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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

A Musical Evening by Inmates of Institute for Blind, Chandigarh

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 7.00 P.M.

SHIVANI GILL INSTALLED AS ROTARACT PRESIDENT

It was yet another important milestone accomplished in the journey of service by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown last Friday, with the installation of second president of our sponsored All Girls' Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown, Dev Samaj College, Chandigarh. It is the turn of Rtr. Shivani Gill to Lead The Way this Rotary year, after taking over the baton of leadership from Rtr. Parul Sharma who successfully



Rtr. Parul passes on the Rotaract Presidential Collar to Rtr. Shivani

completed a year of Service Above Self.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Ann. Lovy Peter as the Chief Guest. Also present were Rtr. Akhil Puri, the Distt. Rotaract Representative from RC Shimla Midtown & Rtr. Harkirat, the Zonal Rotaract Representative from RC Chandigarh. There were about twenty - five students from Dev Samaj College, led by their principal Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain, along with Dr. Mrs. Meera Modi & Mrs. Kumud Khurana, staff members of the College & co-ordinators of Rotaract Club activities.

With a warm welcome note by IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal, Chairman Partners-in-Service Committee, the dias was taken over by Mrs. Kumud Khurana. Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain had the privilege of

florally welcoming Ann Lovy Peter, followed by floral welcomes by the Rotaractors of Dev Samaj College to Pres. Dr. Vohra, Ann. Indu Vohra, Secy. Rtn. R.K. Luther, IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal, DRR Akhil & Director - Vocational Service Rtn. Atul Grover.

Rtr. Parul then, by means of a power-point presentation, highlighted the projects & activities carried out by her & her team during the last year :

- ◆ Tree Plantation;
- ◆ Street Plays (*Nukkarh Natak*) in Burail, Khuda Ali Sher & Mauli Jagran villages for creating awareness about abolition of female foeticide ;
- ◆ Blood Donation Camp where 70 units of blood were collected ;
- ◆ Bagged the running trophy in the Vishnu Kumar Gupta memorial debate ;
- ◆ Actively participated in the *bon voyage* function of (then) DGE Rtn. Dhian Chand ;

She expressed deep gratitude to principal Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain, IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal, Dr. Mrs. Meera Modi, Mrs. Kumud Khurana & all her team members for their support &




Outgoing Rotaract President Parul Sharma

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encouragement throughout the year. Then, paving the way for the new team to lead the way, she handed over the presidential collar to the incoming president Rtr. Shivani Gill.

Rtr. Shivani said she felt honoured as she heads a 40 - member team of Rotaractors. She introduced her team of office bearers - Prachi Kapil (Vice President), Molly Gupta (Secretary), Preeti Passi (Jt. Secy.) & Deepika Bhandari (Treasurer). She expressed hope that as Rotaractors, they would get a chance to grow both professionally as well as personally. Her plans for the current year include :



New Pres. Rtr. Shivani (sitting 2nd from left) with her team (standing)

- ◆ Rendering services to the disabled children ;
- ◆ Promoting awareness regarding family planning, ill-effects of using polythene, and national integration ;
- ◆ Visits to old age homes and interaction & entertainment of senior citizens ;
- ◆ Tree plantation programme ;
- ◆ Blood Donation Camp ;
- ◆ Attending seminars, career counselling sessions, personality tests & group discussions, development of leadership & public speaking skills.

Rtr. Shivani also mentioned that they had already given a meaningful start to the new year by pledging help to a 5-year old girl, Shehnaz, who has a 10 mm. hole in her heart & requires an immediate surgery, entailing Rs. 1.50 lakhs. Her mother is a divorcee & is unable to bear these medical expenses. What a noble cause of gifting a life, Rtr. Shivani !

The ZRR, in his address, complimented the outgoing Rotaract team for the good work done by them. He urged Rotaractors to channelise their energies in such a way that Rotaract does not only remain as an experience with them but becomes a habit over time. He motivated Rotaractors to pursue, persevere & perform and requested the Rotarians to actively involve them in their projects & activities.



Ann. Lovy Peter with her words of wisdom (But what are Pres. & Secy. discussing !!!)



Rotaractors from Dev Samaj College with Principal Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain (First from right)

Finally, our Chief Guest, Ann Lovy Peter encouraged the Rotaractors through her words of wisdom. She said today's youth was vibrant, ambitious & full of dreams. But there is a section of society the one of "have-nots" who too are no less vibrant but lack the opportunities to come forward. This imbalance is a challenge before us and must be removed. She called upon the Rotaractors to first identify themselves with the society, encompassing all sections. Only then they will be able to locate a need to serve & provide practical help. She also suggested that Rotaractors target women

section of the society & convince them about the benefits of education.

The ceremony ended with Pres. Dr. Vohra congratulating the new Rotaract team & assuring all help & involvement to them by our club.



Punctuality Draw was won by Rtn. Jawahar Luthra.



B'day Boy Rtn. Suresh Dhawan

 - Editor



26 Handicapped Persons Employed in Tata Sons Subsidiary at Mohali

Few months ago, officials of E2E Serwiz Solutions Ltd., Mohali, a subsidiary of Tata Sons Ltd., contacted our President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra for employment of handicapped persons in their call centre. Dr. Vohra, as Prosthetic Consultant and CMD of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre, Zirakpur coordinated the interview of the handicapped persons in the age group of 18 to 35 years, 10+2 pass having basic Computer and English knowledge. After the interview 26 handicapped candidates, having polio deformity of lower limbs and armed with artificial limbs were finally selected. They were given training at Serwiz Solutions, Mohali and finally they have been given regular employment at a monthly salary Rs. 6,000/- plus perks.

On Aug 1, 2006 as per the requirement of the company, Dr. Vohra visited Serwiz Solutions, Mohali and gave the fitness certificates to the employed handicapped persons. DGE Rtn. Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. Capt M.S. Kahlon, IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal, Secretary R.K. Luther and Rtn. Atul Grover accompanied President Dr.Vohra to meet these handicapped persons and motivate them. The Rotarians interacted with these handicapped employees and it was heartening to see the confidence and delight of these physically challenged persons. Their company managers were very satisfied with their performance and dedication.



The Successful Candidates -
Defying all Handicaps

President Dr.Vohra has a database of eligible handicapped persons and it has been felt that we should contact the CEOs and proprietors of other companies so that handicapped persons can get fruitful employment. This project will go a long way to help these "differently-abled" persons to lead their life with pride and dignity to support themselves and their families.

As Rotarians we would make serious efforts to encourage corporate policy of equal opportunities so that the physically challenged persons can be employed at call centres, as receptionists, computer operators, clerks and even for technical jobs. President Dr.Vohra, who has been working for the handicapped persons for the last 33 years, strongly feels that if given the right opportunity, these 'specially abled persons' perform better than normal persons and are more sincere in their duties. Let us help such persons to get jobs and bring laughter in their lives!

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DGE Shaju at Morinda Installation Meeting, the last in the series.



DGE Shaju felicitating the new President Amit Partap of Solan Midtown
(Report appeared in Midtown Issue 05)

Rotary Club of Morinda had their installation meeting at Hotel Orange, Sector 35 B, Chandigarh on July 30, 2006 where DGE Shaju installed their new president Ravinder Singh in the presence of a large number of club leaders and Rotarians from the neighborhood.

Shaju in his address commended the efforts of the club members in completing the screening of 15000 school children of Morinda and its neighboring areas with ecocardiography procedure under a Matching Grant Project in association with clubs in UK and the Rotary Foundation.

The previous day Shaju accompanied by Lovy was at Nangal Central to install their new president Shyam Lal.

Rotary Club of Gangoh made a big ceremony of their installation function on July 22 where Dr. Manoj Jain was installed as the new president by Shaju. The Guest of Honour on the occasion was Dr. Suresh Chowdhary, their local MLA.

Kankhal has their new president in Manbendhu Pathak. At their installation function held on July 26, Shaju complimented the club for taking up the challenge of organizing the District Conference in February 2007. Present on the occasion were PDG Prem Bhalla and Ann Uma as Guests of Honour. Incidentally, PDG Prem Bhalla will be the District Trainer during Shaju's term as the Governor.

'PRAGATI' - INTERCITY AT ZIRAKPUR

An Intercity on Membership Development, 'Pragati' was held on 6th Aug. 2006 at Zirakpur, hosted by Rotary Club Panchkula. President Wg. Comdr. P. Prabhakar welcomed the dignitaries and handed over the proceedings to DG Rtn. Dhian Chand. PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan was the Councillor, who explained the purpose of the Intercity to a gathering of over 200 Rotarians from the clubs comprising of Zone I to IV.

DGN Rtn. Satish Saluja introduced the Chief Keynote Speaker, PRIP Rtn. Raja Saboo, who gave a thought provoking advice on membership development. He stressed on standardization because the strength of Rotary is quality membership development.

There was a panel discussion anchored by PDG Rtn. Subhash Garg, with Panelists Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, Rtn. Manpreet Singh, Rtn. Chetan Aggarwal and Parveen Goel, followed by floor participation. DGE Rtn. Shaju Peter enlightened the Rotarians with importance of imparting Rotary information.

Our club was represented by DGE Shaju Peter, Ann Lovy, Pres. Dr. Vohra, PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Capt. Moni Kahlon, PP Dr. Vanita Gupta, PP Pallav Mukherjee, IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal, Secy. Rtn. R.K. Luther, Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal, Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva and Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur.

- Pres. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria

Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain

Rtn. R.K. Khattar



Aug. 12

Aug. 15

Aug. 16



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