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PROGRAMME

Spiritual Healing

Guest Speaker: Ms. Betty Nangia, Naturopath

Friday, August 26, 2011

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Club Assembly

Last Friday, August 19, 2011 was our Club Assembly to discuss projects, programs and activities for the current Rotary year and these were meticulously presented by Treasurer Rtn. Arjan Singh through our Budget 2011-12. Before doing so he candidly acknowledged, "Let me give my abundant thanks to PP B.L. Ramsusaria who has done a marvelous job of making the budget." He also acknowledged the sincere efforts put in by Secretary Amarjit Singh in preparation of the budget. The budget is in two parts, the Club Administration and WCS & Community Service Projects.



*Rtn. Arjan Singh
presents the budget*

Arjan read out the details of part one of the budget, explaining each and every entry. Prime figures, as usual, is the Annual Subscription, which also includes the District TRF contribution for pulse polio, and all this totals to Rs. 1,334,200/-.

There is a provision for induction of eight new members. Club weekly bulletin expenses amounting to Rs. 105,000/- during the year, has been taken care of by

advertisements (given by nine Rotarians, whose names are mentioned in all the issues, including this one). Similarly, club roster for which expenses are Rs. 30000/- would be met by collection of advertisements. Valedictory function expenses would be met by contribution by the outgoing board of directors. Provision has been duly made for administration of the club, weekly meetings, DG's official visit, holi fellowship, web service, RI dues, gifts & awards etc.

Special features of the budget is revision of new members Entry Fee to Rs. 12000/- inclusive of dues for the quarter in which he/she becomes a member. There is no revision of

quarterly club subscription. Dinner charges have been revised from Rs. 1400/- to Rs. 1600/-.

Arjan then took us to part two of the budget, which showed a brought forward figure of over Rs. 11.29 lakh by way of FD's value, balance in S.B.A/c and cash in hand as on 01.07.2011 and interest on FDs as on 30.6.12. Donations are expected from Rotarians on the occasion of their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. There is a contribution of Rs. 2.90 lakh from Italy for the scholarship programme Arjan also highlighted the Funds at Welfare Trust which amounts to Rs. 6.85 lakh.

The budget catered for funds in all five avenues of service, which in itself elaborates the projects and activities during the year! Under Club Service we have New Member Orientation Seminar, printing of Rotary book, Charter Day celebration and honouring the Past Presidents and MPHFs & PHFs. Under Vocational Service there is provision for Mobile Repair training, Vocational awards, Career guidance seminar, Home Care Nursing training, Plumber training. Community Service Projects include Evening School at Sarangpur, three Medical camps, Blood Donation camps, Leprosy project, Drug Awareness, Aids Awareness Program, Concern for Aged, Sports & Games, Safe Drinking water filters, Shelter at GMCH, Rubella vaccination.

Funds have been allocated for Inner Wheel and Rotary Community Corps as Partners in Service. For Disability Empowerment no funds were provided, but after representation by Chair, Disability Empowerment a provision of Rs. 50000/- has been made. Under International Service we have GSE Program, Pulse Polio Immunization and Scholarship to Engineering College girls. In New Generations funds are earmarked for Rotaract Clubs, Youth Exchange program and Vishnu Kumar Gupta Speaking contest would be sponsored by Gupta family.

A \$ 25000 WCS Hearing Aids Project for the poor children would be implemented this year. PDG Shaju Peter updated us on this project. He said, "In this project contribution from our club was supposed to be \$ 3632, and there was a commitment from District 3080 of \$ 3394 from DDF." Shaju



PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria presents gift to birthday boy PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter. President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh wishing him 'happy birthday'



PP B.L. Ramsisaria presents birthday gift to Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar and the second one in his hand is for bagging the punctuality award

acknowledged, "This was a commitment made by IPDG Madhukar Malhotra." The project got rolled over to the current Rotary year. The current DG told Shaju that there are no funds in the DDF for this project. With this the implication would be a shortage by double the amount of \$ 3394. "Thanks to DG Manpreet Singh, he had made a via media to solve this problem," says Shaju. DG was to make a personal contribution to Rotary Foundation through his home club, out of which he would give us \$ 4000. For this we

would accept Rotary Club SAS Nagar, Mohali as Partner in the project. As a result we would fall short by \$ 525 only, raising our club's contribution to \$ 4157. On Shaju's appeal the budget has been amended accordingly.

Shaju also discussed the Women Empowerment Project for Janta Colony which is also a \$ 25000 project in which our contribution is only \$ 1244. Substantial contribution would come from Italy plus the matching grant and there is no DDF.

Donations Acknowledged with thanks!

President R.K. Luther acknowledged with thanks the donations received from Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar who contributed Rs. 2100/- for the Club Projects, and R'ann

Malabika Sengupta who donated Rs. 3000/- for Aasra Shelter Project.

Eye Camp

Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra said, "One of the camps would be totally sponsored by me." Dr. Luthra would provide medicine, spectacles and the special equipments which

would be required. He clarified that this would be an eye check up camp where there would be no surgery.

Response for Empowering the Disabled

Chair, Disability Empowerment and Rehabilitation, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra made an announcement that there is requirement of three tricycles, one wheel chair and a toilet for needy disabled persons. He said that he had examined these persons at Cheshire Homes recently, where PP Gurdip

S. Deep is the President.

PP Gurdip gave a brief background of the Cheshire Homes movement which is an International organization functioning in 55 countries including India where we have

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13 of these homes. These Cheshire Homes are focusing particularly on the disabled persons and also terminally ill patients. Chandigarh Administration has given a 3 kanal house No. 341 Sector 21 for the Cheshire Homes, and presently there are 22 residents, which is likely to go up to 80 after the building is renovated. Under the Out Reach programme a survey of disabled persons is being carried out in Chandigarh, and there are about 10000 physically disabled persons in the tricity out of which 5% fall in the category of 'Below the Poverty Line' (BPL), that is about 500 persons. Cheshire Homes would work in the area of rehabilitation of these persons for giving them tricycles, artificial limbs, ramps, toilets, vocational training, placements and other facilities for up gradation of their abilities.

PP Gurdip said that as Dr. Vohra is the Chair of the Disability for our club, he is also the incharge of the Out Reach

programme of the Cheshire Homes, and therefore he has a dual role, and added, "He is very dedicatedly involved in his profession and is passionate about doing this work." Gurdip further clarified, "Cheshire Homes role will be that of a facilitator to the extent of identifying the disabled persons and seeking individual contributions from Rotarians to donate tricycles or wheel chairs and the main role will be played by our Rotary club." The present requirement of Rs. 18500/- met with a good response and commitment from President R.K Luther, PE Ritu Singal and Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar. More Rotarians are expected to come forward for this noble cause of Empowering the disabled persons.

Gurdip also pointed out that our Club's association with Cheshire Homes, Chandigarh has been since 2002. He said that between 2003 and 2008 there was a budget provision of giving donation to Cheshire Homes, when Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon was the President of Cheshire Homes.

IPP Prem visits Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur



IPP Prem Anand addresses Rotarians of RC of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

IPP Prem exchange flags with President Andy. Looking on is R'ann Indu Anand

IPP Rtn. Prem Anand and R'ann Indu Anand visited Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja, Malaysia on 10th August 2011, and attended their weekly meeting. Prem exchanged flags with President Andy Khoo and also addressed the Rotarians. Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur in RI District 3300, is the oldest in South-East Asia, chartered in 1930. In recognition of its service to the community, the then Sultan of Selangor, in October 1997, conferred the royal status on the club. This was and still is a great honour to the club as no other Rotary club in the world has been given the "Royal" status. Rotary International also approved the

change of name to Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja.

'This Abled' Persons - Mumbai to Leh on M'Bikes

Rtn. Ashok Sharma told us about the rally under which six physically challenged persons have traveled from Mumbai to Leh on their motor bikes. On their way back they were in Chandigarh and arrangements had been made at Indira Holiday Home for their stay and food.

On 20th August 2011 breakfast was arranged for them at

Gymkhana Club Panchkula. President R.K. Luther and Rtn. Ashok Sharma were also present there. We salute 'This Abled' persons for their courage and spirit to undertake this adventurous journey. The main sponsors of this rally are Rotary Club of Mumbai and United Phosphorous Company, Mumbai.

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Membership Development Seminar



President R.K. Luther and PDG Shaju Peter addressing the Seminar

On Sunday, 21st August 2011, Membership Development Seminar, 'Vistar – The Growth', held at Dehradun, hosted by Rotary Club Dehradun Central, was a great success, with over 500 delegates and wonderful sessions. Leaders who spoke on the occasion were PDG Bharat Pandya of RID-3140, DG Manpreet Singh, PDG Satish Saluja, PDG Arun Sharma, our own PDG Shaju Peter, PDG G.K. Thakral and DGE Manmohan Singh.

Our President R.K Luther spoke in favour of an interesting debate on 'Quantity alone can Ensure Growth of Rotary'.

The other members who attended the Seminar were Secretary Amarjit Singh, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Director New Generations Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua, R'ann Gurinder Dua and our proposed member Mr. S.C. Kapoor.

Micro loan Beneficiary

The third micro loan of this Rotary year has been granted to Mr. Prem Singh of Sector 44, Chandigarh, who has been given Rs. 30,000/-. Prem Singh is a freelance photographer who covers weddings and other functions. He already has a

movie camera and he needed to buy a still camera for portraits. He intends to buy a Nikon D90 costing a total of Rs. 70,000/- including accessories. Our best wishes to him in his venture.

Ann's Column

What the new theme means to R'ann Lovy Peter

At the recent PETS and SETS, when I was given the theme to discuss as the Group Discussion Leader of the spouses' session, I was only too happy. To my mind, though spiritual in its outlook, it is one of the most practical themes.

Spiritual because it asks us to look within ourselves and discover the values of love, caring and integrity that our parents inculcated in us from childhood and the reserves of compassion, tolerance and humility that our culture instills in us.

Often we fail to find our own inner strengths. The new RI President enjoins us to look deep within ourselves and draw on our innate strength and potential. Once we do that we shall all be able to bring them to bear on our attitude to our fellow human beings in our own communities and then in the whole world.

As Indrajeet often says, "Vasudeva Kutumbakam".

Birthday of Spouse

R'ann Malabika Sengupta
R'ann Kund Bala Goyal



August 26
August 28

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Rakesh Jain
Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta



August 27
August 29

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Won by Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar

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