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PROGRAMME

The Family of Rotary

Chief Guest: Prof. A.S. Ahluwalia

Dean, Students Welfare, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Friday, December 28, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Club Elections

In the club meeting on December 21, 2012 Chair, Club Elections PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta declared the results for the Board of Directors for Rotary year 2013-14. He said, "What unanimity! I am only announcing the names who are elected unanimously. No elections are to take place. Three cheers for Deepak Sood. What a good job done."

President 2013-14 Deepak Sood thanked all Rotarians for their support.

The board 2013-14 will comprise of:

President Deepak Sood, **Past District Governor** Shaju Peter, **Immediate Past President** Mrs. Ritu Singal, **Vice President** Amarjit Singh, **President Elect** R.T.P.S. Tulsi, **Secretary** Dr. Rita Kalra, **Treasurer** PP Prem Anand, **Joint Secretary** Jeetan Bhambri, **Director** PP Dr. Balram Gupta, **Director** PP Harish Sethi, **Director** Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh, **Director** Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti, **Director** Salil Bali and **Sergeant-at-Arms** PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra.



Board of Directors 2013-14 (L-R:) Rtn. Salil Bali, PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta, PP Prem Anand, PP Harish Sethi, PDG Shaju Peter, Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh, Rtn. Ritu Singal, Rtn. Deepak Sood, Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Rtn. Jeetan Bhambri

Installation of Interact Club of Sorem School for Special Children



President Ritu Singal presents 'Certificate of Organization' to Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan

On September 28, 2012 we had installation function of Interact Club in Sikhya School, Sector 46, Chandigarh, where poor children are provided state of the art education facilities, free of cost. It was here that PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Chair, Disability

Empowerment, who is a Prosthetic-Orthotic Consultant, thought of having an Interact Club of special children. He shared this idea with PDG Shaju Peter, President Ritu Singal, Diector New Generation Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Interact Chair Rtn. Amarjit Singh, and there was a very positive response.

After a few meetings with Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan, Hony. Secretary, Society for Rehabilitation of Mentally Challenged (SOREM) in Sector 36, Chandigarh, and support from her, we were delighted to arrive at a decision that an Interact Club would be beneficial for students of SOREM.

In our club meeting on December 21, 2012 we had a unique ceremony of Installation of Interact Club of Sorem School for Special Children. PDG Shaju Peter presented the lapel pins to the office bearers, President Dheeraj, Vice President Tarveen Khara, Secretary Nancy and Treasurer Sachi Sharma. Other Interact Members are Gopal, Rajat Sharma, Janvi, Suvrat Jain, Prabhroop, Gurpreet Singh and Aryan.

Dr. Rita Kalra, who worked really hard for this project, explained, "We were able to pick up 11 children who could be part of Interact Club but the issue of sustaining such an



PDG Shaju gives lapel pin to office bearers of Interact Club of Sorem School



Rotaractors selling candles on behalf of Interact Club of Sorem School



PDG Shaju Peter presents the Presidential collar to Dheeraj

organization was lingering in our conscience. We decided to involve Rotaractors to add new meaning and direction to service by New Generation. The buddy program for Rotaractors will not only ensure a buddy/friend for each of the Interact member but also sensitize our youth towards the cause of social rehabilitation of these special children.” Dr. Rita added, “The smile on the face of these special children and tears of pride in the eyes of parents gives the real 'Peace Through Service', our soul search for.”

Rotaractors of Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown, led by President Rtr. Sushant Gupta, attended the installation function as buddies for each Special Interact member. Buddy Rotaractors are Munish, Archana Rawat, Sukriti, Kanika Sharma, Harish, Amandeep, Gurleen Kaur, Sushant, Sandeep, Aishwarya Nanda and Jagmeet. They will maintain close contact with these special children and interact with them and arrange interesting programs for them so that they feel part of the society and live a life of dignity and pride.

Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan expressed her gratitude to Rotary

Club Chandigarh Midtown, and explained the problems being faced by these mentally challenged children. She said, “For me it is a dream come true. I am very proud of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, who thought of bringing these children to a level, where many more special children would be joining Interact Club.” She also appreciated the role of friendship played by Rotaractors to inspire these children.

The precedence we have set for social rehabilitation, by organizing Interact Club of these special children, is indeed a revolutionary step in the Rotary world. Chandigarh Midtown leads in taking meaningful initiatives for persons with disabilities. Two of our three Rotary Community Corps also comprises of special persons who are excellently serving the community.

Rotary is a great opportunity to serve, and we hope for more of such unique Interact clubs and RCCs of special persons all over the world.

Christmas Celebrations



Carol singers with anchor PDG Shaju, who gave the historical facts of each song



Inaayat d/o of Rtn. Dr. Anureet K. Bhatti joins the Carol singers



Santa Claus gives gifts to Rotarians, R'anns, Rotractors and Special Children of SOREM

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Not easy to guess who is in attire of Santa! Not even PDG Shaju who is seen honoring Rtr. Ishani d/o President Ritu Singal

Christmas, the birthday of Lord Jesus, was celebrated in our club meeting, giving message of peace, love, friendship, harmony and brotherhood. PDG Shaju Peter introduced the carol singers: Rev. B. Emmanuel Sampath Prakash, Rev. (Mrs.) T. Aying Konyak Sampath, Miss Narola Singh, Miss Sabina Banejee, Miss Sujata Nasrani, Miss Allena Humtsoe, Mr. William Walton, Mr. Yanbothung Patton, Mr. Khayalo Seb, Mr. Arvind Noel, Mrs. Elizabeth Noel, Mr. Ashish Noel and Mrs. Era Walton. Some of them celebrated Christmas with us even last year.

It was an enjoyable evening of Christmas celebration with melodious carol songs: Come on ring those bells, Angels we have heard on high, Joy to the world, Hark the herald angels sing, O come all ye faithful, Silent night, holy night, Christmas praises in the air, Jingle bells and We wish you a Merry Christmas.



President Ritu present birthday gifts to R'ann Santosh Gupta and PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta



President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri present birthday gift to Rtn. Vinod Sobti



President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri present birthday gift to Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur



President Ritu Singal presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur



President Ritu Singal presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Maniki & PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep



President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri present punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti

RI President Tanaka Releases Shaju's Book on Peace

The task assigned to PDG Shaju Peter by RI Director Yash Das for the Hyderabad Institute was to bring out a book on peace, a collection of stories and anecdotes on the RI theme 'Peace through Service' of President Sakuji Tanaka. One of the highlights of the Institute on November 25, 2012 was the release of the book by the RI President in the presence of Foundation Trustee Antonio Hallage from Brazil and RI Director Yash.

The book contains a message from President Tanaka, foreword from Director Yash and fifty four pieces of writing on peace, some original and some inserted by Shaju on behalf of the contributors, each of whom wrote a cheque of Rs. 25,000.00 for the Institute. Among the contributors is our own President Ritu Singal whose poem on peace appears on page 71.

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The forthcoming issues of Rotary News will be carrying the announcement that the book will be available for sale for Rs.500/-.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka releases Shaju's book at Hyderabad. Looking on are Antonio Hallage, Shaju and Yash Das

"No other Rotary project has taken so much of my time as this one did", says the compiler and publisher Shaju.



Rtn. Gurpreet Sachdev of Rotary Club Campbell, California, USA exchanges flags with President Ritu Singal

Welcome our new Fellow Rotarian



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 Spouse : Renu
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 D.o.B : August 17
 Children : Bulbul (D)
 Chummun (D)
 Himanshu (S)



Get well Soon

On 3rd December 2012, Mrs. Bulbul, daughter of Rtn. Salil Chopra, had a fatal car accident, while traveling with her husband in Sydney, Australia. She had very severe injuries, and is being treated in a hospital in Sydney.

R'ann Renu Chopra had to rush to Sydney to take care of her daughter.

Our good wishes to Bulbul. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Bon Voyage to DGE Rakesh Aggarwal

PE Deepak Sood requests all Rotarians and R'anns to join the Bon Voyage to convey our best wishes to DGE Rakesh Aggarwal on Sunday, 30th Dec. 2012 at 11 am at I.M.A., Dehradun. Host Club: Dehradun Central

President Ritu Singal's Facet of Peace – Step 22: Disturbed mind will settle down on its own

When we are disturbed, just let it be. Give it a little time. It will settle down on its own. You don't have to put in any effort to calm it down. It will happen. It is effortless.

Acknowledgment with thanks

PP Gurdip S. Deep	---	For candles
Donations for Club Projects:		
PP Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta	---	Rs. 5100/-
Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur	---	Rs. 1500/-
Rtn. Vinod Sobti	---	Rs. 1100/-
Ms. Sangeeta Jain	---	Rs. 2100/-

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Manpreet Kaur & Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh December 28

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Sushma Kamra	December 29
R'ann Nirmal Nagra	December 29
R'ann Bir Gulati	December 31
R'ann Dr. Joginder Mukherjee	January 01
R'ann Nita Manaktala	January 01
R'ann Manjit Sethi	January 02
R'ann Saroj Khaitan	January 03



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Harbans S. Bajaj	January 01
Rtn. Balraj Singh	January 01



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