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PROGRAMME

Straw into Gold!

An interesting multimedia presentation

Guess Speaker!

And Installation of Rotaract Club of P.G. Govt. College Sector-46, Chandigarh.

Friday, December 13, 2013

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Impact of Vedanta on the American way of life

Our regular meeting on December 03, 2013 was a joint meeting with Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik. President Rtn. Deepak Sood welcomed the Chief Guest, Philip Goldberg, author of world famous book 'American Veda', President of Chandigarh Shivalik Rtn. Mrs. Arvinder Kaur Bedi, Secretary of Chandigarh Shivalik



Phillip Goldberg

Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon, and other members of Rotary Shivalik. He also acknowledged the presence of Mr. P.C. Dogra IPS (Retd.), former Director General of Punjab Police, Dr. Mrs. Shashi Banerjee, Sr. Principal, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula, Mr. C.S. Talwar IAS, Addl. Advocate General Ram Lal and eminent educationist Dr. Upendra Kaushik. We also had the gracious presence of PDG Yoginder Diwan and Assistant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh.

President Deepak Sood said, "We are extremely fortunate to have Mr. Phillip Goldberg with us as our Chief Guest. Mr. Goldberg is a spiritual counselor, public speaker and an author of numerous books. I would consider him an eloquent interpreter of ancient Indian scripture and Indian spirituality to the west."

Secretary, Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon said, "We are indeed honored and privileged to be a part of this joint meeting with Chandigarh Midtown. It was nice of President Deepak Sood because he changed the date of his meeting to our date, and our location to his location, to give us the opportunity to hear the eminent speaker, Philip Goldberg."

In his talk Mr. Goldberg referred to the Beatles who went to India in February 1968 for an extended stay with their guru, Maharishi

Mahesh Yogi. His monumental work, American Veda, is a fascinating look at India's remarkable impact on western culture. This eye-opening popular history shows how the ancient philosophy of Vedanta and the mind-body methods of Yoga have profoundly affected the view of millions of Americans and radically altered the religious landscape.

Charismatic personalities like Swami Vivekananda and Paramahansa Yogananda in their visits to the western world, inspired leading intellectuals, artists, and scientists to adapt and disseminate the knowledge they got from them. The impact has been enormous, enlarging the current understanding of the mind and body. Goldberg explained the remarkable East-to-West transmission, showing how it accelerated through the decades and eventually moved into the laboratories, libraries, and even into living rooms in the west! Physicians and therapists routinely recommend meditation. Words like karma and mantra are part of our everyday vocabulary, and Yoga studios have redefined the meaning of life for millions of Americans.

A very well researched American Veda gives a thorough account of India's spectacular impact on western religion, spirituality and culturally. Goldberg enlightened us on the Indian thought into the American psyche and sense of spiritual self, an important change which is impressive, informative and India's ancient wisdom for self-improvement that have benefited millions. The book, American Veda is of great importance. It is easy to read and understand the American Vedic knowledge originated from India, and equally important is its acceptance by the Americans of western orientation.

Mr. Goldberg's talk had a wonderful message for reducing the gap between east and west. There was an interesting interactive dialogue with Rotarians and Rotary Anns. Time being limited, they were advised by the President to have one to one discussion with



Phillip Goldberg clicks his audience



Welcome address by our club President Deepak Sood



Secretary Rotary Shivalik Brig. D.S. Dhillon



Our Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra announces the award



Former DGP P.C. Dogra addresses the Rotarians



PDG Shaju Peter presents a memento to Mr. Philip Goldberg



President Rotary Shivalik Mrs. Arvinder Kaur Bedi presents a sapling to Mr. Philip Goldberg

Mr. Goldberg after the meeting.

In his expression of gratitude, PDG Shaju Peter compared Philip Goldberg with Mark Twain, an American author and humorist of 100 years ago, who had said, "India is the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grandmother of tradition, our

most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only." Shaju said, "We all are grateful to you Mr. Goldberg, for allowing us to discover ourselves afresh. I wish you a great success on behalf of Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown, Chandigarh Shivalik and all Rotarians, in your journey in discovering a new key to pursue the happiness and bliss in human life."



Mr. Philip Goldberg presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Gagan Meet & Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh



Mr. Philip Goldberg presents birthday gifts to R'ann Dr. Seemha Rai and Rtn. Rajinder Rai

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Mr. Philip Goldberg presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria. Looking on is President Deepak Sood



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua has one to one discussion with Mr. Philip Goldberg

Award of Excellence to Dr. Shashi Banerjee



Dr. Mrs. Shashi Banerjee receives the Award of Excellence

Award of Excellence of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown was presented to Dr. Mrs. Shashi Banerjee, Sr. Principal, Bhavan Vidyala, Panchkula.

A selection committee comprising of PDG Shaju Peter, PP Dr. Balam K. Gupta and PE R.T.P.S. Tulsi scrutinized her profile and found her to be the most deserving person for this prestigious award.

Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra made the announcement of the award, and introduced Dr. Shashi Banerjee, who has many laurels to her credit for academic efficiency and social service. She has received many awards, some of which are National Teachers Award 2011 from President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Tara Chand Saboo Excellence Award, Best Principal's award by 10th National Science Olympiad Foundation, Best Principal Award presented by CBSE, and she is also a Paul Harris Fellow. She is very well awarded and recognized as educationist and a social worker.

District Workshop on Rotary Foundation

Under the able guidance of Past RI Director Rtn. Yash Das, District Governor Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal and DRFC PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra, a very well organized District Workshop on Rotary Foundation was held at Rukmani Devi Hall, Ambala Cantt on 1st December 2013. Rtn. Dr. Desh Bandhu, President of host club, Rotary Club Ambala welcomed the delegates.

Inspiring address on TRF was given by PRID Yash Das, DG Rakesh Aggarwal, DRFC Madhukar Malhotra, PDG Dr. G.R. Thakral, PDG Arun Sharma and PDG Kanwal Bedi. Also present on the occasion were PDG Dr. Manmohan Nath, PDG Ranbir Singh, PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Satish Saluja, PDG Manpreet Singh,

IPDG Manmohan Singh and DGE Col. D.R. Patnaik.

A very meaningful presentation on Future Vision plan was given by PP Rtn. N.S. Aulakh, PP Rtn. Piyush Mittal and our Vice President Rtn. Amarjit Singh, who is the District Stewardship Chair. They explained that www.rotary.org is no longer a website. It now a comprehensive portal, which every Rotarian must visit and get familiarized with highly dynamic features now available.

Besides Shaju and Amarjit, others from our club who participated in TRF Workshop were R'ann Lovy Peter, President Deepak Sood, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, AG Ajit Gulati, PP Harish Sethi and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra.

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International Day for Persons with Disabilities

Cheshire Homes Chandigarh observed the International Day for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, 1st December 2013 with other partner organizations; Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown, Physically Handicapped Association, Punjab National Bank, Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra and Panchkula.

Dr. Raj Bahadur, Head of Orthopaedic Department, PGIMER, Mr. Rajesh Jopgal, Director, Social Welfare, UT Chandigarh, and Mr. Goyal, Circle Head of Punjab National Bank, were the guests of honour.

Ten tricycles, three sewing machines, one bicycle, one wheel chair and a pair of aluminum crutches were presented to the persons with disabilities.

A team of ten doctors of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown examined over 100 disabled persons who were given free medicine.

Railway travel concessional passes were also issued to 13 disabled persons, which entitles them to travel with an escort, at 75%

Acknowledgment with thanks

Donations for kidney transplant patient, Anil Sharma:

Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh Rs. 2500
Rtn. C.J. Rai Rs. 2100
Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva Rs. 1100

Contribution for Souvenir

Mr. Jai Bhushan Malik Rs. 5000
(Through PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal)

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. P.K. Verma December 18

Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria



concession.

In India about 100 million persons are disabled and over 23 million are employable. In Chandigarh tricity there are nearly 10,000 persons with disabilities. Efforts are being made to help them by not only providing them shelter, but also help them develop special skills and make them employable.



Tricycles being given to disabled persons

Lunch was also served on this occasion.

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Lalita Agarwal	December 13
R'ann Pushpa Jawa	December 15
R'ann Kiran Sharma	December 17
R'ann Ranjana Tulsii	December 17
R'ann Ritu Bhatia	December 17
R'ann Dr. Manjushri Sharma	December 19



Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Manjit & Rtn. D.S. Kalsi	December 13
R'ann Susan & Rtn. Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath	December 19



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