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Installation of President Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and his team

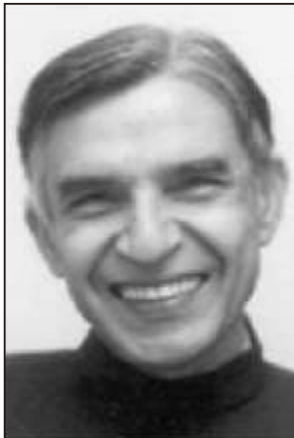
Chief Guest : Mr. Pawan K. Bansal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Govt of India

Guest of Honour : Rtn. Noraseth Pathmanand, RI Director

Venue : Hotel Pallavi, Sec 5, Panchkula Time : 7.00 P.M.

Please note change of Venue

Chief Guest



Mr. Pawan K. Bansal

Mr. Pawan K. Bansal is the Minister of State for Finance, Govt. of India. He is an Advocate by Profession and has held various party assignments viz. General Secretary & President, Chandigarh Territorial Youth Congress (I), President, Chandigarh Territorial Congress Committee, Member AICC Committee on Policy and

Programme (1988-91), Chairman, Research and Reference Cell, AICC (1986-91), Official Spokesman AICC (1995), Secretary AICC (1999-2001).

He has held many important assignments in the parliament. He was Member, Rajya Sabha (1984-90), 10th Lok Sabha (1991), 13th Lok Sabha (1999) and now in the 14th Lok Sabha (2004). He has also been Chief Whip Congress Party in Parliament (14th Lok Sabha) and Chairman Committee of Privileges.

Mr Bansal has been taking keen interest in Social and Cultural Activities. He had organised and participated in youth festivals, inter-State youth camps, Medical Camps, legal-aid programmes, blood donation camps, seminars and debates on national integration and social issues. He undertook padayatras in Punjab for communal harmony in 1980s.

Guest of Honour



Rtn. Noraseth Pathmanand

Rtn. Noraseth is the RI Director (2005-07) from Thailand. He is the Managing Director of Sinovest Enterprises, Ltd. He is Past President of the Bangkok Business Club and a member of the U.S. and the British Chambers of Commerce in Thailand.

He also is a member of the Advisory Council of SASIN Graduate Institute of Business Administration, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

A member of the Rotary Club of Bangrak since 1984, Noraseth has served RI as District Governor; International Assembly discussion leader; Committee Member, Vice Chair, and Chair; task force Coordinator; and RI Training Leader. He has received RI's Service Above Self Award as well as The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. [Spouse: Chotima]

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Programme of Installation Meeting

Friday, July 14th, 2006 Time : 7.00 PM

Venue : Hotel Pallavi, Sector 5, Panchkula.

Chief Guest: Mr. Pawan K. Bansal

Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Govt of India

Guest of Honour : RI Director Noraseth Pathmanand

- 7:00 PM Registration
- 7:20 PM Arrival of Chief Guest and Guest of Honour
- 7:30 PM Meeting called to order by Sgt-at-Arms Mrs Saroj Jhawar
- 7:32 PM National Anthem
- 7:34 PM Lighting of Lamp
- 7:36 PM Sarswati Vandana by Rotaract Club Dev Samaj College
- 7:41 PM Welcome by PE Sandeep Sandhu, Presentation of Bouquets
- 7:46 PM 'Service Above Self' Rotary Year 2005-06 by IPP R.K. Goyal
- 8:01 PM Installation of President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra
-Exchange of Collar, Seats, Name Plates.
-Handing over of Club Charter by Gurdeep S. Deep, Secretary, 2005-06 to R.K. Luther, Secretary, 2006-07.
- 8:03 PM Introduction of President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra by PP Dr. S.K. Sharma
- 8:07 PM Introduction of new team and Address by President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra
Induction of new member. Pin by Guest of Honour.
- 8:19 PM Introduction of Guest of Honour by DGE Shaju Peter
- 8:23 PM Address by Guest of Honour RI Director Noraseth Pathmanand
- 8:33 PM Introduction of Chief Guest by PP Dr. Balram Gupta
- 8:37 PM Address by Chief Guest Mr. Pawan K. Bansal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Govt. of India
- 8:52 PM Presentation of Mementoes to Chief Guest and Guest of Honour
- 8:54 PM Celebrations of Birthday and Marriage Anniversary of Club Members
- 8:56 PM Vote of Thanks by Vice President 2006-07 Rtn. Gurdeep S. Deep
- 9:00 PM Meeting Adjourned by President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra.
Fellowship and Dinner.

Master of Ceremonies: PP Capt Moni Kahlon

Dress Code for Members of the Board: Formal

Midtowner Caught In Net!

Yes, dear fellow members and readers, our website was updated on 1st July 2006
The weekly bulletin 'The Midtowner' is being uploaded on our website www.rotarychdmidtown.org every week.
The Club Directory has also been made available on the net.



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Er R.K. Goyal, IPP

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Saroj Jhawar, Sgt. at Arms

Ist Club Meeting of RY 2006-07

The first club meeting of RY 2006-07 was very well attended by the Midtowners.

President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra said that this meeting is his proudest moment and he shall "Lead The Way" with the participation, support & contributions of Midtowners.

DGE Shaju Peter gave a talk about the RI Theme "LeadTheWay".

The Guest Speaker Mr. Vivek Attray, Director Public Relations, Chandigarh

Admn., gave an educative an informative multimedia presentation regarding E-Governance in Chandigarh and the ambitious plans the administration has for the future. Interest of the Midtowner could be gauged from the fact that interesting interactive session followed Mr. Attray's presentation. Vote of thanks was given by Rtn.Ms. Ritu Singal.

Secretary R.K. Luther made the announcement regarding the installation function scheduled for 14th July.



DGE Shaju speaking on RI Theme



Mr. Attray presenting E-Governance



Outgoing editor PP Col. AJS Gill being honoured



Wedding Anniversary couple Comdr & Mrs. AS Nagra



Birthday Boy PP Indrajeet Sengupta



Birthday Boy Dr. Arvind Goyal

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Computer Centre for Handicapped Set up by our Club

Apropos the news about DGE Shaju Peter in the last issue of Midtowner (DGE Shaju-Where Are You !). Our President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra managed his way to reach Shaju who, inspite of his busy schedule, kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and inaugurate the Computer Training Centre for the Handicapped, set up by our Club at Saket Rehabilitation Centre, Chandimandir.

It was a warm morning last Thursday, July 6, 2006 but it was no barrier to the on-time arrival of DGE Shaju, Pres. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Ann Indu, Rtn. Atul Grover & yours truly. We were later joined by VP Rtn. Gurdeep S. Deep, PE Sandeep Sandhu & Rtn. Dr. Nitin



DGE Shaju being welcome by handicapped inmate

Mathur. We were given a warm welcome by Dr. J.S. Bhatia, Director cum Gen. Secretary of Haryana Saket Council, and the handicapped inmates.

DGE Shaju performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony and was pleased of the fact that as many as 72 handicapped students had already enrolled for computer training. Dr. J.S. Bhatia then took us around the campus and showed their rehabilitation facilities as well as explained about performing corrective surgeries.

During the conversations, it was learnt that the Saket Institute was one of its kind in the entire region. So DGE Shaju & President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra immediately had an idea to associate Rotary with this institution not only at the club

level, but at the District level as well. This was much praised by Dr. J.S. Bhatia and he committed his full support in this endeavour. DGE Shaju, in his address to the gathering, reiterated the need to LEAD THE WAY and uplift the lives of these physically challenged children. He, on behalf of the President, assured our club's commitment towards this noble cause.

Our Club donated four computers to the Computer Centre. More are required as there are a large number of handicapped children eager to become computer savvy. VP Rtn. Gurdeep has already offered to give one computer by Sept. '06. Rtn. Munish Jauhar has assured the President of his support with hardware & software. (Report by Editor)



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DONATION FROM INDIAN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, NEW JERSEY, USA

The club had a visitor on Friday. Mrs. Sunita Gupta, sister of PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta handed over a cheque to the President, Dr. V.J.S. Vohra towards the Leprosy Elimination Project of our club. It was a caring gesture from the students of Indian Hills High School New Jersey, USA.



Sunita Gupta hands over the cheque

This contributed to give a meaningful start to the new RY 2006-07. Sunita's daughter had participated in medical camps for Leprosy detection when she visited India last year. She and her class mates of Grade 9 in New Jersey, USA were motivated by Vanita's address to the students of their school on Leprosy Awareness. Under the guidance of their teacher, Mr. Hank Bitten, they raised some money for Reconstructive Surgery for Leprosy patients. This gesture just goes to show Global Commitment to eliminate Leprosy.

Thank you Sunita and Indian Hills High School, New Jersey, USA.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS :

Rtn. Rajinder Singh Sihota July 16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS :

R'ann Sudershan & Rtn. Ravinder Krishan July 19

PUNCTUALITY DRAW : Won by DGE Shaju Peter.

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