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PROGRAMME

Independence Day Celebrations
Fancy Dress Show for Children & Grand Children of Rotarians
Patriotic Songs by Students of Blind School

Friday, Aug 12, 2011

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Installation of President and Team 2011-12 of Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown Report by Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh

Our club meeting on August 5, 2011 was dedicated to the installation of Rtr. Manpreet Singh as President of Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown and his team for RY 2011-12.

Master of Ceremony Rtr. Gaganpreet Singh conducted the proceedings meticulously. It started with presentation of bouquets to Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan, President Rtn. R.K. Luther and Director New Generation Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua, followed by an impressive power point presentation by out-going President Rtr. Shivender Parmar on the various meaningful projects and activities undertaken during his tenure. Good number of projects undertaken during the year included Aids Awareness (Red Ribbon Express), War of DJs at DT Mall, Donation of clothes at Mansa Devi, Holi Celebration at Old Age Home, World Peace Day Celebration at Sector 17 and Lake.

After exchange of collar the incoming President Rtr. Manpreet Singh gave his plans for the current year which includes Mini-Marathon, Fashion show, War of DJs, Star night, Yoga camp, Donation to school on world literacy day, Blood donation camp, Volunteer for teaching in orphanages on weekend and Personality development workshop for the club members.

Taking a historical prospective Director New Generation Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua said that the word 'Rotaract' was derived from words 'Rotary' and 'Action' and the first Rotaract Club was chartered in 1968.

Speaking on the occasion President R.K. Luther motivated the newly appointed Rotaract team with his kind words and wished them a wonderful year ahead. He also presented a cheque of Rs. 10000/- to President Rtr. Manpreet as our Club's support for implementation of

their projects.

Giving a fine example of youthfulness, Chief Guest PDG Yoginder Diwan said he immediately accepted the invitation of President R.K. Luther for this function because being among the youngsters makes him feel young! He told that there are about 7000 Rotaract clubs in 163 countries, and that Rotaractors play a vital role in various avenues of service.

Beaming with confidence and leadership qualities acquired during 3 years as Rotaractor, Anchit gave vote of thanks, and acknowledged the support and guidance Rotaractors get from Rotarians.

Chair Rotaract Committee PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep did a commendable job by coordinating with Rotaractors to make the installation function a grand success. He also presented a memento to Chief Guest PDG Yoginder Diwan as a token of gratitude on behalf of the club.



*Chief Guest
PDG Yoginder Diwan*



*President R.K. Luther
presents a Rs. 10000/- cheque
to Rotaract President
Manpreet Singh*



Rotaractors with PDG Yoginder Diwan, Rtr. President Manpreet, PP Gurdip Deep, President R.K. Luther, Secretary Amarjit Singh & Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua



PDG Yoginder Diwan presents Punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua



PDG Yoginder Diwan presents birthday gift to Rtn. Ashok K. Sharma



On behalf of R'ann Asha, Rtn. Vinod Sobti collects birthday gift from PDG Yoginder Diwan



PDG Yoginder Diwan presents birthday gift to Rtn. Deepa Bhar, who is accompanied by her son Bobby and his family from Australia



PDG Yoginder Diwan presents birthday gift to R'ann Gurinder Dua who is accompanied by her daughter-in-law Meenu Dua



R'ann Brij Bala Handa is presented birthday gift by PDG Yoginder Diwan. Looking on are Rtn. M.K. Handa, President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh

Public Relation Seminar Report by Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh

Public Relation Seminar was well organized on 6th August 2011 at PHD Chambers, Sector 31, Chandigarh, by the host club: Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik. Rotarians from across the District 3080 attended the seminar.

District Governor Manpreet Singh started the day on a humorous note in Punjabi, "ki fark penda hai." (What difference does it make). The seminar was addressed by a galaxy of Rotary leaders including an inspiring talk by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo, followed by presentations from Rotary Public Image Coordinator Zone 4 & 6A PDG Surendra Seth, District Trainer PDG JPS Sibia and Rotary Public Image Coordinator District 3080 PPC.J. Singh.

It was finally summed up that making public aware of the

good work being done by Rotary, makes a great difference. DG Manpreet Singh concluded, "fark penda hai." The entire program was so interesting that over five hours passed within no time!



From left: Secretary Amarjit Singh, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva & President R.K. Luther

Our Club was represented by President R.K. Luther, PP Pallav Mukherjee, PP Indrajeet Sengupta, Secretary Amarjit Singh, Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva and Rtn. Jeetan Bhambari.

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Roster Updation

The Roster of Members of our Club has been updated by Director Club Service PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta. First rough proof is at hand and is being updated/corrected by him on basis of available information. It will be on display at the

regular Club Meetings on August 12, 19 and 26, 2011. Members are requested to update/correct their own information on these dates, after which the Roster will go to print.

Get Well Soon

Rtn Dr. Jawahar Luthra had a fall and broke his left arm which is under plaster for the last two weeks. We wish him a

very speedy recovery and hope to see him and R'ann Indu Luthra in the club meetings very soon!

Tips for starting an e-club

By Arnold R. Grahl and Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News

As the mother of two small children, Simone Carot Collins found it increasingly difficult to attend meetings of her Rotary club after starting her own business. Carot Collins, 2010-11 President of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, Western Australia, talked to two other Rotarians in a similar situation, and approached her District Governor-elect about exploring the possibility of an e-club. Carot Collins is now President-elect of the provisional Rotary E-Club of Sunset Coast, in District 9455.

"E-clubs are an invaluable way to enable committed Rotarians to remain engaged with Rotary work rather than losing them from the organization entirely," says Carot Collins, who is also past chair of the Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship. "A change in life circumstances can make it very difficult to participate in a regular Rotary club, be it having young children, starting up a new business, or taking a job that involves regular traveling."

E-clubs have been around since 2004, when a pilot project allowed about a dozen clubs to experiment with the format. The 2010 Council on Legislation decided to make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International, approving a limit of two per district. There are now more than 30 e-clubs, whose members meet weekly, plan service projects and build friendships online.

Starting an e-club involves essentially the same process as starting any Rotary club. The responsibility of approving the new club rests with the District Governor, who appoints a special representative to gauge interest and find potential members. Selecting the special representative is crucial,


says Philip Schunk, 2010-11 Governor of District 7210 (New York, USA). "The special representative must have or have access to someone with superior technical skills, and be able to communicate well to charter members," says Schunk, who helped organize an e-club in his district.

He says the representative should work with potential e-club members to ensure that they find a qualified vendor to help set up a website, if necessary, and identify members who can be trained to handle day-to-day operations. The website will need to safeguard personal data and accommodate secure financial transactions. "Rotary needs to adapt and keep up with technology," says Schunk. "With e-clubs, we can build membership and extend our reach of fellowship."

The Rotary E-Club of District 3170 became one of the newest additions to the fold, celebrating its charter on 2 July during a special dinner with members of its sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Vasco da Gama, Goa, India. Members who could not attend celebrated via the club's website. Like Carot Collins's club, the District 3170 e-club meets both in person and online. Lizette Ödfalk, the club's public relations chair, says it has 25 charter members. Some are former Rotaractors who wanted to become Rotarians but needed flexible meeting arrangements; others are former Rotarians who had moved to places where it was difficult to maintain club membership. The club also looked to contacts on social networking sites like Facebook and LinkedIn. Club members are from Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, India, Malaysia, Norway, South Africa and USA.

Editor, The Midtownner: The above article should inspire and expedite the formation and charter of Rotary eClub of District 3080, sponsored by our club, for which efforts are being made for the last over one year!

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Appreciation for The Midtowner by DG Manpreet Singh

In an email addressed to President R.K. Luther, District Governor Manpreet Singh remarked, "Hearty congratulation to you for your club bulletin, The Midtowner No. 2 & 3, which is well compiled, good format, clear printing. Discussion on Lokpal Bill is really very educative.

He added, "Let us build communities and Bridge continents and in the Process 'Reach within to Embrace Humanity'." DG Manpreet also wished a successful & eventful Rotary year 2011-12 for our club.

Heartfelt Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to R'ann Tavinder Chopra and Rtn. J.S. Chopra on the demise of Tavinder's father, Mr Harjit Singh, who was admitted in ICU for around 40 days at

Max Hospital, Saket, New Delhi. He passed away on 30 July 2011. Our prayers for the bereaved family to give them strength to bear this tragic loss.

PP Indrajeet Sengupta Encourages Physically Challenged

Ms. Krishna, a physically challenged graduate with vocational training in Computer Operation has been employed by PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta in his office, M/s

Composite Power Systems. Although she has only been employed on August 1, 2011, she is already making a difference in daily operations of his company.

Ann's Column

President R.K. Luther requests all R'anns to send some material of about 50 to 100 words for this column, which may be mailed to Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra on his mail id, drvjsvohra@gmail.com or SMS to 9814006829.

R'ann Neeru Khattar:

A friend is a sweet gift, An emotional lift;
A heart healer; A mood chiller;
A gem so rare; An answered prayer;
A happy mate; A lucky fate!

Membership

Development Seminar

On Sunday, 21st August 2011, Membership Development Seminar, 'Vistar – The Growth', will be held as per details given below;

Venue: Sofitel Plaza, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun

Host: Rotary Club Dehradun Central

Registration: Rs. 600/-.

For registration please contact Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh or Office Secretary V.P. Sharma.

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Beena & Rtn. Viney B. Aggarwal
R'ann Sonika & Rtn. Nitin Kanojia

August 12
August 14

Birthday of Spouse

R'ann Pathinder Maharaj
R'ann Amarjit Bajaj



August 15
August 18

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria
Rtn. Ashok Agarwal
Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain
Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar



August 12
August 13
August 15
August 16

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