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# Consumer Protection and Redressal Procedure

Guest Speaker: Brig. J.S. Phoolka (Retd.) Chairman, Consumer Forum, Chandigarh

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh Time: 7.00 P.M.

# CONDOLENCE MEETING - In Memory of R'ann Sulochana Ramsisaria

R'ann Sulochana Ramsisaria was one of the Founder Anns of the Chandigarh Midtown - considering that BLR and a few others were the ones who set up the club in the year 1977. And did she make a mark?

Right from the word go - she epitomized everything that Rotary stood for. Both she & her husband - incoming Distt. Secretary Rtn. Banwari Lal Ramsisaria, our senior most Past President, are known for not only being the living form of "Atithi Devo Bhava", but have been at the helm of our club affairs & its smooth running, since its inception.

BLR's family were present at the meeting - his younger brother, Mr. S.L. Ramsisaria & his wife, Praveena from Ranchi, BLR's daughter - Amita & her husband Sandeep Bhuwania from Delhi, daughter-in-law Nita and BLR's grandsons - Rishabh & Abienav, and grand daughters - Niharika & Aditti, in fact almost the whole Ramsisaria family was there. That's the family support!

After the customary singing of the National Anthem, led by Ann Mala Sengupta & Sgt.-at-Arms Saroj Jhawar, President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra made the sad announcements and called upon some Rotarians to say a few words.

DGE Shaju Peter said that the void Mrs. Ramsisaria has left around us is un-horizoned! God has taken away from us somebody who embodied the concept of the Family of Rotary long before Past RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe thought of it! She embodied the fundamental principles of Rotary, as her presence & support to all fellowship programs, such as pot luck dinners & picnic lunches, would always prove. She was forever the helping hand. To her happiness came from helping others - not from her possessions or acquisition of material goods. In her hospitality she had no equal - and the iddlys she cooked would put a South Indian to shame! She had tremendous common sense & political acumen too, instinctively doing what was always to prove right at the end.

What made her different was that even in her heroic struggle against the big C, even in the most difficult of times - she smiled, & the twinkle in her eyes revealed the warmth within! May God grant strength to the family - considering she always fought for it, a facet that has been imbibed by all of them!

PP Dr. Vanita Gupta brought out a few incidents in her life which she said really brought her close to her heart! In fact she found that Sulochana Bhabhi was always there - whether in "Sukh Or Dukh". Once when there was there a bit of leftover food from a pot-luck party of our club, she not only suggested that it be distributed amongst the poor, but went with President Vanita & helped distribute the food amongst a number of rickshawvalas. There were other instance too when she went out of her way to help.

PP Col. AJS Gill paid homage to Mrs. Ramsisaria, adding that she was not just helpful to her friends & family, but her concern went out to all! She was an asset to us, her family, and the club & to society, and is an example for us to emulate. May God rest her soul in peace.

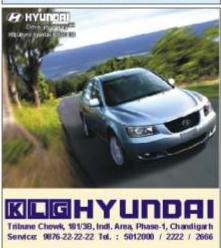
President Vohra said that Sulochana ji not only participated in the fight to eradicate polio but was present at the Polio booths with tea & snacks for the Rotarians & non-Rotarians. He couldn't have put it better - To BLR she was source of inspiration, even during her illness, to serve Rotary at the Club & District levels.

Mrs Indu Luthra highlighted the role of Sulochana ji as an active Inner Wheel member.

PP Harish Sethi remembered the time when almost twenty years ago, April '86, to be precise, he ended up joining the club - straight into the able hands of the Sergeant-at-Arms BLR, & that's when his association began with the family. In fact, Harish's daughter, who is settled in Panchkula, is an ardent admirer of Mrs. Ramsisaria. He ended with the thought that it is admirable that she fought it out over a year with her









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Telefax: 0172-2650422, 5047257 (M): +91-94172-50422 E-mail: compositepower@hotmail.com ailment with courage & stoic silence. He said, BLR, we are with you.

PP Dr. Balram Gupta reminisced of the days in 1977 when the club was chartered, & went on to add that her warmth & hospitality was generous! She was a stickler for perfection - as was evident from all Rotary functions which had her touch! That will be a void difficult to fill! He also remembered her brisk morning walks, & wondered how things took the turn they did! When the Heart is full, the tongue is tied! He prayed that her departed soul rest in peace!

Asstt. Governor Capt. Moni Kahlon confessed that his association with Mrs. Ramsisaria started with the first piece of Dhokla he ate! Let's all remember that BLR's place is more like a war room - where plans for functions were made, or strategies planned - and all that could not happen without the hospitality that only Mrs. Sulochana Ramisaria could give. Everything she took on - she took on seriously. As results would prove!

Secretary R K Luther remembered his two decades plus of friendship with the Ramsisarias. He said that she was a born leader, taking decisions effortlessly. In fact, he got addicted to dropping in to their house for the morning cup of tea, not for the tea, but for the great intellectual feast that came along with it! Tea was only an excuse for a starting another great day. She had a sixth sense; she could smell out your worries with a glance at your face - and had a solution for everything. She Cared, & she Shared - both ideals of Rotary enunciated by various RI Presidents from time to time. "Rotary spirit to kya - she had kai guna jyada".

There is a lady living in village Baltana who is the living proof of what an unknown stranger can do to your life! A desperate woman in dire straits, a chance meeting with Mrs. Ramsisaria changed her life forever. She was taught not only the art of Mehandi to help her earn a living, she was also taught the conducting of Rajasthani wedding rituals & scriptures! This lady is now much in demand during the wedding season, and in turn has helped other poor women to earning a living. Rotary Shares you're very right! Mrs. Sulochana Ramsisaria has been doing it for years!

Rtn.Arjan Singh said he did observe her as: One, she had a big, big heart, & two - she always had that spirit of jollity, gaiety & affection.

PP Indrajeet Sengupta, who undoubtedly is one of her greatest fans, started off with a Rajasthani saying, 'Jeem ke jana', which means, "Do not leave our house without food & hospitality". This, he said, was the way he & Mala were always treated. He let out that she was married at a young age - a girl from an offbeat place called Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan). That was all a long time ago!

When she recently (a couple of years is recent) went to Fatehpur for her brother-inlaw's death anniversary, she came back and complained of some pain. This pain, which was attributed to Osteoporosis, turned out to be the Big C, & then started a cycle which ended the way it did. The way the family fought for her, & stood by her, speaks volumes of the "Sanskar" she emanated! Her children, son Alok and daughter Amita & their spouses, as well as the grand children - all moved heavens apart to ease her pain! Hats off to BLR even for such a small thing as his two hour period of sleep he's been taking since the last year & a half - caring for his wife.

All this speaks volumes of the goodwill & concern she generated. It has opened our eyes to what the care of a family can be. May God give strength & courage to the family, & especially our Distt. Secretary, BL Ramsissaria, to bear this irreplaceable loss and carry on regardless - as our late Bhabhiji would have us do.

Yes, Ann Sulochana Ramsisaria has left her mark!

May God be with the family for all times to come.

--- PP Pallav Mukherjee

## Editor Rtn. Ashish Ahuja mails from USA

Dear Pres. Dr. Vohra,

It was indeed very, very sad to know about the demise of Ann Sulochana Ji. Her warmth, affection & hospitality will be remembered by one & all. She was quite sick during the days I used to visit PP B.L. Ramsisaria, in connection with the Souvenir released last year, but her sickness did not at all deter her to exhibit her usual hospitality in the form of delicious refreshments. Pls. convey my heartfelt condolences to PP B.L. Ramsisaria. I'll personally meet him as soon as I'm back from USA.

Regards.

Ashish Ahuja.

## Email from PDG Jagmohan Katakia

Baroda, May 26, 2007

Rtn Dr. V.J.S. Vohra Pres RC Chandigarh MT

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Dear Rtn Dr. Vohra ji,

Just downloaded your Club bulletin "The Mid-Towner" (No. 47) of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which I found to be most interesting and informative with the report of the RIPE's visit on 15<sup>th</sup> May, distribution of 16,000 Text Books worth US\$ 22,000 to the economically disadvantaged children on 15<sup>th</sup> May with PRIP Raja Saboo & Ann Ushaji as the guests of honour and Press Reports - excellently compiled and edited, for which kindly accept my compliments for an excellent job!

As per my letter of 1<sup>st</sup> May, I cannot but appreciate the manner in which you have raised your club to new heights of success in all the avenues thro' your exemplary dedication, devotion, commitment and leadership qualities, for which my heartiest compliments & congratulations!

With my best wishes for remaining year (06-07) steering your club to newer heights in Rotary service and fellowship and as you come to the end of your great voyage to "LeadingTheWay" on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007, may you achieve the maximum success .....

With warm personal regards to both of you & Rotary greetings to all your members from myself and Indumati, we remain,

Your Friends,

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#### DG Dhian Chand's Apeal

In his recent letter address to President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, District Governor Rtn. Dhian Chand has congratulated our club for our excellent performance during the Rotary Year 2006-07. By following The Rotary Theme for the Year "Lead The Way" our Club has laid down Foundation for the future. He has appealed that all the members of our Club should achieve the target of Rs. 4100/- per Capita and none of the members should be non-contributor. He further suggested that a member may even contribute just Rs. 500/-, 1100/-, 2100/-, 5100/-, 11000/-, 21000/-, 41000/- or whatever his capacity to pay.

As per the scheme of our Club prevalent during the current year, whatever contribution given by our members towards the Rotary Foundation, would be doubled. Your contribution of \$25 would be reflected as \$50 and so on. Some members have already taken advantage of this scheme and it is expected that all our members should benefit from the said scheme.

#### Useful Mobile Phone Tips

1) Emergency number:

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly...this number 112 can be dialed even while the keypad is locked.

Try it out.

2) Locked the keys in the car? Your car has remote keys? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone:

If you happen to lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are home, call someone on your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the other person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Editor's Note: "It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a cell phone!"

3) Hidden Battery power:

Imagine your cell battery is very low, you are expecting an important call and you don't have a charger. Nokia instrument comes with a reserve battery. To activate, press the keys \*3370# Your cell will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell next time.

- Mail from USA: Rtn. Ashish Ahuja

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Preety & PP Rtn.T.S. Anand

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R'ann Joginder & PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee June 10

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