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PROGRAMME

How to promote your projects in Social Media

Chief Guest:

PP Charanjit Singh

District Chair, PR and Rotary's Public Image Management

Friday, August 28, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## The Pledge



Rotary Chandigarh Midtown takes a pledge to support Asha Kiran

Six million children in India are out of school. Their lives are enveloped in darkness of illiteracy. As a mark of solidarity, and as initiated by Director Club Services Rtn. Salil Bali in our regular meeting on August 21, 2015, Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown lighted candles of hope for them by taking a pledge to support Asha Kiran, a ray of hope to send children back to school, under TEACH program of Rotary India Literacy Mission.



PDG Shaju Peter, IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi and President Kanan Diwan recognize PHF family of Rtn. Ashok K. Puri who is seen with his daughters Natasha, Nikita, grandchildren Neha, Aamiya and Sidharth (all PHFs, including R'ann Sudha Puri)



Recently back from USA, IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi presents President Kanan Diwan the flag he exchanged with Rotary Club of Los Altos

## Intellectuals and the Responsibilities of Public Life



Prof. Shelly Walia

The Chief Guest Professor Shelly Walia was introduced by his colleague from the same department, Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar as a Professor and a Senior Fellow at the Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He is also the Dean, Faculty of Languages. He did B.A. Honours in English and then went on to do M.A. He then began to teach and research at the Panjab University where he completed his Doctoral research

on Contemporary British Fiction. He introduced courses on Postcolonial Literatures and Theory which have over the years become the two most important areas of research and study. He is a great orator and a widely travelled person giving lectures at prestigious universities, both in India and abroad.

In his talk Prof. Walia appreciated the role played by Rotary for socially uplifting the backward people. He enlightened us about Intellectuals and the Responsibilities of Public Life. He spoke about capitalism and sounded critical about the accumulation of wealth and decay of men. He said capitalism is overtaking us. There is

spread of violence, eminent war, ruthless economics and racism. We are living in very disturbed times, and the world seems to be rather dark. Therefore, we need to see the responsibilities of the intellectuals. He remarked, "To me it is a crisis of conscious." Prof. Walia apprised us of the significant role the intellectuals can play as they can influence the masses to stop doing wrong and divert them towards what is right, the key factors being knowledge; ability and willingness to awaken the society; and doing so for a noble cause or purpose. Intellectuals can help to consolidate the government. Prof. Walia gave a very practical and thought provoking advice for intellectuals and for us as Rotarians when he said, "Do not support a cause which you do not believe in."

PPDr. Balram K. Gupta thanked Professor Shelly Walia for the interesting and informative talk.



PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta presents a memento to Prof. Shelly Walia

### Condolences

One minute silence was observed in our regular meeting on August 21, 2015 as mark of respect on the sad demise of Rtn. T.L. Verma who expired on August 19, 2015. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Bhog and antim ardas will be held at Gurudwara Sahib, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Sector 20 Panchkula market



Disabled persons join the march for cleanliness drive



PDG Shaju Peter admires Harmesh picking up garbage with crutches. Rtn. Suman Gupta and Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra inspiring the street children



Rtn. Salil Bali and Rtn. Salil Chopra create awareness

Swachh Bharat Campaign was once again repeated in the market of Sector 20, Panchkula on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015, and those who took active part in this mission were PRIP Raja Saboo, PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Yoginder Diwan, President Kanan Diwan, PPR.K. Luther, Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Suman Gupta with her husband Mr. N.K. Gupta, Rtn. Jeetan Bhambri, Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'ann Renu Chopra and a large number of specially abled persons on their crutches, special three wheelers and artificial limbs. Jaiveer s/o Rtn. Salil Bali stole the show by loudly echoing slogans after Salil Chopra who reported, "The highlight was that the market

was still dirty and it needs repeated visits - minimum 4 times to thoroughly activate spirit amongst shop keepers to feel personally involved in this task."

Rtn. Salil Chopra further reported, "On request from Principal Mr. Lakhinder Singh of Govt High School, Sector 50, Chandigarh I could take up around 120 students in 3 batches and given them training on Swachh Bharat, personal hygiene, moral values and hands wash."

## Disabled persons plant trees

Carrying forward tree plantation from the previous week, more special persons, led by Balwant Singh Dardi and Harmesh Bhutto, from Physically Handicapped Association, organized by Rotary Community Corps of Dadumajra, planted 300 trees in two schools in Chandigarh; Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School Sector 28-D and Govt. Model High School Sector 28-C, where the Principals Mr. D.P. Sharma and Mrs. Susham Lata, teachers and students participated with full enthusiasm.

Mr. Satinder Singh Councillor of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh also graced the occasion, and planted trees. He appreciated the efforts of our club for inspiring special persons and involving them in community projects.

Arun Sharma of Sarthak, NITTTR was also present with special students. From our club we had PDG Shaju Peter, Treasurer PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Chair Disability Empowerment PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Director Community Service Dr. Rita Kalra who brought the



plants, fully loaded in her car, and with full cooperation of her husband Dr. Sanjay Kalra who does not mind their car being used in any manner for fruitful projects.



Tree plantation in Sector 28 schools



200 saplings planted by Rotaractors of PGGC-46 Chandigarh at Ram durbar, with Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

Digging done by Modhan Singh with both artificial arms for 200 herbal saplings at Nevedac Centre, Zirakpur planted by teacher Inderjit and students of Literacy Centre, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Ritu Singal, Rtn. Ashok Puri, R'ann Indu Vohra, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and his brother Capt. Charanjit Vohra

### Vocational Training

President Kanan Diwan was pleased to share the achievements of Director Vocational Service PP R.K. Luther who was instrumental in selecting 20 girls for the one year Home Care Nursing Course which we are running for past many years in partnership with Inner Wheel in the clinic of our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta in Sector 15-A, Chandigarh, who is doing yeoman service, training young girls to serve as home care nurses, and earn their livelihood.

PP Luther also selected 20 boys for Plumber's Training Course and another 20 boys for electrician/refrigeration course. These 40 boys will be given training under our skill development programme. This course will start from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 in Govt. Engineering College, Sector 26, Chandigarh. Our club will bear all the expenses.

### Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to R'ann Malabika and PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta for becoming grandparents as their son Saurabh and daughter-in-law Priya have been blessed with a son on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015.



100 trees planted at Night School, Sarangpur. Students with Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and teacher Indira

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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Ds/O Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney  
National Anthem



R'ann Malabika  
Sengupta  
Invocation



Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar  
- Introduction of  
Chief Guest



Secretary Rtn.  
Sanjay Bhatia  
Weekly Report



Rtn. Dr. Mrs Harinder  
Jit Kaur  
Punctuality award



President Kanan Diwan presents birthday gifts to PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, Rtn. Tejbans Jauhar, Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney and R'ann Malabika Sengupta

### Interact Club on Desh Bhagat Radio



Interact Club of Kundan International School presented a radio show which was initiated by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown. The students took this great opportunity to speak on an important topic, 'Saving Environment'. They were very happy to be on the show DB Lil Masters featured by Desh Bhagat Radio Station - 107.8 FM, along with their teacher Ms. Nancy Dutta who helped them enhance their vocal skills and confidence. The Principal, Mrs. Manjeet Jauhar appreciated the efforts of the students who got a wonderful platform to enhance their skills, and give a meaningful message.

#### Acknowledgment with thanks

##### Donation for Club Projects

Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar Rs. 2000/-  
PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter – for wheel chair Rs. 3500/-

##### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Kund Bala Goyal August 28  
Dr. Rohit Sahni August 28  
Mr. Sita Ram September 02



##### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta August 29  
PPRtn. Pallav Mukherjee September 02  
Rtn. J.S. Bawa September 03



##### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sonal & Rtn. Atul Grover September 01

##### Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Harinder Jit Kaur



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