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## Programme



*Please do attend*

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**GSE TEAM FROM RI DISTRICT, 2800  
YAMAGATA, JAPAN**

Joint Meeting of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown,  
RC Panchkula and RC Himalayan Ranges

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

**HOLI CELEBRATIONS  
4th March 2007 (Sun)  
Time : 11.30 am.  
Venue : 63/8-A, Chd.  
Res. of Col. AIS Gill**

Time : 6.30 P.M.

## BEYOND THE SIGHT

Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown once again got an opportunity during the last meeting of the club held on 23rd February, 2007, of making themselves available to the needy and deserving sections of our society, the blind - the visually challenged. Rotarians and R'anns were moved to listen to Miss Romita & Miss Tara, blind girls from Manipur & Delhi. These visually challenged persons have been provided the much needed help for their survival, by an

organization by the name 'Beyond The Sight', based in Sector 4, adjacent to the Mother Devine School, Rohini, Delhi.

Rtn. C.J.Rai of our club has been the force behind the attempt and had made a heart touching presentation by picturing the total way in which 15 blind girls are being supported to help them stand themselves in their life, to make them self sustaining so that they



*Rtn. C.J. Rai leads the discussion*



*Sh. Daya Ram makes a point, while VP, Rtn. Gurdip Deep gives a patient hearing*



*PP Dr. Vanita Gupta & VP Gurdip Deep hand over the money for a noble cause*



*Sh. Daya Ram being presented a memento*

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are able to support themselves. These 15 girls are from various States, that is, UP 5, Manipur 2, MP 1, Uttaranchal 2, Chandigarh 1, Rajasthan 1, Gujrat 1, Karnatka - 1 & Tamilnadu 1. All these girls are being helped to go through various educational and vocational courses, i.e., Post Graduation 6, Graduation 4, School Going Class XII 1, Short Hand 2 & Telephone Operator Course - 2.



Blankets distributed by Rtn. Om Parkash

A detailed presentation was given by Sh. Daya Ram Ji, a visually challenged, in respect of the boarding, lodging and medical facilities being made available to these blind girls. Sh. Daya Ram is a product of the National Institute for the Visually Challenged, Dehradun and is working as a Hindi Stenographer in the Indian Air Force Head Quarters, New Delhi. He has a speed of 80WPM in Shorthand & 50WPM in Typing. The sentimental and moral support is being provided by Sh. Rajesh Singh a visually challenged boy who is competing for Civil services and Sh. Manish Kumar for providing computer education. Mr. R.C. Nijhawan another visually challenged person, 85 years, aged is the back bone and is a source of strength to the organization. Sh. Nijhawan is an expert in providing education in Hindi Shorthand.

Rotarians came in big way to donate money and an amount of Rs. 8,700/- was collected by Rotarians on the spot, during the meeting, contributed by: Ms. Abida Quershi (Guest of Rtn. Deepa Bhar) Rs. 2000, PP Rtn Pallav Mukhirjee Rs. 1000, Rtn Arjan Singh Rs. 1000, Rtn Brij Mohan Gulati Rs. 1000, V.P. Rtn Gurdip Singh Deep Rs. 500, Secy Rtn R.K. Luther Rs. 500, Rtn R.T.P.S Tulsi Rs. 1000, Rtn Suraj Handa Rs. 200, Rtn Davinder K Singh Rs. 500, Rtn Ms Deepa Bhar Rs. 500 & Rtn Saroj Jhawar Rs. 500. Rtn. Om Prakash donated 4 blankets.



B'day boy PP Col. AIS Gill cuts the cake, with advise to VP Gurdip Deep, Ann Maniki & Secy R.K. Luther that 29 Feb. comes once in 4 years!



Rtn. B.M. Gulati gets wedding anniversary gift from Ms. Abida Quershi



Punctuality award goes to Rtn. Deepa Bhar

Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal volunteered to bear the entire expenditure for the eye operation of one blind girl. Vice President Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep presided over the meeting because the President was away to Hardwar to attend the District Conference.

- Rtn. C.J. Rai

### Eye Screening & Surgery Camp (10th/11th March)

The second Eye Screening camp would be held at Community Centre in Khuda Ali Sher on 10th Mar. 2007 from 9.30 am, with the assistance of the Youth Club. This camp shall be followed by surgery from 11th March at GMSH, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Poor patients needing eye treatment & surgery may please be advised to attend the above camp. Our club, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, UK are providing these facilities free of cost.

Rotarians are requested to devotedly participate in this noble project & offer all possible assistance to Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Chairman Eye Screening & Surgery Committee.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2007

"Swadesho Bhuwantrayam" District Conference was held on 24th & 25th February 2007 at BHEL Convention Hall, Hardwar, hosted by Rotary Club of Kankhal. DG Rtn. Dhian Chand announced the registration of 1500 Rotarians. RI President was represented by Rtn. Ratnam Ketharnathan & R'ann Saraswathi. There were a galaxy of eminent speakers. On 24th Feb., H.E. Mr. Sudarshan Aggarwal, Governor of Uttaranchal was the Chief Guest, accompanied by the first lady of the state, Mrs Usha Aggarwal, escorted by R'ann Usha Saboo. The Governor was introduced by PRIP Rtn. Raja Saboo. Being a truly dedicated Rotarian, the Governor has been helping the needy, the prime project being the establishing of a school for the rural girl children, in which best of the education is being provided under top class conditions.

Mrs Renuka Chaudhary, Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Govt. of India enlightened the Rotarians with free & frank views on women empowerment and her address was most vibrant & convincing. She talked about the Govt. programmes for the women & children and admitted that the benefits do not fully reach the poor & needy, for which she said that such Govt schemes should be implemented in association with NGOs like Rotary, and even suggested to have MOU with Rotary. The day ended with a cultural evening, a live performance by the Punjabi singer, Mikka.

On 25th Feb., the session started with Mr. Asit Ghosh, Founder Director of Tuff Trak International. Having over two decades of experience on people development he gave a motivational & inspirational multimedia presentation. This was followed by an interactive session with Sri Sri Ravi Shanker Ji, Founder of the 'Art of Living', a global phenomenon of caring, sharing & service. Swami Ji also gave a live demonstration on the stress relieving meditation programme.

During the business session chaired by PRIP Rtn. Raja Saboo, it was resolved that Rs 100 be contributed by each Rotarian of the District 3080 for the District Office being established at RVTC, Sector 18, Chandigarh, which is scheduled to be inaugurated in May 2007 by RI President Bill Boyd.

Our club had 44 registrations for the conference. Those present were DGE Shaju Peter & Ann Lovy, President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & Ann Indu, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, PP Indrajeet Sengupta & Ann Mala, PP Pallav Mukherjee, PE Sandeep Sandhu, Rtn. Saroj Jhavar, Rtn. Arjan Singh & Ann Parveen, Rtn. Raj Khattar & Ann Neeru, Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor & Ann Raj, Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal & Ann Lalita, Rtn. Prem Anand & Ann Indu, Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva & Ann Shradha, Rtn. Atul Grover & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur.

One of our senior most Past President, Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria was elected unopposed as a member of Nominating Committee for selecting DGN for 2009-10. Later in the day, Rtn. Chetan Aggarwal of Rotary Club of Roopnagar was selected as official candidate as DGN 2009-10.

### HOLI CELEBRATIONS

Holi is on 4th March 2007 (Sunday). The celebrations would start at 11.30 am. As usual, PP Col. A.J.S. Gill has kindly consented that the venue would be his residence, H.No. 63 Sector 8-A, Chandigarh. Holi is an occasion to have a 'Colourful Rotary Fellowship'. Rotarians & their families are requested to come & enjoy this festival of colours.

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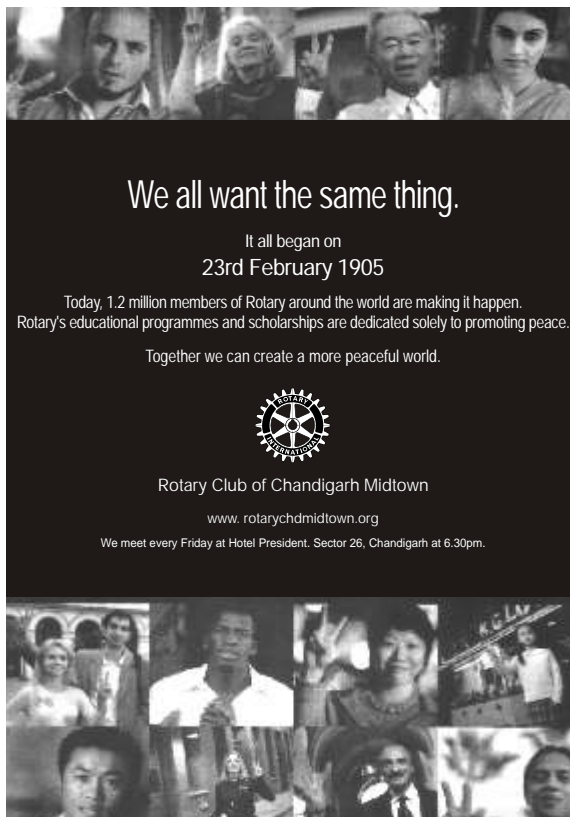
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Major interests: Education System, Culture & Social Customs. Martial Status: Unmarried.

Home stay is being provided by PP J.L. Mahajan & PP Indrajeet Sengupta. They deserve appreciations for consenting to be hosts for two members of the GSE Team.

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On 2nd March at 6.30 pm the GSE Team from RID 2800, Yamagata, Japan visits our Club. This would be Joint Meeting with RC Panchkula & RC Himalayan Ranges at Hotel President. Brief Profile of the GSE Team:

Team Leader, Rtn. Kimiko Tomita, aged 65 years, Classification: Psychological Counselor. Languages known: Japanese & English. Major Interests: Cultural activities. Martial Status: Married, 2 children. Following are the team members;

Gen Hasegawa, aged 34 years, Classification: Vice Priest of Buddhist Temple. Languages known: Japanese, English & French. Major interests: Places of historic interest, specially those related to Buddhism, Urban Planning & Architecture. Martial Status: Married.

Hiroshi Kashima, aged 39 years, Classification: Food Store Management. Languages known: Japanese. Major interests: Indian cuisine & food stuff, Information Technology & School Education System. Martial Status: Married, 3 children.

Hisashi Kumakawa, aged 35 years, Classification: System Design Development (Hardware). Languages known: Japanese & English. Major interests: Information Technology, Education System & Software Development Technology. Martial Status: Married, 2 children.

Hikaru Mitusi, aged 26 years, Classification: Teacher (Senior Elementary School). Languages known: Japanese & English.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva  
Rtn. D.K. Gupta



Mar. 06  
Mar. 08



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:**

R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Lalit Azad Mar. 04  
R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta Mar. 04  
R'ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti Mar. 06



**PUNCTUALITY DRAW :** Won by Rtn. Mrs. Deepa Bhar

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