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PROGRAMME
The Rotary Foundation
Talk by:
PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria

Friday, February 19, 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Celebration of Valentine's Day and Basant Panchmi

In our regular meeting on February 12, 2016 President Kanan Diwan in her welcome address said, "It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all on this auspicious day of Basant Panchmi which coincides with our celebration of Valentine's day. My heartiest greetings and good wishes to you all." She invited PP Rtn. R.K. Luther who was dressed as a 'sheikh' to give a message of religious tolerance, and R'ann Urmil to start the celebrations with Saraswati Vanadana. Their 51st wedding anniversary being on Valentine's day, irrespective of the attire, they looked like the most elegant couple!

Bali to conduct the proceedings which she handled meticulously, generating lot of fun, frolic and excitement. The couples sang songs and exchanged roses. The three newly inducted members joining



PDG Shaju Peter inducts three new members

The meeting was handed over to R'ann Parul



Secretary Sanjay Bhatia - glimpses of the week



President Kanan Diwan presents punctuality award to Rtn. Salil Bali



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Salil Bali

the celebrations were Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Inderjit Singh Viridi and Rtn. Harvinder Kaur.

PDG Shaju Peter surprised everyone by singing a traditional Punjabi song...! Rtn. Salil Chopra, an expert with mouth organ, played an old song.

R'ann Malabika Sengupta, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, IPP Ravi Tulsi, Rtn. Dr. Inderjit Singh Viridi, VP Rtn. Ashok Puri and R'ann Parul Bali were the other performers.



PP Rtn. R.K. Luther and R'ann Urmil



PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep and R'ann Maniki



Rtn. Salil Bali and R'ann Parul



Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'ann Renu



Rtn. Arjan Singh and R'ann Parveen



President Kanan and PDG Yoginder Diwan



PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati and R'ann Bir



Rtn. Brij Gulati and R'ann Dr. Savita



Rtn. M.K. Handa and R'ann Brij Bala



PP Vinod Jawa and R'ann Pushpa



Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra and Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor and R'ann Raj



Rtn. Raj Khattar and R'ann Neeru



Rtn. Prof Rana Nayar and R'ann Aruti



Rtn. Ashok Puri and R'ann Sudha



Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and Mr. Ravi Kant Sawhney



PP Indrajeet Sengupta and R'ann Malabika



PDG Shaju Peter and R'ann Lovy



IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi and R'ann Ranjana



Rtn. Dr. I.S. Virdi and R'ann Sonia

Awards Ceremony Interact Club GSSS Mani Majra



Rotarians with members of Interact Club GSSS Mani Majra

On 10th February 2016 the programme started with National Anthem followed by motivational song by students. Director Youth Service Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney welcomed the guests and Rotarians. Awards and certificates for Swatchh Bharat poster making competition were presented by President Kanan Diwan and Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri. VP Rtn. Ashok K. Puri presented certificates to RYLA, Panipat participants and an award of special honor to Interactor Robin Nayyar was also given who shared his unique experiences with the audience.

President Kanan Diwan, VP Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Chopra and Principal Manita shared their thoughts about Rotary's efforts and Swatchh Bharat Mission.

Rotarians present were President Kanan Diwan, VP Rtn Ashok Puri, Rtn. Jeten Bhambri, Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney.

Teaching skills to students at Ashiana shelter home



Interactive session with the students

On 8th February 2016 it was the 59th program of the current Rotary year on teaching skills to the students at Ashiana shelter home. On the request of organizers the program was organized for 65 students of class 3, 4 and 5 on importance of hand washing and how it helps to eradicate diseases. This time retired Colonels, the key organizers and ladies witnessed the entire programme and were highly impressed and thanked Rotary for such an awareness campaign for the benefit of lower strata of society. The children were highly participative as Rtn. Salil Chopra explained to them the importance of hand washing and how to do it properly. VP Rtn Ashok Puri gave a talk in simple words to create awareness about Rotary.

E-learning at schools

As advised by PP Deepak Sood, Rtn. Salil Chopra visited 4 schools where Rotary has donated Android Projectors for the benefit of students to learn through audio video mode. The schools visited were Govt. Sr. Sec. School Sectors 19, 7, 12-A and Manimajra. He attended the workshop and learnt that the children were most benefited from the programme and complete pin drop silence was there in the class during session and children were taking notes and enjoying the programme attentively. They showed enormous concentration. He explained to them that now with this process learning is on International standards. The class teachers and principals were highly thankful for this introduction and were observing lots of improvements amongst children. There was great appreciation for this noble project of Rotary.



Adolescent Training



Adolescent Training by Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur at Govt Sr Secondary School Raipur Khurd



ROTASIA 2017 in Chandigarh



As per communication received from DRR Rtn. Mohit Singla, in the recently held International South Asia Conference of Rotaract ROTASIA in Sri Lanka by Rotary District 3220 there were 27 Rotaractors participating from our District where the activities and projects of our District were discussed.

Mohit was pleased to announce that our District 3080 won the ROTASIA 2017 which will be held in Chandigarh under the dynamic leadership of DGE Rtn. Raman Aneja and DRRE Rtn. Shubham Rattan.

Beware of new email scam claiming to be from Foundation Chair Klinginsmith

Rotary News 9-Feb-2016

A new email purporting to be from Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith is targeting Rotary members. The email falsely claims that members can become End Polio Now ambassadors if they email club information to a Gmail address within 48 hours. The fraudulent email has the subject line

“BECOME AN END POLIO AMBASSADOR” and is sent from a fake email address. This is a scam. Rotary staff is working to resolve the issue. Avoid being the victim of scams by deleting any email that appears suspicious.

Leadership for Results

A Leadership Refresher Programme, 'Leadership for Results' was organized by District 3080 Leadership Academy at CII Auditorium, Sector 31, Chandigarh on 13 February 2016. The event started with the opening remarks by the Dean of the Academy PDG Maj. Som Dutt who welcomed all the participants.

Chairman of the Academy PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo explained the concept of this refresher course, and also introduced the celebrated corporate mentor, coach and trainer, Mr. V.K. Madhav Mohan who

greatly inspired by listening to Madhav Mohan and also interacting with him. Good leadership is very important for any organization. He pointed out very glaring qualities and gave practical examples of good leadership which is personal and comes from within. He attributed good leadership for the Indian army to be amongst the best in the world. At the same time he said India is the richest country in the world having all resources yet there is poverty due to bad leadership. The focus should be on results.



Mr. V.K. Madhav Mohan



The participants and organizers of the training programme

is also a Rotarian and a Past President of his club. He was an officer in State Bank of India (1978), moving on to become one of the pioneers in India's information technology revolution, partnering NIIT (1987-2013), producing thousands of IT professionals. In 1996 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of State Bank of Travancore. Over the years he pursued his mentoring writing, speaking and training career actively. He was appointed as Advisor to the Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International for 2011-13. He has also mentored the companies of PRIP Kalyan Banerjee and RI President K.R. Ravindran.

There were 31 academy graduates of our District who attended the comprehensive one day training programme and they all were

The programme ended with an overwhelming response from all the graduates who gave standing ovation to Madhav Mohan. There was a unanimous demand from all present to have such programmes regularly, at least once in a year. Associate Dean PDG Shaju Peter expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of all participants to Mr. Madhav Mohan. He also thanked the organizing team of the academy, which included our senior most Rotarian PP B.L. Ramsisaria, for the successful training event.

The graduates from our club who participated in this unique programme were: PP Deepak Sood, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, PP Saroj Jhawar, PP Prem Anand, PP Ritu Singal, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Ashok Puri and Rtn. Salil Bali.

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20th-21st February 2016
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Venue: Hotel Sun Park Inn, Dehradun



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Birthday of Spouses
R'ann Shashi Gupta February 19

Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn. Lalit Azad February 19
Rtn. Rajiv Gupta February 21
Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar February 23

Wedding Anniversary
R'ann Ranjeet & Rtn. Sriranjib Sandhu February 20
R'ann Mira & PP Rtn. J.L. Mahajan February 22
R'ann Renu & Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra February 22
R'ann Shivani & Rtn. Nitin Kapur February 24

Punctuality Draw
Won by Rtn. Salil Bali





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