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PROGRAMME

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A Presentation by:

Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

Friday, December 18, 2015

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Meet the President Intercity



Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown with RI President K.R. Ravindran & World First Lady Vanathy, PRIP Raja Saboo & Usha ji, RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai & Sharmishta ji, PRID Yash Das & Manju ji and DG David Hilton & Patricia ji



Keynote address by RI President
K.R. Ravindran

On December 10, 2015 Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown hosted a very important event of the year in RI District 3080, 'Meet the President Intercity', which was a prestigious opportunity for 400 Rotarians who attended the Intercity to honour Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran and the gracious world First Lady Vanathy in the wonderful venue at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43, Chandigarh. The Intercity began with the photo session of each club members and spouses who posed for a group photograph with the RI President and the First Lady.

We were blessed with the presence of our mentors Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo and Usha ji, We also had the gracious presence of RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai and Dr. Sharmishta. Dr. Desai briefly gave an inspiring address to the gathering.

Past RI Director Yash Das gave a presentation about the great humanitarian work done as Rotary's gift to children of Uttarakhand. A presentation on Medical Mission to Malawi was given by PDG Madhukar Malhotra. "We will be discussing our hygiene and



RI President K.R. Ravindran being received at the Intercity by PDG Shaju Peter and Director of Chandigarh Judicial Academy PP Dr. Balram Gupta

sanitation projects in Government schools in the city, our medical missions to various countries, rebuilding schools in Uttarakhand and our work to provide shelters and rebuild schools in Nepal after the earthquake," said PRIP Raja Saboo.

On this occasion, Simardeep Kaur, student of Bhavan Vidyalaya Chandigarh, received a plaque for winning the inter-zonal declamation contest on the current year's Rotary theme, 'Be a Gift to the World', in which many schools had participated and out of the 20 contestants she was adjudged the best.



Addressing the delegates (L-R:) Past RI President Raja Saboo, RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai, PRID Yash Das and DG David Hilton



Another feature of the Intercity initiated by District Governor David Hilton was the Rotary Foundation recognitions by RI President Ravi to the major donors, contributors to the Endowment Fund and members of the Paul Harris Society.

From our club recognition was given to PDG Shaju Peter, President Kanan Diwan, PP Indrajeet Sengupta, PP Ritu Singal and Rtn. Ashok Puri

In his keynote address RI President Ravindran highlighted the 'Power of Rotary'. He said,

“Rotary transcends all religions, respects every conviction and unites people across borders without any discrimination, which lends it the power to bring about a positive change for a better world.” He called upon the working professionals and business houses to give back to the society and make a difference in the lives of people in their own community by joining hands with Rotary. The big corporates who want to do good for the society have immense opportunity to partner with Rotary and get a global footprint to spread their message across and really contribute in bringing about the change through their corporate social responsibility projects.

Earlier in the morning RI President and his wife Vanathy visited Elante Mall where nearly 1,500 school students, who are members of the Interact Club, and Rotaractors congregated for the 'Keep India Polio Free' campaign. They had also visited Fortis Hospital in Mohali where 400 cardiac surgeries have been conducted on economically disadvantaged children in India and abroad, including from Pakistan, under the Rotary Heartline Project.

RI President Ravindran also inaugurated our global grant project e-Learning Centre in Government Model School at Manimajra as a part of the Rotary India's Literacy Mission. Comprising of digital learning module for class VIII students along with hardware costing

about Rs. 1.5 lakh, eighteen Government schools would be equipped with e-Learning modules in Chandigarh and around at a cost of Rs. 27 lakh, DG David Hilton informed.

RI President Ravi's aim is to manage Rotary's global programmes and inspire Rotarians around the world to respond to their immediate community needs and engage people to work together for a better world. After visiting various projects undertaken by the Rotary Clubs in the city he said, “I am now a world citizen, not a Sri Lankan, and my job is to keep the bus on the road.”

Talking about the various programmes of Rotary in the fields of education, literacy, health and others, the RI President said Rotary International's priority remains to eradicate polio to protect children around the entire world.

“I joined the Rotary when I was 21, and it was to find new friends and meet people. Over the years, the service aspect of Rotary grows on you, you get immersed in it. Meeting people with the same goals, feelings and the desire to give and share makes you hone your talents. You share network, learn from each other, get a wider view and perspectives and make life-long friends. Young people can benefit so much from this organization,” said the RI President.

“We have to raise money to finish the job we started. After small



RI President Ravindran and Mrs. Vanathy welcomed at e-Learning Centre by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Kanan Diwan and other Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown



PRIP Raja Saboo, RI President Ravindran, PP R.K. Luther and PE Amarjit Singh



PP Deepak Sood talks about e-Learning project

pox, polio is the second disease that needs to be eradicated. India is polio-free, but to keep it so will require constant effort. Also it's important that we be visible and encourage everyone to do something for their own community. The aim is to reach out," he said.

Host Club President Kanan Diwan, expressing gratitude at the conclusion of the Intercity said, "It is indeed a momentous moment for me that I have the privilege of thanking a serving President of Rotary International on behalf of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown and all Rotarians of District 3080. My utmost gratitude to RI President K.R. Ravindran and First Lady Vanathy."

She also thanked PRIP Raja Saboo and Usha ji for always being there to guide us. She had special thanks for RI Director Dr. Manoj Desai and Dr. Sharmishta for coming all the way from Vadodara. She also thanked

Past RI Director Yash Das and PDG Madhukar Malhotra for their presentations.

Kanan also thanked our District First Lady Patricia Hilton for always showing us the way and DG David Hilton for giving us the opportunity to host this important event. She also acknowledged the presence of all Past District Governors, DGE Raman Aneja and their spouses in such good number.

Special thanks to the media for giving good coverage of the event.

She thanked the Director of Judicial Academy PP Dr. Balram Gupta for the beautiful venue made available to us and also thanked the staff of the academy. She was thankful to all the Rotarians of our club for their spontaneous support. The hard work done by Master of Ceremonies PDG Shaju Peter and Event Chair PP Ajit Gulati was evident as they had done meticulously planning to make the Intercity a grand success.



RI President Ravindran having a friendly chat with Sergeant-at-Arms PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on are PP Ajit Gulati and Rtn. Arjan Singh

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Memento presented to RI President in form of a wall carpet with RI theme on it

Teaching students the skills

On December 09, 2015 on the invitation of Mrs. Kiran and Principal Mr. Shiv Kumar we conducted courses on human values and importance of cultural values, and teacher the Guru who shapes the life, holding nation above all, path of truth, being Bhartiya and Namaste. Children were deeply involved and some awakening was created towards competitiveness and to use more of brain power

than hands. A strong wave of change was noticed as children vowed to bring positive changes in them and spread the message amongst others.

Rtn. Salil Chopra says that there is a long way to go and we will have to hold more seminars to help teachers to lead the children for building a strong nation.

Blood donation camp on 24th December 2015 at Ravindra Farms, Kot Billa

Blood donation camp is being organized on 24th December 2015 at Ravindra Farms, Kot Billa from 10am onwards. For the last many years Rtn. Ravinder Krishan celebrates his birthday in this unique

manner, and thousands of unit of blood have been collected, and this being his 75th birthday, truly matches this year's RI theme, 'Be a Gift to the world'. Please Join and be a part of this noble endeavour.

Get well soon

We wish a speedy recovery to mother of PP Rtn. Deepak Sood

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Dr. Manjushri Sharma

December 19

Wedding Bells

Heartiest congratulations to R'ann Aruna & Rtn. CA. Ashok Agarwal on the ceremonial wedlock of their loving daughter, Ashima with Tanay, which was solemnized on 10th December 2015 at JW Marriott, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhawar
Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra
Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya
Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur
Rtn. Ravinder Krishan
Rtn. Vinod Sobti



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Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. Manisha & Dr. Rohit Sahni

December 24



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