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## PROGRAMME

### On to Hyderabad Summit

*Presentation by:* PDG Shaju Peter

Member, Organizing Committee, Rotary South Asia Summit

Friday, March 01, 2013

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## **District Conference of Peace 'Ijlaas-e-Aman'**

Rotary District 3080 Conference of Peace 'Ijlaas-e-Aman', at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013, jointly hosted by Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh, SAS Nagar, Panchkula and Kharar, was one of the most memorable events that we had in recent past. Along with the windy cold morning and heavy rainfall on 23<sup>rd</sup>, poured in over 1000 Rotarians and their families from 76 Rotary Clubs all over Rotary District from states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Uttarkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh. The coldest day in February in Chandigarh in the past five years with 17.9 mm of rainfall, could not dampen the spirit of our ever smiling District Governor Manmohan Singh, the first lady of the District

Rajwant Kaur and their team, under the guidance of PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo. There were no 'panic announcements', asking Rotarians to finish their breakfast in a hurry, yet the Inaugural session and the Plenary session-1 ended as per schedule, for everybody to enjoy the lunch. Credit must be given to the caterers, Khyber, with its owner Rtn. Gurvinder Juneja, on his toes, to give best possible service, under the damp weather conditions.

After the welcome remarks by Conference Chair PP Manmohan Singh Kohli, there was Recognition of RI Officers of District 3080, National anthems of Canada, USA and India and a meaningful Overview of the year by DG Manmohan Singh.

### **Peace through Service**



*PRIP Monty Audenart*

RI President Sakuji Tanaka was represented in the District Conference by RI Director 2007-2009 Rtn. Monty Audenart, who was formally introduced by PDG Madhukar Malhotra. Monty received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1977 from the University of Alberta. He is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy of Dentistry, and the International Academy of Dentistry.

Monty joined the Red Deer East Rotary Club, District 5360 in 1987. He served as Club President in 1990-91, and then as District Governor in 2000-2001.

As a Rotary volunteer he has taken his professional skills to the less fortunate of the world, through Rotary sponsored projects; to such countries as Mexico, Jamaica, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, Korea, and Far Eastern Russia. He has served communities from the Amazon River in Peru, to the

Arctic Circle in Canada.

Monty is married to Liz, who has also been honored as a volunteer in her community, and they are the parents of 6 children, and have 9 grand children. They are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Monty and Liz are Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation.

In his address Monty, who is also Past Rotary International Vice President, inspired the Rotarians of District 3080, with his presentation on 'Peace through Service'. Appreciating the attendance and commitment of Rotarians of District 3080, he said, "I am glad that Rotarians are bringing peace in the lives of millions by serving them." He also narrated a humorous incident when he was received at the Airport (in some other country), by the District Governor Elect. But when they came out of the Airport, the DGE could not find his car, so he asked Monty to wait for him at a certain place. While Monty got busy attending his emails on his mobile, he got a call from the District Governor saying, "Monty, the DGE has found his car, but he has now lost you!"

### **Peace with Dignity**

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Minister for Law & Justice, Govt. of India, could not make it due to bad weather. Dr. Sardar Anjum, a renowned poet, was the Chief Guest of the Conference, and he spoke on 'Peace with Dignity'. He was formally introduced by PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta as a renowned Punjabi/urdu poet and a philosopher, an author of 27 books, decorated with Padam Shri Award, Padam Bhushan Award, the Millennium Peace Award, Punjab Ratan award and 19 state awards.

In his address Dr. Anjum said, "God is the first Rotarian because of selfless work he continuously puts in." He said Rotarians serve the humanity and work for peace in the world. He recited a few of his couplets which received thunderous applause from Rotarians. Quoting the one on his visit to Pakistan, "Dilon ki



*Dr. Sardar Anjum*

roshni ban ker, mohabat ki zabaan le ker, tumhari sar zameen per aayen hein, Hindustan le ker.” He then recited another one, “Paas paas bethein hain, phir bhi doori hai, aa mil jul kar samjein kya majburi hai.” He remarked, “Looking for peace is not a sign of weakness, but it is our inner strength.”

### Happy Birthday to Rotary!



Cake cutting ceremony

To celebrate the 108<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rotary on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and the first anniversary of the significant milestone of India being declared as polio free country by the WHO on 24<sup>th</sup> February, there was a cake cutting ceremony by PRID Monty Audenart, Chief Guest Dr. Sardar Anjum, PRIP Raja Saboo, RI Director Yash Das, District Governor Manmohan Singh, District Trainer PDG Dhian Chand and District Secretary T.K. Ruby.

While a big cake was being cut by the dignitaries on the dais, all Rotarians present in the auditorium sang, “Happy birthday to Rotary.”

### Message of Peace



PRIP Raja Saboo



RID Yash Das



DG Manmohan Singh



PRID Monty Audenart & Liz honoring Harbhajan Maan

Conveying his message for the Conference of Peace, Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo says, “This is the time for us to renew our friendship and make new ones as we congregate to share what all of us have been doing, individually and collectively to bring Peace through Service”.

committed to the mission of Rotary, and in more than one way you are changing the lives of people.”

In his message RI Director Yash Das conveys, “You can make the difference! Rotary, the world over, is known for its humanitarian service and the difference it is making in the lives of people. It is you, your spouse and your family, who are

He added, “I salute each and every Rotarian of our District and their family members for being part of this noble mission. Each Rotarian and each club is bringing about this change of assuring peace in the world through cumulative acts of selfless service.” The Future of Rotary is this mission of change for peace and understanding.

### Rotary Leadership Academy Graduation ceremony

Rotary Leadership Academy Graduation ceremony was conducted by the Academy's Dean PDG Major Som Dutt and coordinated by Associate Dean PDG Shaju Peter & Administrator PP B.L. Ramsisaria. Rotarians from various

clubs, who had undergone the leadership course in the academy, were awarded certificates by Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo, who is the Chair of the Academy.

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## The role of management in family run businesses



Ajit Rangnekar

Mr. Ajit Rangnekar, Dean of the Indian School of Business (ISB) at Hyderabad, who has over thirty years of experience in East Asia and India in the areas of Business Strategy, gave an interesting presentation on 'The role of management in family run businesses'. ISB had recently announced the launch of its Management Program for Family Business to develop and enhance business leadership through innovative world class programs in management.

Family-owned companies around the globe are currently facing unique challenges as they navigate a highly competitive business environment - developing their next generation leadership and managing succession, governance, generational struggles around business strategy and professionalisation. This program will play a crucial role in addressing these complex challenges.

## Entertainment & Music of Peace, without barriers

An evening with Harbhajan Maan was full of entertainment and most enjoyable. Punjabi music can make any one dance, and it was a treat to see foreigners doing bhangra! DG Manmohan Singh said Harbhajan's performance was truly friendly as it was not on commercial basis.

## Rotary Shreyas Awards

Editor-in-Chief of The Indian Express Group Shekhar Gupta, former Chief Election Commissioner Dr. S.Y Qureshi and CMD, Lalit Hotels & Vice President of FICCI, Dr. Jyotsna Suri,

evidence which may not be available in certain cases.

Dr. S. Y. Quraishi talked about the problems in electoral process



Justice J.S. Verma  
Former Chief Justice of India



Dr. Jyotsna Suri  
CMD, Lalit Hotels



Mr. Shekhar Gupta  
Editor-in-Chief, Indian Express



Dr. S.Y. Quraishi  
Ex Chief Election Commissioner

were awarded with 'Rotary Shreyas Awards' by Justice J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India. The award session was chaired by PRIP Raja Saboo and coordinated by PDG Shaju Peter.

Addressing the Conference of Peace, Justice J.S. Verma said that he does not favour death penalty, including for rape cases. He explained that giving death penalty requires high standard of

and discussed the challenges in the voting system. He said people must realize that every vote counts.

Mr. Shekhar Gupta pointed out that over 80% of people coming out to vote in recent assembly elections in Tripura shows people still have faith in democracy.

Dr. Jyotsna Suri announced the opening of Lalit hotel in Chandigarh on April 13, 2013.

## Polio Eradication – Celebration or Challenge

A discussion was held between Ms. Anuradha Gupta, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Health, Government of India and Past Rotary International President Rajendra K. Saboo on Polio eradication – celebration or challenge. PDG Gulshan Thakral moderated this interesting dialogue.

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## Other Peace activities of the Conference

- PDG Yoginder Diwan gave a presentation on 'See Your Roots : Peace across Borders.
- PDG Mrs. Kawal Bedi conducted a unique program, 'Parivar-e-Ratan: Recognition of Rotary Family Children'.
- From our club Inayat, daughter of President Mrs. Ritu Singal was recognized for above.
- NID Volunteers from RI District 6670, USA were introduced by PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar.
- PDG Dhian Chand shared the 'Force behind Success Stories'.
- 'Disaster Management: Shelter kits' was presented by PDG Chetan Aggarwal.
- Business Session was chaired by PDG J.P.S. Sibia with resource persons: PDG Arun Sharma and PDG Ranbir Singh.
- A book compiled by PP B.L. Ramsisaria was released by RI President's Representative PRIVP Monty Audenart.
- PP Jitender Dhingra promoted RI Convention in Lisbon.
- DGN Col. Dalip Patnaik announced the Conference Resolutions.
- DGE Rakesh Aggarwal informed the venue for District Conference 2013-14 will be in Dehradun.
- 'Expression of Gratitude', were given by PDG Satish Saluja and PDG Manmohan Nath.

## Meet the GSE Team from RI District 6990, USA



**Team Leader 2013**  
Rotary District 6990

**Michael A. Mayer, MBA**  
Real Estate Investment, City Planning & Zoning, Project Management, Housing Projects, Office Buildings, Call Centers, Manufacturing




**Team Member 2013**  
Rotary District 6990

**Kyle Mullan, M.A. Political Theory**  
Graduate Cum Laude  
B.A. in Political Science  
Athletic Director and Activities Coordinator



**Team Member 2013**  
Rotary District 6990

**Nadia Payan**  
Bachelor of Science in Advertising  
Minor: Business Administration  
Graphic Designer, Freelance Branding and Visual Storytelling  
Athletic Director and Activities Coordinator



**Team Member 2013**  
Rotary District 6990

**Andrew James Navratil**  
B.A. in Political Science  
Cumulative GPA: 3.54 Graduate Magna Cum Laude  
Director, Teaching and Learning at Teach For America



**Team Member 2013**  
Rotary District 6990

**Marissa Joy Leichter**  
Masters of Public Administration  
Government Attorney and Child Advocate, Legal/Government/NGO/Social Welfare and Human Services

The presentation of the visiting five members GSE Team from RI District 6990 was conducted by PDG Subhash Garg at the District Conference.

The GSE Team is led by Rtn. Michael A. Mayer. They will be going around District 3080.

They would be with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown at the end of their tour, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013, and would be hosted by PP Harish Sethi, PP Dr. Vanita Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and PE Deepak Sood.

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma



March 02

Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva

March 06

### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Amarjit & Rtn. H.S. Bajaj

March 01

R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Lalit K. Azad

March 04

R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

March 04

R'ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti

March 06



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