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PROGRAMME

Meet the President Intercity
Host: Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

Please note
the change in date,
time and venue of
the meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Time: 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43, Chandigarh

Welcome Rotary International President **K.R. Ravindran** and **First Lady Vanathy**



RI President K.R. Ravindran and gracious Vanathy

K.R. Ravindran is CEO and founder of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed printing, packaging, and digital media solutions company. It is arguably the world's largest supplier of tea bag packaging, catering to nearly every major tea brand, with manufacturing facilities in Sri Lanka and India. Printcare is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. Ravindran has been a featured speaker at several international print and packaging forums.

Ravindran also serves on the board of several other companies in Sri Lanka and India and charitable trusts, including the MJF (Dilmah) Charitable Foundation. He is the founding president of the Rotary-sponsored Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association, the largest such agency in Sri Lanka. During the country's civil war, Ravindran was involved in the business community efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflict and was a featured speaker at the United Nations-sponsored peace conference in New York for the Sri Lankan diaspora in 2002.

A third generation Rotarian and a member himself since the age of 21, is a member of Rotary Club of Colombo (Sri Lanka). Ravindran has served on the Rotary International Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees and as RI treasurer.

As his country's national PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a joint task force of the Sri Lankan government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. Aided by Rotary's efforts, Sri Lanka reported its last case of polio in 1994.

He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, in which Rotary District 3220 raised more than \$12 million to rebuild over 20 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 14,000 children. He continues to play a role in his club's project to build a cancer prevention and early detection center in Sri Lanka. Once completed, it will be the only dedicated national facility to offer comprehensive screening and early detection services.

Ravindran is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

He and Vanathy have been married since 1975, and they have two children and a recently born grandchild.

Know RI President Ravi a little better

Pedigree

Mentors

Almamater

Where he met Vanathy

Passions in college

Weaknesses

Current value of Printcare share of SL Rs 2/

Favourite Music

Allergy

Culinary Talent

Third generation Rotarian

Uncle R Krishnamurthy, former Advocate General of Tamil Nadu and aunt Kanagam

Loyola, Chennai

Stella Maris College, Chennai

Rugby, Cricket, Tennis, Water Polo and Boxing

Sports Cars and granddaughter Raika

SL Rs 42/-

Western Classical

Mushrooms

Brewing good tea

Meet the President Intercity December 10, 2015 MC: PDG Shaju Peter

15.00 hrs.	Registration begins
16.15 hrs.	Group photograph with the President, of each club
17.45 hrs.	Collar to the Governor
17.46 hrs.	National Anthem – India
17.48 hrs.	National Anthem – Sri Lanka
17.50 hrs.	Bouquets of welcome to the RI President and First Lady Bouquets of welcome to RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai and Dr. Sharmishta Welcome remarks – PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
17.56 hrs.	Rotary's Gift to the children of Uttarakand : An audio-visual presentation by PRID Yash Das
18.06 hrs.	Medical Mission to Malawi : A presentation by PDG Madhukar Malhotra
18.09 hrs.	RI Theme – A presentation by Interactors
18.12 hrs.	Recognitions – Foundation & others – DG David Hilton
18.32 hrs.	Remarks – RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai
18.42 hrs.	Introduction of RI President – PDG Dr. Gulshan Thakral
18.45 hrs.	Keynote address by RI President K R Ravindran
19.05 hrs.	Memento to RI President by DG David Hilton
19.07 hrs.	Expression of Thanks – President Kanan Diwan
19.10 hrs.	Adjournment



As a past convention attendee, you know each convention is special. I attended my first convention nearly 30 years ago in Las Vegas, and they get better and better each year. Like you, I enjoy seeing old friends, making new ones and sharing my passion for Rotary. The Seoul convention 28 May--1 June, 2016 is sure to be the best yet.

I personally invite you to join me in Seoul, to connect with new friends and new ideas, and be inspired to **"Be a Gift to the World."** Remember to take advantage of early registration savings by 15 December and register today.

See you in Seoul!

K.R. Ravindran
RI President

Know our new Rotarians



Rtn. Ravinder Jain



Rtn. Nitin Kapur

Our regular meeting on December 04, 2015 was dedicated to knowing our new Rotarians, giving them a meaningful opportunity to get involved in Rotary activities. The meeting was presided over by our Vice President Rtn. Ashok Puri. He greeted all Rotarians, their spouses and the Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown who were present in the meeting. He quoted a special prayer, "When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them and sometimes when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you." Life is full of blessings!!! Express Gratitude for all the good things in life.



VP Ashok Puri

Our new Rotarians, Rtn. Nitin Kapur and Rtn. Ravinder Jain told us about themselves and their profession. They shared their wonderful experience by joining Rotary. This has increased their network of friendship and they are also enjoying the fellowship. Rotary is a global service platform and gives us all great satisfaction of serving the community.

PP B.L. Ramsaria talked on importance of Classification and its implementation in the club.

PP Ajit Gulati, Chair 'Meet the President Intercity' gave details of the event. PP Deepak Sood informed about the inauguration of e-Learning project in Manimaja School by RI President on December 10, 2015.



*R'ann Sudha Puri and
R'ann Urmil Luther
National Anthem*



*R'ann Indu Anand
Invocation*



*PP Prem Anand
Officiating as
Sergeant-at-Arms*



*PP B.L. Ramsaria
Talk on
Classification*



*PP Ajit Gulati
Chair
Intercity*



*PP Deepak Sood
e-Learning
project*



PP Ajit Gulati presents (L-R:) birthday gift to R'ann Dr. Seemha through her husband Rtn. Rajinder Rai, wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Saroj & Rtn. Ravinder K. Jain and punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor. Looking on is Vice President Rtn. Ashok Puri

Literacy program at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Manimajra



Training skills to students

On 1st December 2015 we conducted training skill classes for students of Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Manimajra on moral values. We expressed the need of making India a strong nation, value and meaning of Namaste, parents as loving and living Gods, teachers as Guru the path pardarshak, responsibility towards old people and parents. Videos were screened and children were made to explain the story and moral drawn. Boys and girls responded very well but girls were more expressive. The students were so moved that most of them were seen touching the feet of Rtn. Salil Chopra who remarked, "It was most touching moment for me."

This programme will continue for 6 weeks in the same school. Principal Mr. Shiv Kumar was greatly impressed by the lecture. Even the teacher In-charge expressed her sentiments with an astrological approach.

Mobile Court held by Chandigarh Midtown on World Disability Day – a great success

The Mobile Court on the World Disability Day on December 03, 2015 organized by our club in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, UT Chandigarh at Bal Bhavan, to address the issue of disabled persons, was a great success. The Disability Commissioner Ms. Bhawna Garg, IAS resolved 25 cases in 30 minutes, duly assisted by Nodal Officer, Mr. D.R. Negi.

The event was coordinated by Counsellor Disability Empowerment PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra who had full support of Director Community Service Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra. Mr. Harmesh of RCC Dadumajra was instrumental in getting the applicants who had various issues related to their disabilities which needed fast track justice.

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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Disability Commissioner Ms. Bhawna Garg holding the Mobile Court at Bal Bhawan, Sector 23, Chandigarh



Disabled persons in the Mobile Court

Special children of various institutes in the city gave impressive cultural show. Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS Adviser to the Administrator was the Chief Guest. He distributed three tricycles to disabled persons, donated by our club through kind courtesy of President Kanan Diwan and Dr. Vohra.



Special booth for our club



Tricycles being distributed by Adviser Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev

Our club was represented in this special event by President Kanan Diwan, PPD.P. Khandelia, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Salil Bali, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon, Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh, PP Gurdeep S. Deep, Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra.

Acknowledgement with thanks

Donations for Club projects

Rtn. Ravinder Kr. Jain

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Lalita Agarwal

R'ann Pushpa Jawa

R'ann Ranjana Tulsii

R'ann Ritu Bhatia

R'ann Kiran Sharma



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora

Rs. 2100/-

December 13

December 15

December 17

December 17

December 17

December 12

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia December 11

R'ann Amardeep & Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh December 12

R'ann Nita & Rtn. M.S. Manaktala December 12

R'ann Meena & Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan December 12

R'ann Manjit & Rtn. D.S. Kalsi December 13

R'ann Manmeet & Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora December 15

Punctuality Award

Won by Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor



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