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PROGRAMME

Rehabilitation of patients with spinal cord injuries

Chief Guest:

Ms. Nicky P. Kaur, Founder & CEO of Chandigarh Spinal Rehab

Date: **August 26, 2016 (Friday)** Time: **7.00 p.m.** Venue: **Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh**

Scholarship : Lighting the Lamp of Knowledge

In our regular meeting on August 19, 2016 we had President Rtn. Stefan Widegren of Rotary Club of Lugano Lago, Switzerland as our Chief Guest. He is also the Past President of Rotary Club of Milano Sud Est, Italy. A close friend of our club PP Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna of Rotary Club of Milano Sud Est, Italy was the Guest of Honour. Our President Rtn. Amarjit Singh welcomed them and other guests. Rtn. Arjan Singh introduced the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour.



Rtn. Stefan Widegren

Born in the year 1950, Rtn. Stefan Widegren is a resident of Switzerland. He studied mechanical engineering, and specializes in hydraulics and pneumatics at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm from 1970 to 1975. He joined Specimas Srl (Italy) in 1972 and co-founded Cavotec AB two years later, assuming the role of managing director. Cavotec acquired Specimas in 1984 and Stefan was appointed Chairman and CEO of the Cavotec Group in 1994.

He was appointed Executive Chairman of Cavotec MSL in 2007 and Chairman of Cavotec SA in 2011. Stefan is Sweden's Honorary Consul in Ticino, Switzerland and Board member of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Zurich, Switzerland. Stefan has also served as Chairman of the Union of International Chambers of Commerce in Italy, and as Chairman of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Milan.

A dedicated Rotarian, Stefan is a member of the Rotary Club Lugano Lago.

Our Guest of Honour Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna was the President of Rotary Club of Milano Sud Est in 1995. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Service Above Self award. He is a very committed Rotarian, and travels a lot, touching the lives of people throughout the world including in India.

He has been associated with our club since 1995-96, and his club in Italy has collaborated with our club in number of projects for last 20 years. He has been arranging funds for our microloan and scholarship projects.



Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna

Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna was educated in Patiala and Delhi. He did chartered accountancy in London. He is a financial wizard settled in Milano in Italy, where he worked for a world renowned finance company, Price Waterhouse. He retired after active professional service of over 40 years. He joined Rotary Club of Milano Sud Est, and was then the only Indian Rotarian in Italy!



Rtn. Arjan Singh

Chair, Scholarship Committee Rtn. Arjan Singh gave an audio visual presentation of the scholarship program which started in 2008 when Rotary Clubs of Milan and Chandigarh Midtown joined hands to launch this project to benefit girls from under-privileged families wanting to study engineering. During last eight years, 11 girls completed

their courses and now all of them are earning very good salaries in India.

Half of these girls are from single parent family where the father had either died or abandoned the family. These girls have now moved forward in their lives and are in good position to take care of their families. Some of them are likely to get assignments in Europe and USA.

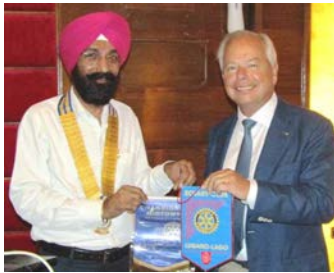


Mementos to President Stefan Widegren and PP Lakshmi Khanna, who are seen with PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, President Amarjit Singh, PDG Shaju Peter, Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney and Rtn. Arjan Singh

President Stefan Widegren and PP Lakshmi Khanna felt really happy that we are jointly re-starting the scholarship project. They appreciated our friendship and support, and also thanked Arjan! They decided to go ahead with 6 scholarships of USD 1000 for 4 years, 2016-2017 to 2019-2020. One scholarship will be covered by our club, while the remaining 5 by RC Lugano Lago (4) and RC Milano Sud Est (1). The scholarships should be given preferably to

girls for University studies in engineering or medicine.

Before leaving Chandigarh, Rotarians Lakshmi Khanna and Stefan Widegren have left with Rtn. Arjan Singh a cheque for Rs. 1,67,000/- (one semester). This is to kick start the scholarship programme for the next four years. Along with our club's contribution the corpus for this year will amount to Rs. 4,00,000/- for two semesters.



Change of flags between Presidents, Rtn. Stefan Widegren and Rtn. Amarjit Singh



PP Prem Anand presents report to PP Lakshmi Khanna. Looking on are PDG Shaju Peter and President Amarjit Singh



Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney informs about Rs 1.5 lakh CSR donation



Vote of thanks by PDG Shaju Peter



President Stefan Widegren presents a birthday gift to PDG Shaju Peter



President Stefan Widegren presents a birthday gift to Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar



President Stefan Widegren presents punctuality award to Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri

'Ujala' - Intercity Showcasing Literacy and WinS Project



Intercity Showcasing Literacy and WinS Project, being addressed by Chief Guest Mr. Ram Bilas Sharma, Education Minister of Haryana, RILM Chair Shekhar Mehta, PRIP Raja Saboo and PRID Yash Das



31 Rotarians including spouses of Chandigarh Midtown at the 'Ujala' Intercity with DG Raman Aneja and First Lady Meenu Aneja

PRID Shekhar Mehta congratulated DG Raman Aneja for the success of literacy programme in District 3080. The Hon'ble Minister also highly appreciated the efforts made by the District. The impressive event was hosted by Rotary Club of Mohali and co-hosted by other Clubs of Chandigarh tricity on August 21, 2016 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chandigarh. The Intercity Chair PDG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke welcomed large number of delegates from 3080.

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Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Chandra Parkash and R'ann Lalita on the untimely demise of their younger son, Mr. Ajay Gupta in an accident on August 13, 2016. Prayers for the peace of departed soul was held on 16th August 2016 at Arya Samaj Mandir, Sector 7, Chandigarh.

As a mark of respect one minute silence was observed in our regular meeting on August 19, 2016.

PDG Shaju installs Bhagat Seth as President of Karnal Midtown



Lighting of lamp by R'ann Lovy and PDG Shaju Peter

In an impressive ceremony attended by the families of Rotarians of Karnal Midtown, Rtn. Bhagat Seth took over the reins of the Club from Rtn. Sandeep Goel. PDG Shaju Peter was the Chief Guest on the occasion and DRR Shubham Rattan, the Guest of Honour.

The 28-member club contributed \$ 4000 to TRF last year and President Bhagat has accepted the challenge of \$ 8000 this year proposed by DRFC Chair Shaju Peter in his address. Shaju complimented the President for his performance as the most outstanding student of his batch of the Leadership Academy programme of the District. Among 3 new members inducted in the evening one was a woman.

"I have a dream today," said Shaju addressing the Rotarians of Karnal and Kurukshetra who were present, "that the turbulence in the District will be a thing of the past and we shall have the intelligence to usher in peace and harmony in the District and not perpetuate animosity and anger."

Among those present were President Mahati Prakash of Karnal and President Rupinder Singh of Kurukshetra.

Independence Day celebrated in Happy School



Address by President Amarjit Singh at Independence Day celebrations



With great pride we would like to inform that the first Happy School Project conceived during the year of PP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi in 2014 and sincerely followed up by IPP Rtn. Kanan Diwan, PDG Shaju Peter and PP Rtn. Deepak Sood during 2015-16, the project has seen light due to contribution through CSR from Venus Remedies and Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation. The newly upgraded facility has boundary wall, gate, pathway, newly painted smart class rooms which are well lit and free from leakage, fresh black boards, play ground, herbal garden, sports utility, library, kitchen, WinS (hand wash station), clean drinking water and 4 new toilets for school and one for staff.

It was a special moment when the Happy School was handed over to the head teacher, staff and 275 students of Govt. Primary School, Fatehpur, Sector 20, Panchkula, who were pleased to get these basic facilities for quality learning in their formative years.

Those present from our club were: President Amarjit Singh, PDG Shaju Peter, IPP Kanan Diwan with PDG Yoginder Diwan, PP Gurdip S. Deep, PP Deepak Sood, PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi with his chamber Advocate Sunil Kumar, PE Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Suman Gupta with her husband Mr. N.K. Gupta, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Nitin Kapur and Rtn. Salil Chopra.

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Swachh campaign at Railway Station, Chandigarh



TTE of Shatabdi train Rtn. Munish Uppal with Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. R.K. Jain



Rtn. R.K. Jain accompanied by 7 Interactors

Campaigning continues at the Railway station in Chandigarh for spreading the message of 'Swachh' India.

Rtn. R.K. Jain, Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri were pleased to meet the TTE of Shatabdi train, Rtn. Munish Uppal, Secretary of Rotary Club of Pinjore Hills who appreciated the efforts being made by our club at one of the most important stations of North India.

By meeting large number of passengers including some VIPs, Rotary's cleanliness mission seems to be gaining the momentum. But we need genuine support from the Govt. establishments, and being inspired by Railway officials like Munish Uppal is a positive move in this direction.

Acknowledgements with thanks

For hosting the Fellowship

PDG Shaju Peter

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Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar Rs. 2100/-

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Malabika Sengupta August 26

R'ann Kund Bala Goyal August 28

Dr. Rohit Sahni August 28

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney August 26

Rtn. Rakesh Jain August 27

Rtn. Rajesh Chopra August 28

Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta August 29

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sonal & Rtn. Atul Grover September 01

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