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PROGRAMME

Combating Cancer

Chief Guest: Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta
Former Chief Justice Kerala High Court
Charter Secretary and President (1979-80)
Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

Friday, March 27, 2015

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Award of Scholarship

Our regular meeting on March 22, 2015 was dedicated to Zonal project, Award of Scholarship, which was a joint meeting with the clubs of Zone 3. This Zonal project has been initiated by our club under the Chairmanship of Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi. President Rtn. Ravi Tulsi welcomed the Rotarians of Clubs of Zone 3 for coming together for this unique function. He welcomed PDG Shaju Peter in his capacity as the District Trainer and the keynote speaker, Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi and the Presidents and Secretaries of Zone 3 clubs.

We wish him a speedy recovery. He was represented by the Secretary Rtn. Gurcharan Singh. On behalf of our club President Tulsi requested President Elect Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan to give details about our scholarship programme. She acknowledged the support she got from PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, the Chair of our Literacy committee, who did her best in spite of her cervical ailment.

In this project the award of scholarship was planned to be worth Rs. 40,000/- to the deserving students for which our club gave Rs.



Sitting L-R: AG H.S. Saggi, PDG Shaju Peter, President Ravi Tulsi, President R.S. Cheema and President M.L. Gupta. Standing behind with students and representatives of the schools are Secretaries Manjit Kaur, Rajneesh Kapoor, Gurcharan Singh and Salil Bali

In his address AG Saggi also acknowledged presence of PDG Shaju and all the Presidents, Rotarians and Rotary Anns of the Zone. He explained how this zonal project was conceived. He also expressed that this Scholarship award will continue as an ongoing project. The AG said we should have more joint projects within the zone so that our resources could be clubbed and we also enjoy the fellowship.

The Presidents of all participating clubs gave details of Scholarship program and literacy projects of their clubs. Rotary Chandigarh Central was led by President Rtn. R.S. Cheema and Secretary Rtn. Rajneesh Kapoor. Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik was led by President Rtn. Madan Lal Gupta and Secretary Rtn. Mrs. Manjit Kaur. President of Rotary SAS Nagar Mohali Rtn. Gurvinder Singh Juneja could not attend as he had a cervical attack that afternoon.

20000/- to each student sponsored by the clubs of our zone who put in a matching amount Rs. 20,000/- for each student. Therefore the total share of our club is equal to the contributions made by all the clubs of the zone. To this Rs. 40000/- scholarship amount, AG H.S. Saggi generously added Rs. 10000/- from his side for each student, increasing the scholarship amount to Rs. 50000/-.

In his keynote address, PDG Shaju Peter explained the absence of District Governor Col. Dilip Patnaik who was in Chandigarh for the PRE-PETS, and was to be our Chief Guest, but he had to rush back to Dehradun as the first lady of the District Dr. Taposhi, who had undergone a knee operation a week ago at Medanta Hospital, New Delhi had developed a sudden increase of pain. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Shaju was very pleased to see that the hall was full with large



Awarding the scholarship to deserving students

number of Rotarians and R'anns of Zone 3, for which he congratulated AG Saggi for the initiative taken by him. He also congratulated President Ravi Tulsi whose signature project has been literacy. He said it is heartening that he generously earmarked Rs. one lakh for this project in the name of his mother, Mrs. Baljit Kaur Tulsi.

took the initiative to identify the students and touched their lives. Shaju's talk was very inspiring and motivating for all Rotarians and Rotary Anns present in this very meaningful and memorable event.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali. He thanked PDG Shaju Peter who at the last minute accepted to be the keynote speaker for this Zonal event. He also thanked AG Rtn. H.S.



L-R: Our Secretary Salil Bali, President R.S. Cheema, President Ravi Tulsi, AG H.S. Saggi, PDG Shaju Peter, President M.L. Gupta and Secretary Gurcharan Singh



Rtn. Ashok Puri receives scholarship on behalf of blind girl supported by him for many years



PDG Shaju Peter presents punctuality award to Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh

Shaju pointed out that there are many NGOs who are working in the field of literacy but they have lot of limitations. With Rotary India being in the forefront taking up literacy as their prime mission there would be a very strong impact with regard to resources and 1.25 lakh Rotarians of Indian sub continent taking up Literacy Mission in a significant way.

Saggi because this scholarship event was made possible at zonal level due to his able guidance and motivation. Salil also thanked all Presidents and Secretaries of Zone 3 who put in hard work to ensure selection of deserving candidates for scholarships. He also thanked the representatives of schools, parents and the students for their participation in this event.

Cheshire Homes Awards for four

In a function jointly organised by Cheshire Homes Chandigarh and the Social Welfare Department of UT Chandigarh on March 22, 2015 at Bal Bhawan, Sector 23, Chandigarh, four awards were

announced which were for Institute for Blind, Chandigarh, and Patiala based Society for Handicapped. Individual awardees were Mr. Amarjit Singh Anand and Dr. Dushyant Gupta. The awards

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sponsored by Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, PP Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singhal, Mr. Pankaj Sahgal and M/s Steel Age, were presented to the awardees by the Chief Guest Mr. Vijay Dev IAS, Adviser to the Administrator. Addressing the gathering the Adviser appreciated

the excellent programme. He also said that the Administration is aware about creating an inclusive society and reach out to the disabled in proactive manner. Mr. Tilak Raj HCS, Director Social Welfare, UT Chandigarh was the Guest of Honour.



Maj. Gen. Rajender Nath and Col. Karminder Singh receive awards on behalf of their NGOs

The jury to select the awardees were former Vice Chancellor of Baba Farid University, Dr. S.S. Gill, as the Chairman, Director Social Welfare Tilak Raj, Maj. Gen. Hardyal Singh, Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon and Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan.

The Awards function was made possible with the support of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, who donated a sum of Rs. 20000/- on the occasion, and the Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown.

Second leg of Global Grant project



On 19.3.2015 our club provided 150 desks & benches, dictionaries and hygiene manual to Govt. High School, Balongi border, Mohali in presence of D.E.O Mr. M.S. Sidhu, principal and staff, and Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown

Progress at Adult Centre



VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri visited Adult centre at Nayagaon and noticed considerable improvement in learning skills for 12-14 students of the centre. They were given stationary and clothes collected by students of Gurukul Global School

Proposal to promote use of dust bins in 46-C market

On March 20, 2015 a meeting of Board of Rotaractors of Govt. College Sector 46 was held with Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra to discuss the programme of installing dust bins in Sector 46-C market. The total amount would be given by the President

market committee and date would be finalised when Rotarians and Rotaractors would form a team to create awareness among the public on use of dust bins for disposal of garbage.

Pre-Pets for Team 2015-16

President Elect Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan along with her spouse PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan attended the District Training Seminar on 21st & 22nd March 2015 at K.C. Resorts & Spa in Sector 3, Panchkula. This was organised by the District Team 2015-16 headed by DGE Rtn. David Hilton and District Trainer PDG Rtn. Dr. Gulshan Thakral, ably assisted by their spouses.

very inspirational keynote address. He also spoke about 'Total Literacy in India'. PRID Y.P. Das delivered an educative address on 'Good Leadership'. Video presentations of addresses delivered by PRIP R.K. Saboo and Mrs. Usha Saboo at the recently held International Assembly was very inspiring. The faculty consisted mostly of PDGs and some very knowledgeable Past Presidents. The major thrust was on information and training on the changing

The Chief Guest PRID Shekhar Mehta from Kolkata, delivered a

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aspects of Rotary administration through website technology and online reporting, thus getting rid of a lot of paperwork.

PE Kanan said, "The seminar was very informative and educative to prepare the presidents for the year ahead." This year a new experiment is being tried as envisaged by the 'College of Governors' of utilizing the event of Pre-Pets as a training seminar for Presidents Elect and their spouses. The second part of the training is to be held at the same venue on 4th & 5th April for the Presidents Elect and Secretaries Elect. President Elect Kanan Diwan and Secretary Elect Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia are looking forward to PET-SETS, to equip themselves for taking up their responsibility to carry forward our Club to greater heights.

Medical camp & culture programme

DCS Rtn. Ashok Puri informs that our club with Rotary Community Corps, Khuda Alisher will hold a medical camp on 29th March 2015 from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Darbar Hall, Gurudwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib, Khuda Alisher, Chandigarh. Doctors for ENT, dental, General, Gyne and Skin shall be examining patients and also give essential medicine.

This will be followed by cultural programme from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at B.R. Ambedkar Stadium, Khuda Alisher. Rotarians and their spouses are requested to attend to make these events a success.

World Disabled Day organized by RCC of Dadumajra



World Disabled Day was organised by Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra in association with Physically Handicapped Association and Sarthak Centre, NITTTTR, Sector 26, Chandigarh. Municipal Corporation Chandigarh Councillor Mr. Satinder Singh was the Chief Guest. Harmesh Kumar, Veena Kumari and Vinod Nagpal representing RCC, and Sarthak Centre Manager Arun Sharma were also present.

150 disabled persons present in the function were distributed Certificates of completion of course on Communication Skills.

Acknowledgment with thanks

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Rs. 20000/-
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Picnic scheduled for 29th March, has been postponed to Sunday, 05th April 2015

Birthday of Spouses

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April 02

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Ajay K. Gupta

March 29

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh



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