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PROGRAMME
Club Elections

Chair: PP Prem Anand

Report back on: Rotary South Asia Literacy Summit

By: PDG Shaju Peter and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



Friday, December 20, 2013

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Straw into Gold!

Guessing generates lot of fun and excitement. In our regular meeting on December 13, 2013 there was 'Guess Speaker'. The topic was interesting. Straw into Gold! But how one could do it, was another guess. President Deepak Sood did not want to keep Rotarians under suspense for long. He said, "Fellow Rotarians, the Speaker is none other than..... any guesses! Let me give you a hint..... one our best speakers, and known for making wonderful presentations. Yes, she is our Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra."



Rtn. Deepa Bhar gives a poetic touch to the meaningful presentation by Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra

Turning Straw into Gold is an activity to inspire Rotarians to contribute for Rotary Foundation. It was meaningful, enjoyable and commendable, very well presented by Dr. Rita Kalra, in coordination with President Elect R.T.P.S. Tulsi, who added spice in the form of shero shayari. The program also had urdu couplets from Rtn. Deepa Bhar, to add spark to the

proceedings.

Dr. Rita's presentation began with Rotary being described in glowing terms to provide yeoman service to the community. Contributing to Rotary Foundation results in making clubs stronger, communities better, peace possible, eradication of poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition, and transforming our contributions into projects that change lives. The various modes of contribution are;

- Sustaining Member, when you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.
- Benefactor, when you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright.
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Rita also explained the various recognitions that one gets by contributing to TRF. The presentation also explained the concept of 'Every Rotarian Each Year' (EREY). She said, "God could not be everywhere, So He created mothers. But every child could not be blessed with motherly love. So He created Rotary! With TRF contributions, you change lives of needy children for the better, and it won't be long until you realize that they have done the same for you!"



PP Rtn. Harish Sethi, Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh and Rtn. Ashok Puri being honoured by President Deepak Sood for their PHF commitment. (Inspired by Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra's presentation, ten Rotarians gave TRF commitments which is duly acknowledged on page 4)

Dr. Rita Kalra concluded her presentation with a beautiful message, "You can change lives of millions with every act of service, every penny spent in charity, every healing touch and turning straw into gold."

The presentation was so inspiring that ten Rotarians announced their PHF commitment!



President Deepak Sood presents birthday gift to R'ann Ritu Bhatia. Looking on is Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia who got the punctuality award



President Deepak Sood presents birthday gift to R'ann Pushpa Jawa

Installation of new Rotaract Club of Post Graduate Govt. College, Sector 46, Chandigarh

President Rtn. Deepak Sood said, "I on behalf of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, welcome Dr. Gobind Sethi, Mr. Rajinder Singh, Faculty Incharge of Rotaract club Mr. Parveen Choubey and the Rotractors of Post Graduate Govt. College, Sector 46,

Luther, " Life's most persistent and urgent question is - what are you doing for others?" He added, "I engage Rotary because I have promised myself to do my share for our society, our country and our world. We collect funds, make projects and come together to



President Deepak Sood and Director Youth Service Salil Bali present the charter to new Rotract Club



Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Bali presents the Presidents' collar to Rtr. Raj Karan. DRR Jasmeet Kaur is on extreme right

Chandigarh." President Deepak congratulated Rtr. Raj Karan Charter President of the new Rotract Club and his team. He also acknowledged the efforts made by the college management, specially Mr. Parveen Choubey, Director Community Service Dr. Anureet Bhatti, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Bali, Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Vice President Rtn. Amarjit Singh.

The new Rotract Club, a 50 member team of very energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated to the cause of humanity, was given valuable advice by President Deepak Sood who quoted Martin

serve the under privileged and try to do our best to make our world a better place to live. Our youth have such power, connectivity and dedication that can change the world."

Mr. Choubey thanked our club for motivating and channelizing the energy of Rotractors. DRR Ms. Jasmeet Kaur congratulated the new Rotaract club members and discussed the plan for 'Save the Girl Child' campaign, and made a request for using the college premises for district training programs.

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Rotaractors with President Rtn. Deepak Sood, Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Bali



Musical evening by Rotaractors – songs, tabla and guitars



Consumer Awareness Programme conducted by Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown

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BLR family – the trait of humility by PP Indrajeet Sengupta

Before 11/12/13 came to a close, there was cheer in our lives! Rishabh Ramsisaria inaugurates with his Band at the Cultural Feast in the Annual SJOBA ball, playing the Lead Guitar. A great honor!

Aditti Ramsisaria along with her classmate Diya Dhiman won the first prize in "3D Collage making" in an International Art Competition organised on the occasion of 'Forum For Peace', by the City Montessori School, Lucknow, from among 50 teams from all over India and 10 other countries. They had represented Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh.

Rishabh is from St. John's, his father Alok Ramsisaria's Alma Mater. What deserves attention, aside of the achievement, is the humbleness with which this news was broken to me after a lot of brain picking.

This achievement which deserves congratulations, the trait of humility deserves a high degree of appreciation! In the current ambience such values in the so young are hard to find. It goes to the credit of Nita-Alok, the parents, for instilling such values.

Congratulations to grandfather PP B.L. Ramsisaria, firstly for imbibing such values in the children that they pass on this value to their own children, and secondly on the no mean achievement of his grandchildren.

The two children are Paul Harris Fellows of our club - the Chandigarh Midtown, courtesy the grandfather.

Amita Ramsisaria Bhuwania - congratulations to you too!

It is on occasions like this that I remember the versatile Sulochana Ramsisaria whose traits these two children seem to have genetically inherited!

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Computer Course for girls and Refrigeration Electrician training for boys
Report by: Director Vocational Service, Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

15 ladies being trained in sewing and tailoring, at the training center in village Faida



Plumber training course under retired ITI Instructor, at Khuda Lahora for 15 boys who are seen with Rtn. Ashok Puri

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown shall be starting New Vocational Project of Computer Training Course for girls at Khuda Alisher during December 2013. At present about 30 girls are interested to take up this course. This course shall be of 3 to 4 months duration, thrice a week. Computer training shall be run under guidance of trained instructor and we shall be charging a nominal fee of Rs. 50/- per month from each girl. After completion of course, all students shall be given certificates which will help them to get employment to make them independent to earn their livelihood.

Another Vocational project of training Refrigeration Electricians shall

be taken up at Khudha Lahora by our Club very soon and same shall be run under guidance of trained instructor for three months, twice a week. Training shall be provided to 10 boys for a fee of Rs. 50/- per month per trainee. On completion of programme, they will be given certificates to enable them to become independent in earning their livelihood.

As per decision taken in last board meeting of our club in November 2013, it was decided to appeal to all Rotarians of our club for recommending suitable candidates known to them for the above courses so that we complete these projects with success, and with larger participation from weaker section.

Acknowledgment with thanks

Commitment received for contribution to TRF:

PP Rtn. Harish Sethi
PP Rtn. R.K. Luther
Rtn. Amarjit Singh
Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh
Rtn. Ashok Puri
Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia
Rtn. Salil Chopra
Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma
Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur
PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa (for \$ 100)

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Santosh Gupta

December 25

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhawar
Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya
Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur
Rtn. Ravinder Krishan
Rtn. Vinod Sobti
PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta

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Won by Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia



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