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PROGRAMME

Cocktail of Medical and Folk Humour

Chief Guest: Dr. S.S. Moudgil

Ex-Director, Haryana Sahitya Academy

Club Elections

Chair: PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh



Friday, December 26, 2014



Family of Rotary – My Understanding

Report by: Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali

In the Club meeting held on December 19, 2014, the Rotarians and Rotary Anns of our club spoke about the culture of Family of Rotary. Prof. Rana Nair of English Department, Panjab University was the chief guest. Prof. Rana was welcomed by President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, and he was introduced by Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.



Prof. Rana Nair

The program was conceived and very well co-ordinated by R'ann Lovy Peter, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and R'ann Indu Anand.

Two minutes silence was observed for Peshawar tragedy. Our new member, Rtn. Suman Gupta recited some lines on the Peshawar tragedy.

The first participant was Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra followed by other participants, and finally it was Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua.

Others who spoke during the meeting were PDG Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. Prem Anand, PP Rtn. Balram K. Gupta, R'ann Lovy Peter, PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee,

R'ann Indu Anand, R'ann Purnima Sood, R'ann Parul Bali, Jaiveer (son of Rtn. Salil Bali), Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney and Mrs. Tamana Anand (daughter-in-law of PPPrem Anand).

The chief guest, who was also the judge, had difficult time choosing the winners and finally Dr. Rita Kalra was declared as the winner with PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta and R'ann Indu Anand as joint runners-up.

Mrs. Kanta Handa, wife of Late Rtn. Suraj Handa, who was the first winner of Service Above Self award in District 3080 in 1991, was



Honouring Mrs. Kanta Handa



Rtn. Amarjit Singh presents a memento to Prof. Rana Nair



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra receives the first prize from Prof. Rana Nair. Looking on are Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, Dr. Sanjay Kalra and President Tulsi

honoured in the meeting. She was accompanied by her son, Sanjay Handa.

Rtn. Ashok Puri appealed to all Rotarians to actively participate in club projects.

Prof. Rana Nair in his speech congratulated the Rotarians for their selfless service and approach. Talking of family culture he cited many examples from history to show the spirit of family.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Amarjit Singh.



Joint runners up PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta and R'ann Indu Anand receive their prizes from Prof. Rana Nair



Prof. Nair presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Saroj Jawhar



Prof. Nair presents birthday gift to first lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi



PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta is presented birthday gift by Prof. Nair



Prof. Nair presents birthday gift to R'ann Santosh Gupta



Prof. Nair presents birthday gift to R'ann Pushpa Jawa



Punctuality award goes to Rtn. Joginder Singh, accompanied by R'ann Parminder

A great gesture by Rotary Family

While conducting TTTTs at different schools we came across a need for poor children for provision of sweaters and shoes. 25 sweaters were required, 80 shoes and 25 chairs for nursery children. This demand was from 2 schools, Govt. Model High School Manimajra and Govt. Senior Secondary School Mauli Jagran. Rtn. Salil Chopra appealed for donating these items in the club meeting on 19/12. There came an overwhelming response and following Rotarians assured help;

Shoes : Rtn. Joginder Singh-20, R'ann Parul Bali-10, Rtn. Ashok Puri-10 and rest by PP Rtn. Anil Mehan. For sweaters: Rtn. Amarjit Singh-10, PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria-10 and balance by President Tulsi. Chairs were donated by Rtn. Salil Chopra.

On 22/12 ten sets of sweaters and shoes were procured by Secretary Salil Bali, Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn Ashok Puri and distributed by to students of Govt. Model High School Manimajra in presence of Principal Renu Chopra and class teacher.

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Towards Total Literacy

After successful 1st TTTTs, followed by career counselling session by PPRtn. R.K. Luther and his team, on special request of Principal and staff, another round of TTTTs was conducted on 20/12 for 70 students of 10th class. It was education on hygiene for 3 hours. Children requested the teaching staff to extend time which earlier was 1.45 minutes and without any movement they attentively



The literacy program

attended and enjoyed the course. As a result of the 1st course, the teachers informed that children have made groups floor wise, and keeping toilets clean and grounds too free from garbage. When explained about

Interact Club and Rotaractors, they immediately responded and keenly put up their hands to join the stream. Rtn. Ashok Puri spoke about their role for which the students were willing to take up the responsibility.

He too expressed thanks to children who showed changes and offered his mobile number for future counselling. As usual chocolates and gifts were distributed to the participating children. The biggest compliment was when teaching staff appreciated the style and content taken up by Rotarians, which they never experienced in the past.

On 22/12 at Govt. Model Sr. Sec School, Sector 28-D, Chandigarh, literacy program was held from 8.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for 65 students of class 8 who were very enthusiastic, bright and brilliant. The teachers were impressed with Rotary effort and children present made groups for attending school toilets separately for boys and girls, and removing garbage from ground, creating awareness in neighbours and the community. The task force was created and teachers would update us on progress.



Children for children - polio funds: Presentation by VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra resulted in collection of Rs. 5130 from a long session lasting for one hour with over 300 students from class 3-7, very enthusiastic and exciting participation by students

Bon Voyage



Chandigarh Midtowners with DGE David Hilton and R'ann Patricia

On December 21, 2014 DGN Raman Aneja and members of Rotary Panipat Midtown hosted the Bon Voyage Program for DGE Rtn. David Hilton who is to travel to USA for the Governor

The program was attended by PRIP Raja Saboo, galaxy of PDGs, Rotarians and their families who all wished Bon Voyage to DGE David Hilton and R'ann Patricia.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to them by our club, represented by PDG Shaju Peter, R'ann Lovy, IPP Deepak Sood, PE Kanan Diwan, PP Vinod Jawa, R'ann Pushpa, Rtn. Ashok Puri, R'ann Sudha and Secretary Salil Bali.

It is very interesting to note that DGE David Hilton and DGN Raman Aneja are from the same batch of candidates who successfully attended the District Leadership Academy in 2012-13. This program was also a kind of reunion of the batch of 2012-13 as the same was also successfully attended by IPP Deepak Sood, PP Vinod Jawa and Secretary Salil Bali.

Training with R'ann Patricia. They will be accompanied by PDG Dr. Gulshan Thakral and R'ann Dr. Rashmi.

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PDG Shaju and Lovy back from Vanakkam Chennai

Vanakkam Chennai, Rotary Institute of Zone 4, 5 & 6A held on December 12-14, 2014, convened by RI Director P.T. Prabhakar at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai had an attendance of over 800 Governors - past, present and future from the various districts of the zones.

Among the Rotary world leaders who attended the meet were RI President Gary Huang and Corinna, RI President Elect K.R. Ravindran and Vanathi, Trustee Julio Sorjus and Carmen from Spain,



RI President Gary Huang and Corinna with PDG Shaju Peter and Lovy



RI President Elect K.R. Ravindran with PDG Shaju Peter

RI Director Larry Lunsford from USA, RI Director Elect Frederick Lin and Trustee Jackson Hsieh from Taiwan, besides PRIP Raja

Saboo and Usha ji, PRIP and Trustee Kalyan Banerjee and Binota ji, Trustee Suhshil Gupta, PRID Panduranga Shetty, PRID Yash Das and Manju, PRID Shekhar Mehta and Rashi, PRID Ashok Mahajan and RI Director Elect Dr. Manoj Desai and Sharmishta.

PDG Shaju and Lovy participated in the pre-convention Foundation Seminar on December 12.

Among the highlights were the keynote address by RI President Gary Huang on his theme *Light Up Rotary*, a candid thought-provoking address by RI President Elect Ravindran on 'Something We Need to Do for the Benefit of Rotary', address by Union Minister for Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs Mr. Venkaiah Naidu on Swachh Bharat and the subsequent adoption of Chennai Declaration by the Institute and a talk on the balance sheet on life by Brahma Kumari Shivani.

An audio visual presentation by PRID Yash Das titled 'Rubbles to Rubies' presented the story of reconstruction of schools by RI District 3080. These schools were ravaged by Uttarakhand floods.

Mrs. Usha Saboo received the Rotarian Spouse Award from RI President Gary.

Music Maestro A.R. Rehman received the Polio Ambassador Award from the President.

Get Well Soon

PPRtn. Harish Sethi is having acute back pain due slip disc, and is under treatment of a senior orthopaedic surgeon.

PPRtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta is also indisposed with a cervical ailment, has been advised to wear a collar, and is on bed rest.

We wish a very speedy recovery to both the past presidents, and soon hope to see them in our meetings.

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Rtn. Balraj Singh



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Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Maniki & PPRtn. Gurdip S. Deep

R'ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur

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December 27

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December 28

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Joginder Singh



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