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PROGRAMME

**Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate
in Memory of Late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta**

Sponsored by: Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta

Participants: Rotaract Clubs of District 3080

Friday, September 27, 2013

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Leadership and Rotary

In our regular meeting on September 20, 2013, President Rtn. Deepak Sood quoted John Quincy Adams, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." He added, "We have with us leader of leaders, who will speak to us on Leadership and Rotary." He welcomed the Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Dinesh Gupta of RI District 3090 and R'ann Satya Gupta, who were introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta as a graceful couple who are part of her family. Born on 21st March 1951



PDG Dinesh Gupta

at Karnal in Haryana, PDG Dinesh had his schooling from Sainik School, Kunjpura and later completed his graduation from Karnal. He shifted to Mandi Gobindgarh (Punjab) in 1977 and started a new industrial unit. Presently he is the CMD of Parbhat Heavy Forge Pvt. Ltd., an engineering unit making steel forgings, rolling mill machinery and overhead cranes. He is also the MD of Parbhat Infratech Pvt. Ltd., a real estate company. PDG Dinesh joined Rotary in 1977 and became the club President in 1984 and has also been the District Governor for 1988-89 in Rotary District 3090 at the young age of 37. He has been active in Rotary and has repeatedly held various responsibilities as DLTTTC member, RYLA Chairman, District Trainer, Advisor and GSE Chairman in his District. He has also represented his District at the COL in Chicago. He is the founder and Past President of Patiala Chamber of Industries and is keenly involved in its activities since 1990. He has also led the Gobindgarh

Steel Chamber of Commerce and Industries for almost 8 years. He is the Executive member of Punjab State Council of CII and is also the Chairman of the CII Gobindgarh Chapter. He is happily married to Satya, a Past President of Inner Wheel Club. They both are major donors to TRF. They have two sons and a daughter, who are all happily settled. Dr. Vanita said, "It is a great privilege to have this couple with us."

PDG Dinesh Gupta thanked President Deepak Sood for giving him the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of our club and to speak on Leadership. He said there is a lot to learn from Rotary. He impressively explained what leadership means to the Rotarians. He said, "Leadership consists of your capacity, your will and your character." To elaborate further he quoted Ramayana and Mahabharat. He said a leader has to have a sense of purpose, be sincere, reliable and truthful, have clear goals and carry others along with him. It is most important that the leader has to have the right attitude.

Communication is another very important aspect of leadership as highlighted by PDG Dinesh. Rotary Leader has to be sure of what are his projects and activities. He has to convey this to his team in a clear manner. A good leader will know how to delegate and fix responsibilities. A leader has to create enthusiasm to give strength to his team. He has to supervise judiciously. Work not reported is not done, therefore the leader has to monitor the progress. A leader has to lead by example which will create a trust in his team.

Leadership is an essential aspect of Rotary, and its leaders develop their skills to serve their communities, increase their world understanding and build friendships.



PE Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi presents a memento to PDG Dinesh Gupta. Looking on are President Deepak Sood and Rtn. Ashok Puri, who officiated as the Secretary



PDG Dinesh Gupta presents a birthday gift to PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, with greetings from President Deepak Sood and Rtn. Ashok Puri



PDG Dinesh Gupta presents a birthday gift to PP Rtn. Anil Mehan, with greetings from President Deepak Sood and Rtn. Ashok Puri



PDG Dinesh Gupta presents a birthday gift to R'ann Urmil Luther, with greetings from President Deepak Sood and Rtn. Ashok Puri



R'ann Satya & PDG Dinesh Gupta present wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Raj & Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor



PDG Dinesh Gupta presents punctuality award to Rtn. Salil Bali

PDG Dinesh stated that Rotary gives you a platform to display your leadership qualities and achieve the goals in service to mankind. He also drew our attention to the The Four-Way Test, which is a strong base for our relationships with each other and the action we take as leaders. This test is a guideline that can make the task of Rotarians easier as leaders in Rotary, and in our profession or business.

PDG Dinesh Gupta concluded, "Leadership in Rotary is achievable, resultant oriented and enjoyable, but I would request not to get engaged in politics but be involved in Rotary service only."

On behalf of our club PE Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi thanked PDG Dinesh Gupta for his talk, and congratulated him for his immense knowledge on Leadership and Rotary, which he shared with us.

Help Strengthen Rotary's Image

Source: The new www.rotary.org



What is Rotary? Have you ever struggled with an answer to that question? You're not alone. How do you describe an organization that is so many things to so many different people? It turns out that we had

family, and community leaders to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

To help carry that message into the 21st century, a fresh, modern look and inspiring and inviting voice was created. You can see these changes in Rotary's redesigned website and publications like Connect for Good and Rotary Leader. It includes a new signature (logo) and specific fonts and colors for digital and print media. Our voice is more action-oriented focusing on the why rather than the how: Join for our community. Stay for the world.

the answer all along.

In research conducted over the past two years, we heard the same message from our members: Rotary brings together friends,

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Rajashree Birla boosts Rotary's push to end polio with new US\$1 million gift

Indian philanthropist and businesswoman Rajashree Birla has announced a new gift of US\$1 million to Rotary to help eradicate polio. The gift brings her total contributions to the Rotary effort to more than \$ 7.2 million. What's more, this gift will be matched two-for-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, resulting in \$ 3 million in new funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary is a leading partner in the GPEI, especially in advocating Government and donor support, fundraising, and building public awareness. Through the End Polio Now: Make History Today fundraising campaign, the Gates Foundation is matching two-for-one every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$ 35 million per year, from 2013 through 2018.



Mrs. Rajshree Birla

"Mrs. Birla's generous gift is deeply appreciated and could not have come at a more opportune time in our fight to end polio once and for all," says Rtn. Ashok Mahajan, a former Rotary Foundation trustee and close friend of the Birla family. "Her generosity no doubt will inspire other private donors

We know these changes won't happen overnight, but every little thing we do – from Facebook posts to fundraising posters – that presents a cohesive, consistent, and contemporary Rotary story will help strengthen Rotary's image and our ability to engage the public and our members.

to step up and help Rotary take full advantage of our innovative partnership with the Gates Foundation."

Birla's gift underscores India's commitment to remain polio free. India -- which some experts believed would be the last nation to beat polio -- hasn't recorded a case of the disease since January 2011. Only Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan remain on the list of countries where the wild polio virus has never been stopped. India's nearly 3,200 Rotary clubs have been instrumental in supporting National Immunization Days, massive initiatives that reach nearly 175 million children under age 5 with the oral polio vaccine.

"Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its partners -- including India's Health Ministry, WHO [World Health Organization], UNICEF, CDC [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention], the Gates Foundation, and other organizations -- India continues to be free of polio," says Birla, whose son, Kumar Mangalam Birla, has transformed the Aditya Birla Group into a Fortune 500 global conglomerate. "Now we owe it to humanity to see that Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan also become polio free in the near future."

Source : Rotary International

Courtesy : www.eflashonline.org

Polio Campaign

Director Community Service, Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur reported, "Taking into consideration the overall situation, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown actively participated in the campaign on Sunday, 15th September 2013 from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Panchkula - Sector 6, Civil Hospital, ISBT / Bus Stand area, Sectors 7,8,9 and 10 were the key centres of activity." Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Mrs. Ritu Singhal, PP Prem Anand, PP R.K. Luther, PP Gurdip S. Deep, Rtn. Salil Bali and Rtn. Jeetan Bhambri coordinated the activities of

the campaign and motivated the target citizens / groups to give Polio drops to their children.

At ISBT / Bus Stand area, members of a WHO inspection team also interacted with the Rotarians and they were really glad to see our initiative for the campaign to create awareness that Rotary is continuing to play a pivotal role in eradicating Polio. Anureet said, "Overall the campaign was a success."

Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown celebrates Teachers Day



Teachers and Members of Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown

Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown celebrated Teachers Day in their monthly meeting and honored three teachers of Hamari Kaksha, Roma, Jyoti Sharma and Jyoti, and Mrs. Renu Gandhi Associate Professor of Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Mrs. Indu Luthra, Retd. Lecturer MCM DAV College, Dr. Joginder Mukherjee, Retd. Principal, Mrs. Kund Bala Goyal, Principal Higher Secondary School Manimajra, Mrs. Milli from Millennium School and Mrs. Meenakshi.

Inner Wheel President Mrs. Rama Gupta honoured the teachers with beautiful mementoes.

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Know your project
Rotary Community Corps
Project Chair: PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Our club has been associated with disabled persons since last many years by providing them artificial limbs, supportive devices, ambulatory equipments and other facilities. In spite of their disability, these persons had tremendous desire and the initiative to serve the community.

Our club introduced these persons with disabilities to be part of Rotary through Rotary Community Corps (RCC), which is a group of volunteers who are not members of a Rotary club but share Rotary's values and commitment. These disabled persons are now applying their own skills to serve and to improve the quality of life in their communities by being active members of RCC of Panchkula

and RCC of Dadumajra which were sponsored by Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown.

This has been an excellent way to introduce the community to Rotary, through disabled persons, and probably this is the only unique opportunity in the Rotary world where disabled persons have been brought to a Rotary platform through RCC.

The third RCC sponsored by Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown is the RCC of Khuda Ali Sher, where its members are also committed to serve the community at grass root level. Last year Mr. Bhupinder Singh of this RCC was honoured by Chandigarh Administration for the exemplary work being done by the RCC under his leadership.

Acknowledgment with thanks

Donations for Disaster Relief:

- PP Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhavar
- Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Anureet Kaur
- Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma
- Rtn. Salil Bali

Donations for Club Projects:

- PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan
- PP Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Vanita Gupta
- R'ann Urmil Luther

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Salil Bali

Birthday of Spouses

- R'ann Nirmal Bahl
- R'ann Kalpana Aggarwal
- R'ann Gulshan



- September 30
- October 02
- October 02

Birthday of Rotarians

- PP Rtn. Jagmohan Lal Mahajan
- Rtn. Arjan Singh
- Rtn. Praveen Khosla
- Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor
- PP Rtn. Prof. Dr. S.K. Sharma



- September 27
- September 28
- October 01
- October 03
- October 03

Wedding Anniversary

- R'ann Veena & PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra
- R'ann Ranjana & PE Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi

- September 30
- October 02

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