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PROGRAMME

New Year Celebrations
with Mr. D.S. Bali 'Daman', Sr. Advocate
in Shayarana Andaz

The Meeting will be followed by fellowship

Friday, January 01, 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh



Christmas Celebrations



Santa Clause arrives and wishes everyone Merry Christmas

Santa Clause gives gifts to children and sings 'jingle bells' with them and Rotarians

It was Christmas celebrations in our regular meeting on December 25, 2015. Wishing Merry Christmas to all present including good number of our lovely children and grand children, Rotarians and spouses, President Rtn. Kanan Diwan said, "Oh Lord, Lead us from the darkness of ignorance to the light of wisdom. Oh God make us fearless by granting us immortality in Peace. May we dedicate ourselves to the service of our fellow human beings and thus

become a gift to the humanity: Om Shanti Shanti Shanti."

The President welcomed the students of YPS School and all the children of Rotary family who were present in the meeting to add charm and colour to the celebrations. It was an enjoyable evening full of fun and frolic with Santa Clause giving gifts to the children. PPRtn. Gurdip S. Deep was so perfectly dressed that it was difficult to guess who the graceful Santa Clause was!



Gurmehar, Arrav and Heeya grand children of R'ann Shashi and PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta taking part in the celebrations

The choir: Sanmeet and Jasmehar daughters of R'ann Simranpreet and Rtn. Sundeeep Singh Sawhney and other students of YPS School Ishita, Nandini and Sheerja

Ananya and Anushka grand daughters of R'ann Indu and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra with Santa Clause

Club Elections

After the announcement of the results President Elect Rtn. Amarjit Singh in his address said, "Hey God grant me this boon, that I shall never be afraid of doing noble deeds. I would like to thank you all for giving me such an excellent team to serve the club during Rotary year 2016-17." Giving special emphasis on Club Service, he said we will have lot of fun during the year and also work to enhance the image of our club not only in Rotary community but also in the community at large. Literacy and Wash in School will be our focus areas. We will continue to support all our ongoing projects under avenues of Vocational, Community, International and Youth Services. Programs like Swatch Bharat, Save the Girl Child, Anti-Drug Campaigns, Cancer and Aids awareness will also be given

special attention.

2016 is the centenary year of Rotary Foundation and we are committed to a minimum per capita contribution of US \$ 130. Amarjit expressed his desire of doing something substantial for the community. He added, "My predecessors have set very high standards for our club. On behalf of the Team 2016-17, I assure you that we will give our best to serve well and confident that you all will stand by us in Service-Above-Self."

President Nominee Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra expressed her gratitude to Rotarians of our club for having confidence in her. Concluding her presentation for RY 2017-18 she said, "Together we can, and together we will."

Rtn. Salil Bali thanked Chair Election Committee IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi for announcing the team for 2016-17. He also thanked students of YPS School for their brilliant performance. Special thanks to Santa Clause (PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep) for his gracious presence to make all kids happy as they were eagerly awaiting his arrival. Not only the kids but even the adults were delighted to have Santa Clause amongst us. Salil also thanked R'ann Maniki Deep for anchoring the celebrations.



Chair Election Committee IPP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi performing a pleasant task of announcing unanimous election results. Looking on is PE Rtn. Amarjit Singh



President Elect Rtn. Amarjit Singh gives plans for Rotary year 2016-17



President Nominee Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra gives a presentation for RY 2017-18



Ananya and Anushka National Anthem



President Kanan Diwan Welcome address



R'ann Maniki Deep The Anchor



Secretary Sanjay Bhatia Glimpses of the week



Rtn. Salil Bali Vote of thanks



President Kanan Diwan presents birthday gifts to R'ann Santosh Gupta and PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta



President Kanan Diwan presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Maniki and PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep



Birthday gift for R'ann Nirmal Nagra to Rtn. Lt. Comdr. A.S. Nagra. Looking on is PDG Yoginder Diwan



President Kanan Diwan presents birthday gift to R'ann Bir Gulati



President Kanan Diwan presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta. Looking on are DCS Rtn. Salil Bali and Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia



Birthday gift to R'ann Sushma Kamra with her grandson Aarav

Construction of toilet block in village Makhan Majra completed

President Kanan Diwan was pleased to announce the completion of the toilet block in village Makhan Majra costing Rs. 4.35 lakh, which consists of 3 seats for males and 3 seats for females with 2 wash basins in each block and a room for chowkidar who will take care of this facility.



The Adviser to the Administrator Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev has graciously agreed to be the Chief Guest for the function when this project would formally be handed over to village panchayat on January 12, 2016 at 11 a.m., near

Police Chowki of village Makhan Majra. The President has requested all our members to be present for this important event.

PP Dr. Balram Gupta's invitation for release of book by his daughter Dr. Shruti

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta is pleased to announce that Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India will be releasing the book of his daughter Dr. Shruti Bedi in the presence of Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Dr. Kiran Bedi, IPS, Magsasay Awardee and Mr. R.S. Cheema, Senior

Advocate on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43-D, Chandigarh. As a personal invitation Dr. Balram says, "You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the same and join for a cup of tea. Your presence will be a big source of inspiration to Shruti."

750 units collected



President Kanan Diwan presents a token of appreciation to Rtn. Ravinder Krishan for celebrating his 75th birthday in a very meaningful manner by organizing a blood donation camp at his Ravindra Farms, Kot Billa - a great gesture to save lives

Bon Voyage to DGE Raman Aneja



District Governor David J. Hilton invites you on behalf of College of Governors of District 3080 & members of Rotary Club Panipat Midtown to Meet & Greet the District Governor Elect 2016-17 Rtn. Raman Aneja & his gracious wife Ann. Meenu to wish them "BON VOYAGE" on Sunday, 3rd January, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. onwards followed by lunch at SING 'n' SWING Resort, G.T. Road, Panipat

There are no registration charges. Please contact AG Elect PP Rtn. Deepak Sood, PE Rtn. Amarjit Singh or Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia to participate in this event in the honour of our incoming District Leader.

Amendment in Juvenile Justice Act

Presentation by Rtn. Salil Bali on Friday, 08.01.2015

The Parliament has recently passed amendment in Juvenile Justice Act reducing the age of Juvenile from 18 to 16 years in cases of heinous crimes. We congratulate Rtn. Salil Bali, Advocate and we are proud of him for this achievement as he was the one who immediately after the unfortunate Nirbhaya incident took the appropriate initiative of filing a Public Interest Litigation in the

Supreme Court of India on his name titled as 'Salil Bali V/s Union of India', praying for reducing the age of Juvenile from 18 years to 16 years depending upon the gravity and heinousness of the crime. This petition and the judgment rendered therein by full bench of Supreme Court of India, after elaborate discussions in both the houses (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) were made the basis of the

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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amendment. This service for the society at large truly reflects the Rotary Motto of 'Service above Self' as this was the need of the hour and huge public sentiments were attached to it.

Rtn. Salil Bali would give an interesting presentation relating to the facts of this case in our regular meeting on January 08, 2016.

Our youth service activities



Christmas celebrations at Nishulk Vidyalaya, Dappar by Rotaract Club of Vidya Jyoti



Prize distribution at Interact Club of Kundan School for Swachh Bharat poster making competition. Prize winners with President Kanan Diwan, PE Amarjit Singh, VP Ashok Puri, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia, DYS Sundeep S. Sawhney and staff of the school

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Aids Awareness Campaign by Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown



Training students the skills

On requests from Principals of Govt. Sr Sec School, Mauli Jagran and Karsan village 48th – 52nd program were conducted for 280 students of NSS and class 10 on 21/12 and at Mauli Jagran and on 22/12 at village Karsan. These children benefited from our topic on moral values and personal hygiene.

The staff and students lauded the efforts of Rotary and Rtn. Salil Chopra for conducting impressive seminars for the benefit of masses. VP Rtn. Ashok Puri explained to the students about Ideals and objects of Rotary.

Token of appreciation from Principal of Mauli Jagran and staff was presented to Rtn. Salil Chopra.

Acknowledgement with thanks

Hosting the fellowship on December 25, 2015
R'ann Santosh and PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta
Italy Scholarship Project
Mr. G.S. Auja
Donation for Club Projects
Rtn. Lt. Comdr. A.S. Nagra
Punctuality Award
Won by PPRtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

Rs. 10000/-

Rs. 2000/-

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Dr. Joginder Mukherjee
R'ann Nita Manaktala
R'ann Manjit Sethi
R'ann Renu Chopra

January 01
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January 02
January 06

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Harbans S. Bajaj
Rtn. Balraj Singh
Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Rita Kalra

January 01
January 01
January 05



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