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PROGRAMME

## Witness the Singing Challenge this Festive Season

Chief Guest:  
Dr. P.K. Handa

**From this meeting onwards the time would be 6.30 p.m. Also, please note the change in date. Meeting will be followed by fellowship.**

Wednesday, October 01, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

### How to Overcome Disability

In our regular meeting on September 26, 2014, Mr. Keshav C. Wadhawan, who shared his personal experience on 'How to overcome Disability', was introduced by R'ann Indu Anand. Knowing Mr. Wadhawan to be a good orator in Hindi, Indu gave a befitting introduction in Hindi! In spite of his severe disability due to his both lower limbs being affected by polio deformity, Mr. Wadhawan is a multi talented personality. He retired as Jt. Director from Information and Public Relation Department, Govt. of Haryana. He was Executive Editor of Haryana Samvad (a state government journal). Presently he is P.R. Consultant to Haryana Govt. He has done MA (Hindi), MA (Political Science), MBA and post graduate diploma in journalism. He has several research and published work to his credit, being author of 25 books mostly on literary and journalist topics. These books inspire the disabled and distressed persons to face challenges of life. He has also been writing morale boosting poems for disabled persons. As an author he has won Haryana state level and National level awards. He is the President of National Handicapped Welfare Council (NHWC), Haryana, having its own building in Sector 12-A, Panchkula, an organization doing yeoman service to serve the disabled persons by providing them various vocational training and other facilities. He is also President of Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula, sponsored by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

or business problems due to mental barriers. Disability is not the physical appearance but the attitude within.

Being an author and a poet as well, he used some meaningful couplets, "Mein apne ko viklang nahi manta, yeh sahi hai. Doston, jara mukhoton se chashma utaar kar, mujhe deepak ke nazaron se dekho, mein pass hi kharha hoon, asliat may mein viklang nahi hoon." He is the author of a book titled, 'Mein Viklang Nahi'.

Mr. Wadhawan went down the memory lane when as a kid he was admitted in Saket hospital, where he had undergone 11 surgeries, and since 1962 he has been using walking callipers. He also shared his experience of dealing with government on disability related issues. Though on paper lot seems to have been done but still the governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector need to come forward to identify the disability issues and seriously implement the laws and give statutory rights in a realistic manner, rather than giving theoretical presentations for academic purposes only! More than financial it is the mindset that has to be result oriented to create a disability friendly environment. Mr. Wadhawan concluded poetically, "I have learnt to overcome my problems with a smile, which makes my small steps look bigger."

Responding to the heart touching talk, President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi said, "Wah, bahut ache! I am reminded of Jagjit Singh's ghazal, Zindagi kya hai jaanne ke liye, zinda rehna bahut zaruri hai....."



K.C. Wadhawan

Mr. Wadhawan said he felt honoured to be sharing his life experience with Rotarians. He expressed his gratitude to be associated with our club for number of years through Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, and getting the support from our club for welfare activities. Amidst loud applause he said, "I do not think that disability is really a disability! Just because I use crutches or I am sitting on a wheel chair, I should not be misunderstood as disabled."



PP Dr. Vanita Gupta presents a memento to Mr. K.C. Wadhawan. Looking on are President Tulsi and Secretary Salil Bali

He explained that there is no person in the world who would be fully normal. It is the attitude, which may be disabled! He said, "If I may be considered to be physically disabled, then there are people who may be socially, financially, professionally or intellectually disabled." People may be disabled in resolving their family, official

Presenting formal vote of thanks, PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta said, "Mr. Wadhawan forced us to look within ourselves and identify the disability we all have. He taught us how to live with it, and make us

as successful as he is today.” She said we all need to develop helpful attitude, and share with others the feelings and the inspiring advice Mr. Wadhawan has given us.

Certificates were issued to eight disabled children who successfully completed computer training at the centre run by

NHWC in association with RCC of Panchkula, sponsored by our club. Railway passes were also issued to disabled persons by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, in his capacity as Hony. Prosthetic Adviser to Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and H.P., as they are entitled to travel at 75% concession with an escort.



PP Dr. Vanita Gupta presents a certificate of computer training to successful candidate Sandip Bajaj and remaining certificates to Mr. O.P. Sawhney, Supt. of National Handicapped Welfare Council. Looking on are President R.T.P.S. Tuls, Secretary Salil Bali and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, announcing the inspiring performances of disabled persons



Acknowledging the presence of Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra's brother, Dr. Chaman Luthra and his wife Dr. Adarsh Luthra from USA, the President requested Dr. Chaman Luthra to present birthday gifts to (L-R:) PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, Rtn. Arjan Singh and wedding anniversary gift to first lady R'ann Ranjana & President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tuls. Looking on is Secretary Salil Bali



Dr. Chaman Luthra presents punctuality award to Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney



R'ann Indu Anand introduces speaker Mr. Wadhawan



Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra and Director Vocational Service PP Rtn. R.K. Luther give presentations of activities during the week

## Scholarships

In our club meeting on September 26, 2014 Rtn. Arjan Singh appealed on behalf of a student from Bihar studying Engineering at the UIET, Chandigarh. As informed by the Director of the institute he was on the verge of leaving studies on account of

financial constraints. Rotarians of our club in a spontaneous response offered to donate Rs. 50,000/- per year for supporting this student in his studies. In one minute this sum was pledged: Rs. 10000/- each by PDG Shaju Peter, PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Dr. Chaman Luthra and Rtn.

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Arjan Singh. Rs. 5000/- each was committed by Rtn. Joginder Singh and Rtn. Salil Chopra. This amounts to a total commitment of Rs. 2 lakh over a period of four years. This scholarship is in addition to two other identical scholarships (reported in our earlier bulletin)

### Eco awareness, Hygiene and Cleanliness drive

Eco awareness session amongst students of Jeevan Mukh Nihshulk Vidyalaya, Jagatpura was conducted by PP Pallav Mukherjee in a quiz style. The students of adult centre were given tips on cleanliness and good hygiene for good health. 36 students are attending school regularly. They were each given saplings for planting at home and the best growing plant after three months will

that have already been pledged by Rotarians of our club, PP Rtn. Ritu Singal, PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu and Rtn. Amanpreet Singh, bringing the total pledged amount to Rs. six lakhs.

get prize. Some books on preliminary education were also distributed. Sanitary napkins were distributed for practicing hygiene. The new RCC of Jagatpura was also active in this project.

Fruits and snacks, sponsored by Rtn. Ashok Puri and Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, were given to students.



VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Sandeep Sawhney, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and R'ann Sudha Puri interact with students, and distribute saplings to them



Polio drops given at General Hospital Sector 6 Panchkula on 21.9.14. Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'ann Sudha Puri with hospital staff



Visit to Adult centre in Faida on 23.9.14 by Rtn. Rekha Sawhney, R'ann Sudha Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Ashok Puri and Rtn. Sandeep Sawhney

### Visit to Rotary Club Nagpur



PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta and Dr. Bhushan Gupta attend meeting of Rotary Club Nagpur

PP Dr. Vanita Gupta along with her husband, Dr. Bhushan Gupta visited Rotary Club Nagpur on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The meeting was very educative and the members were extremely friendly. In fact, Bhushan had been playing Golf with the Rotarians every day since they arrived in Nagpur on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Rotary Club Nagpur in District 3030, is a 77 years old club and the second largest club in India, having 370 members. The Rotary Anns of this club are very active, like in our club.

### Filling of posts for Disabled Persons in Punjab Govt

As a result of efforts made by Kashmir Sanawa, Harmesh Bhutto, Meena Devi and other members of Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra, Punjab Finance Minister Mr. Parminder Singh Dhindsa at a recently held 'Angheen Chetna Conference', organized by Physically Handicapped Association, Punjab, stated that Punjab

Govt. would provide more opportunities for disabled persons. Finance minister Mr. Dhindsa said Govt. of Punjab will clear the backlog of posts reserved for disabled persons in the Govt. departments of the state. This will be a great achievement for disabled persons, getting employment they are truly entitled to.

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## New Member Orientation at Nahan



Lighting up Rotary

More than 120 Rotarians attended the New Member Orientation Seminar at Nahan, the second in the series of orientation seminars planned for the year on Sunday, September 22, 2014 at Zila Parishad Bhavan. The Seminar hosted by the Rotary Club of Nahan and chaired by PP Manish Jain had District Trainer PDG Shaju Peter and PDG Dr. Gulshan Thakral from Mussoorie in the faculty. PDG Ranbir Singh also was a delegate besides Assistant Governors from Zones 8, 9, and 12.

PDG Shaju dealt with the history and achievements of Rotary International in a 45 min. dialogue with the participants.

DG Col. Dilip Patnaik addressing the delegates announced the next Intercity at Panipat – *Subhiksha* – on the Rotary Foundation on November 9, 2014.

## One Lakh donation received for J&K relief fund – effort by Salil Chopra

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown acknowledges the generosity shown by Mr. Rajesh Gupta of Smt. Durgadevi Roopnarayan Matha Charitable Trust, Ahmedabad for donating **Rs. One Lakh** towards the J&K relief fund. The Club also appreciates the sincere efforts of

Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra, who himself donated Rs. 21000/-, for accumulating donations for national disasters at the appropriate time. He had last year collected donation of Rs. 2.51 lakh for Uttarakand relief fund.

### Acknowledgment with thanks

#### Donations for Flood Victims of J&K:

**Smt. Durgadevi Roopnarayan Matha Charitable Trust, Ahmedabad** **Rs. 1,00,000**

Rtn. Salil Chopra Rs. 21000

Rtn. Lt. Cdr. A.S. Nagra Rs. 5000

PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa Rs. 1000

#### Donations for Club Projects:

PP Rtn. Jagmohan Lal Mahajan Rs. 2000

President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi Rs. 2000

PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta Rs. 1100

#### Donation to Rotary Foundation:

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### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Manju Jain October 04

R'ann Gagan Meet October 04

R'ann Herpreet Gill October 06

R'ann Kalpana Aggarwal October 07



### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor October 03

PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma October 03

Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan October 04

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia October 09



### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Shradha & Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva October 08



### Punctuality Award

Won by Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney



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