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PROGRAMME
**Celebration of
 Valentine's Day**

**Dress Code for meeting on
 14.2.2014: Red / Black**

Friday, February 14, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

***Daaman Sahib ka Kalaam - an evening of Shayari with
 Mr. D.S. Bali, Sr. Advocate***

In our regular meeting on February 07, 2014 President Deepak Sood acknowledged the presence of PDG Yoginder Diwan and PP Navjit Singh Aulakh. He also welcomed Chief Guest Mr. D.S. Bali, senior advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court who is a well known personality in his profession and is the father of our Director Youth Service and Secretary Elect Rtn. Salil Bali. Mr. D.S. Bali was formally introduced by PP Gurdip S. Deep as an eminent lawyer, an impressive poet and a renowned social worker

well in serving the community as a Rotarian of Chandigarh Midtown.

Rtn. Salil Bali recently returned from Mysore where he had addressed Rotaractors at Rotasia. President Deepak said, "I would like to congratulate Salil for adding another feather in the cap of our club. He is our youth icon, a leader who keeps guiding Rotaractors and Interacts." John C Maxwell has rightly said for the leaders like Salil Bali, "A leader is the one who knows the way,



*An evening of Shayari with Mr. D.S. Bali –
 Takaluss/pen name 'Daaman'*



*Rtn. Salil Bali displays the memento received at Rotasia, with his father D.S. Bali and
 President Deepak Sood*

who has been serving Lions International since 1964 in various important assignments. He was Charter President of Lions Club Chandigarh Central in 1982. He is happy that his son, Salil is doing

goes the way and shows the way." Salil briefly talked about Rotasia, and would soon share his presentation and experience with us.

Before reciting his shayaris, Mr. Bali brought out the facts about the Urdu Language, which is full of beauty, politeness, respect and grace consisting of literature, prose and poetry. Urdu, a widely spoken language in India, is the twentieth most popular language in the world. It is widely spoken today in many countries including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Pakistan, Nepal, US, Germany, France, Spain, Norway, Netherlands, Denmark, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Tanzania, Zambia and more countries.

Urdu is a highly expressive language, and in poetry and songs, it conveys emotions by using simple and gentle words, and even those who do not know urdu can have a feeling of joy and happiness. Its literature can also be used for exact and rational reasoning.

Urdu is very similar to Hindi while speaking but both are totally different in writing form. Urdu is written in the Persian-Arabic



*Rtn. Deepa Bhar and IPP Rtn. Ritu Singal present a memento
 to Mr. D.S. Bali*

script, though it also derives its words from Sanskrit, while Hindi follows the Sanskrit (Devnagri script) characters. It is a very flexible language and has adopted words from English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Punjabi, Persian, Arabic, Turkish and others. The closest relation of Urdu is Hindi. After learning Urdu, it is much easier to speak and understand Hindi but written Hindi will remain a mystery as it is written in a different script.

Many English words are commonly used in spoken and written Urdu. Similarly, Urdu has also contributed a few words to the English language.

Urdu grammar, word construction and sentence structure are very systematic. However, Urdu presents some challenges. Urdu uses formal and informal verb forms and each noun has either

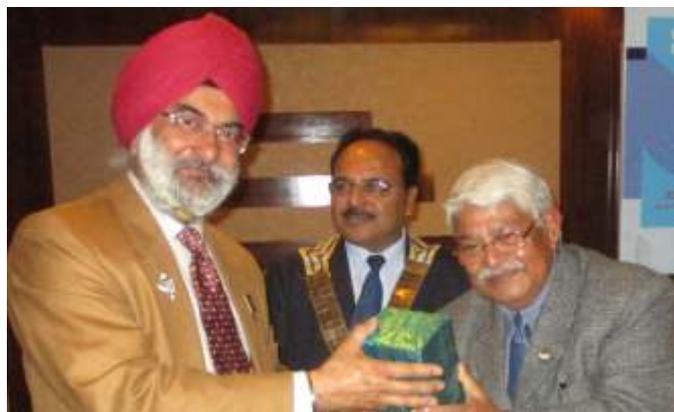
masculine or feminine gender. Urdu is a delicate and sophisticated language and many of its words are used to show respect and civility. This emphasis on politeness in vocabulary is known as adab - respect or takalluf - politeness.

Mr. Bali entertained us in his own unique way with his shayari, 'Daaman Sahib ka Kalaam', which he had composed himself right from his college days. He captivated us for over 30 minutes!

PDG Yoginder Diwan, Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'ann Bir Gulati also gave brief but impressive performances of shayari. Rtn. Deepa Bhar and IPP Ritu Singal jointly proposed vote of thanks and that too in 'shayarana andaz'! Mr. Bali, very inspiringly, appreciated the talent in our club.



Mr. D.S. Bali presents birthday gift to Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon



Mr. D.S. Bali presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Trilochan S. Anand. Looking on is President Deepak Sood



President Deepak Sood gives cheque of Rs. 7000, donated by Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, to Ms. Radhika for doing BCA



PP Prem Anand, Co-Chair Microloan Committee, presents a cheque of Rs. 20000 to Vijay Kumar

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Our Club gets Certificate of Appreciation from TRF



President Deepak gives the certificate to PP 2011-12 R.K. Luther

President Rtn. Deepak Sood was pleased to make a pleasant announcement of Certificate of Appreciation received by our club from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, which is reproduced below;

“The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of Rotary’s US\$ 200 Million Challenge. Together, we will fulfil our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.”

The certificate is signed by RI President 2011-12 Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee and Chair 2011-12, TRF Trustees Rtn. Bill Boyd.

New member orientation seminar

The new member orientation seminar is being organised by our club on 15th February 2014 at Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the rear hall. The master trainer PDG Shaju Peter will induct the new members of the tricity and orient them about the Rotary values and the Rotary world. The registration fees for the program is Rs. 500 and the training session

will be followed by lunch. All new members must attend because this is a meaningful program which will equip the new members to be future Rotary leaders. To refresh their memories and skills, members who are already inducted, are also welcome to join this seminar.

Our scholarship student gets a job

Rtn. Arjan Singh informs, “One of the young ladies who finished her engineering course last year has called to say that she has landed a job.” Anuradha is a chemical engineer with specialization in food technology. She will be working with Cremica in Ludhiana in their

R&D section. Beginning at Rs. 15,000/- per month she has been told that she will get a substantial raise on confirmation. The club wishes all the best to Anuradha.

Update your Roster

All Rotarians of our club are requested to see online Roster of Members at <http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/pdf/Roster.pdf> or alternatively see the hard copy of the roster for their details, and if

there is any change, please inform the Secretary immediately. New roster is likely to be published shortly, and subsequently it will be updated on our website.

Rtn. Salil Bali Guest Speaker at Rotasia 2014 in Mysore



Rtn. Salil Bali addresses Rotaractors and Rotarians in Mysore, and receives a memento

Rtn. Salil Bali, Director-Youth Services attended Rotasia 2014 held from 30th January to 2nd February 2014 at Mysore. He was invited as a Guest Speaker to address the gathering of Rotaractors and Rotarians on Youth and Law. Other Guest Speakers were the Local MP Mr. Jay Parkash Hegde who spoke on Youth and Governance, Commissioner of Police who spoke on Law and Order and

Ex-Indian Cricketer Mr. Javagal Srinath who spoke on Youth and Sports. The conference was a big success and was attended by thousands of Rotaractors and Rotarians from different Districts of South Asian Countries.

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Mega Medical and Dental Super speciality camp

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown will organize a mega Medical and Dental Super speciality camp in collaboration with Medanta Medicity on 30th March 2014 for the Rotarians of District 3080 from 10.00 a.m. onwards. The various specializations for which consultation and investigation available will include are Cardiology, Memology, Orthopaedics, Critical care and Dentistry.

The organizers have arranged a talk on healthy heart and bright smiles by their mentors. The mela will not only offer exhibition of poster for awareness drive amongst citizens, but also options to stay healthy will be available, such as nutrition and diet, health magazines, organic food, yoga, gym etc.

2nd Cheshire Homes Award 2014: Nominations Invited

Nominations are invited by 22nd February 2014 for the 2nd Cheshire Homes Chandigarh Award 2014. Five awards shall be given to individuals and organizations working for the cause of disabled persons in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh. The award function is scheduled for 15 March 2014,

Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra said, "The services are being offered free to all Rotarians. It is golden opportunity to get yourself screened from best specialists in the country. To prevent overcrowding and long waiting time, we suggest that all those who want to avail these facilities should register and send us their phone no. and email Id, so that we can give them the time for appointment." About 200 Rotarians can receive consultation in one day. So register early to avoid disappointment.

She added, "Be prepared to motivate yourself for a healthy lifestyle this year."

when tricycles, wheel chairs and sewing machines will also be distributed to needy disabled persons. More information and nomination forms are available at <http://cheshirehomeschandigarh.blogspot.in/>.

Hearty Congratulations to Grandparents

Our hearty congratulations to R'ann Amardeep and Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh. Their daughter Guntass and son-in-law Maj. Ranjeet S. Hundal have been blessed with a boy on 4th February 2014.

Acknowledgment with thanks

Fellowship on February 07, 2014 was sponsored by:

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Won by Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Shashi Gupta

February 19

Birthday of Rotarians

PE Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi

February 14

Rtn. Lalit K. Azad

February 19

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Urmil & PP Rtn. R.K. Luther

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R'ann Brij Bala & Rtn. M.K. Handa

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February 20



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