients for surgeries.

The Ministry of Health, Government of Rwanda extended all possible help for the success of the medical mission. PRIP Raja Saboo called on the Mayor of Kigali and Dr. Agnes Binagwaho, Minister of Health. At the valedictory function on April 28 Dr. Agnes said, "On behalf of the families whose lives you have touched, let me say a big thank you. We would look forward to your continued assistance in similar missions in the near future". Raja in his response has promised to undertake free heart surgeries of 15 Rwandan children in Chandigarh free of any charge. The Government of Rwanda would fund their air travel

whereas their surgical procedures in India including their stay arrangements would be the responsibility of local Rotarians.

Shaju highlighted Rwanda as the most densely populated amongst the African nations, with a population of 13.6 million. Another interesting fact is Rwanda has 53% women as members of parliament. Talking about the Rwandan genocide of 1994 Shaju said, "Another high point of the mission was the teams' visit to the Genocide Memorial at Kigali." Writing on the visitor's book PRIP Raja Saboo wrote "It is unbelievable to see how humanity can be so inhuman. The lesson is never such madness ever attack any human mind anywhere on this earth now or ever."

Prof. Raj Bahadur was presented Award of Excellence by PDG Shaju Peter. Terming Shaju's presentation on Rwanda mission as fantastic, Dr Raj Bahadur said, "Yes, doctors do their work but an organization like Rotary can utilize and project them in other parts of the world, which gives satisfaction to doctors also." In the Rwanda mission there were four doctors from GMCH. Being honorary Rotarian of our club and also a PHF, Dr. Raj Bahadur assured the support of doctors from GMCH and PGI for future also.

Congratulations!

Hearty congratulations to PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta and Dr. B.C. Gupta. Their daughter Shonali and son-in-law Sumeet Singal have been blessed with a daughter, Saanvi.

Dr. & Mrs. Luthra visit Rotary Clubs in USA



Rotary Club Metro Bathesda, Washington

R'ann Indu & Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra visited Rotary Club of Federal City, Washington DC on 19 June 2012.

With their son Dr. Rajiv Luthra, they also visited

Rotary Club of Metro Bathesda, where they interacted with President Karl Miller and President Elect Ms. Stephanie Lowet and other Rotarians.

Know your new Rotarian

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District Award Function - Chandigarh Midtown gets 13 awards

District Award Function 2011-12 "Recognizing Change" was held on Sunday, 24th June 2012 at JW Marriot Hotel, Chandigarh, hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Central. After the opening address by DG Manpreet Singh there was a audio visual presentation by PDG Subhash Garg on Mega Medical Camp at Jhabua (Madhya Pradesh), followed by another impressive presentation by PDG Shaju Peter on the Medical Mission to Rwanda. There was also a presentation on Cancer Hospital by Rotary Club of Ambala.

DG Manpreet was also happy to announce the formation of Rotary eClub of Doon 3080 sponsored by Rotary Club of Dehradun, who gave a presentation on this first eClub of District 3080.

PRIP Raja Saboo who presented the awards congratulated DG Manpreet for a successful year. He also congratulated all the awardees, and his address was inspiring for all Rotarians!

District awards:

- ? PDG Shaju Peter received an Award of Recognition for being part of Mission Rwanda.
- ? Major Donor – PPRtn. T.S. Anand

- ? Recognition to District Secretariat – PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee
- ? Best Vocational Project - Plumbing and Home Care Nursing projects.
- ? Award of Excellence for Best Bulletin – Editor PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Zonal awards:

- ? Outstanding President – Rtn. R.K. Luther
- ? Best Supportive Spouse – R'ann Urmil Luther
- ? Outstanding Secretary – Rtn. Amarjit Singh
- ? Governor's Citation - PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta, Rtn. Arjan Singh, PPRtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta and PPRtn. T.S. Anand.
- ? 100 percent polio plus contribution

Our club was also represented by R'ann Lovy Peter, PPRtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, R'ann Raj Kapoor, Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Rtn. A.K. Puri and Rtn. Vinod Jawa.

The above awardees will also be honoured in our last club meeting of Rotary year 2011-12 on Friday, June 29, 2012.

Bereavement

Our heartfelt condolence to R'ann Deep Kahlon, wife of Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, whose mother, Mrs. Satwant Kaur Bedi (aged 93) passed away on 10 June 2012. Bhog ceremony was held on 16 June 2012.

How to do Business : Raffle off!

Contributed by Rtn. J. S. Chopra

A city boy Kenny, bought a donkey from an old farmer for \$100.00. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the donkey died last night." Kenny replied "Well then, just give me my money back. The farmer said: "Can't do that. I went and spent it already." Kenny said "OK then, just unload the donkey." The farmer asked "What ya gonna do with him?" Kenny: "I'm going to raffle him off." Farmer: You can't raffle off a dead donkey! Kenny: Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead. A month later the farmer met up with Kenny and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?" Kenny: I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$898. Farmer: Didn't anyone complain? Kenny: Just the guy who won. So I gave him back his two dollars.

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Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Rita & Dr. Sanjay Kalra
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June 30

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