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PROGRAMME

Virtual Musical Evening - Zonal Antakshari

Presented by:

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Event Chair
Vaibhav Sharma, Sufi Parindey fame
Hosted by: Rotary Chandigarh Midtown



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Date: Friday, 14 August 2020
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Membership Development

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Our regular meeting on 07 August 2020 on virtual platform was dedicated to Membership Development. To speak on this subject President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia had invited our senior most Past President Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria and PP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi as Keynote Speakers and New Member Speakers were Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia and Rtn. Dr. Satinder (Vinny) Sachdeva.



President Sanjay Bhatia

President Sanjay explained about one of the most important issues of Rotary as August is the Membership and new Club Development month. He also welcomed the guests Justice Raj Rahul Garg (Retd) Ms. Manjith Gill, Bimal and Romy Khurana.

The President handed over to Director Club Service Rtn. Nitin Kapur who conducted the program in a very interesting manner.

PP B.L. Ramsisaria, who is the Counsellor of Membership Development and Classification committee, gave a very colourful and informative presentation on Membership Development which was self explanatory.

He said Membership Development has three equally important elements: Bring in new quality members, retain current members and organize new clubs. Prospective members shall be adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity and leadership, having good reputation in their business or profession.

They should be willing to serve the community and must be able to pay the statutory dues.

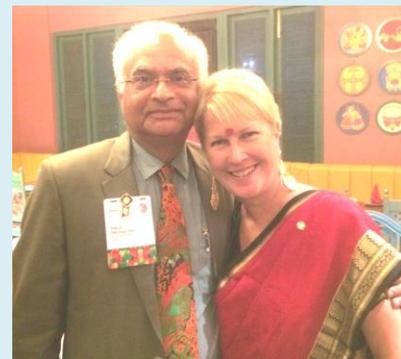
The classification of new members are decided as per the activity of their firm, company, business or profession.

There are two types of membership which are active and honorary.



PP B.L. Ramsisaria

First Woman Rotary International President



Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones of Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario (Canada) has been nominated to be Rotary International President 2022-23. She will be the first woman RI President. Read more about her: <https://on.rotary.org/2DDj58H>. PDG Shaju Peter is thrilled as she is his close friend and batch mate.

The Four Elements of Effective Clubs are: Sustain and Grow Membership, Implement Successful Service Projects, Support The Rotary Foundation and Develop Club Leaders for Beyond Club Level.

Membership developments is necessary due to the fact that RI loses an average of 10% each year. Additional members means improved fellowship, more new ideas and hands for service, keeps Rotary young and vibrant, provide for future Club leadership and more members keep the cost of Rotary down. More members will lead to more Foundation fund raising, more Global and District Grants.

Rotary Membership increased dramatically during the last century but it is stagnated in the last 10 years. The need for humanitarian action is expanding everywhere. Rotary's continued success depends on new thinking and strategies for our clubs and districts. Our Club's goal is to induct 4 -5 new members every 6 months, that is, net gain of ten

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members at the year end. Existing members should propose new members and also be their mentors. Members are the life blood of a Rotary Club and its most valued asset.

Pre-induction and post induction orientation is necessary for new members and their spouse, to make them aware of Club history and projects, Five Avenues of Service, Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Four way test and objects of Rotary. There should be a proper induction ceremony of a new member with spouse.

All Rotarians who have sponsored new members to join his/her club are given recognition as per number of new members sponsored by him/her.

The new members should be involved in club meetings, committees, projects and activities. They should also participate in District events. New members should also be asked to bring more new members from their peer group.

Our Club was chartered in May 1977 with 34 members. Now we have 113 members, one of the largest and most vibrant Club in District 3080. We have also sponsored three Rotary Clubs. These are Rotary Club Panchkula, Rotary Chandigarh City Beautiful and Rotary Club Zirakpur.

PP Ramsisaria concluded his impressive presentation by saying that we should not give up on membership growth and "Light up the Club with New Members."



PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi

PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi stated that three main reasons for joining a Rotary Club are local community service, development of professional opportunities and friendship / fellowship which most of us want. The membership cost should be reasonable and environment should be to the liking of members. The Club should have quality good leaders, due to which our Club is getting many awards every year from the District.

A Rotarian who proposes a new member should also become his/her mentor. A new member should be encouraged, inspired and involved in all stages of club activities.

Rtn. Tulsi also suggested that new members should occasionally be invited to board meetings which will go a long way to make them understand Rotary which will help the new members to feel that they are significant part of the Club.

Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia spoke from his heart. He explained that he and his spouse Nandita were keen to join an organization to enable them to contribute to the society and even tried to find out in social media, but were not able to make up their mind. He consulted his father-in-law PP Rtn. Dr. J.K. Kakkar of Rotary Panchkula, who advised him to join Chandigarh Midtown.

After being inducted in our Club, both he and his spouse started attending the club meetings regularly. They felt very inspired interacting with other Rotarians and Past Presidents, whom he considers as his mentors. Pradeep started taking part in club activities and participated in the club projects.

He also took keen interest in District events in which he participated with great interest. Not only this, he was very happy to take along with him other Rotarians of our Club in his car to these events. Pradeep and Nandita also attended the District Conference at Kurukshetra. In District events he was introduced to Rotarians of other Clubs and made many more friends. His joy as a Rotarian continued to grow day by day as he never hesitated to attend any event in the Club or District.

He also took active part in the medical mission at Mandla (Jabalpur) which was a great opportunity for him to interact with PRIP Raja Saboo and other RI Officers. He experienced great satisfaction by getting involved in the medical mission.

When he was told about Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) at Ahmedabad, he and Nandita agreed to be part of the RFE team along with other Rotarians and their spouses of our Club. It was another great learning experience for Pradeep to become friends of Rotarians of Ahmedabad. When the RFE team from Ahmedabad visited Chandigarh he was very happy to return the hospitality that he enjoyed in their city.

Pradeep had even decided to attend the RI convention at Honolulu (USA), which as we all know, was cancelled and was held on virtual platform. Pradeep attended this also with great enthusiasm.

The advice that Pradeep gave to new members is also applicable to older/senior Rotarians. The more a member gets involved in the activities of Rotary, the more is the enjoyment and satisfaction one gets as a Rotarian!



Rtn. Dr. Vinny Sachdeva

Rtn. Vinny Sachdeva came to know about Rotary after her marriage to Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva. She had joined Inner Wheel in Batala and was declared as best IW Secretary of District 3070. They shifted to Chandigarh and her husband joined our Club in August 2000.

She is a member of Juvenile Justice Board, Chandigarh for children who are in conflict with law. In previous Rotary year 2019-20 members of our Club joined hands with JJB to provide emotional support to these children, under the project 'Yuva ko Disha'. Vinny shared her experience with Rotarians the way they got involved in taking care of these children for their health, education and even legal issues. Our members were mentoring them regularly. This resulted in a big boost up for these children and recently all of them cleared their 10th & 12th board examination.

The other thing she highlighted was celebrating birthdays and anniversaries of members even if they are not attending the meetings regularly. All this inspired Vinny so much that recently she was inducted as a Rotarian.



**Invocation by
R'ann Indu
Anand**



**Meeting conducted by
Director Club Service
Rtn. Nitin Kapur**



**Announcements by
Secretary Rtn.
Shuchi Thakur**



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PDG Shaju at Charter Day of Rotary Alleppey East



Rotary Club of Alleppey East, one of the outstanding clubs of District 3211 celebrated their 47th charter day on 05 August 2020. PDG Shaju Peter was their Chief Guest on Zoom platform.

He was introduced to the 78 members of the club and visiting Rotarians by his classmate and friend Past President Gireesan who did Engineering with Shaju at REC (now NIT), Calicut.

The club made it a point to air his picturized poem ‘The virus’ just before his address. Rotary is all about connections said Shaju and talked about his close links with Alleppey East and District 3211, specially their Late PDG Luke who was Shaju’s distant cousin, PDG Prof. Udaya Kumar who was in Chicago with him for COL 2013 and Betty Karunakaran, wife of Late PDG Ravi Karunakaran who served as the Governor when Raja Saboo was the RI President.

Shaju complimented the Club Editor Dr. Ajit Sarasan who chronicled the saga of service of the club brilliantly in the 5th issue of their bulletin and Past President Dr. Alex in whose term the club became a 100% MPH club.

PDG Shaju’s 15-minute address where he recalled the Rotary theme ‘Renew the Spirit of Rotary’ of RI President William Robbins, 1974-75, from Florida who was an intrepid traveler and whose focus was the individual Rotarian was followed by interactions with the club members on Zoom.

On 06.08.2020 under Global Grant 1747695 Happy Schools, 1000 Sanitary Napkins were given to Govt. Middle School, Kundi, Sector 20, Panchkula.

These Napkins will be distributed among school girls while they come to collect dry ration (in lieu of mid day meal) from school. Headmistress Mrs. Sukh Rajni thanked Rotarians for supporting hygiene among school girls.

Rotarians present were President Sanjay Bhatia, PP Kanan Diwan and PP Amarjit Singh.

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Covid Heroes

A Covid warrior from Panchkula

V Muthukumar

At the Civil Hospital in Panchkula, Dr Rita Kalra, Admin Head, leads a specialist team to monitor round-the-clock the isolation and OPD wards to counsel those susceptible to the corona pandemic, educating them on hygiene, diet and a healthy lifestyle that includes yoga and meditation. Ever since the virus outbreak, the 350-bed district hospital near Chandigarh has

been transformed into a dedicated Covid Health Centre with special wards, labs etc in no time.

At this hospital, Dr Rita, a past president of RC Chandigarh Midtown, RID 3080, heads the FIR department which has 1,000 employees including doctors, paramedics and non-medical staff. Some of her key responsibilities include infection control, upkeep of hospital records and ramping up medical facilities. “After the WHO

declared coronavirus a pandemic, we had to set up an exclusive Flu OPD for screening patients and migrant families,” she said. Setting up Covid isolation wards and an ICU and supervising their effective functioning during the lockdown was a big challenge.

“We also prescribe a suitable diet regimen for Covid patients made possible through donations from NGOs and personal contributions. Our team has installed a molecular

lab for Covid testing,” said Dr Rita.

Isolation wards
Right from early morning, Dr Rita visits all the six isolation wards with over 100 beds for Covid patients, offering counsel and interacting with duty staff. She also checks the quality of special food being served to patients. The hospital gets around 250 people at the Flu OPD and 40 Covid suspects with fever and flu symptoms in a

Dr Rita Kalra with a patient at an ICU.

Happy Couple - Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra and AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

Happy Schools



Rotaract Online training session

Rotary International District 3080 conducted a two-day online training session 'PRATYAY' on 1st and 2nd August for the Presidents and Secretaries of various Rotaract clubs from the 5 different states including Chandigarh. The session was led by the district leader District Rotaract Representative Rtr. Samir Madan and his team. The online leadership training session was attended by over 100 Presidents and Secretaries of RI District 3080.

The event commenced with amazing musical performance by 'Tatvamasi' band giving a perfect start to the session. The upcoming leaders of Rotaract were given the lessons filled with leadership skills, fellowships, team building and technical skills. They also had power-packed singing and dance performances that added more fun element to the training session.

Rotarians including District Governor Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj, District Rotaract Committee Chair Rtn. V.K Sharma, IPDG Jitendra Dhingra, DGE Ajay Madan, PDG T.K. Ruby, District Public Image Chair PP Salil Bali and PP Sushant Ahuja graced the occasion and motivated the Rotaractors for having a wonderful year. DRR Rtr. Samir Madan is setting a different benchmark for the upcoming DRRs.

DRR Rtr. Samir Madan said "All the presidents and secretaries participated with great zeal. Everyone got to learn new things which would help all to make their club reach new heights. We made new bonds and networks in the District 3080 family."

The training session concluded on a happy note that Rotaractors shall serve the community by giving their best.

Leper's Colony on 31.07.2020



Sanitizer Bottles and Masks distribution in coordination with Humble Soul. Trees were also planted at Leper's Colony. Present: President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Patinder Maharaj August 15

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain August 15

Rtn. Col. J.S. Chandoak August 15

Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar August 16

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