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Date: June 23, 2017 (Friday)

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel Sunbeam Premium
Sector 22, Opp. Bus Stand, Chandigarh

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PROGRAMME

Valedictory Function

Chief Guest:

Past RI Director Rtn. Yash Pal Das
with his gracious spouse R'ann Manju

Reporting from
Luton, UK

Please note the
change in venue

RI Convention 2017 concludes at Atlanta, USA



RI President 2016-17 John F. Germ, RI President Elect 2017-18 Ian Riseley and RI President Nominee 2018-19 Sam Owori

In continuation of the report in our previous bulletin No. 50:

RI President John Germ distributed the Alumni awards for 2017. Toronto Convention chair 2018 encouraged 2017 Atlanta convention attendees for the Rotary 2018 Convention.

General Secretary John Hewko announced the election results of the various RI Posts and Governors of various districts for 2017-18. He got the approval for them from the Convention. The Convention also approved Sam Owori as the RI President for 2018-19. After performing his secretarial duties, the General Secretary addressed the gathering. He concluded, "You can shape Rotary's future by embracing meaningful change. Together we can serve humanity and truly make a difference"

RIPN Sam Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, will be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19. In his speech Owori mentioned that he will be forever grateful to two people - the one who invited him to Rotary and the person who gave him the confidence to succeed.

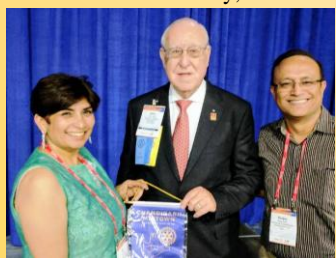
Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee gave an update on The Rotary Foundation to convention attendees. As the Foundation enters its second century, it is the many success stories that inspire the

Rotarians to take on new challenges. The Rotary Foundation has sponsored more than 41,000 scholars over the past century and \$3.7 billion for vital projects and programs. In 2015-2016 alone, the Foundation awarded \$100 million in grants, \$4 million for Rotary Peace Fellowships and \$114 million to End Polio.

RIPE Ian Riseley told the Convention attendees that we are all here in Rotary to make a difference in the world, our communities and in the lives of others. He also added that each of us came to Rotary for our own reasons, but have stayed because Rotary adds something to our lives.

Happy Birthday Rotary Foundation: One hundred years ago, at the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Rotary President Arch Klumph proposed creating an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." From the first contribution of \$26.50, the Foundation has grown significantly and has spent more than \$3 billion on programs and projects. Rotarians celebrated with cake and ice cream at a birthday party in the House of Friendship. Celebrants signed a giant birthday card on the back of the hall.

RI President John Germ, while making his closing remarks said that we've brought health, hope and a better life to communities all over the world. He added that we become better people by doing good in the world and together we will leave a polio-free world, to all of our children.



PE Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra present our club flag to RI President John Germ



Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain and Rtn. Renu Chopra with PRIP Raja Saboo at the RI Convention



President Amarjit exchanges flag with PE Jonah Domalaon of Rotary Club Quirino-QC, Philippines



Flag Exchange with Adirana Escobar Alba from Rotary Club Bogota Centenario Colombia



PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra with District Governor Rtn. Mir Arif Ali (in turban) of RI District 3272



President Amarjit with DG Rtn. Brig. Narayan Nayak of District 3262



Rtn. Salil Chopra with Rtn. Renu Chopra continues his swachh abhiyan in Atlanta, USA



Voluntary Sergeant at arms PP A.B.M. Ziauddin from Bangladesh with PDG Madhukar Malhotra, President Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Salil Chopra, R'ann Sunita, R'ann Indu Vohra, Voluntary Sergeant at arms PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Rtn. Renu Chopra in House of Friendship



Selfie with Malabika Sengupta, PP Deepak Sood with Purnima, Dr. Shashi Jain, Dr. Harinder Jit, Dr. Sanjay Kalra, PE Dr. Rita Kalra and PP Indrajeet Sengupta



President Amarjit Singh with R'ann Sunita handing over the club flag to Pam



President Amarjit and R'ann Sunita at closing ceremony with PDG Matts O. Ingemanson District 7230 Former Chairman Rotary Global History Fellowship



President Amarjit and Sunita with Pam and Linda from Rotary Club of Edwards our partner in GG Project - Solar energy for Himlayan Villages

For the RI Convention, from our district there was gracious presence of PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo with Usha Madam, PRID Yash Das, and a galaxy of Past District Governors, Past Presidents and Rotarians along with their spouses. There was a big team from 3080, with 110 registrations, the highest number from Zone 4 which was duly acknowledged at the convention.

Rise of Ultra Right

Our regular meeting of June 16, 2017 was conducted by President Nominee Rtn. Ashok K. Puri. The chief guest was introduced by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep. Formerly Professor of Sociology and Dean, Faculty of Arts at Panjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. Dr. S.L. Sharma



Prof. S.L. Sharma

is presently serving as Director (Research), Institute for Development and Communication (IDC), Chandigarh. He has published eight books and 130 papers on socio-cultural dimensions of development including modernization and globalization, social issues of contemporary India, higher education, sociology of corruption, and study of Indian Diaspora. Widely travelled, he has lectured at various universities in India and abroad. He has held international

assignments, including that of Commonwealth Expert and Advisor in Sociology at Jamaica (1984-87), Member, Advisory Panel of the World Leisure International Centre of Excellence) - (2000-2002), and Annual Visiting Professor at WICE, the Netherlands (1995-2010). At home, he has held several professional positions of distinction, including Secretary, Indian Sociological Society (1994-97), Managing Editor, Sociological Bulletin (July 1998-June 2001), President, North-Western Indian Sociological Association (1996-2002), Vice President, Indian Social Science Association (1996-2000), and President, Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Research, Punjab and Chandigarh. He is recipient of several awards, including Professor D.P. Mukerji Fellowship Award for Senior Social Scientists, 1999. Recently, The Indian Social Science Association has conferred upon him the honour of Honorary Senior Fellowship-2017.

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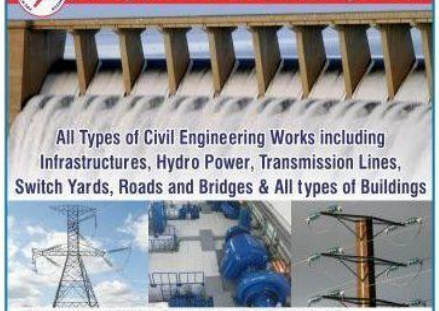


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Dr. Sharma explained that Ultra Right is recent rise in many parts of world including India, and how ultra Left comprising naxalites and Maoists and so on were prevalent earlier and now Ultra Right exists in many parts of world including India.

There are two versions of Ultra Right as economic and cultural. Economic version was to close door of economic policies with the change of regimes in UK, U S A, and recently in France and earlier in Netherland. Ultra Right in India has combine cultural and economic factors. There is a stress why it is flourishing in both parts of World.

Dr. Sharma talked of globalization in West and reason for fall of globalization for develop world. Now they are putting restrictions on immigration and other reasons. There is rise of terrorism. In India previous regimes tried to please minorities at the cost of majority community which has given rise to Ultra Right for both economic and cultural reasons, by change of ideology.



After formal vote of thanks, Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar presents a memento to Prof. Dr. S.L. Sharma. Looking on are President Nominee Rtn. Ashok Puri and Secretary Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney



PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa is celebrating his birthday with his family members and Rotarians

Organ Donation Project 'Being Immortal'

As per email from: Vice President Rtn. Salil Bali, Organ Donation Committee, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

With the advancement in medical skills and technology, needy patients may now find a second chance at life through organ transplantation, lighting up hope for patients and their family members. Thanks to the effort of the community at large, including healthcare professionals and non-government organizations, we have cultivated a culture of voluntary organ donation in our country, as can be seen by prominent media coverage on stories about organ donation from time to time. We are also pleased to learn that millions of people have registered under various Organ Donation projects.

This is an appeal for trying to make our club a 100% Organ Donor Club

by signing up for organ donation online through the website: www.lampoflife.in/signup.html (Project 'Lamp of Life') initiated by PGI, and to make known this wish to your family members. This website gives relevant information like; FAQ's, motivational examples of brave donors and complete knowledge on the subject.

Rtn. Salil Bali and R'ann Parul Bali have already registered. Let us give those in urgent need a second chance at life! Let us take a step forward for..... 'Being Immortal'. Please remember that this noble act of yours would be religiously, ethically and legally acceptable and appreciated by one and all.

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Some Rotarians of our club have registered at RI Convention in Atlanta, USA



15 June to
15 December 2017
\$ 335 online
16 December 2017
to 31 March 2018
\$ 410 online
01 April
to 27 June 2018
\$ 495 online / on-site
Register online at
www.riconvention.org

Future RI Conventions

2019: 1-5 June, Hamburg, Germany	2020: 6-10 June, Honolulu, USA	2021: 12-16 June, Taipei, Taiwan	2022: 4-8 June, Texas, USA
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Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Deep Kahlon	June 25
R'ann Raspaul Kaur	June 25

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri	June 23
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Wedding anniversary

R'ann Uneza & Rtn. Gobind Khandelia	June 27
R'ann Manjit & PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi	June 27
R'ann Aruti & Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar	June 28
PE Rtn. Dr. Rita & Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra	June 29

Punctuality Award



Won by PP Rtn. Prem Anand, accompanied by R'ann Indu Anand, presented by Dr. S.L. Sharma. Looking on are PN Ashok Puri and Secretary Sundeep Sawhney

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra

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