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PROGRAMME

Role of Aaykar Lokpal

Chief Guest: Mr. Ashok K. Manchanda, IRS

Aaykar Lokpal (Income Tax Obudsman), Chandigarh

Friday, April 26, 2013

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Role of Art in Society

In our club meeting on April 19, 2013, Chief Guest, Mr. D.S. Kapoor, Former Principal, Government College of Art, Chandigarh, presently Dean/Director, State Institute of Fine Arts, Rohtak was introduced by PP Gurdip S. Deep. Mr. Kapoor has done Graduation in Fine Arts from Panjab University, Chandigarh, 5 years National Diploma in Applied Art, he has taught Fine Arts in St. Johns High School, Chandigarh, worked as an Artist in the Publicity wing of Directorate of Industries, Government of Haryana. He has conceptualized and designed prestigious, Monthly Journal "Udyog Yug" and other publications for promoting industries in Haryana in 1982-1990. He was teaching Applied Art and Computer Graphics in Government College of Art since 1990 and in 2009 he was appointed as Principal of this College. He won the National Contest for designing Logo of Handloom and Handicraft Corporation of Government of Haryana in 1983, designed the Logo for Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh in 1998 and was awarded for the same. He has received many awards, including the State Award by the Chandigarh Administration on the eve of Republic Day, 2011 for Excellence in Art and Culture presented by Advisor to the Administrator.



Chief Guest D.S. Kapoor

Showing an impressive power point presentation of his work, Mr. Kapoor shared his vast experience of teaching and practicing art. He said creation and invention are two different things. Creation and invention are two words which often confuses people. Though very similar, these two words have different meanings. Art is a creation that has been done by someone like painting or drawing. An invention is something in the field of science, and when a new idea becomes a reality, the product that takes shape is called an invention. Something that is introduced to the world for the first time is an invention. Light, wheel, electricity, printing, and the biggest of all inventions is internet where we can get information from any field. All these are constantly changing with time for which art

plays a very important role.

Textile, dress, jewelry, advertisement – everything needs to be designed. Information technology plays a great role in the field of art and designing. There are many ways for IT to support new tools and applications for the art and design. The main focus in education at the department of IT in design is to combine classic art education with use of modern multimedia technologies to discover new approaches to contemporary design process in the areas of graphic design, web design and computer animation.

India needs approximately 10,000 designers every year. But at present there is shortage of designers as against the increasing demand. Therefore, there is a need for more centres such as National Institute of Design in the country. Government of Haryana has established integrated campus at Rohtak. It is a unique interdisciplinary approach towards the field of visual and performing arts, where young professionals are prepared to be the part of the ever growing demands of this field. The campus comprises of four institutes namely State Institute of Fine Arts (SIFA), State Institute of Design (SID), State Institute of Film & TV (SIFTV) and State Institute of Urban Planning and Architect (SIUPA). These Institutes are of National importance, offering degree level programmes, affiliated to Mahrishi Daya Nand University, Rohtak.

Art brings beauty into our world. Art is important because it makes our world a better place. It also brings a sense of enjoyment and pleasure. Art allows us to gain historical perspective and understanding. Art immortalizes people, places, and events. Artists create a visual record of life experiences commemorating the memorable and challenging social injustices. It serves as historians by documenting life on canvass, photography or sculpture.

Art helps us organize our world, and to understand our society and culture, and also of others. Art is important as an intellectual stimulant. A good artist advances culture and civilization by provoking thought, introspection, and discussion. Art communicates across all cultures, tells the stories of the past and present, and inspires minds.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Ashok Sharma. He thanked Mr. D.S. Kapoor for a very knowledgeable presentation and enlightening us on the importance of art.



Rtn. Ashok Sharma (Sr.) presents a memento to Mr. D.S. Kapoor



Mr. D.S. Kapoor presents birthday gift to Rtn. Kanan Diwan



Mr. D.S. Kapoor presents punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra. Looking on are President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri

Celebrating Paul Harris's birthday By Lauren Kalal and Stephanie Giordano Rotary News - 19 April 2013



Paul Harris

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868, Paul P. Harris was the second of six children of George N. and Cornelia Bryan Harris. At age three, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents, Howard and Pamela Harris. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

While he was in school, both of Harris's grandparents died, and he spent the five years after graduation travelling around the country and working odd jobs. After arriving penniless in San Francisco in 1891, he worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and then as a ranch hand, grape picker, actor, and cowboy. He was also a hotel night clerk in Jacksonville, Florida, and a travelling marble and granite salesman.

In 1896, he settled in Chicago and opened a law practice.

Along with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey, he founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 and was elected its President in 1907. Club membership grew rapidly. Many members were originally from small towns and found an opportunity for fellowship in the Chicago club. Harris was

convinced that the club could be expanded into a service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other communities. In 1910, he met Jean Thomson during an outing with the Prairie Club, a Chicago-based organization for wilderness enthusiasts. Harris and Thomson married three months later and settled on Chicago's South Side.

In the same year, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, and Harris was elected its first president. He held the office for two years and afterward became president emeritus, serving as the public face of the organization and promoting membership extension and service around the world.

He wrote several books about Rotary and his life and travels, including *The Founder of Rotary* and *This Rotarian Age*.

In addition to his work with Rotary, Harris was involved in other civic organizations, including the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, City Club of Chicago, Chicago Bar Association, Prairie Club and Easter Seals. He was also recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and honored by the Governments of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Peru.

Harris died on 27 January 1947, leaving a rich legacy of fellowship, professionalism, service and friendship. His passing also sparked an outpouring of donations to The Rotary Foundation from all over the world, allowing the Foundation to greatly expand its programs and services.

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Hearing Aid project

WCS project of hearing aid has been launched successfully by our club, by screening five children of Govt. schools. These

children are below ten years of age. President Ritu Singal said, "We hope to complete this project by the end of May 2013."

A Hat trick project on consecutive three days

We are planning a seminar, an awareness programme for adolescent boys and girls, on environment, hygiene and rain

water harvesting on 24th, 25th and 26th April 2013 in three Government schools

Welcome our New Fellow Rotarian



PDG Yoginder Diwan inducts new Rtn. Ashok Kumar Sharma, and looking on is his wife, Ruchika – introduced by PE Deepak Sood, who congratulated Ashok for being lucky to be inducted as Rotarian on 19th April, the birthday of Rotary Founder Paul Harris, and we look forward to him and other new members as dedicated Rotarians



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 Spouse : Ruchika
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 D.o.B : March 23
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 Kanupriya (D)



Launch of TARA - Traffic Awareness Rotary Awareness

As we all know many of the public vehicles like trucks and tractor trolleys do not have reflectors on the rear of their vehicles, resulting in avoidable accidents especially at night. This project involves fixing of triangular reflectors having Rotary logo and a message "Rotary for Road Safety" on public

buses, trucks, tractor trolleys, three-wheelers and other vehicles. This will not only help in better traffic management but will also help Rotary in building its public image. Our club will be fixing 1220 reflectors, that is, 10 reflectors per Rotarian.

Wanted! Generous contributions for Rotary Foundation

President Ritu Singal requested the Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown to contribute generously towards the Rotary Foundation. She said, "Money is used for such noble causes which we cannot reach otherwise, so I request all Rotarians to contribute at least \$ 130."

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Water for birds.....Unique project!

It is my earnest appeal that all the Rotarians should put a minimum of two earthen pots, each, on their terraces, roof tops and in the lawns to be filled with water everyday so that our stranger friends i.e. the birds may drink water and quench their thirst.

Kindly keep this letter as an agenda item in your ensuing club meeting so that every club member may give his or her commitment to do so. I assure that through this noble gesture, we would certainly be coming closer to the nature with an ultimate aim to achieve "Peace Through Service."

An early action and a line of confirmation will be solicited. God Bless.

Yours Sincerely,



Manmohan Singh
District Governor
RI 3080



Appeal by DG Manmohan Singh

Initiative taken by President Ritu Singal

A unique project has been undertaken at District Level during the month of April. Rotary Founder Paul Harris used to feed the birds at his residence. During summer seasons when all of us are able to drink water many times a day, the birds are unable to locate the water to drink; they wander and fly here and there.

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Rotarians are requested to send photographs to President Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal after implementing this project.

President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace – Step 37: Exercising Patience is more important than Preaching Patience

Exercising Patience is more important than Preaching Patience. For example, we are so impatient on road, bank, meeting official or a doctor, with our spouse or in laws. We notice that most of us know one or two people in our class or work place who irritate

us. I am sure you have some of this breed around you. There is no need to avoid them, rather try spending at least half an hour with them on daily basis and try not to get irritated, no matter what they do, for this is sure way to practice patience.

Get well Soon

Rtn. Wing Comdr. Kamal Nath has recently been operated upon for replacement of his knee joints. We wish him a speedy

recovery, and we hope to see him soon in our meetings, active as usual.

Acknowledgment with thanks

TRF Contribution – Rotary Foundation

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Won by Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra



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