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## Programme



Please do attend

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## Kaun Banega Good-Pati (KBG)

Rotarians are requested to participate in this event with spouse

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 6.30 P.M.

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

The visit of GSE Team from RI District, 2800 Yamagata, Japan to our club last Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, was a joint meeting of our club with Rotary Club Panchkula and Rotary Club Himalayan Ranges. Rtn. Ms. Kimiko Tomita led the GSE Team, having four young men as the members, Gen Hasegawa, Hiroshi Kashima, Hisashi Kumakawa & Hikaru Mitusi.

The visit of GSE Team is an important event for any Club or

District as it promotes global peace and international understanding. This Rotary year there has been exchange of teams between our District 3080 and District 2800, Japan. GSE Team from our District had visited RID2800 in Oct. 2006, PP Sandeep Luthra being the GSE Team Leader. One of the GSE Team members, Mr. Munish Singal, was recommended by our club.



Bouquets being presented to GSE Team by DGE Shaju Peter, Pres RC Panchkula Wg Cdr P Prabhakar, Pres RC Himalyan Ranges Satish Anand, Secy RC PKI Capt VK Chawla & Secy RC Chd MT RK Luther



Welcoming the GSE Team, DGE Shaju Peter said that this is the first time we had a GSE Team to our District from Japan, which is the second largest contributor to Rotary Foundation, after USA.



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Cultural show by the GSE Team, followed by the multimedia presentation



DGE Shaju presents the GSE Team Leader Rtn Kimiko Tomita with a memento



Wedding anniversary gift to PP Dr Balram Gupta from GSE Team Ldr Kimiko Tomita



B'day boy Rtn RS Sachdeva cuts the cake with Rtn Kimiko Tomita Ann Vinny ensures he eats it too!



Rtn Vinod Sobti gets his wedding anniversary gift from GSE Team Leader Rtn Kimiko Tomita and also bags the Punctuality Award

The GSE programme has no barriers in terms of language, geographical or political. Different communities in the world come together to understand each other, to lead the way for friendship, tolerance and peace. The diversity in our country provides any GSE visiting team a better exposure of traditional values and harmony.

The GSE Team members gave a cultural performance, followed by an impressive multimedia presentation about the Japanese culture. Japan is a leader not only in Technology & Industry but Agriculture & Fisheries as well.

The GSE Team is hosted by the Rotary families at different places and are exposed to the different cultures, hospitality & traditions, which brings about international peace, goodwill and understanding.

One of the GSE Team members was hosted a home stay by PP Rtn. J.L. Mahajan from our club,

whereas the Rotarians of other local clubs hosted the other team members. During the club meeting we could see Rtn J.L. Mahajan talking in Punjabi with his guest, who responded in Japanese and when there seemed to be a communication barrier, the Japanese team member summed it up with, "MazaaAa Gaya".

Rotary Club of Panchkula President Wg. Cdr. P. Prabhakar proposed the vote of thanks.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March the GSE Team left for Shimla where they were to celebrate holi on 4<sup>th</sup> March at Kufri Resort with DG Dhian Chand. After spending two days at Ropar, the GSE Team is expected to be in Chandigarh from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March for the second phase of their visit to the 'City Beautiful', and there are Rotarians of the tricity waiting to provide them home stay.

--- President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

## HOLI CELEBRATIONS

Holi was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007 (Sunday). Rotarians & their families enjoyed the ambience of the residence of PP Col A.J.S. Gill, the usual venue for holi celebrations.



Capt. Kanwaljit Singh, Cabinet Minister, Govt. of Punjab and his family were the honoured guests. Capt. Kanwaljit Singh interacted with the Rotarians and also distributed prizes to the winners of the games.



Rotarian Guests from Rotary District 2120, Italy, DGE Vito Casarano & Rtn. Giuseppe Massarelli

DGE Shaju Peter joined the celebrations with Rotarian Guests from Rotary District 2120, Italy, DGE Vito Casarano & Rtn. Giuseppe Massarelli, Distt Secy Elect of this RID during RY 2007-08.

In addition to joining us in the holi celebrations the foreign guests exchanged flags and also enjoyed the 'colourful fellowship', celebrated with dry colours.

PP Pallav Mukherjee had number of games to keep every body busy - no tension, all fun.

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva organised the putting competition, in which all the ladies participated. Few Gents took part in the 'golfing session', but most of them were busy, courtesy Rtn. Ajay Gupta who had sponsored the drinks. Thank you Ajay, but we missed you!



The putting competition was won by Ms. Renu Singh and amongst the Gents, Rtn.A.K. Sachdeva won the first prize with 3 points, closely followed by Rtn.Atul Grover with 3.5 pts. The Inner Wheel Chd MT President Ms. Jatinder Rai, followed by IPDC Mrs Neeru Khattar & Rtn. Saroj Jhwar won the game for finding things blind folded. The 'Joint Venture Project' of tying the knot, not the arrow, only the bow, was won by Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva & Ann Shradha, followed by Sanjay Handa & Anchal and Rtn. Atul Grover & Ann Sonal.



Our sincere thanks to Col. Gill & Ann Herpreet who had ensured the arrangements to be perfect and most enjoyable.

--- President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra

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## Eye Check up & Operation Camp (10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March)

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, UK, is organising the second free Eye Check up Camp which would be held at Diwan Hall of Gurudwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib in Khuda Ali Sher on 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2007 from 9.30 am to 12 noon, with the assistance of Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown and the Youth Club of Khuda Ali Sher.

### Correction

The District Office being established at RVTC, Sector 18, Chandigarh is scheduled to be inaugurated in May 2007 by RI President Elect Rtn. Wilf Wilkinson. The error in our last bulletin is regretted

..... Editor

The cataract operations will be performed on 11<sup>th</sup> March at GMSH (General Hospital), Sector 16, Chandigarh. Spectacles, operation charges & medicines will be provided free of charge to the needy patients.

Rotarians are requested to devotedly participate in this noble project and poor patients needing eye treatment & the surgery may please be advised to attend the above camp.

## CONGRATULATIONS HUNDRED PERCENTORS : FEBRUARY 2007

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| 2. Rtn. Viney B. Aggarwal   | 9. Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati            | 16. DGE. Rtn. Shaju Peter       |
| 3. Rtn. Arjan Singh         | 10. PP. Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta | 17. PP. Rtn. B.L. Ramsarisaria  |
| 4. Rtn. B.B. Bahl           | 11. PP. Rtn. Capt. M.S. Kahlon   | 18. PP. Rtn. Harish C. Sethi    |
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### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Rtn. M.K. Handa  
 Rtn. J.S. Chopra



Mar. 11  
 Mar. 15



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Neena & Tejbans S. Jauhar  
 R'ann Krishna & Om Parkash

Mar. 11  
 Mar. 12



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