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BEYOND THE SIGHT

Guest Speaker : Mr. Rajesh Singh

Coordinated by : Rtn. C.J. Rai

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 6.30 P.M.

SHAJU REPORTS BACK ON INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Last club meeting, the 16th February, was one of its kind, with DGE Shaju Peter giving us an overview of his and Ann Lovy's experience at San Diego, USA, where they were for their training to take up the assignment as the leader of Rotary District 3080 from July 1, 2007. They left Chandigarh on Jan.18 and were back with us on Feb.7,2007.

There were pictures of other PRIPs: Cliff Dochterman, Shaju's President (i.e. when Shaju was our Club President), Louis Vicenre Giay, PP J.L. Mahajan's President and current Chair of TRF Trustees, M.A.T. Caparas from Philippines who visited our Lepers' Home years ago and others. Shaju had spent some great moments with his RI President Elect Rtn.



It was a pleasant experience for the Rotarians when, at the click of the mouse, DGE Shaju gave an impressive multimedia presentation of his visit to San Diego.

Shaju and Lovy shared the warmth of the hosts when one of the USA Rotarians, 82-year old Lady President of the Rotary Club of Penfield, District 7120, Ms. Joyce Mc Chesney, put up the Indian Tri-colour in her house to welcome them.

The presentation included pictures with Rtn. Jonathan Majiyagbe, the RI President when Dr. S.K. Sharma was our Club President and Dr.V.J.S.Vohra was the Secretary.



'Kindle the Spark' to RI President Elect Rtn. Wilfrid Wilkinson

Wilfrid Wilkinson who announced the RI Theme for RY 2007-08 - "ROTARY SHARES". RI theme is not known to anyone till the RI President Elect officially announces it in the International Assembly.

The training at the International Assembly was for the DGEs from all over the world, 530 of them and their spouses.

DGE Shaju showed the pictures of the cultural show where all the DGEs gave performances, depicting their countries. The Indian contingent of DGEs & their spouses danced to the tune of "Nach Balliye".



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Do you recognize them ?



Shaju with his GSE counterpart DGE Vito Casarano from District 1220, Italy

In one of the pictures, Lovy and Shaju were dressed up in traditional Sikkemese attire, Shaju looking more like a *Paharhi* than a Keralite ! This was not at all as amusing as the delegates from Japan & Korea who mistook Lovy as one of their clans ! Truth was revealed to them about Lovy being an Indian, but this did not deter them from extending their affection and friendship to Lovy and Shaju.

On their way back from San Diago, they spent four days in Hungary, enjoying the sights and sounds of River Danube that witnessed the tumult of World War II and the historic transition from the Eastern Bloc to democracy and free enterprise.

Seeing that DGE Shaju is fully geared up to remove the letter 'E' from the prefix to his name, in little over four months from now, President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra presented before the house the proposal of the board meeting held on 15th Feb., that our club make a request to Shaju that we host the District Conference in 2008. The house gave a thumping nod to the proposal and an equally thumping nod came from DGE Shaju. The club would now take up this responsibility and implement it in the manner befitting Chandigarh Midtown!

Secretary R.K. Luther proposed the vote of thanks.



DGE Shaju presents the book 'Kindle the Spark' to PP Mohan Khera, his sponsor



PP Mohan Khera presents President Dr.Vohra with Rs 86000/- for the Eye Surgery Project



DGE Shaju gives wedding anniversary gift to Ann Brij & Rtn. M.K. Handa



PP Mohan Khera gives wedding anniversary gift to PP J.L. Mahajan



Ann Veena Khera presents the Punctuality Award to Rtn. Mrs D.K. Singh



Eye Screening Camp at Mohali

EYE SCREENING & SURGERY CAMP

For the last club meeting, we had esteemed guests from UK. PP Rtn. Mohan Khera of Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, was present in the meeting with Ann Veena, his son, daughter-in-law & grandson, Karan. On behalf of his club, Rtn. Mohan Khera presented a sum of Rs. 86000/- to President Dr. Vohra for the Eye Surgery project. He also handed over the letter from his Club President Rtn. John Tordoff, who disclosed that it was Mohan's own endeavours to raise majority of funds, and therefore it was most appropriate that he hands over this to our club personally.

The Eye Screening Camp has already begun. The cold morning on Feb. 14, 2007 did not dampen the spirits of our Rotarians and for Rtn. Mohan Khera & Ann. Veena, it was homely European weather to be present at the Eye Screening Camp at Defence Veterans Clinic, Mohali, along with DGE Shaju Peter, President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Ann. Indu, Chairman Eye Camp Dr. Jawahar Luthra & Ann. Indu, IPP R.K. Goyal, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Secy. R.K. Luther and Office Secy. V.P. Sharma. Better late than never, AG Capt M.S. Kahlon made it, in spite of being given short notice.



Patients waiting for their turn



Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra examining the patients

Eye Surgeon, Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra examined the patients at the clinic. Another camp is scheduled for early next month at Community Centre, Khuda Ali Sher, depending on the availability of operation theatre at GMSH, Sector 16, Chandigarh, which is presently under renovation.

[Signature] -President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

"SWADESHO BHUWANTRAYAM" DISTRICT CONERENCE - 2007

Please block the date for "Swadesho Bhuwantrayam", RI District Conference 2007 on 24th & 25th February, 2007 at BHEL Convention Hall, Hardwar. The conference is expected to be Interesting, Informative, Educative & Entertaining for the Rotarians and their families.

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NEW DAWN AT NIGHT SCHOOL, VILLAGE SARANGPUR

Rtn. Ritu Singhal has decided to infuse fresh life-blood in the ongoing club project, Night School at village Sarangpur. This project was started by PP Dr. Vanita Gupta in the year 2000. The project has since been nurtured with love and care by her, Rtn. Saroj Jhawar, PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia and other members. Rtn. Ritu Singhal has planned the following:-

- ☛ Surprise visits to keep track of the teacher and students' performance and working of the school.
- ☛ As the class comprises of students between ages 4 to 12 years, so the updated syllabus for each student is identified according to age. Record of the progress of each child is to be kept. The school has been provided with different books for different ages so that the children can learn all subjects simultaneously.

☛ To encourage the students, an innovative idea has been thought, planned and implemented. From now onwards,, awards will be given to those students who are more regular in maintaining hygiene, brushing their teeth, wearing clean clothes, combing their hair, well kept nails, etc. Awards will also be given to those children who show neat handwriting, neat books, and improve learning on daily basis. The awards will be decided by the number of stars each child receives on a daily basis.

☛ Ritu provided sweaters for all those children who needed them.

Carry on the good work, Ritu and we hope that other members will join you in this wonderful project.

- PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta

GSE TEAM FROM JAPAN - Hosts Wanted

Contact Persons : AG Capt M.S. Kahlon, Mob. : 9316036550
PP Rtn. Sandeep Luthra (GSE Team Leader), Mob. : 9814005265

The GSE Team from Japan shall be coming to Chandigarh in two phases. The first visit of the team is from 28th Feb. morning to 3rd March morning. The second phase is from 8th March morning to 10th March morning. We need hosts from our club on these days to accommodate one member in each phase. Please get in touch with above named Contact Persons or call Secy. Rtn. R.K. Luther (Mob.: 9316169735). The following is the tentative programme:

Feb. 28, 2007 : GSE Team reach RVTC at 1100 hrs. Luggage is to be picked up by respective hosts. Team leaves for sight seeing &

shopping (Rotary Chd. Shivalik).

March 1, 2007 : Visit to Punjab University & meeting with the Governor of Punjab (or Mayor of Chandigarh).

March 2, 2007, 6.30 pm : GSE Team visits our Club. This would be Joint Meeting with RC Panchkula & RC Himalayan Ranges at Hotel President.

March 3, 2007 : Team leaves for Shimla.

Second phase starts from March 8, 2007 at 1200 hrs. On 10th March, the GSE Team leaves for Delhi.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

PE Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu
PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill



Feb. 26
Feb. 29



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Dr. Savita & Rtn. B.M. Gulati
R'ann Amarjit & Rtn. H.S. Bajaj

Feb. 28
Mar. 01



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