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Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Council on Legislation

In our meeting on May 10, 2013 PDG Shaju Peter gave a report regarding Council on Legislation (COL), which was held in Chicago, USA from April 21 to April 26, 2013.

Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown were eagerly looking forward to the return of PDG Shaju from Chicago, where he had the honor of representing our District 3080 at the COL. He shared with us an incredible experience of being with 528 fellow Rotarians serving as delegates for their districts. Shaju, a dedicated and a knowledgeable Rotarian, explained to us in his own unique and excellent style the purpose and usefulness of the Council on Legislation, which meets once in three years.



PDG Shaju Peter gives COL presentation

Shaju said, "I am extremely grateful to my club and District 3080 for choosing me as their Representative to COL." He said out of 532 Rotary Districts worldwide only four could not make it. He also gave brief view of Chicago, known for towering skyscrapers, world-class dining, attractive sightseeing, entertainment, hotels, and most-visited city in the Midwest.

COL is also a great opportunity to experience fellowship with Rotarians from all over the world. Shaju said Rotarian John Germ did a great job serving as the Chair of the Council.

The delegates spent a week away from their families and jobs to work together to make Rotary a better organization, strong and vibrant, allowing Rotarians throughout the world to work together to achieve Peace Through Service.

Shaju was also very pleased to meet Past RI Director Mrs. Carolyn Jones who was the RI Representative to our District Conference on 23-24 February 2008, when he was the District Governor. Carolyn is one of the very few lady RI Directors and the First Lady Trustee of the Foundation. She served as a member of the RI constitution and bylaws committee in this council.

Shaju said there were 199 pieces of legislations from all parts of world, out of which two were from District 3080, one from our club and one from Mussoorie. From India there were 28

legislations from 32 Districts.

Shaju said all 528 delegates were put up in Marriott hotel, where COL was held. He said there were also non-voting delegates comprising of past and present RI Presidents, RI Directors and Trustees. But these persons could speak and put before the voting delegates their point of view, which could change the voting pattern. Their experience did carry weight to enable the delegates to decide whether they should accept or oppose the proposed legislation.



Some of the Legislations passed in COL, highlighted by Shaju, are shown below:-

1. Semi Annual Report to all members of club.
2. Former members not to pay admission fees when they re-join a Rotary Club.
3. Engagement in club projects to be connected as attending weekly meetings.
4. Leave for medical reasons can exceed 12 months.
5. 85 rules eliminates age limit of 65.
6. District Governor's spouse, if a Rotarian, exempted from attendance.
7. Satellite clubs permitted.
8. Housewives can become Rotarians.
9. 2/3rd of board members 'present and voting' can terminate a member.
10. Letter of recommendation from former club is required for joining another Rotary Club.
11. No dues certificate within 30 days.
12. Honorary members can wear pin.
13. No restriction of two e-clubs in a District. There can be any number of e-Clubs.
14. 5th avenue of service New Generations re-named as Youth Service.

15. DGNN will be known as DGN Designate (DGND).
16. Every Rotary District will have a PDG as Vice Governor, who takes over if District Governor vacates office.
17. Anyone can opt for Rotarian magazine on the internet.
18. Travel policy of general officers of RI off from RI Bylaws.
19. RI dues increased by one dollar.
20. No minimum semi annual dues.

Amongst the Legislation rejected in the COL were weekly to fortnightly club meetings and permanent RI Theme.

Vote of thanks was proposed by PP B.L. Ramsisaria, who described Shaju's presentation of the Council of Legislation as, "Brilliant! He has explained the procedures and every formality, including the modern technology used, and explained the details about the COL in his inimitable style." BLR added, "Shaju, thank very much. Our club and our District are very much proud of you."



PP B.L. Ramsisaria presents a memento to PDG Shaju Peter. Looking on are President Ritu Singal and Secretary Ashok Puri



PDG Shaju Peter presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Santosh & PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta



PDG Shaju and Secretary Ashok Puri present punctuality award to PE Rtn. Deepak Sood

## **RI President's Monthly message for May 2013**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

From the moment I was nominated as Rotary International president, I knew I would choose a theme that would focus on peace. This is why I planned three peace forums – to give Rotarians an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace, and to share their ideas on building peace together. The final Rotary Global Peace Forum takes place this month in Hiroshima, Japan.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka

We hear the word peace every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define peace by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future – a life and home in a stable society. On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

However we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us to meet the basic needs of others – to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where they are most needed. It helps to meet the inner needs as well, for friendship, connection, and caring. And Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. It helps us to understand one another.

However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service. Peace, in all of the ways that we can

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understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve – every day, and in many simple ways.

And so I thank you for your commitment to Peace Through Service – and to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

Sakuji Tanaka  
RI President

### **What a Change!** **Contributed by: Rtn. J.S.Chopra**

There was a robbery in a bank in China. The robbers shouted to everyone, "All don't move, money belongs to the state, life belongs to you".

Everyone in the bank laid down quietly. This is called 'Mind Changing Concept. Changing the conventional way of thinking'.

When the robbers got back, the younger robber (MBA trained) told the older robber (who is only primary school educated), "Big bro, let's count how much we got", the older robber rebutted and said, "You are very stupid, so much money, how to count, tonight TV will tell us how much we robbed from the bank!" This is called 'Experience, which is more important than paper qualifications!'

After the robbers left, the bank manager told the bank supervisor to call the police quickly. The supervisor says, "Wait, let's put the 5 million RMB we embezzled into the amount the robbers robbed". This is called 'Swim with the tide converting an unfavourable situation to your advantage!'

The supervisor says, "It will be good if there is a robbery every

month". This is called 'Killing Boredom. Happiness is most important.'

The next day, TV news reported that 100 million RMB was taken from the bank. The robbers counted and counted and counted, but they could only count 20 million RMB. The robbers were very angry and complained, "We risked our lives and only took 20 million RMB, the bank manager took 80 million RMB with a snap of his fingers. It looks like it is better to be educated to be a thief!" This is called 'Knowledge is worth as much as gold!'

The bank manager was smiling and happy because his loss in the bank are now covered by this robbery. This is called 'Seizing the opportunity, daring to take risks!'

Next day a new client walks into the bank. He hands over to the bank manager the 'The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do'. This person introduced himself as a Rotarian!

Couple of days later the bank manager deposited 80 million RMB in the bank. This is called changing the Rotary way! 'Service above Self'.

### **Court transcripts** **Contributed by: Rtn. Santosh Khaitan**

A book called Disorder in the American Courts are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

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ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

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ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

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ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?  
 WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.  
 ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?  
 WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.  
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 ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?  
 WITNESS: Yes.  
 ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?  
 WITNESS: I forget.  
 ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?  
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 ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?  
 WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.  
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ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?  
 WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.  
 ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?  
 WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.  
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## **President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace – Step 40: Peace and happiness comes with kind heart**

Mr. Beans was a kind hearted poor man who prayed for luck every day. One day he heard a voice saying, "The first thing your hand touches when you leave your home today will bring you great fortune." Surprised to hear this he tumbled down and happened to touch a straw. "Can this straw bring me fortune" pondering over it he started walking with the straw in his hand.

Before long a dragonfly came and began to buzz around his head and kept coming back to him again and again. "Since you won't go away, you can come with me" saying so he caught dragonfly and tied his straw to its tail, so it looked like a little fly.

After a while he met a woman with her little tired and cranky son. Looking at dragonfly he demanded that dragonfly with straw. Though the straw was supposed to bring him luck but still he gave that for boy's happiness. The mother gave him three

oranges as gratitude.

Sometimes later Mr. Beans met a peddler who was tired and thirsty as he was pulling the cart whole day. Mr Beans unable to offer him water gave him oranges.

The peddler was so grateful and he gave him finest roll of silk saying you are very kind.

After a while he saw princess of the land stepped out of the carriage and said what a beautiful roll of silk. I was looking for such silk to make a new royal robe to give it a gift to my father on his birthday. Mr. Beans happily offered it to her saying "its an honour for me if my cloth is used for the kings robe."

The princess was so pleased with his kindness that gave jewels in return.

### **Acknowledgment with thanks**

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### **Birthday of Spouses**

R'ann Dr. Savita Gulati May 20  
 R'ann Asha Gupta May 22  
 R'ann Gurmeet Jauhar May 22



### **Wedding Anniversary**

R'ann Chanchal & Rtn. C.J. Rai May 17  
 R'ann Guninder & Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua May 19  
 R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra May 21  
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### **Punctuality Draw**

Won by PE Rtn. Deepak Sood

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