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PROGRAMME

**Just two minutes!**

An interesting game to brush up your extempore skills  
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Friday, May 02, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## **Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal**

On Monday, April 21, 2014 we had one of our most important events of our club, the Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal, accompanied by the first lady of our Rotary District 3080, R'ann Neelima Aggarwal. They were received at

Aasra Shelter, GMCH-32, Chandigarh by President Rtn. Deepak Sood, Assistant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh, PDG Shaju Peter, Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and other Past Presidents of our club. From there they were taken to our other projects.



*DG Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima being welcomed at Aasra Shelter, GMCH-32*



*DG Rakesh Aggarwal interacts with patients and their attendants at our prestigious project, Aasra Shelter*



*DG Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima distribute kits to the students of Home Care Nursing training centre, a unique project of our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta*



*DG Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima visit the Computer Centre for Girls at Khuda Ali Sher, where our Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher and the Youth Club are fully engaged in this meaningful program*



After a very hectic schedule during the day, DG Rakesh Aggarwal and Neelima ji were there at our regular meeting in the evening after visiting Rotary Club of Chamkaur Sahib, and looking relaxed and smiling as ever! They were received at Hotel President by Master of Ceremonies PDG Shaju Peter, Event Chair PP Ajit S. Gulati, Past Presidents and our board members.

Welcome address was given by Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh.

The visiting Rotarians who graced the occasion were PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan of Rotary Club Parwanoo, President Rtn. Arvinder Kaur Bedi, Secretary Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon (both of Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik), President Rtn. D.S. Malhotra of Rotary Club Chandigarh Central, Secretary Rtn. Sukhpreet S. Giani of Rotary Club SAS Nagar, Mohali, Rtn. Dr. Vivek Lalit and Dr. Neeraj Mittal (both of Rotary Club Kurukshetra), and Rtn. Dr. Handa who is going to join our club soon. There was a large presence of Past Presidents and Rotarians of our club.



*Bouquets of welcome in our regular meeting, President Deepak Sood to District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal, R'ann Purnima Sood to R'ann Neelima Aggarwal and PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati (AG Zone 3) to AG Zone 4 Rtn. Sarabjit Singh*



*Lighting of Lamp by DG Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima*



*Invocation by Rtn. Mrs. Rekha Sawhney*

The most interesting feature of the evening was the live commentary like excellent audio-video presentation of 'The Year till today' by President Deepak Sood, highlighting the projects and activities under all five avenues of service. He highlighted the new members orientation seminar, celebration of festivals, contribution to Utrakhand disaster relief fund, participating in district events in large numbers, home care

nursing program, stitching and tailoring, electrical and plumbing courses, literacy projects, micro loans, Aasra shelter at GMCH-32, environment protection, medical camps, hearing aids - gift of hearing, sanitation project in Nepal, contribution to the Rotary Foundation, blood donation camps collecting 1150 units, forming of Interact and Rotaract clubs. This presentation attracted big applause from the audience.

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Recognition for TRF contributions and presenting of vocational awards by the District Governor also received loud applaud.



*PDG Shaju Peter  
Master of Ceremonies*



*Welcome address by Rtn.  
Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh*



*'The Year till today' by  
President Deepak Sood*



*Introduction of District  
Governor by PE R.T.P.S. Tulsi*



*Vote of thanks by  
Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra*



*Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Bali inspires Rotaractors and Interactors. President of Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown Rtr. Kanika Sharma and her team got awards in their Conference, and mentally challenged Interact members of SÖREM, being given awards and recognition by DG Rakesh Aggarwal*



*DG Rakesh Aggarwal presents vocational award to Harmesh Kumar, introduced by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra as a disabled person who is committed to serve the community. Looking on is Harmesh's wife Sharmila who is also disabled and whole heartedly supports the cause undertaken by her husband*



*Inspiring and informative address by District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal*



*President Deepak Sood presents a memento to District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal*



*R'ann Purnima Sood presents a memento to R'ann Neelima Aggarwal*



*DG Rakesh Aggarwal presents token of appreciation to President Deepak Sood and Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra*

A formal introduction of District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal given by President Elect Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi concluded with a musical note, "Chaudhvin ka chand ho, Ya aftaab ho, jo bhi hon tum, Khuda ki kasam lajawab ho." This prompted PDG

Shaju Peter to say, "I would consider Rakesh as perhaps the most unassuming and most self-effacing Governor of 3080, who has the capacity to smile his way through all the turmoil and storms."

Addressing a large gathering of Rotarians and their spouses, DG Rakesh Aggarwal acknowledged our club as the most vibrant one in the District. He expressed his happiness for all the three projects he had visited and said, "These are real good projects." Referring to our bulletin, DG expressed his delight saying that he goes through it every week. He observed, "Your bulletin is very regular – on time, very informative and very good. Congratulations to all of you."

He also complimented Rotarians for India becoming polio free. However he cautioned us to be vigilant as polio is still there in our neighbouring countries Pakistan and Afghanistan. Giving a worldwide update on polio eradication, he said African countries like Somalia and Kenya were polio free for last five years but this year there were 139 cases of polio. Therefore we have to ensure that children up to five years of age should be given polio vaccine on NIDs which will continue till 2018, when polio is expected to be eradicated globally. DG Rakesh also shared India's three-year polio-free

triumph in 'Polio-free Conclave 2014' organized by Rotary International at New Delhi on 29-30 March 2014, to commemorate India's victory over Polio and reaffirm Rotary's commitment to ending polio not just in India but from all parts of the world. The Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee was the Chief Guest on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for the inaugural function. (A detailed report of this conclave appears in our bulletin No. 41).

He also talked of literacy program that Rotary International would be taking up after polio eradication. Under School Development Programs Rotary clubs will create model schools. The DG explained the **T-E-A-C-H** program which is about **T**eacher Support, **E** Learning, **A**dult Literacy, **C**hild Development and **H**appy Schools.

The DG thanked Rtn. Salil Bali and R'ann Parul Bali for taking nice care of them as their Aides. He complimented our club for having wonderful projects and concluded, "You are the best club in this region."

### **Recognition by DG Rakesh Aggarwal for TRF contributions**



*PP Rtn. Harish Sethi (MPHF - One Sapphire pin)*



*PP Rtn. R.K. Luther*



*Rtn. Amarjit Singh*



*Rtn. Ashok K. Puri (Paul Haris Society member)*



*Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia*



*R'ann Purnima Sood*



*Dr. Sanjay Kalra*



*R'ann Ranjana Tulsi*



*Rtn. Mrs. Rekha Sawhney*



*Mr. Rajiv Kumar Aggarwal*

PDG Shaju informed that others who contributed to TRF are Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma and Rtn. Salil Chopra. There are two Paul Harris Society members in our club, Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

and IPP Ritu Singal who have made a lifetime commitment to contribute US\$ 1000 every year.



*R'ann Neelima Aggarwal presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. R.K. Luther*



*R'ann Neelima Aggarwal presents birthday gift to Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan*



*R'ann Neelima Aggarwal presents birthday gift to Rtn. Chandra Prakash. Looking on is his wife R'ann Lalita*



*R'ann Neelima Aggarwal presents birthday gift to Rtn. Mrs. Rekha Sawhney*



*R'ann Neelima Aggarwal presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Beauty and Rtn. Jayanta Mitra*



*R'ann Neelima Aggarwal presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra*



*Naina Dhiman thanks our club for the scholarship given to her and other girls for doing their engineering degrees, and get well placed in their profession, thanks to Rtn. Arjan Singh*

Expression of gratitude was given by Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra who said, "A big thank you to District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal sir for encouraging and motivating us with great words of wisdom. Thank you Neelima ji for accepting our invitation and your gracious presence. Our special thanks to Assitant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh and R'ann Prakash Kaur for being with us and guiding us." She also thanked the RI officers and Presidents of other clubs for attending our meeting.

Dr. Rita thanked the event Chair PPAjit S. Gulati for the perfect logistic support and guidance, PP Prem Anand, R'ann Indu Anand, PP Saroj Jhawar and Rtn. Kanan Diwan for organizing visit to Aasra shelter, Director Vocational Service Rtn. Ashok Puri and R'ann Sudha Puri and RCC President Bhupinder Singh for visit to RVTC Khuda Ali Sher, Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown Club led by President Rama Gupta and PDC Neeru Khattar for a wonderful program at Home Care nursing project.

Rita also expressed her sincere thanks to our club first lady R'ann Purnima Sood for taking leave off her training schedule to be part of the event. She also thanked PDG Shaju Peter, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Director Club Service Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh, PP Subhash Bindra, Director International Service PP Harish Sethi, Editor PPDr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney, R'ann Simranpreet Sawhney, R'ann Bir Gulati, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney, Director Community Service Rtn. Dr Anureet Kaur, board members, all Rotarians of our club and Office Secy. V.P. Sharma for making the event a grand success.

## **Club Assembly Chaired by Assistant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh**



*AG Sarabjit Singh*

In our club meeting on April 18, 2014 we had Club Assembly chaired by Assistant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh, who was welcomed by President Rtn. Deepak Sood who also thanked him for the support that he received from him during the year. We also had the gracious presence of his wife R'ann Prakash Kaur. AG Sarabjit Singh was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Masters in

English, Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers and Fellow of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, he joined Punjab & Sind Bank in 1968, and had important assignments in various departments of the bank holding senior positions in various cities. He took premature retirement from PSB in 1994 to join Bank of Punjab Ltd. as General Manager and was its Managing Director & CEO from 1998 to 2001, when he retired from service. He joined Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik in 1999. He served as Club Secretary during Rotary year 2003-04, President in RY 2005-06, and again as Secretary during 2010-11.

AG Sarabjit complimented our club for the new members orientation seminar, celebration of festivals, contribution to Utrakhand disaster relief fund, participating in district events in large numbers, home care nursing program, stitching and tailoring, electrical and plumbing courses, literacy projects, micro loans, Aasra shelter at GMCH-32, environment protection, medical camps, hearing aids - gift of hearing, sanitation project in Nepal, contribution to the Rotary Foundation, blood donation camps collecting 1150 units, forming of Interact and Rotaract clubs. He said, "All these projects are of immense value to the society." He appreciated Rtn. Salil Chopra who inspired Rotarians of Coimbatore for contributing Rs. 1.60 lakh for Utrakhand relief fund, making a total of Rs. 3.50 lakh from our club.

AG Sarabjit Singh complimented President Deepak Sood and his team for doing wonderful projects and activities under all five avenues of service. He said, "Rotarians of your club are very committed."



*Rtn. Jayanta Mitra gives vote of thanks and presents a memento to AG Rtn. Sarabjit Singh and R'ann Prakash Kaur*

He acknowledged President Deepak's leadership qualities and quick response, Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra for submitting information and reports efficiently in time, Treasurer PP Prem Anand for keeping accounts perfectly and Editor PP Dr. V.J.S.

Vohra for the wonderful bulletin which was awarded the best bulletin of the District in December. He concluded, "It is my pleasure to be associated with this club."



AG Rtn. Sarabjit Singh presents birthday gift to Rtn. Vijay Kumar. Looking on are President Deepak Sood and Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra



AG Rtn. Sarabjit Singh presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. Prem Anand. Looking on are President Deepak Sood and Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra

## Plumber Training Course at Khuda Lahora completed

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has completed six months Plumber Training Course at Khuda Lahora on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014, under the able guidance of retired ITI Instructor Mr. Ashok Bhatia. Director Vocational Training Rtn. Ashok Puri informed, "We have imparted theoretical as well as practical

knowledge to 13 students who have successfully completed this course. We will be giving them a small kit having important tools with certificate of training to enable them to earn their livelihood and become self employed."



Rtn. Ashok Puri with Instructor and students of Plumber Training Course at Khuda Lahora, which was completed on 24th April 2014



Rtn. Ashok Puri visits Night School Sarangpur run by our club on 24th April 2014 to give essential copies and pencils to 20 boys and girls of new session

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Spouse : Ritu  
Vocation : Housewife  
D.o.B : 08 January  
Children : Rishika (D)  
Sachit (S)

## PDG Shaju attends ARRFC training in Goa



Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator training at Goa

PDG Shaju Peter attended the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator training convened by RRFC PDG Madhu Rughwani at Nanu Resorts, Goa, on April 3 and 4, 2014 where PRIP Kalyan Banerjee and RI Director P.T. Prabhakar addressed the participants. ARRFC PDG Shaju Peter will be responsible for all aspects of the Rotary Foundation in RIDistricts 3070, 3090, 3100 and our own District 3080.

## Hearty Congratulations

Double hearty congratulations to Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra and R'ann Renu Chopra as their son Navdeep and daughter-in-law Priya have been blessed with twin sons, Angad and Anhad on April 24, 2014 in Warwick, UK.

Hearty congratulations to Rtn. Anureet Kaur and Mr. Raj Kiran Bhatti, who have been blessed with a son on 25th April 2014.

## Acknowledgment with thanks

Rtn. Jayanta Mitra for sponsoring fellowship on 21 April 2014

## Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Prem Anand - 18 April 2014  
Won by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra - 21 April 2014

## Birthday of Spouses

Rtn. Indu Anand

May 03

## Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Ashok Sharma  
Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva

May 03  
May 07



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