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PROGRAMME

Spirituality and Health (Integration of Body, Mind and Soul)

Chief Guest: Dr. Sachin Gupta

Consultant Medical Oncology and Haemato Oncology, Max Super Specialty Hospital, Mohali

Friday, May 15, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Mother's Day - 'What my Mother means to me'



President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi presents a token of appreciation to PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta for his support since beginning of the Rotary year. Looking on is Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali

In our regular meeting on May 08, 2015 Mother's Day was meticulously organized by R'ann L o v y P e t e r , Counsellor, Family of Rotary, R'ann Indu Anand as the Coordinator, R'ann Purnima Sood as the Master of Ceremony and Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.

hardened of professionals turn all moist-eyed. But nothing beats the touching faith and implicit trust that little children have in their mothers. This veritable sea of emotions came to the fore as Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown celebrated Mother's Day by organizing a declamation contest of little children, ranging from 6 to 13 years. Little children sang, recited and paid glowing, heart-felt tributes to their mothers, with an innocence that tugged at the heartstrings of the audience.

Sanmeet, who likes writing short stories and articles, got the first prize as she eloquently described how her mom was her confidant and gave her both freedom and security.

Diksha played the Casio and sang melodiously to praise mothers' spirit of sacrifice. She shared the second place with Jaiveer who was very convincing as he talked of his special bond with his mom.

It was however, the tiny-tots who stole the thunder. Tiny Vivaan had to be perched on the table to enable him to reach the mike but he had memorized his lines and reeled them off with elan.

The adorable twins Ananya and Anushka too spoke from their heart and their love for their mom was spontaneous and touching.

For judging the children expressing their love and affection for what their mothers mean to them, we had R'ann Indu Luthra, Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar and R'ann Aruti Nayar, who also sent the following report on Mother's Day – 'Celebrating motherhood, with love and thanks!'

The mention of Mother's Day makes even the most cynical and



Twin sisters Ananya and Anushka with their mother Ita and grandmother R'ann Indu Vohra



Sanmeet with her mother R'ann Simranpreet Sawhney



Diksha with her mother Anjali and and grandmother R'ann Pushpa Jawa



Jaiveer with his mother R'ann Parul Bali



L-R: Secretary Salil Bali, President Ravi Tulsi, Capt. C.S. Vohra who assisted his brother PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra to design the special wheel chair for Toran, and his mother Ms. Lipi Sharma

While the kids expressed themselves evocatively, the moms and grandparents looked on indulgently, visibly moved. The older children got books as gifts and the little ones were happy with their teddy bears. R'ann Lovy Peter deserves kudos for encouraging kids to face the mike and enable them to develop self confidence.

Another aspect that added a special touch to the celebrations was gifting of a special wheel chair to a mother single handedly taking care of her child afflicted with cerebral palsy resulting in loss of functions in his upper and lower limbs. Ms. Lipi Sharma, the mother, emotionally and gratefully acknowledged the support she got from our club for her son, Toran.

Domestic help Gita Kewal was encouraged by R'ann Lovy Peter and another one Pinky Pohan by R'ann Sarabjit Bawa to educate their children and empower them. They were given cash prizes. A commendable effort that is a source of inspiration for many.

It was an enjoyable as well as an inspiring evening. The audience involvement was total and the icing on the cake was the song by President R.T.P.S. Tulsi, praising the selflessness of a mother, who puts herself in the line of fire but pulls out all stops to guard her children.



First lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi gives prizes to the winners: Sanmeet, Jaiveer, Diksha, Ananya, Anushka and Vivaan



Judges R'ann Indu Luthra, R'ann Aruti Nayar and Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar being honoured by first lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi

Coordinator R'ann Indu Anand

Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali welcomed the guests Dr. Rohit Goyal, Mrs. Priyanka Goyal, Mr. Suresh K. Gupta, Mrs. Neena Gupta and Mr. Brahamanand Aggarwal.

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R'ann Sarabjit Bawa and R'ann Lovy Peter introduce domestic helpers Pinky Pohan and Gita Kewal, who get cash prizes from R'ann Ranjana Tulsi



MC R'ann Purnima Sood



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



R'ann Ranjana Tulsi presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Santosh & PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta



Secretary Salil Bali and R'ann Purnima Sood present birthday gift to R'ann Neena Jauhar



President Tulsi and R'ann Ranjana Tulsi present punctuality award to Rtn. Mrs. Urmil Luther

Blood Donation Camp at Khuda Alisher

Our Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Alisher, along with their Youth Club and Rotary Chandigarh Midtown had organised Blood Donation Camp on 26th April 2015 at Gurudwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib, Khuda Alisher. 68 units were collected. Our club was represented by President Rtn. Ravi Tulsi, PPRtn. Anil Mehan, DCS

Rtn. Ashok Puri and Joint Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia. Against a donation received from Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Anureet Bhatti, a cheque of Rs 5000/- was given by our club for the camp to Mr. Gurpreet Somal, President Youth Club, Khuda Alisher.

RYLA at Rayat and Bahra Institute, Ropar Campus

RYLA, hosted by Rotary Club Rupnagar held on May 01-03, 2015 at Rayat and Bahra Institute, Ropar Campus, was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mrs. Tanu Kashyap, IAS. The keynote address was given Rtn. Y.P. Das, Past RI Director who spoke on 'Fundamentals of Leadership'. PDG Rtn. Dr. R.S. Parmar told the young delegates

about Rotary. Mr. G.S. Bahra, Chairman Rayat and Bahra group of Institutes also addressed the delegates. DYS Rtn. Salil Chopra informed that the three participants sent by our club were Mohit Joshi, Nandan Gupta and Suksham.

District Training Assembly 2015 at Mussoorie

'Swa-Arpan', the District Training Assembly 2015, is being hosted by Rotary Mussoorie on Sunday, 31st May, 2015.

Time: 9:00 a.m.: Registration & Breakfast. 10:15 a.m. : Assembly called to order, Opening Plenary and Breakout Sessions 02:30 pm : Lunch. **Registration:** Rs. 950/- per head, up to 22nd May 2015. Rs. 1150/- per head, 23rd May 2015 onwards.

Venue: St. George's College, Barlowganj, Mussoorie (About 5 km before Mussoorie, near Hotel Jaypee Residency Manor).

Seminar for Disabled Persons at NITTTR

'Stakeholder Engagement Seminar for inclusion of persons with disability' was organized on May 07, 2015 in National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Sector 26, Chandigarh by SARTHAK Educational Trust, an NGO working in

the area of disability since last 6 years, and running skill development courses for disabled persons at NITTTR in Chandigarh and at other places in the country.

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The seminar was inaugurated by Ms. Vinni Mahajan, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Punjab who appreciated the efforts made by NGOs to help the disabled persons. Director of NITTTR Dr. M.P. Punia's talk was aimed to sensitize the concerned establishments to provide suitable opportunities for



Chief Guest Ms. Vinni Mahajan, IAS, Director NITTTR Dr. M.P. Punia and Dean Dr. J.S. Saini addressing the delegates from corporate sector, NGOs and disabled persons

persons with disability (PWD). Dr. J.S. Saini, Dean of NITTTR, who takes keen initiatives for PWDs conducted the seminar to make it meaningful and informative.

Towards Total Literacy

Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra said, "This time TTTTs was held in different style and mode." Govt. Sanskriti Sr. Secondary School, Sector 20, Panchkula wanted our club to hold this programme in their school for 3 different classes one at a time on 8.5.2015 in their school premises in computer lab for class 10, 9 and 8. It was a great experience and exposure for very disciplined

SARTHAK is a vision of its Founder & CEO Dr. Jitendra Aggarwal, a visually challenged person, who believes that persons with disability can lead a life of dignity and financial independence with proper training and good working environment.

Our Club was represented by Counsellor Disability Empowerment PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra who gave an audio visual presentation of the activities carried out by disabled persons with artificial limbs, bringing out a positive aspect of self empowerment by disabled persons in spite of difficulties they face at various levels. This presentation based on his 42 years of experience as prosthetic professional was well applauded by all present. Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra was also present on the occasion. We also discussed with Dr. Saini about having RYLA for disabled persons in NITTTR, and received a positive response from him.

Project Manager Arun Sharma and other staff members of SARTHAK gave their best to make the event successful with more than 45 participants from the Government, corporate sector, medical professionals, NGOs and persons with disability, which included our RCC members Harmesh Kumar and Dharam S. Mundi

children. Each time The topics were Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat and personal hygiene. The participants were offered eclairs and chocolates. There was lot of appreciation for the course by the Principal and teachers. Next program lined up is for class 11 and 12 on goal setting and time management

Acknowledgement with thanks

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Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor	Rs. 5000/-
Rtn. A.K. Puri	Rs. 3100/-
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For fellowship on 08th May 2015

PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta and Rtn. Tejbans Jauhar

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Dr. Savita Gulati



May 20

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Chanchal & Rtn. C.J. Rai

May 17

R'ann Guninder & Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

May 19

R'ann Indu & PPRtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

May 21

Punctuality Draw:

Won by Rtn. Mrs. Urmil Luther



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