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PROGRAMME

Tripartite Rotary Project in Nepal

Chief Guest: Prof. Chris O'Brien

President Elect, Rotary Club of Wollaton Park
Nottingham, UK



Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate in Memory of Late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta



Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta and his daughter, Razul with other Rotarians and winning Rotaractors displaying their trophies

Our regular meeting on October 17, 2014, was dedicated to Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate in the memory of Late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta. We witnessed 16 teams of Rotaractors from Chandigarh tricity speaking for and against the topic of the debate, 'We want to make India world's workshop developing economy and foreign direct investment'.

Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta, his brothers Mr. Ashwani Kumar Gupta and Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta with their family, have displayed exemplary family values in the memory of their father Late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta, PHF. They have been supporting the Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate since 1992 when PDG Shaju Peter was the Club President, who came up with the idea of starting this debate in memory of Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta, known for his great contributions for the community and upliftment of the under privileged.

The two judges were Ms. Neerja Jain, Lecturer in English in Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 16, Chandigarh, and Dr. Ms. Shalini Sharma, Lecturer, N.M. College, Shahbad Markhand. The coordinator, PDG Shaju Peter declared the results. Ms. Pankuri was adjudged as the best speaker, Ghazal Sabharwal – first runner up

and Paras Bhatia – second runner up. Harsimar Kaur and Chetan Sharma were declared the best team. Certificate of participation were presented to all the participants by President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and PP Rtn. Prem Anand. Rtn. Vijay Gupta presented the trophies to all the winners.

Rtn. Salil Chopra, Director Youth Services conducted the debate in his most impressive style. The Rotaractors were given five minutes each in which they expressed their strong views about the topic, for and against motion, and almost all the participants did quite well. PDG Shaju and the two judges appreciated that the way young Rotaractors put forward their views. It was observed that we could hope for better India from the confident youth of today!

On behalf of the club Rtn. Salil Chopra thanked the judges and the family of Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta. He also thanked the Memorial Events Committee Counsellor PP Rtn. Prem Anand, Chair Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and Co-Chair Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney for planning the event very well and their sincere efforts resulted in a well organized event. He also acknowledged the support received from PDG Shaju Peter, President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.



PDG Shaju Peter presents mementos to the judges, Dr. Shalini Sharma and Ms. Neerja Jain. Looking on are President R.T.P.S. Tulsi, VP Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Prem Anand, Rtn. Ashok Puri and Rtn. Rekha Sawhney



President Tulsi and PP Prem Anand present a token of appreciation to PDG Shaju Peter. Looking on is Rtn. Salil Chopra



President Elect Rtn. Kanan Diwan presents birthday gift to IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood and wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Parveen & Rtn. Arjan Singh. Looking on are President R.T.P.S. Tulsi, VP Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Salil Chopra

Next regular meeting preponed to Tuesday, October 21, 2014



Prof. Chris & Dorothy O'Brien

Next regular meeting of our club has been preponed to Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 6.30 p.m. Rtn. Prof. Chris O'Brien will be the Chief Guest, accompanied by his wife Dorothy. Both of them are around 70 and have teaching background. Chris is the Past President and also incoming President of Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, with which our club is closely associated through their Past President and our past member Rtn. Mohan Khera, who was once Secretary of our club.

Rtn. Rosalie, who is also accompanying Prof. Chris is much younger. She is from Belgium, now settled in Nottingham, and is Director Community Service of the club. After their two weeks visit to Nepal village project, they will be in Delhi on October 20.

Wollaton Park Rotary Club was chartered in 1981. It is one of the 58 Rotary Clubs in RI District 1220 which mainly covers Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire in UK. It is a very lively, friendly and progressive club with a broad cross section of ages, backgrounds, gender and cultures. Their projects range from giving their time and raising funds for a local charity and other parts the World, including joint projects with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.

Rtn. Ashok Puri in Anand Murti Gurumaa Mantra Shivir

Rtn. Ashok Puri participated in Mantra Shivir held by Anand Murti GuruMaa in her Ashram from 4th October to 7th October 2014. Sadhaks from all over India as well as abroad attended this strenuous Shivir from morning till evening in three sessions of two hours each per day. We all were made to understand the importance, proper meaning and recitation of these old Mantra which was plasticized by our Rishis of previous yugs. Anand Murti

GuruMaa explained the effects of proper recitation of few Mantras continuously, which can help even to overcome fear of death which has to be faced by all of us. It was excellent shivir for moving sadhak in to Adhyatam path. Any Rotarian interested in such type of Meditation Shivir may please contact Rtn. Ashok Puri (M - 07837700784).

Pink October

Sahayta Charitable Welfare Society in collaboration with Rotary Chandigarh Midtown celebrated Pink October as Breast & Cervix Cancer Awareness Month by organizing Chandigarh City Pink Walk on Saturday, 18th October 2014, from Circus Ground, Sec. 17 to Plaza Sec. 17, Chandigarh followed by Breast Cancer Awareness Programme at Plaza Sec. 17, Chandigarh.

Renowned theatre personality, Padamshri, Mrs. Neelam Man

Singh presided over Breast Cancer Awareness programme at the Circus Ground and Plaza. A large number of survivors including renowned dancer Shobha Koser, senior doctors from PGI and GMCH, Sector-32, officers of Chandigarh Administration, Chief Architect, Chandigarh, Principals and students of various colleges and schools, NCC Cadets, Rotaractors, members of Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association, advocates, officers of National and

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Oriental Insurance Companies, aware citizens of Chandigarh and traders of Sector 17 participated in the rally. A Nukud Natak was staged at the Plaza. A doctor's corner was also set up to answer the queries. The theme for breast cancer awareness month is 'Breast Self Examination - a Step Towards Surviving Cancer' and 'Early Detection is your Best Protection'.

This month, fondly described as 'Pink October' is celebrated all over the world as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is also a prime opportunity to remind women to be breast aware for early

detection. The pink looped Ribbon is an internationally recognized symbol for breast cancer. People buy pink ribbons to honour women living with breast cancer, remember those lost to the disease and at the same time support research for cure. The colour 'pink' signifies that with early detection and prompt treatment, every woman has a chance of returning to the 'Pink' of health. Historic landmarks and Monuments all over the world are illuminated in pink in October to focus worldwide attention on breast cancer awareness.



Initiative of Sahayta, supported by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

Aasra Committee visits Sarai



Aasra committee Chair PP Rtn. Prem Anand and Co-Chair Rtn. Rajinder Rai, along with IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood and VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra finalizing details for renovation of roof at Rotary Sarai, GMCH-32, Chandigarh

Activities at Dev Samaj College



Rotary post was handed over to Principal, Dr. Ms. Meera Modi on 15th October 2014 for Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College, in the presence of DRR Rtn. Ankur Gupta. On behalf of our club IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood, Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary



Rtn. Salil Bali were present. On 16th October 2014 the material collected by President Rtn. Shreya for J & K relief was handed over to NGO Salaam Zindagi on behalf of our club and Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College for being transported to Kashmir.

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Nobel Peace Prize – Proud to be Indian and Rotarian...!



Malala Yousafzai, d/o Rtn. Ziauddin Yousafzai



Kailash Sathyarti



Rtn. Stefan Hell

Congratulations to Ms. Malala Yousafzai, daughter of Rtn. Ziauddin Yousafzai, for winning the Nobel Peace Prize. She shares the Nobel Peace Prize with Kailash Sathyarti, a children's right activist, of India. The prize was awarded to them for their efforts in the education of women and against the exploitation of children respectively.

Rtn. Stefan Hell from the Rotary Club of Göttingen, Germany won the Nobel prize for Chemistry with Eric Betzig and William E. Moerner from US. They were awarded the prize jointly 'for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy'.

Acknowledgment with thanks

For hosting the fellowship on 10.10.2014

Rtn. Salil Chopra

Birthday of Spouses

- R'ann Meena Mahajan
- R'ann Paramjeet Sihota
- R'ann Kadam Bhambri



- October 24
- October 24
- October 26

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. T.L. Verma

October 24

Wedding Anniversary

- R'ann Moon Inder & PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu
- R'ann Madhu & Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya
- R'ann Hariti & Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh

- October 24
- October 26
- October 28

Punctuality Award

Won by IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood





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