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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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PROGRAMME

Hepatitis C from Discovery to Nobel

Chief Guest:

Padma Shri Prof. Dr. Yogesh Chawla
Former Director, PGI, Chandigarh



Zoom Meeting ID: 6291653178

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Date: Friday, 18 December 2020

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Life Skills for WICCI Haryana

Click here to watch on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/GsQ89nokZuY>

In our virtual meeting on 11 December 2020 President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed the Chief Guest Ms. Navneet Sandhu, President of Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Haryana) and our members present in the meeting. The President also acknowledged the presence of Ms. Ruchi Chawla who joined from Prayagraj, and is elder sister of Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur.

President Sanjay Bhatia talked about the pandemic and expected the situation to improve and that better days may soon result in physical club meetings. President Sanjay invited PDG Shaju Peter for proceeding further in the meeting. He responded in Sanskrit to the wonderful invocation in Hindi, given by Secretary Shuchi Thakur and both of them gave the same message of doing good by serving the community and promote the object and cause of Rotary.



Navneet Sandhu

While formally introducing Ms. Navneet Sandhu, PDG Shaju said that for the members who had done training in the Rotary District 3080 Leadership Academy, Navneet is well known to them as she was a trainer in the academy. Late PDG Major Som Dutt was the Dean, PDG Shaju was the Associate Dean (later he became the dean) and PP B.L. Ramsisaria as the Administrator

Navneet Sandhu has over 23 years of experience in Sales, Marketing, Operations and Business Development in Canada and Asia. She has worked in diverse roles in ITES, Banking, Telecom, BPO and Hospitality Services. She worked in Stratford Festival and moved into BPO as content developer and trainer to manager and further went on to help set up a start up and then moved into facilitation and coaching full time. As an executive coach and facilitator, Navneet works with business leaders and senior executives across diversified industries to help improve their business skills. She brings a rich experience of work and blends the best of East and West to help the client gain the competitive edge in the Global market. She is also an International Coach working with NGO's to strengthen and empower their leadership and vision. She has done MBA from The University of Melbourne, she holds a dual Bachelor Degree in Arts and Science from the University of Western Ontario Canada. She has a diploma from

Ontario Skills Program in Hospitality and Customer Services. Her son is pursuing his higher education in Canada.

Navneet expressed her pleasure to be back with Rotarians. She gave a very interesting and informative presentation. She explained her vision to create a powerful and enriching eco-system of life skills for the nation that builds the psychosocial, interpersonal and affective capacity of an individual in multiple areas to develop coping mechanisms and self-management skills that can effectively combat challenges, and help individuals evolve towards self-empowerment and success of Women professionals in business, industry and commerce across all sectors and fields.

The WICCI National Council for Life Skills endeavours to operate and create well defined policies, systems and processes, as well as engage with the population, in conjunction with the globally recognised concepts of Life Skills and their pertinence and applicability for Indian culture and progressive thought in the current dynamism.

She discussed the 7 Core Values: Integrity, Passion, Commitment, Excellence, Collaboration, Innovation and Respect.

UNICEF, UNESCO and WHO have listed ten core life skills that include problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication skills, decision-making, creative thinking, interpersonal relationship skills, self-awareness building skills, empathy, and coping with stress and emotions. The Council will work towards creating the awareness and relevance of the skills among professionals and aspiring professionals across sectors.

Talking about research and development, Navneet informed that the Council shall research and create iterative models and systems. It would also indulge in research paper writing and for implementation of knowledge dissemination to the target group, as well as for policy creation, comparative analysis of traditional approaches and global systems in the area. Empirical testing and validation of models would be employed through research surveys, for scientific credibility and proven ways of transformation.

Regarding Skill Interventions and knowledge dissemination, the Council shall engage with business units, entrepreneurship institutions,

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start-up incubators, corporate houses, higher education establishments and other groups across domains to familiarise and disseminate life skills training through specially devised Life Skill Centres of Excellence in order to work toward balancing knowledge, skills and attitude.

The Council will explore opportunities to engage with groups and organisations that need assistance for knowledge sharing through life skills community network. Knowledge grows multi-fold when the expanse of knowledge givers is unlimited and vibrant. The Council shall work towards the creation of a network of experts and practitioners in the area of life skills and related domains. This shall not only strengthen the mission of the Council, but also allow quick and effective osmosis of the subject matter in diverse communities of engagement.

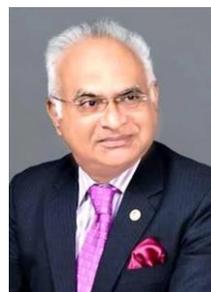
The Council shall create ways to engage with the community at various levels in person or digitally, to aid direct learning and facilitation and thus effectively engage with the population as 'friends of hope and resolve', where there is scope for the community to openly share their feelings, feel a sense of belonging and mutually strengthen each other within the group.

The purpose of knowledge is to grow and effectively impact the receiver in her journey of evolution. The Council shall encourage and facilitate knowledge sharing within the states of India, at national level and at a global level by way of engagements like conferences, events, webinars etc. to equip the knowledge base for a better prepared global society. Evolving times usher evolving methodologies, and thus it is important to create novel ways of enhancing life skills across all levels, profiles and sectors. The Council shall build legit policies in the area and suggest the acceptance and implementation of the same to the Government of India, for woman empowerment and a better conditioned society.

Navneet can be contacted on her Cell number 9915784018 for more information. [Click here to watch her presentation on our Youtube Channel.](#)



Welcome address by President Sanjay Bhatia



Chief guest introduced by PDG Shaju Peter



Invocation by Secretary Shuchi Thakur



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Jagvinder Singh Bawa

RI President & TRF Chair on 'Our Involvement with COVID-19 vaccination'



RI President Holger Knaack and TRF Chair PRIP K.R. Ravindran

RI President Holger Knaack and TRF Chair PRIP K.R. Ravindran have informed that now, the single question we hear time and again as we traverse the virtual world is, "Are we getting involved with Covid vaccination?" Considering the success and expertise we have gained in our polio eradication effort, this question is both natural and timely. The answer is yes. We will have an important role in the months ahead. This does not mean we will deviate in any way from our avowed commitment to eradicating polio, which remains our highest priority and will continue to be our only corporate program. Polio vaccinations must continue.

As there is a pandemic, the Board of RI and the Trustees of our Foundation met in joint session and have agreed that we have a role to play. The Clubs should utilize Rotary's knowledge of vaccine safety and efficacy based on our polio eradication experience to conduct vaccination education and communication outreach in the communities. This will be tailored to local contexts and regional needs. .

International Tea Day

Rotract Club of Samaritans celebrated International Tea Day on 15 December 2020 with Rotaract Club of Wadala East Mumbai by organising a virtual session. Members from both the clubs gave interesting facts about Chandigarh and Mumbai. There was online tambola game and pictionary played by the members along with Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur. It was a fun fellowship event enjoyed by all.

Fruitful meeting with Tynor on 14.12.20

President Sanjay Bhatia, Chair Disability Empowerment PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Director Community Service PP Kanan Diwan, accompanied by PDG Yoginder Diwan, had a meeting with Dr. P.J. Singh, Managing Director of Tynor Orthotics Ltd., Mohali. The salient features of the meeting were as follows:

1. Tynor will give employment to 30 disabled persons as Dr. P.J. Singh had announced during the International Day for Disabled on 03.12.20. Offer is open to abled persons also.
2. Dr. P.J.Singh was kind enough to offer his machines and trainer at sewing centres run by our Club and placement of the trainees in Tynor and also in other industries.
3. Under CSR, Tynor will give funds to our Club for disability empowerment project for artificial limbs and assistive devices. The procedure for CSR was discussed in details and modalities will be worked out.

Club Elections

Meeting of the Club Election Committee for scrutiny of nomination papers was held at the residence of Chair PP Ajit Singh Gulati on 15 December 2020.

Committee members enjoyed the hospitality of R'ann Bir Gulati, who served high tea.



Virtual address on the Human Rights Day



PP Dr. Balram Gupta

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta addressed the faculty and the students of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala on December 10 - The Human Rights Day. The 72nd year of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was the most challenging year, Covid-19 from December 2019 to December 2020. We have guided missiles but misguided minds. The worst enemy of Human Rights are the humans themselves. What a melody. What a tragedy. Yet, a reality. During the early part of Pandemic, the police, the doctors and the public health workers were attacked. There was panic and scare. The dead bodies were not being claimed by the family members. The mortuaries in hospitals were full. This was the biggest challenge. Therefore, the defences for human rights were to be built in the hearts of humans. This was possible only if we humans could understand our duties and responsibilities towards fellow humans. We humans need to understand each other. My right is possible if you understand your duty. Human rights in isolation of duties are not possible. The humans need to realise their duties. Only then, human rights would become possible. This was the time when we were required to maintain Peace, Harmony and the Spirit of brotherhood. We keenly look forward to a more meaningful 73rd year of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Pre Pets held on 13.12.20



Zone 4 Congratulates DGE Ajay Madan in Pre Pets held at Farm House of PDG T.K. Ruby at Kotbilla, Panchkula. L-R: PDG Rtn. Manmohan Singh, IPDG Rtn. Jitendra Dhingra, PDG Rtn. T.K.Ruby, PE Rtn. Salil Chopra (Chandigarh Midtown), AG 2021-22 Rtn. Salil Bali, DGE Rtn. Ajay Madan, District First Lady 2021-22 Rtn. Savita Madan, PE Rtn. Jamal Rashid (Panchkula Midtown), PE Rtn. Dr. Sandeep Dev (Mohali), PE Rtn. R.P.S. Saini (Mohali Silvercity) and PE Rtn. Jaspal Sidhu (Chandigarh)



DGE Ajay Madan with Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown AG 2021-22 Salil Bali, AG 2020-21 Dr. Rita Kalra, PE Salil Chopra, PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi and PP Deepak Sood



Social distancing at the lush green organic venue

Antenatal care

The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan has been launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. The program aims to provide assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care, free of cost, universally to all pregnant women on the 9th of every month.

Our club collaborated with Civil Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula and distributed pinni and milk to 50 in-house new mothers and 100 OPD pregnant women. Present from our club were AG Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Shuchi Thakur.



Inter District Meeting hosted from Patna

PP Rtn. Dr. Vinod Bhanti of Rotary Club of Patna had attended the meeting of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown on 04 December. His son, who is a Licensed Prosthetist-Orthotist and Clinical Director of Comprehensive Prosthetics and Orthotics in Chicago (USA) Dr. Amit Bhanti, addressed the Inter District Virtual meeting hosted by Rotary Club of Patna (RI District 3250) on 14 December 2020 and he gave a detailed presentation on various foot disorders and valuable advice for suitable orthotic treatment. On Invitation of President Rotary Patna Rtn. Achalesh Nandan, Rotarians had joined from various Rotary Districts. Our District 3080 was represented by our Club, for which PP Vinod Bhanti thanked President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur for their presence and interaction with other Rotarians. Sr. Prosthetist Dr. Amit Gulati of Happy Feet Prosthetic Clinic, Mohali also joined the meeting.

The chief guest was District Governor of Rotary District 3250 Rtn. Rajan Gandotra and District First Lady Anju Gandotra, who conveyed their greetings and good wishes, through PP Dr. Vohra, to our District Governor Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj and District First Lady Rtn. Rekha Bajaj.

International quality fasteners for covid vaccine freezers



PP Rtn. R.K Luther's company Atul Fasteners, joins hands with Govt. of India for a very noble project by supplying International quality fasteners for Godrej medical freezers for covid vaccines - pan India

Congratulations

On behalf of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, President Sanjay Bhatia with PP Amarjit Singh blessed the newly wed member of RCC for Disabled Persons Vinod Nagpal and his wife Sunil Rani at Hotel G.K. International, Sector 35, Chandigarh on 12.12.20.



Acknowledgement with thanks

Donations for Club Projects

Rotary Club Twin Cities Chehalis, Centralia, USA along with PP Rtn. Ashok Puri's brother AG Rtn. Anil Puri and other family members in USA very generously contributed for Government Elementary School, Peermushalla Rs. 7,50,000

Rtn. Col. Dr. V.K. Kapur Rs. 10,000

Mrs. Isha Rayat Rs. 2000

(Through Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur for Annapurna)

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Manjushri Sharma December 19

R'ann Neeta Munjal December 23

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur December 23

Rtn. Ravinder Krishan December 24

Rtn. Vinod Sobti December 24

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. Manisha & Dr. Rohit Sahni December 24

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