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PROGRAMME

Children's Day Celebrations

Treasure our Future

Talk by: Niharika Vashisht

National Athletics Champion

Special Guests:

Our Children and Grand Children

Dress code: Preferably Nehru jacket or fancy dress or any dress...!

Adults may become child for one day, and rejuvenate their childhood memories

with fun games, and dance to your favourite tunes

Friday, November 14, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Why we need Agony Aunts?

In our regular meeting on November 07, 2014 VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra officiated as our club President in the absence of Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi who was away to Delhi for birthday celebrations of his brother, MP (Rajya Sabha) Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi (Past President of our Club), who has been giving active support to our club through MPLAD funds. We acknowledge his valuable contribution by wishing him a very happy Birthday.

CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) person. In addition to this she also works as an online 'Agony Aunt'.

Aradhika explained what agony aunt means. It is an advice column in a magazine or newspaper written by an advice columnist known as an agony aunt, or agony uncle if queries are handled by men. General impression is of an older woman giving advice, hence the name 'aunt'. Agony aunts are someone who gives advice to people



'Agony Aunt' Ms. Aradhika Sharma



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra invites Rtn. Rekha Sawhney for the invocation, who sings, "Itni shakti hame dena data, Man ka vishwas kamzor ho na, Hum chalen nek raste pe hamse Bhool kar bhi koi bhool ho na..."

Dr. Rita said, "As desired by our President every meeting will start auspiciously with an invocation for thanking God for giving us a vibrant Rotary family and seek blessings for whatever we do." All those who wish to take this assignment may send their request with a photograph to the President at least two days before the meeting.

Chief Guest, Ms. Aradhika Sharma was introduced by PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee as an Author and Journalist. She is a daughter of an army officer from corps of Artillery. She is also part of SantaBanta.com. It was a short and crisp introduction by Pallav, who left it to Aradhika to do it on her own. By profession she is a

who send in problems to the newspapers, magazines, and now it is on the internet also. Agony aunt tries to answer questions, however silly or serious these may be. People want to get their agonies solved by some entity they neither know nor are ever likely to meet. Agony aunt is actually a writer or a journalist, playing another role of resolving agonies.

Aradhika candidly admitted that she may not know the solution to all the agony queries she receives, and she has to surf on Google, in spite of having other resources available. As agony aunt she has a

choice to decline giving her advice or to hold on to it. Agony aunts are not professionals but they are comforters, who are interested in people and with patience and goodwill, try to help them out. Mainly, they are just better at listening to people's issues, which others may not be. The concept of agony aunt is popular all over the world, and some of them are even celebrities. In India too agony aunts have a significant role.

To make her talk interesting, Aradhika had a vibrant interactive

session with Rotarians by putting up to them the agonies received by her, which she had not resolved. There was instant response, most of them coming from the 'Agony Uncles', and we now know many of us who can take to resolving these issues, so why not introduce an 'agony column' in our bulletin...!

PP Rtn. Gurdip Singh Deep, while proposing vote of thanks appeared more like an agony uncle, but he did thank Aradhika Sharma for her wonderful and informative talk.



Indrajeet Sengupta attending meeting at Rotary Club of Port Blair, RI District 3291, exchanging club flag with President Dr. Dinesh. Back home, he presents the flag to VP Dr. Rita Kalra. Looking on is Secretary Salil Bali



PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep presents a memento to Ms. Aradhika Sharma. Looking on, through the laptop, is VP Dr. Rita Kalra



Flower bouquets to Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra from his friend Dr. S.P. Bedi and R'ann Neeru Khattar (PDC, IW), and birthday gift presented by Aradhika Sharma



Ms. Aradhika Sharma presents birthday gift to R'ann Indu Vohra. Looking on is Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

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Wedding anniversary gift to Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain and Mr. Naresh Jain, followed by punctuality award

Wedding Bells



Our heartiest congratulations to R'ann Dr. Joginder and PP Ar. Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee. Their son, Aurobindo has been wedded to Inakshi on 8th November 2014 at New Delhi. We wish them a very happy married life, and best wishes for their future together, to enjoy every moment of their life.

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Rotary Chandigarh Midtown stands fully committed 'Towards Total Literacy' program, and we have taken up various projects in this regard in and around Chandigarh.

This has been possible through the dedicated efforts of our President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri, supported by R'ann Sudha Puri, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra and Director Vocational Service PP Rtn. R.K. Luther.

Following these meaningful projects closely, is our President Elect Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan!

Seminar on TRF : 'Subhiksha'



DGE Rtn. David Hilton presents to our club an Award for contribution to TRF by Rotarians of our club, represented at the Seminar by PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, PP Rtn. Prem Anand, Rtn. Ashok Puri and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Seminar on the Rotary Foundation was organized by Rotary Panipat Midtown on 9th November 2014 at Annapurna Garden, Panipat. Talking about TRF, DG Rtn. Col. Dilip Patnaik spoke about Rotary as a pure magic which makes ordinary people to do extra ordinary things by their contribution, love and kindness towards the community and the under privileged people.

DRFC Chair PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra gave detailed presentation of TRF and explained how we could reach the \$ 500,000 target of our District.

Chief Guest, RI Director Rtn. P.T. Prabhakar gave a very inspiring audio visual presentation on TRF. It is heartening to note that since 2008, that is in the last six years, five RI Presidents have been from Asia, including one from India. We are in a dominating position, as India is number one for membership development, and number three in contributing towards TRF. We not only have to maintain this position but we need to climb right to the top!

PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo, sharing his views on contributing to the foundation, gave a very inspiring advice. He said, "Learn, earn and return."

Acknowledgement with thanks

Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra for sponsoring fellowship

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Veena Bindra
R'ann Tavinder Chopra

Punctuality Award

Won by Rtn. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Jain



November 14
November 15



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva
Rtn. S.B. Jindal

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Satpaul & Rtn. Balraj Singh
R'ann Kadam & Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri
R'ann Lalita & Rtn. D.R. Agarwal



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