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PROGRAMME

Know our new Rotarians

Friday, December 04, 2015

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Disaster and Delivery (Nepal Earthquake)



PDG Jagdish Rana

In our regular meeting on November 27, 2015 Chief Guest PDG Jagdish Rana was introduced by PDG Shaju Peter. He was the Governor of Rotary District 3080 in 1985-86. He is not a Rotarian now but his actions continue to be Rotary like. A widely travelled

person he did History (honours) and International law. He was Member of Parliament in Nepal from 1992 to 1998. He and his wife, Mrs. Bhuvan are settled in Mashobra (H.P.) and Kathmandu (Nepal), and they keep moving between these two places.

PDG Rana gave a talk about the disaster in Nepal where thousands of children and families are in urgent need of support following the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal on 25 April 2015. Nearly 9,000 people were killed, more than 23,000 injured and many left homeless after entire buildings were reduced to rubble. The first quake measured 7.8 on the Richter scale, and its epicenter was identified at a distance of 80 km to the northwest of Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Bharatpur was the nearest major city to the main earthquake, 53 km from the epicenter. The second earthquake was somewhat less powerful at 6.6. It occurred 65 km east of

Kathmandu and its seismic focus lay at a depth of 10 km below the earth's surface. Over 38 aftershocks of magnitude of 4.5 or greater occurred on that day following the initial earthquake. Thousands of houses were destroyed across many districts of the country, with entire villages being flattened, especially those near the epicenter.

Mr. Rana said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had quickly come to Nepal's help after the devastating earthquake. As Nepal's immediate neighbour, India was the first to respond to the crisis, by providing relief within couple of hours of the earthquake. There was immediate dispatch of relief and rescue teams, including medical team, to Nepal. Air India reduced fares on flights bound for Kathmandu, and announced that it would also carry relief material on its flights

Indian Army's relief operations delivered relief materials to inaccessible areas. It also set up field hospitals to take care of the wounded. International relief organizations also played their role and provided shelter kits, food and water, and sanitation facilities. International Medical Corps provided orthopedic and rehabilitative care to injured people, working with local agencies to provide psychosocial support.

The apex Sikh body Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) also sent food packets to the earthquake affected people of Nepal. Mr. Rana appreciated the efforts of the Sikhs, including those settled in Nepal who served meals (langar) as they were aware of the food needed by the Nepalese people, and worked alongside the local army to distribute food effectively to all victims.

Rotary also provided immediate relief activities not only through Rotary clubs in Nepal but also mobilized worldwide support from clubs in other countries.



*PDG Shaju Peter
Introducing Chief Guest*



*President Kanan Diwan presents token of
appreciation to Mrs. Bhuvan Rana*



*PP Pallav Mukherjee and President Kanan Diwan
present a memento to PDG Jagdish Rana*

Vote of thanks by PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee nostalgically drifted down the memory lane as he was happy to talk about his over 30 years of association with Mr. Jagdish Rana and his wife Mrs. Bhuvan.



Rotarians at Maloya Sewing Centre where 25 ladies are being given training by Chandigarh Midtown



Fellowship hosted by R'ann Urmil and PP R.K. Luther on November 30, 2015



R'ann Purnima Sood and R'ann Indu Anand National Anthem



R'ann Bir Gulati Invocation



PP Deepak Sood e-Learning project



PP Pallav Mukherjee Vote of thanks



Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia Weekly progress



PP Ajit Gulati Punctuality award



Mrs. Bhuvan presents (L-R) birthday gifts to Rtn. Rajinder Rai, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, R'ann Purnima Sood and wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Sunita & PE Rtn. Amarjit Singh

PP Gurdip is candidate for DGN 2018-2019



PP Gurdip S. Deep

In his brief address in our regular meeting on November 27, 2015 PP Rtn. Gurdip Singh Deep thanked Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown for approving his name as a candidate for District Governor Nominee 2018-19.

Gurdip did his Masters with honours in Physics from Panjab University, Chandigarh, moving on to the diverse field with diploma in personnel management, to be followed by a career in banking. He served in Punjab National Bank till 1977 as a senior manager. Thereafter he proceeded to England to join an International Bank. He returned to India in 1990 and joined Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in 1991. He is the Chairman of Nationwide Investments Ltd., Chandigarh.

He was Chairman of Chandigarh Management Association and Vice President of All India Management Association. He had also started India International Educational Trust to give scholarship to poor students.

Gurdip was President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in 2009-10. He is currently the Chairman of Cheshire Homes, Chandigarh. He and R'ann Maniki were also involved for some years in Plaza Carnival at Sector 17, Chandigarh. They have an illustrious son, Karun, who is well settled in London.

CSR Initiative by SPAN Infotech



A noble gesture by SPAN Infotech. Cheque being presented

SPAN Infotech (India) Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of EVRY, the largest Nordic IT Group, at its Mohali Center organized a Charity Camp called SPAN Samarpan at its premises as part of its CSR initiative. PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep addressed the employees on the topic, 'How corporate employees can contribute towards social causes'. Also present was SPAN Mohali Center Head & Sr. Vice President, Mr. Rajnish Mohan and the management team of Mohali Center.

On 23rd November 2015 SPAN FunTeam, the organizer of 'SPAN Samarpan', gave donation of Rs. 30000/- through cheque to Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney, Director Youth Service, who inspired them to Rotary as they wish to continue contributing towards social welfare activities of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown. They also donated clothes and books.

Rotary
DISTRICT 3080

MEET THE PRESIDENT

HOST:
ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN
10 DECEMBER 2015 - 4.00 p.m.
CHANDIGARH JUDICIAL ACADEMY
 Sector 43, Chandigarh
 Registration: Rs. 600/- per head

RI President K.R. Ravindran and spouse Vanathy



Promoting RI President meet at Rotary Foundation Seminar in Panipat. DG David Hilton, President Kanan Diwan, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia, PP Ajit Gulati, PE Amarjit Singh, PDG Shaju Peter, Vice President Ashok Puri, PP Gurdip S. Deep and Office Secretary V.P. Sharma

RI President will also inaugurate our e-learning Project at Govt. Model High School, Manimajra, near Fun Republic at 10.00 a.m.

RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai to attend Intercity on December 10, 2015:
 According to a message received from RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai, he and spouse Dr. Sharmishta will be arriving in Chandigarh in the afternoon on December 10 to be a part of the Intercity to honour the RI President. Dr. Desai will be addressing the delegates for 10 minutes. They will be leaving next morning for Vadodara.

Chandigarh Midtowners may kindly note that all of them have already been registered for the Intercity. All are requested to bring along their spouses.

Registration for the spouse will be Rs. 600/-.

Get well soon

R'ann Santosh Gupta, PDC (IW), wife of PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta had undergone a surgery for the heart on 23rd November 2015 and was discharged from the hospital on 25th November. We wish her a very speedy recovery, sound health and happiness.

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Training skills to students



Training programme in progress

On 23/11 on request by Principal Mrs. Manita and Coordinator Ms. Parminder we held a programme on moral values at Govt. Sr. Sec. School Manimajra.

Rtn. Salil Chopra said, "The students felt that this training will change the course of their lives and they would channelize their energy to synergy and divert their path to creativity and better life style. The teachers and students were so moved that they were in tears."

The lecture was focused on Bhartiya and strength of values of ancient culture over western short living values, respect to parents, grandparents and honour to teachers, family unity and spending time with parents.

Function postponed

The book release of Dr. Shruti Bedi, daughter of PP Dr. Balram Gupta, which was scheduled for December 06, 2015 stands postponed due to demise of mother of Chief Guest of the function Justice A.K. Sikri.

Club elections



Chair Club Elections IPP R.T.P.S. TulsI giving inspiring advice to PE Amarjit Singh after announcement of club elections as per details in previous bulletin

Mobile Court will be held by Chandigarh Midtown on World Disability Day - 3rd December 2015

The World Disability Day on 3rd December 2015 is being celebrated by our club in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, Chandigarh Administration by holding Mobile Court at Bal Bhavan, Sector 23, Chandigarh at 10.00 a.m. to address the issues of disabled persons. The event has been coordinated by Director Community Service Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Counsellor Disability Empowerment PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Mr. Harmesh of RCC Dadumajra.

The Disability Commissioner Ms. Bhawna Garg, IAS has kindly consented to resolve the cases related to disabled persons in the mobile court. Ms. Nishu Singhal, Director Social Welfare has meticulously planned the event for the empowerment and rehabilitation of people with limited abilities.

Rotarians are requested to participate in this event which will be a great morale booster for persons with disabilities.

Acknowledgement with thanks

SPAN Infotech (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mohali
(Through Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney)

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Neeru Khattar
Mr. Naresh Kumar Gupta
R'ann Dr. Seemha Rai



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. Shekhar Jindal

Rs. 30000/-

December 05
December 08
December 10

December 08

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Gagan Meet & Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh	December 07
R'ann Suman & Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta	December 07
R'ann Sushobhita & PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma	December 08
R'ann Vanita (Veena) & Rtn. Vijay Kumar	December 10
R'ann Saroj & Rtn. Ravinder K. Jain	December 10

Punctuality Award

Won by PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati

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