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Representative of RI District 3080

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Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Working together for the Society

Mr. Rajesh Joggal, HCS, Director, Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest in our meeting on May 03, 2013. He was introduced by Rtn. Ashok Sharma. Mr. Joggal has done BA (Hons) in Political Science from Panjab University Chandigarh, MA Political Science from Panjab University



Mr. Rajesh Joggal

Campus, Chandigarh and Diploma in Naturopathy and Yoga from Gandhi Smarak Bhawan, Gandhi National Academy of Naturopathy, New Delhi. He joined Indian Trade Service, Group A on the basis of Civil Services Examination 1988. He served as Assistant Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, CCI&E, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, New Delhi, Chandigarh and Panipat. He joined HCS in 1997 and held various important posts as Estate Officer,

HUDA, Hisar, City Magistrate at Sirsa and Kaithal, DDPO Panchkula, City Magistrate, Panchkula, City Magistrate, Ambala, CEO in Chandigarh Housing Board and since August 2012 he is in his present post of Director, Social Welfare, Chandigarh. His interests are Wild life preservation, Environmental protection, trekking, photography, writing and reading. He has travelled widely, having visited France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Dubai, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan. R'ann Indu Luthra also took the opportunity to welcome Mr. Joggal as she closely knows him, his wife Kusam and his daughter Prakriti who had accompanied him. She acknowledged his helpful nature and we expect lot of his support.

Mr. Joggal was candidly critical the way Government department functions. He said there is lot of limitations. He pointed out there are so many Govt. institutions in Chandigarh which are under utilized like Asha Kiran for disabled persons in Sector 46 and Nari Niketan. Public participation is inadequate, particularly in Chandigarh. There is no accountability. He explained, "Accountability can be there to my bosses, but accountability to the community is not there."

He has been asking NGOs, and even students through advertisement to join his department so as to work together for

the society, but the response has been very poor. He said it is not that they do not want to join his department but it is the systems and the lengthy procedures which holds them back.

Set up in the year 1978, Social Welfare Department, Chandigarh has some meaningful schemes and projects for welfare of Scheduled Caste, Other Backward Classes, Persons with Disabilities, Women and Children. It supports weaker sections of the Society. The Department is managing Nari Niketan, Asha Kiran for disabled and other social institutions.

The Welfare of SC/ST and OBC, includes Post Delivery Financial Assistance to Women for Nutrition; Stitching Charges of School uniform for S.C. Children, Free Education for Meritorious SC and OBC students; Apni Beti Apna Dhan; Holiday Camps for Scheduled Caste; Encouragement to inter-caste Marriage; Development of Skills amongst SC children living in Jhugies and Slum Areas; Seminar on Life, Mission & Work of Baba Saheb Dr.B.R. Ambedkar, Monetary Relief/ Rehabilitation of Victims of Atrocities; Strengthening of Machinery for the enforcement of PCR Act, Housing Scheme for Scheduled Castes (Dr.Ambedkar Awas Yojana) etc.

For Social Security and Welfare of Women and Children, there are schemes like Creches for the Children of Working Mothers; Construction of Anganwari Centre; Home for Delinquent/Neglected Children; Children in need of care and protection; Financial Assistance to Widows/Destitute Women; Nari Niketan etc.

For the disabled, schemes of Scholarship, Subsidy on Petrol/Diesel; artificial limbs and rehabilitation devices, Unemployment Allowance; Free Vocational Training in Computer and Beauty Culture etc. are being implemented.

For the aged, scheme of Old Age Pension is being implemented and Identity Cards to Senior Citizens are also being issued. Institutions in Chandigarh providing shelter to the aged are Senior Citizens Home in Sector 43, which is being managed by Chandigarh Child & Women Development Corporation and Home for Old & Destitute People in Sector 15, Chandigarh.

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur. She thanked Mr. Rajesh Joggal for highlighting the

problems prevailing in different areas of the society, and on behalf of our club she assured of our cooperation to resolve these

issues, and join hands with his Department to provide better services to the needy persons.



Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur presents a memento to Mr. Rajesh Jogpal. Also seen is President Ritu Singal



Mr. Rajesh Jogpal presents birthday gift to Rtn. Ashok Sharma



Mr. Rajesh Jogpal and President Ritu Singal present punctuality award to PP Pallav Mukherjee

AADHAAR", District Assembly 2013

Rotary Shimla Midtown will host "AADHAAR", District Assembly 2013 at Hotel Peter Hoff, Shimla. Registration charges: Rs. 1000/- (single), Rs. 1700/- (couple) till 12th May 2013. On the spot: Rs. 1100/- (single), Rs. 2100/- (couple).

Rotary South Asia Summit in Hyderabad

About 6000 delegates witnessed the Inaugural of the South Asian Summit at Hyderabad on May 03, 2013.

Opening the Summit Gary Huang, RI President Nominee said that poverty is primary concern to Rotary in South Asia. Convenor RI Director Shekhar Mehta in his opening remarks said that illiteracy, health care and empowerment of women are focus areas of the Summit.

all necessary help required in expanding the reach of Rotary International's programmes - be it in education, health or sanitation.

The Rotary Foundation Chair Wilf Wilkinson, PRIP Raja Saboo, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, RI Director Yash Das, TRF Trustee Ashok Mahajan, Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Madhav Chavan, Dr. Babbar Kabir, Summit Chairman PDG Kamal Sanghvi, Co-



Addressing the Summit (L-R): PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, RI Director Shekhar Mehta, RI Director Yash Das and PDG Kamal Sanghvi Chairman of the Summit

Mr. N. Kumar Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural session. He praised Rotary for efforts taken to eliminate Polio from India and applauded its other service projects. He also lauded Rotarians for their service initiatives and assured them that his Government would extend

Chair PDG Ravi Vadlamani, RI Director Elect P.T. Prabhakar were some of the prominent speakers in the Summit.

The three day Summit concluded on May 05, 2013.

Our club was represented at the South Asian Summit at

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Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown at Rotary South Asia Summit



Flag Ceremony by RI Director Yash Das

Hyderabad by PDG Shaju Peter, R'ann Lovy Peter, PE Deepak Sood, R'ann Purnima Sood, Rtn. Amarjit Singh, R'ann Sunita Singh, PP Indrajeet Sengupta, R'ann Malbika Sengupta, PP



Closing Session of Rotary South Asia Summit

Prem Anand, R'ann Indu Anand, Secretary Ashok Puri, R'ann Sudha Puri, PP Vinod Jawa, R'ann Pushpa Jawa, Rtn. Salil Chopra, R'ann Renu Chopra and IPPR.K. Luther.

Rotary receives top honors for Future Vision **Rotary News -- 26 April 2013**



From left, RI President Elect Ron Burton and wife, Jetta, Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Past RI President Luis Vicente Giay, RI President Sakuji Tanaka, RI General Secretary John Hewko and Celia Elena Cruz de Giay at the awards banquet.

Rotary has received a silver Edison Award in recognition of the Future Vision Plan, the new grant model that enhances the scope, impact, and sustainability of humanitarian and educational projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Since 1987, the Edison Awards have recognized innovative new products, services and business leaders in the United States. The awards symbolize the persistence and excellence personified by Thomas Edison. Winners represent active contributors to the cause of innovation in the world.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka accepted the award during the annual Edison Awards gala held 25 April in Chicago, the city where Rotary was founded in 1905. The Future Vision Plan received top honors among funding models competing in the

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Lifestyle and Social Impact category.

Nominee ballots were judged by a panel of more than 3,000, including members of seven associations that represent a wide range of industries and disciplines.

“This Edison Award recognizes and validates Rotary’s innovative approach to humanitarian service, as we constantly strive to improve lives and communities by addressing the world’s most pressing problems,” says Tanaka. “It is a great honor to accept such a prestigious award on behalf of Rotary’s global membership of 1.2 million men and women.”

Two Microloans this week

Rtn. Arjan Singh reports the disbursal of two loans this week. One loan has been given to Prem Singh of Sector 44. With the loan of Rs. 30,000/- he will buy a new camera for his photography business. This is the second time he is availing a loan after having discharged the first one. He needs to upgrade

The Edison Award coincides with the successful completion of a three-year pilot in which 100 Rotary districts in more than 70 countries tested Rotary’s new grant model. The Future Vision Plan simplifies Rotary’s grant process, and focuses Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact. The model is innovative in combining Rotary’s volunteer base and a global reach with local resources to support sustainable, high-impact results in communities all over the world. The model funds more than US\$100 million in service projects annually.

The new grant model will be implemented 1 July for Rotary clubs worldwide.

his equipment in a fiercely competitive market.

The second loan of Rs. 30,000/- was given to Narinder Kumar of Sector 52. He will be starting a shop selling mobile phones and accessories in Balongi, near Mohali.

Congratulations

Our heartiest Congratulations to R’ann Guninder and Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua as his son Dr. Narjeet Singh Dua and daughter-in-law Dr. Mrs. Neena have been blessed with a son, Jaijeet on May 02, 2013 at London.

President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace – Step 39: Keep your Priorities Right and Decide

Many a times, we come across situations where we are asked to help out someone just because it is in our power to help. But at that time we put ourselves on a pedestal bringing forth the fountain of our own righteousness. We deny that help to a person, who desperately needs it at that point of time, not our beliefs.

For example, a student needs help in solving a sum and asks a teacher who is teaching some other section than his. On the ground that she is only supposedly be teaching her own section,

she refuses and tells student to go to her own class teacher.

A doctor helping a student who has missed some classes because of genuine reason and will miss a whole year, if the doctor does not give him certificate of illness. A person could lose his job and so on.

A holy man tells the evil people about the whereabouts of an innocent child who is trying to hide to protect himself from the attack because the holy man justifies himself by being true and not telling lies.

Acknowledgment with thanks

TRF Contribution – Rotary Foundation

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra - US \$ 100/-

Donations for Club Projects:

Rtn. Ashok K. Sharma - Rs. 2000/-

Punctuality Draw

Won by PPRtn. Pallav Mukherjee

Birthday of Spouses

R’ann Neena Jauhar

Dr. B.C. Gupta

Wedding Anniversary

R’ann Savita & Rtn. Om Parkash Malik

R’ann Vinny & Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva

R’ann Santosh & PPRtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta

R’ann Anu & Rtn. Sanjay Singhal



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