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PROGRAMME

Disability Empowerment by Managing Stress

Audio visual presentation by:

PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Friday, January 23, 2015

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Col. Dilip Patnaik

On January 16, 2015, accompanied by first lady of our District Rtn. Dr. Taposhi, District Governor Col. Dilip Patnaik's official visit to our club started from our prestigious project Aasra Shelter, for attendants of the patients to GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh which was recently renovated with poly carbonated sheets in the roof with 5 king size ventilators installed on the roof. He was received at Aasra Shelter by District Trainer PDG Shaju Peter, President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, Past Presidents, other Rotarians and R'anns of our club. The DG then visited the Home Care Nursing, a project started by our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta, for giving training to girls on nursing so as to make them capable of employment in this field, to take care of old and infirm patients. He also visited the Literacy

Project of our Club, pursuant to the Rotary India Literacy Mission slogan and our President's vision of Total Literacy, having collaborated with an NGO for providing literacy and scholarships to the Slum Children in Govt School, Sector 8, Chandigarh. A total of 5 Computers have been recently installed in the E Learning Center in the school which was inaugurated by the DG. A new concept, designed by our President, which has been termed as Rotary Choupal, has been introduced in this school, whereby a sitting area has been constructed for students. A Rotary Emblem has been painted over there to make the Image of Rotary visible to the public.



DG Col. Dilip Patnaik and Dr. Taposhi visit Aasra Shelter, GMCH-32, where they also present 'Gift of Hearing' to 2 children



Blankets donated at Aasra Shelter



DG addresses gathering at Homecare Nursing and presents 1st aid kits to students



DG Col. Patnaik inaugurates E Learning Centre for poor children at Govt. School, Sector 8, Chandigarh and presents cheque of Rs. 1200 each as scholarship to 9 students



At the club meeting in the evening DG Col. Dilip Patnaik and Dr. Taposhi were received by the President, Past Presidents and their spouses. Welcoming the DG to the meeting President Ravi Tulsi thanked him for inspiring us during the year. The President made us all to take a pledge, "In keeping with declaration taken at Chennai during the Rotary Institute held on 13.12.14, I Rotarian of Chandigarh Midtown pledge that: I commit myself to **Swatch Bharat Abhiyan** as personal challenge and by conduct become

example to the society. I as a Rotarian will make Swatch Bharat Abhiyan as my significant and must do project up to 2017. I as a Rotarian will persuade Rotaract, Interact and RCC to take up Swatch Bharat Abhiyan....." The President gave a wonderful presentation of our signature project, 'Towards Total Literacy', and other projects and events carried out in all five avenues of service. He also described the activities for the remaining part of the current Rotary year.



*Collar ceremony for DG Col. Dilip Patnaik and President Ravi Tulsi by District Sergeant-at-Arms PP Prem Anand. Looking on are District Trainer PDG Shaju Peter and Secretary Salil Bali*



*National Anthem by R'ann Purnima Sood and R'ann Parul Bali*



*Invocation by R'ann Malabika Sengupta, with a prayer, "aye maalik tere bande hum ayese ho humare karam nekee par chale aur badee se tale....."*



*Lighting of Lamp by DG Col. Patnaik, Dr. Taposhi, PDG Shaju Peter, President Ravi Tulsi, PP B.L. Ramsisaria and IPP Deepak Sood*



*President Ravi Tulsi welcomes DG Col. Patnaik*



*R'ann Ranjana Tulsi welcomes first lady of our District Rtn. Dr. Taposhi Patnaik*



*Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali welcomes Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi*



*An inspiring address by DG Col. Patnaik*



*DG Col. Patnaik inducts a new Rotarian Dr. Anil Malhotra*

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Our club has five Rotarians, PDG Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill, PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, PP Rtn. Ritu Singal and Rtn. Ashok Puri, as members of the Paul Harris Society, who have committed US \$ 1000 to TRF every year. VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra made a pleasant announcement. "Till now we had 2 major donors, PDG Shaju Peter and PP Rtn. T.S. Anand. Now we have a third one, Mrs. Suman Tulsi, the first lady major donor in our club." She is a multi talented personality, wife of our Past President Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi, who is Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and a senior advocate in the Supreme Court. For her contribution Mrs. Suman



DG Col. Patnaik presents a micro loan cheque



Dr. Taposhi presents (L-R:) birthday gift to R'ann Indu Luthra, wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Simranpreet & Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney and punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



was recognized by the DG with a crystal trophy. We have already collected US\$ 13015 for the Rotary Foundation. Our club has also added 4 new PHFs which includes 2 children; Agastya Sahore son of Mr. Sunil Sahore and Arik Singh Tulsi grandson of President Tulsi.

DG Col. Patnaik was formally introduced by IPP Deepak Sood as a decorated army officer, an educationist, a dynamic personality, a dedicated Rotarian, and defined him in one word as a 'Charger'.

In his address Col. Patnaik highly appreciated the projects he had visited and described them as, "So well knit, so well conceived and finally so well done. My hats off to all Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown, commanded by President Tulsi." He described the Master of Ceremony PDG Shaju as, "Trainer of the District, my mentor, my friend and a philosopher."

Referring to our club bulletin, DG Col. Patnaik said, "Right for the past 7 months I have been reading this club's bulletin. It gives me immense pleasure and I get all the information." He thanked the

### Literacy and Education Global Grant Project

Our club organized a very important program at RVTC in Sector 18, Chandigarh, under Global Grant (141828) Literacy and Education Project, which was attended by 30 teachers from various schools in District 3080 with the efforts of Rotary Clubs of Mohali, Panipat Central, Chandigarh Midtown, City Beautiful, Dehradun, Dehradun Central, Panipat Rainbow, Morinda, Jagadhri North, Rotary Riviera and Parwanoo. In an inspiring address to the participants, President R.T.P.S. Tulsi ensured that the teachers

Editor PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. The DG also thanked his Aide during his official visit Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'ann Renu Chopra.

Col. Patnaik also talked about the Rotary India Literacy Mission, a unique project conceived by PRIP Kalyan Banerji. He said, "His aim and the aim of our District is that every child should be literate by 2017." He added, "The way Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown has come with the idea and the projects, and the way they are doing, I am sure all the other clubs will follow that." Regarding Membership growth the DG requested the ladies to come forward.

Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali formally thanked DG Col. Dilip Patnaik for inspiring us with his words of wisdom and the first lady Dr. Taposhi. He also thankfully acknowledged the presence of PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan,

AG Rtn. H.S. Saggi and R'ann Harjit, AG (Zone 1) Rtn. Manmohan Manchanda and R'ann Kiran, President of Rotary Chandigarh Rtn. Prof. Paramjit Singh and PP Rtn. Sham Rawal of Rotary Shivalik. He also thanked the Chair of DG Visit, IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood for meticulous planning of the event to make it a grand success.



DG Col. Dilip Patnaik concludes his official visit with a salute. Looking on are Dr. Taposhi and R'ann Ranjana Tulsi

would enjoy the program and go back home with fruitful experience. He also acknowledged the presence of Rotarians from other clubs.

In his welcome address the Project Contact IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood explained the scope of global grant project to enhance the standard of education in Govt. schools and also those run by NGOs. Chairman of the Program PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra introduced the faculty comprising of Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra who gave an overview of

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The participants



Inspiring talk by President Ravi Tulsi



Welcome address by IPP Deepak Sood



PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra introduces the faculty



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain



Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit



Rtn. Atul Grover



Rtn. Rekha Sawhney



Rtn. Salil Chopra

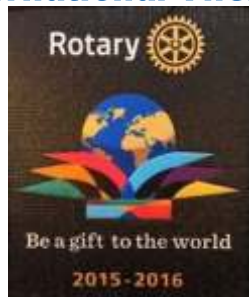
The participants expressed great appreciation for this program and one of them, a Principal of a Govt. school in Bilong expressed her desire to join Rotary.

Before concluding the program Dr. Vohra informed the teachers about the Rotary India Literacy Mission and requested all present to register themselves as volunteers on [www.rotaryteach.org](http://www.rotaryteach.org).

the training program and later conducted an interesting roll play by the teachers, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain whose topic was class room teaching methodology – traditional versus modern, Rtn. Dr. Harjinder Jit Kaur who gave an interesting presentation on development of soft skill, Rtn. Atul Grover energized an interactive session with the participants on soft skill/counselling, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney gave a presentation on preparing lessons for academic curriculum and Rtn. Salil Chopra held a group discussion of relevant current topics.

He thanked all the participating teachers, the Rotarians who took part in this program and the faculty. He also thanked IPP Deepak Sood for his sincere efforts in planning of the event, President Tulsi, VP Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Salil Bali for their support and Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney for taking good care of hospitality. Our special thanks to DRFC PDG Madhukar Malhotra for his guidance and President of Rotary Chandigarh Rtn. Prof. Paramjit Singh for the venue.

### Rotary International Theme 2015-16



### Acknowledgment with thanks Fellowship on January 16, 2015

PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta

### Wedding Anniversary

- R'ann Sarita & Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva
- R'ann Purnima & IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood
- R'ann Monika & Rtn. Chitranjan Aggarwal
- R'ann Pushpa & PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa
- R'ann Kalpana & Rtn. Praveen Aggarwal

- January 24
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- January 25
- January 28
- January 29

### Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Rita Kalra

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