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Programme



Please do attend

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Guest Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 6.30 P.M.

PPI 2006 - MARCH TOWARDS POLIO ERADICATION

Our club meeting was postponed to Sunday, November 12, 2006 at Aanganwadi Centre, Sector 24, Chandigarh. President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra & R'ann Indu reached there at 9 am sharp, the scheduled time, to "Lead The Way". AG Capt. M.S. Kahlon sailed in, with his two students, armed with the Polio Kit. Office Secretary Mr.V.P.Sharma was vigilant, as usual, to keep track of the attendance. DGE Shaju Peter has been busy planning the Rotary Institute Chandigarh 2006, hosted by our District, but he was at Aanganwadi Centre on the scheduled time, to motivate the Rotarians in our fight against polio.



The Commitment

Dir. Rtn. Kanwaljit Singh, who had meticulously coordinated with the UT Health Deptt., brought the roster showing the exact location of the booths. Secy. R.K. Luther, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP D.P. Khandelia, Sgt-at-arms Saroj Jhawar, Rtn. Om Prakash, Rtn.V.K. Jawa, Rtn. B.S. Channi, Rtn. Narender Rawal (Secy., Chandigarh Central), Inner Wheel President Mrs.Jatinder Rai & Mrs.Asha Gupta made their presence felt



DGE Shaju Peter

for the march towards polio eradication. Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra & R'ann Indu, Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal & Rtn. Raj Khattar



Pres. Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

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AG Capt Kahlon & Secy RK Luther



On wheel chair, but cannot miss the drops



Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta



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We, as Rotarians, must feel committed to this noble cause and those who missed it this time, may watch out for the next PPI date ! '

- Pres. Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

INDIA :VISION 2020

Year: 2020

Place: Two Americans at IBM, USA.

Currency Conversion Rate:

Re 1/- = \$100/-.

Alex: Hi John, you didn't come yesterday to office?

John: Yeah, I was in Indian Embassy for stamping.

Alex: Oh really, what happened, I heard that nowadays it has become very strict.

John: Yeah, but I managed to get it.

Alex: How long it took to get it stamped?

John: Oh, it was nasty man, long queue. Bill Gates was standing in front of me and they played with him like anything. That's why it got delayed. I went there at 2 am itself and waited and returned by 4 pm.

Alex: Really ? In India, it is a matter of an hour to get stamped for USA

John: Yeah, but that is because who in India will be interested in coming to USA man, their economy has been booming.

Alex: So, when are you leaving?

John: Anytime, after receiving my tickets from the client in India and you know, I will be getting a chance to fly Air-India. Sort of dream come true.

Alex: How long are you going to stay in India?

John: What do you mean by how long? I will be settled in India, my company has promised me that they will process my *Hara Patta* (green card)

Alex: Really, lucky person man, it is very difficult to get a *Hara Patta* in India.

John: Yeah, that's why, I am planning to marry an Indian girl there.

Alex: But you can find lots of US girls in Chennai, Bangalore and Mumbai.

John: But, I prefer Indian girls because they are beautiful and cultured.

Alex: Where did you get the offer, Chennai?

John: Yeah, salary is good there, but cost of living is quite high, it is Rs. 1000/- for a single room accommodation.

Alex: I see, that's too much for US people, Rs. 1/ = \$100/-. Oh God! what about in Bangalore, Mumbai?

John: No idea, but it is less than what we have in Chennai. It is like the world headquarters of software.

Alex: I heard, almost all the Indians are having one personal robot for help.

John: You can get a BMW car for Rs. 5000/-, and a personal Robot for less than Rs. 7500/-. But my dream is to purchase Ambassador, which costs Rs. 2,00,000/- but has got a lovely design.

Alex: By the way, who is your client?

John: Iyer and Iyengar Associates, a pure Indian company, specialising in Embedded Software.

Alex: Oh, really, lucky to work in a pure Indian company. They are really intelligent and unlike American Bodyshoppers who have opened their Fly-by-night outfits in India. Indian companies pay you in full even when you are on bench. My friend Paul Allen, it seems, used his bench time to visit Bihar, the most liveable place in India, probably world. There you have full freedom and no restrictions. You can do

whatever you want! I wonder how that state has perfected that system.

John: Yeah man!, you are right. I hope our America also follows their footsteps.

Alex: How are you going to cope with their language?

John: Why not? From my school days I have been learning Hindi as my first language here at New York. At the Consulate they tested my proficiency in Hindi and were quite impressed by my cent per cent score in TOHIL i.e. Test of Hindi as International Language.

Alex: So, you are going to have fun there.

John: Yeah, I will be travelling in the world's fastest train, world's largest theme park, and the famous Bollywood where you can see actors like Hrithik, Shah Rukh Khan and all. Esselworld is also near Bollywood.

Alex: You know, the PM is scheduled to visit US next year, he may then relax the number of visas.

John: That's true. Last month, Narayana Murthy visited White House and donated Rs. 2000/- for infrastructure development at Silicon Valley and has promised more if we follow the model of High-Tech City of Hyderabad. Bill Gates also got a chance of meeting him. Very lucky person.

Alex: But, Indian government is planning to split Narayana Murthy's Infosys.

John: He is a hard worker man, he can build any number of Infosys like this. Every minute he is getting Rs. 1000/-. It seems, if you keep all his money converted as Rs. 100/- notes you can reach Pluto.

Alex: OK, Good Luck John.

John: Same to you Alex. And don't go to Consulate in a "Kurta Pyjama" because they will think you are too Indianised and may doubt you will never come back and hence your Non-Immigrant Visa may get rejected. But don't forget to say "Namaste, aap kaise hain" to the Visa officer at Window 5. It seems he likes that and will not give you a visa if you don't greet him that way.

Dear fellow countrymen, don't think it is a dream... Let us work hard to make this come true.

- Contributed by Rtn. Ashish Ahuja

Get Well Soon, Dear Past Presidents !

While PP Anil Mehan is still in the hospital, on way to recovery, we wish him good health and happiness.

PP Col. AJS Gill has been operated upon at Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor's Kidney & Uro Centre. We wish him a speedy recovery.

PP Pallav Mukherjee also needs our good wishes to come out of his illness.

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SAMARTHYA-2006 & "Do Boond Amrit"

Samarthya-2006, an exhibition on Artificial Limbs and Services for the Disabled and Elderly Persons, was held from 6.11.2006 to 9.11.2006 at Circus Ground, sector 17, Chandigarh, organized by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Deptt. of Social Welfare, Chandigarh, Deptt. of Social Security, Punjab, Deptt. of Social Justice & Empowerment, Haryana and Deptt. of Social Welfare, H.P. The exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. Meira Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and presided by Shri Pawan K. Bansal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Govt. of India.



Rotarians at Samarthya-2006

President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra & R'ann Indu had put up their stall for displaying the artificial limbs, including with imported components. People from all over India had displayed their products & services available for the disabled persons. There were some Prosthetic Professionals who are active Rotarians.

On 8.11.2006, DGE Shaju Peter & PP Dr.S.K.Sharma visited the exhibition and interacted with PP Rtn.Vinod Bhanti & R'ann Anjana of Rotary Club Patna, Rtn. Manoj Kumar of Rotary Patna Greater (Distt. 3250) & PP Rtn. K. Shanmugam of Rotary Club of Madras Nungambakkam



DGE Shaju Peter & PP Dr. S.K. Sharma at Dr. Vohra's stall displaying artificial limbs

(Distt. 3230). As a goodwill amongst the Rotarians, a film "Do Boond Amrit" was screened at the stall of International Society for Prosthetics & Orthotics. This film was made by R'ann Anjana Bhanti in the year 1995, when the war against polio had begun. This film was a strategy to reach the masses and sensitize them to bring their children to the polio booths.

This film has been telecast on Doordarshan several times and had received special award from RI President.

-Pres. Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS :

Rtn. Santosh K. Khaitan



Nov. 22



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY :

R'ann Lalita & Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal

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