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Programme

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Plaza Carnival

A programme to be presented by 50 Specially Abled Persons from 5 Institutes (To commemorate the World Disabled Day)

Compered by Mr. Jainender Kumar of A.I.R., Lucknow

Venue: Plaza, Near Fountain, Sector 17, Chandigarh

Please note change in date, time & venue of meeting

Time : 6 pm to 8 pm



Please do attend

▲ (All are requested to come and enjoy the Carnival and encourage the handicapped persons) ▲

Ann Lovy on the Role of Spouses in Rotary

Yielding to the tremendous pressure, through humble requests, from the club President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra (Sunny), Ann Lovy Peter addressed Midtowners on the role of spouses in Rotary last Friday. From an organization that barred the entry of women as Rotarians to its fold till as far back as 1989, Rotary has come a long way in realizing and appreciating the role of women and Spouses of Rotarians in the life of a Rotary Club, said Lovy.

were journeys together, their spouses sharing their husbands' vision at every step they took. Fresh from the spouses' session conducted by Ann Haseena Vahanvaty, she spoke about the presentation made by Jetta Burton "It takes two wings to fly".

Ann Lovy emphasized the need of a proper orientation of a Rotarian's spouse right at the time of the induction of a new member. Clubs generally do not pay enough attention to orienting the spouses. Motivating the spouses would obviously strengthen the Rotarians to go ahead to achieve the objectives of Rotary. Involvement of the spouses should start from the time of induction of a Rotarian.

It is important to give the spouses a voice in the affairs of the club



Ann Lovy making her point for the Spouses

She began her talk by saying that the role of spouses in Rotary, in her perception, continuous to be a grey area. However it's an irrefutable fact of life that no Rotarian can rise to positions of leadership whether at the club level, district level or at the international level without the sincere support of his spouse and her genuine appreciation of the guiding principles of Rotary. This has been amply demonstrated by the examples of Rotarians both in India and abroad who have risen to leadership positions at the highest level with the active support of their spouses. She cited the examples of PRIP Raja Saboo, current RI President Bill Boyd and Rotary Foundation Trustee Ron Burton whose journeys in Rotary



Rtn Ravi Tuli acknowledges the Role of Spouses by presenting a memento to Ann Lovy

that their husbands belong to and also involve them in projects, if you want to have an effective club, said Lovy, describing the changes that are taking place in the workplace be it India or anywhere else in the world.

She thanked President SunnyVohra for the opportunity he gave her

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in expressing her views on the subject and appealed to the spouses present to go back home and refresh their elementary knowledge of Rotary and its basic principles so that they could be equal partners in their husbands' journey of service.

In the question answer session that followed DGE Shaju who was present in the audience sought to make a clear distinction between membership in a Rotary club and membership of a larger Family of Rotary.

It was the turn of Rtn RTPS Tulsi to propose a hearty vote of thanks. He appreciated the feelings of Ann Lovy. He also remarked that it was good that the President is making efforts to involve the members and their families in the club meetings

Appeal: President takes this opportunity to make an appeal to the family of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, specially the new members, and also the older, sorry, senior ones, to come to the meetings frequently with their spouses. Suggestions & new ideas are invited and would be implemented, as possible.

147 Donors at Blood Donation Camp

Blood Donation Camp was organised on 21st November by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, jointly with Rayat and Bahra Institute of Engineering & Bio-Technology and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown in the Institute's campus at Sahauran, near Kharar. The camp was inaugurated by DGE Shaju Peter, who was accompanied by President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and other club members.

PP Prof. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Director of Rayat & Bahra Institute not only meticulously coordinated with the institute but also motivated 147 students & teachers to donate blood and imbibe the spirit of charity & donation among the students

IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal & Office Secy V.P. Sharma were also at the institute to encourage the students. Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown President Jatinder Rai, IPDC Neeru Khatter, IW PPs Asha Gupta & Indu Vohra also participated with their humble gesture.



DGE Shaju Peter & PP Dr. S.K. Sharma



IW IPDC Neeru, Pres. Dr. Vohra & DGE Shaju

Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Chairman, Blood Donation Camp deserves appreciation for playing a significant role in organizing the Blood Donation Camp. Arrangements were made by Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Sector 37, Chandigarh to implement the blood donation project. A team of dedicated Doctors & technicians of this center did a good job.



IW PPs Asha Gupta & Indu Vohra with IW Pres. Jatinder Rai

Vice Chairman Mr. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Managing Director Mr. C.M. Bahl, Director PP Dr. S.K. Sharma of Rayat & Bahra Institute and Ann Sushobhita Sharma took us around the impressive campus, which has beautiful buildings, well decorated interiors & lush green lawns. We enjoyed their fellowship and our sincere thanks to them for the honour & hospitality given to us, in addition to their solid support for making the Blood Donation Camp a great success.

- President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

NEELU FLORENCE KNIGHTINGALE

One lives in Deeds, not in Years. Deeds are permanent. Years fade away. Deeds are seeds. They multiply.

Neelu did not live for too long. Only for 56 years. She lived her years for others. She gave her years to others. She made the lives of many meaningful, hopeful and even purposeful. We are sad. She is no more. Neelu will be measured and remembered by her deeds.

Neelu was the founder President of "Sahayta" Charitable Welfare Society. She founded it when her sister was diagnosed with Cancer in 1997. The Society helps the Cancer Patients financially and otherwise. The Society has grown. It continues to render all kind of healing. She was committed to the cause. She was gentle and generous. She was picture of magnanimity. She believed in spreading sunshine.

War against Cancer was her mission. Her passion. She was not contended with 'Sahayta' alone. She also set up, Cancer Survivor's Club. She inaugurated her dream Project Sahayta Cancer Sahyog Building on September 30, 2006.

Social Work was a way of life with her. She was the wife of an Ex-Pilot of Indian Air Force. She was the In-charge for social welfare activities in the Air Force. She worked for the Blood Bank of the PGIMER, Chandigarh. She also worked in a Blind School. She was a member of International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parents Organisation.

It seems, no one can change destiny. Neelu herself was diagnosed of Cancer. It spread to Lungs, Liver and Bones. She passed away on October 26, 2006.

Neelu, you are no more with us. You would still continue to be with us. The seeds sown by you would grow and continue to provide solace and comfort. Your candle would continue to spread light. We are orphaned without you.

- PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta

Club Elections RY 2007-08

The Board of Directors, in the meeting held on November 26, 2006, has decided to call nominations from members of the Club for the office bearers for the Rotary Year 2007-08 and for President for 2008-09.

Section 5, Article I of the Bye-laws of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown refers :-

- President 2008-09: Minimum 2 years on the Board of Directors at the time of assuming office.
- Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer: Should have been on the Board of Directors for one year at the time of assuming office.
- Four Directors, Jt. Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms: Should have been member of the Club for at least 12 months at the time of election.
- The candidates for all the above posts should have maintained a minimum attendance of 65% in the 12 months preceding the elections.

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Secretary Rtn. R.K. Luther will receive nominations for the above mentioned posts till 8 PM on Friday, December 8th, 2006. Withdrawals, if any, will be accepted by the Secretary till 8 PM on Friday, December 15th, 2006.

Elections, if necessary, will be held on Friday, December 22nd, 2006.

Nomination forms are available with our Office Secy., Mr. V.P. Sharma.

Watch out ...

Inter-Club & Inter-District Rotary Golf Tournament on 10th December is being hosted by our club. Inter-Club Golf tournament which has become an annual feature is eagerly awaited by golfing Rotarians. It provides an excellent opportunity to Rotarians for interaction and fellowship. This year on the

initiative of DG Dhian Chand, it is proposed to enlarge the scope and make it an Inter-District event. The registration charges for Golfer (single) : Rs 350/- Golfer (couple) : Rs 450/- Non-golfer (single) : Rs 300/- Non-golfer (couple) : Rs 400/-

Please see next bulletin for more details or contact PP Harish Sethi, District Chairman Golf # 1180, Sector 21-B, Chandigarh-160022 or e-mail at hcsethi@hotmail.com. Mobile: 94172-50422

Picnic at Ravindra Farms - 11 am onwards on 17th December (Sunday): Thanks to Rtn. Ravinder Krishan ji for hosting a Picnic at his Ravindra Farms, Vil Billa, after crossing Nada Sahib Gurdwara, 4 km from Ramgarh. All Midtowners & their spouses are welcome to enjoy Rtn Ravinder Krishan's well known hospitality in the ambience of his great farm house (Mobile: 98146-36146).



Wedding Anniversary
PP B.L. Ramsisaria.
We all wish Ann Sulochana
a very speedy recovery
from her illness.



Punctuality award
bagged by
Rtn Viney Aggarwal

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Rtn. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Jain December 03



PUNCTUALITY DRAW :
Won by Rtn. Viney Aggarwal

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

Ann Malabika & PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta ... December 03
Ann Suman & Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta ... December 07



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