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Wish you all a very Peaceful, Happy and Colorful Holi

PROGRAMME



Please note change in time, date and Venue for Holi Celebrations and Fellowship

Venue: Park Opposite residence of IPP R.K. Luther and PP Subhash Bindra HNos. 24 & 21 Sector 6, Panchkula

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

There will be lots of fun, games and music, followed by Lunch

Time: 11.00 a.m

Constitution of India – An Epitome of Rotary Ideals

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta, Senior Advocate, who has recently been appointed as Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, gave a talk on 'Constitution of India – An Epitome of Rotary Ideals' in our club meeting on March 22, 2013. He was formally introduced by PP Gurdip S. Deep. Balram said, "From Legal education to Judicial education, it has been a long journey. 22 years in the University, and now having spent 22 years in legal profession, I feel if I go back to teaching, I am much better equipped."

directive principles, and the duties of citizens. It is the longest written constitution of any sovereign country in the world, containing 448 articles in 22 parts, 12 schedules and 118 amendments. The Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949, and came into effect on 26 January 1950. The Constitution declares India to be a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic, assuring its citizens of justice, equality and liberty.

Relating Constitution of India to Rotary Ideals, Dr. Balram said Rotarians are concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional and personal lives. One of the world's most widely quoted statements of ethics is 'The Four Way Test', which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, who later served as RI President. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four Way Test, Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Balram made an elaborate and excellent analysis of Constitution of India, as an Epitome of Rotary Ideals. He said, "The preamble of the constitution begins with, 'We, the people'. We, the Rotarians have to look into the constitution which are the ideals of Rotary." Indian constitution ensures social, economical and political justice, and Rotary contributes a lot, particularly towards social and economical justice. No service can be better than by doing justice in serving the people, and



PP Dr. Balram Gupta, Hon'ble Speaker for the meeting

A rare occasion! The Speaker Dr. Balram Gupta collars President Ritu Singal, as Sgt. at arms. Looking on is Secretary A.K. Puri

Dr. Balram Gupta explained the facts related to the Constitution of India. It is the Supreme Law of India. It lays down the framework defining fundamental political principles, establishes the structure, procedures, powers and duties of government institutions, and sets out fundamental rights,



President Ritu presents token of appreciation to R'ann Shashi & PP Dr. Balram Gupta. Looking on are Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua and Secretary A.K. Puri



PDG Yoginder Diwan inducts new Rtn. H.S. Gupta, who is accompanied by his wife Kanak Gupta. They were introduced by Secretary A.K. Puri



PP Dr. Balram Gupta and Secretary A.K. Puri wish happy birthday to President Ritu Singal and present her a gift

while doing justice truth has to be found out. Balram observed, "Justice in fact is truth in action and therefore, the basic parameters of Rotary is reflected in the constitution, which speaks of doing complete justice." To strengthen this argument Balram quoted Article 142 of the constitution which empowers the Supreme Court of India to do justice, which means find out the truth, and see whether it is fair or not. Indian constitution includes the fundamental rights. All these goes to show the qualities of a true Rotarian. There has to be the basic freedom to grow as a Rotarian and to be a good human being, and fundamental rights of the constitution ensures that freedom.

Talking of our judicial system, Balram said, "It is one of the best

in the world and good Judges know how to maintain their cool. It is a kind of scientific temper that they build for themselves. Indian judiciary has done extremely well, in spite of some aberrations, which are seen in any system globally." He concluded, "We must realize that Judges are human beings which will actually take the country forward."

Proposing formal vote of thanks, Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua said, "Dr. Balram Gupta is a versatile speaker and a wonderful teacher. He has immaculately linked the Constitution of India with Ideals of Rotary." This is Balram's last meeting in Hotel President. We shall miss him when he and R'ann Shashi leave Chandigarh for another assignment at Bhopal.

How much you know your President. A Quiz...



Quiz Master PP Pallav Mukherjee shoots out questions 'out of syllabus' but right from Roster of Members

All Quiz programs in our club in the past had one thing in common, including the one held last Friday. All earlier Presidents of our club could think of only one Quiz Master, and that is, PP Pallav Mukherjee! President Ritu Singal too had no other choice, and Pallav, once again, made it interesting, informative and hilarious, and chocolates were given for the right answers, and those who could not, also got them, because the 'limited' amount of chocolates was enough for every one! Rotarians and R'anns had come fully prepared, knowing everything about President Ritu, because the program was supposed to be 'How much you know your President', but Pallav concentrated his quiz on Past Presidents, which was a shock to everyone, including the Past Presidents! There were

loud protests, 'out of syllabus', but for Pallav it was out of Roster of Members, which he held in his hands, applying the smart rules;

1. The Quiz Master is always right.
2. If you think he is wrong, refer to rule No. 1.

The first question was very logical one which we all should know! "When was our club charter received?" (It is dated 18th May 1977, received on 6th June 1977). Pallav pointed out the similarity in the picture of PPs D.P Khandelia and Prem Anand. Who are the Presidents who became Judges of the High Court? (Retd. Justice J.L. Gupta, Retd. Justice T.S. Doabia and Late Justice Surinder Singh). How many army officers became our club Presidents? (Late Maj. Gen. R.N. Dogra and Col. A.J.S. Gill). Who is Mr. Love Joy? (PP Prem Anand!). How many Presidents we have from Patiala? (Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta and Ritu Singal). How many of Charter members are still there in our club? (Ten).

Thanks Pallav! The Quiz program was very relaxing, full of laughter, fun and joy. Let's have more of these!



PP Dr. Balram Gupta presents birthday gift to Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal



Dr. Balram Gupta presents birthday gift to Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh



Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati gets punctuality award from Dr. Balram Gupta

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President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace – Step 34:

It is your own heart you must seek to purify, not the actions of your travelling companions

Two monks who had renounced the world were traveling together in the forest came to the bank of a river and found the bridge was damaged. There was a pretty lady who was stuck at the damaged bridge and couldn't cross the river. The elder monk offered to carry her across the river on his back to which the lady accepted.

The younger monk was shocked by the move of the elder monk and was thinking, "How can he carry a lady when we are supposed to avoid all intimacy with females?" But he kept quiet. The elder monk carried the lady across the river and the younger monk followed unhappily. When they crossed the river, the elder monk let the lady down and they parted ways. The younger

monk was very unhappy with the act of the elder one.

One week later, the younger monk could not stand it any further, he burst out angrily at the elder monk. "How can you claim yourself a devout monk, when you seize the first opportunity to touch a female, especially when she is very pretty? All your teachings to me make you a big hypocrite."

The elder monk listened with a faint smile and said, "I had carried the young woman in my arms for two minutes and put her down a week ago, but you are still carrying her along in your heart since last week, and you cannot get her out of your mind. It is your own heart you must seek to purify, not the actions of your travelling companions."

Scholarship



Expressing their gratitude to our club, Students are happy, and Rotarians are satisfied with this unique project

Scholarship of Rs. 25000/- each were disbursed to five girls, as announced by Rtn. Arjan Singh, who also appreciated the role of PP Prof. Dr. S.K. Sharma in this program, which is a bi-annual event of our club since last five years.

To celebrate their birthdays President Ritu Singal, Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal and Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh presented the cheques to following students;

1. Anuradha - completed 8th semester in food technology from Panjab University, and is now well placed.
2. Shilakha Luthra - completed 8th semester in computer science & engineering from UIET, and she too is now well placed.
3. Aartika Bansal - completed 6th semester in electronics & communication engineering from UIET.
4. Shradha Sablok - completed 2nd semester in electronics & communication engineering from UIET.
5. Prinka Gupta - completed 2nd semester in computer science & engineering from UIET.

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The first part of the Assistant Governors Training Program was organised at Paonta Sahib on 17th February 2013. The second part of the training was held at Mussorie, along with PETs & SETs, from 15th to 17th March 2013. In addition to the Faculty of experienced and learned PDGs, the AGs had the opportunity

to interact with PRIP Raja Saboo and RI Director Yash Pal Das. Present from our club were PDG Shaju Peter, who was on the Faculty, Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, who accompanied her husband PDG Yoginder Diwan and AG 2013-14 (Zone 3) PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati who said, "It was a wonderful learning experience."

Meet RI President Elect Ron D. Burton on 31st March 2013

It will be a great opportunity to meet Rotary International President Elect Ron D. Burton on 31st March 2013 at 10 a.m. at K. Rukmani Devi Memorial Hall, Railway Road, Ambala Cantt, hosted by Rotary Club of Ambala. Registration is Rs. 700/- (single) and Rs. 1200/- (couple).

Welcome our New Fellow Rotarians

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For sponsoring cocktails, which followed the meeting:

President Rtn. Ritu Singal
 Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal
 Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Renu Khanna April 02
 R'ann Sandhya Khandelvia April 03

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Jagpreet S. Chadha March 28
 Rtn. Ajay K. Gupta March 29
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