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PROGRAMME

THE FOUR WAY TEST

- Of the things we think, say or do
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?

Drama in Life

Chief Guest
Gaurav Vij

Dramatist and Professor
DAV College, Abohar

Zoom Meeting ID: 6291653178
Password: 15228
Date: March, 05, 2021 (Friday)
Time: 6.30 p.m.

Rotary Waging Sustainable Peace

[Click here to watch video on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGZJLqYq5pA) - <https://youtu.be/RGZJLqYq5pA>

In our virtual meeting on February 26, 2021 Chief Guest Rtn. Ms. Kari Williams, Rotary Peace Fellow from Florida (USA) and a member of a Rotary e-Club, was given a special welcome by President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia. Presence of PDG Shaju Peter from Kerala was also acknowledged and he was greeted by all present.

The chief guest was formally introduced by Director International Service PN Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra.



Rtn. Kari Williams

Rtn. Ms. Kari Williams, Rotary International Peace Fellow, from Florida USA is Peace Ambassador and currently serves as a consultant for the Integrity Florida Institute and the Peace and Justice Institute at Valencia College. She also serves as an Advisory Board member for IDEAS For Us, a United Nations ECOSOC accredited environmental agency. She completed her Rotary Peace Fellowship and Master's in Conflict, Security, and Development at the University of Bradford, UK with distinction and received the David Yates Memorial Prize for best overall average. Kari was sponsored for the Rotary Peace Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Seminole County South and District 6980 during 2015-16

February is designated as Peace promotion and conflict resolution month in Rotary, Rotary helps us to meet basic needs of others by providing food, sanitation, education, health care, housing to those who need it most. It also helps us to meet our inner needs as well for friendship, connection and caring. Through our Rotary service we know that cooperation is more productive than conflict. We know that each one of us has something to give and teach to build the foundation for a peaceful world. Through service projects, peace fellowship and scholarships we are taking action to address the cause of conflict including poverty in equality, ethnic tension, lack of education and unequal distribution of resources. Dr. Sanjay quoted Mother

Teresa, "The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace and peace begins with smile"

Ms. Kari Williams complimented First Lady Rtn. Ritu Bhatia for her wonderful invocation, "[Make me a channel of your peace](#)....."

In her informative presentation Kari referred to Johan Galtung who is known as 'the father of peace studies', and peace building after his initial research as a mathematician. As an experienced conflict manager, Galtung has mediated for more than 70 years in more than 150 conflicts among states, nations, religions, local communities, and civil society and also promoted the concept of 'peace journalism'.

Peace involves promoting accountability in government through research and policy. Corruption is defined as, "The abuse of entrusted power for private gain." There are both legal and illegal corruption involving anyone including politicians, government officials. Business people and members of public. Corruption can be systemic like lack of regulation of campaign financing has created a corrupt system, that is arguably legal form of bribery!

To combat legal corruption, like campaign financing system, citizens need to press for change in the halls of Congress, legislature, local city and county governments. To fight illegal corruption bribery, election crimes and civil right violations citizens should report to Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kari also talked about The Peace and Justice Institute at Valencia College which promotes peace and justice for all. The aim is to nurture an inclusive, caring and respectful environment on campus and within our community - one where conflict leads to growth and transformation and not violence or aggression.

Kari highlighted seven fundamental principles: Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

Peace builder Clubs are a Rotarian movement creating energy and momentum for peaceful conflict resolution around the world. This program is designed to enhance Rotary International's mission of, "advancing world

understanding, goodwill and peace” through the promotion of programs and projects that align with six areas of Focus – in particular, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution. Rotary Peace builder Clubs commit to engage in dialogues and projects that promote positive peace both in their communities and across the globe. Rotary Peace Centers offering professional development certificate programs and Master degree. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace.



**Welcome address
by President
Sanjay Bhatia**



**Invocation by First
Lady Rtn. Ritu
Bhatia**



**Introduction of
chief guest by Rtn.
Dr. Sanjay Kalra**



**Vote of thanks by
Rtn. Kulvinder
Singh**

PDG Shaju Peter was pleased to inform that our Club has the distinction of sponsoring two Peace Scholars – Dinesh Kumar in RY 2003-04 when Dr. S.K. Sharma was the President and the Secretary was PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. The second Peace Scholar was Aditya Rametra in 2006-07 when Dr. Vohra was the President and PP R.K. Luther was the Secretary. Shaju also spoke about the book on Peace which was authored by him.

The Rotary vision is, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.”

Kari’s presentation was followed by an interesting and lively interactive discussion with PDG Shaju Peter, AG PP Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, Rtn. Col. J.S. Chandoak and Rtn. Kulvinder Singh, who also thanked Ms. Kari Williams on behalf of the club for the wonderful presentation. Kulvinder also shared a very unique feature of the name Kari Williams because Kari is the name of his daughter and the name of his best friend, who is in USA, is Williams! [Click here to enjoy the meeting on YouTube.](#)

Rotary : 116 Not Out!

By: PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta

Rotary was born on February 23, 1905. It is 116 years old. No ageing signs. Years and decades have added to its strength and vitality. What is its health secret! What is its recipe! Its life story needs to be shared. It was extremely chilly evening (February 23) in Chicago. Paul Harris, a young lawyer (only 9 years into the legal profession) conceived Rotary. Invited three friends. These four men belonged to four different countries, different faiths and different business and professions. All settled in USA. Paul shared his mind. He wanted to organise a group. Each one representing a different profession and a different business. To meet by rotation each week. This is how Rotary took its birth.

As Rotary is entering 117th milestone, it is a global organisation of close to 12.5 million Rotarians. In India, Rotary has already completed its century. It is growing and moving from strength to strength. How very keenly we are looking forward that our Shekhar Mehta from July 01, 2021 will be Rotary International President, the 4th Rotarian from India, after Late PRIP Nitish Laharry, PRIP R.K. Saboo and PRIP Kalyan Banerjee.

It was 100 years ago at Rotary International Convention in Edinburgh, a resolution on International Standards on Goodwill and Peace was adopted. It laid the foundation for Human Rights and Global Peace at future conventions. It was after the 2nd world war, in 1945, the US President, Harry Truman and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill came together to draft the UN Charter. There were 49 Rotarians on the drafting committee. Peace is in Rotary’s DNA. The Rotary theme for the year 2012-13 was: **Peace Through Service** given by RI President Sakuji Tanaka. Rotary Peace Academies, Peace Chairs and Peace Fellows are working in unison to bring Peace through the medium of Service. Service beyond self. Service to humanity. UNO has completed 75 years. Rotary and UNO are partners in Peace. They are working together.

Service is a formidable arsenal of Peace. The Rotary story and journey is soaked in Service to mankind. I joined Rotary in 1977. I have enjoyed Rotary for 44 years. During these 44 years, I have been a witness to how Rotary has contributed in bringing Peace in the lives of millions of people around the globe.

My wish on this birthday of Rotary: Let the Nobel Peace Prize of 2021 be awarded to Rotary.

Compliments for our Bulletin from PDG Rtn. David Hilton

From: **David Hilton** <davidjhilton@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2021 at 8:32 PM Subject: Re: Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown Online e-Bulletin No. 34 dated 23 February 2021

To: Dr. V.J.S. Vohra <drjvsvohra@gmail.com>

Dear Rtn Dr Vohra,

Thank you for the excellent e-copy of RC Midtown bulletin which I enjoyed reading.

As always it presented a conspectus of the good work and service being rendered by the members. Congratulations!

Regards

David.

IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO OUR REVERED
S. GURDIP SINGH DEEP



Please join us in his Remembrance

MARCH 13TH, SATURDAY
KIRTAN - 12.30 - 1.30 PM
FOLLOWED BY LANGAR
GURUDWARA SAHIB, SECTOR 8-C
CHANDIGARH

Mrs. Maniki Deep (Pimmy) (wife)
Karun - Aditi (son - daughter in law)
Tara (grand-daughter)
& his loving family

Remembering PP Gurdip S. Deep

Compliments from USA for our Bulletin and Youtube channel

From: Assistant Governor Rtn. Anil Puri
anilp5@comcast.net
 (from USA, mailed by brother of PP Rtn. Ashok Puri)
 To: Dr. V.J.S. Vohra <drvjsvohra@gmail.com>

Hello Dr. Vohra,

I have said that earlier several times, without hesitation I would like to say it again, that you are the best. Each week I eagerly look forward to getting your news letter and get updated of Chandigarh Mid Town Club's events.

Then from time to time I click on the YouTube link you provide to watch the meeting. I did that again, for the last week's special meeting organized to welcome your District Gov. Ramesh Bajaj. The quality of meeting capture was fantastic --- as if I was sitting there next to you (saw you holding your phone) --- and enjoying the meeting.

DG Ramesh's talk was one of the best I have seen. His style and mixing of some stories in Hindi ---one with the "King" and "Apple" to decide who is incharge of the household --- and his Urdu Poetry --- I loved every bit of it. Very Inspiring.

Now, someone like me so far detached, can enjoy it, is only possible because of you, Sir.

Please keep doing it, and your fans, like me, love your productions.

All the best

Anil Puri

Project Aastha - cervical cancer phase 2 at GSSS Ratewali



Celebrating 116 years of Rotary

We had virtual presence of chief guest DGE Rtn. Ajay Madan, celebrity guests RJ Manav and Miss India universe 2019 Deepali Rajput, Renu Saigal and Indra Narula with other members / volunteers from Sahayata Cancer Charitable Welfare Society Chandigarh, who were the principal sponsors and donated Rs one lakh for the vaccines. Physically present from our Club were President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur and other Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown, members of Inner Wheel Panchkula, President Rtr. Harshit, Rtr. Madhav and Rtr. Arundhati of Rotaract Samaritans, about 70 students with faculty joined the event. A cultural program was presented while the vaccination camp for girls was started simultaneously.

Puri family's Generous Contribution – Rs 10 Lakh



Uniform with socks, shoes, sweaters and masks were given to 20 students of Government Primary School Peermuchala, Zirakpur, by family of PP Ashok Puri and his brother in USA AG Anil Puri.

Rs 10 lakh has already been donated by Puri family for renovation / extension of this school, which is the signature project of our Club.

For PDG Shaju Peter this was the last project he visited before shifting his location to Kerala. Others present from our club were PP Ashok Puri, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Kanan Diwan, AG Dr. Rita Kalra, R'ann Sudha Puri and Rtn. Shashikant Adokar. The teachers and staff of the school thanked our Club for the support.

Annapurna divas

160 children and 21 mothers were served food at Samarpan Majri Chowk Panchkula on 27th February 2021. Rtn Renu Chopra, PE Salil Chopra and Rtn. Suman Gupta with Mr. Naresh Gupta were present. The Manager of Samarpan Mrs. Rama thanked our club for this noble gesture, which is our ongoing project.



Skill Training Program

Youth from rural areas are being given free one month skill development training on Mobile repairing and digital learning, launched by Director Vocational Service Rtn. Anupam Jain, along with AGM Suman Singh and GM Rahul Priyadarshi from SIDBI, Chandigarh. Trainees will be assisted for self-employment and job opportunities after completion of the course.



**Skill & Vocational Training Program
on Mobile Repairing & Digital Learning**

26th February to 25th March, 2021

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Zone 3 and 4 (2021-22) Meeting



DG 2021-22 Rtn. Ajay Madan, AG 2021-22 Rtn. Salil Bali, President 2021-22 Rtn. Salil Chopra, DGN Rtn. Naveen Gulati, PP Rtn. Shashi Chadha and DGND Rtn. Arun Mongia

Presidents and Secretaries (2021-22) Joint Zone 3 & 4 Meeting, RID 3080 was hosted by Assistant Governors (2021-22) PP Salil Bali and PP Rtn. Gaurav Ghai under the Chairmanship of DGE Ajay Madan and in presence of DGN Naveen Gulati, DGND Arun Mongia, District Secretaries (2021-22) PP Rtn. Sandeep Jain and PP Rtn. Sandeep Goel, Astt Trainer (2021-22) PP Rtn. C.S. Rai, District CSR Chair PP Rtn. Deepak Sood and District Secretary (2022-23) PP Shashi Chadha at Chandigarh Club on 21st February 2021. Chief Secretary PDG Rtn. Jitendra Dhingra joined the meeting through Virtual Platform.

The Meeting was attended by Presidents and Secretaries of Zone 3 & 4 of RY 2021-22 who presented their plans for the coming year and appreciated this first of its kind meeting for bringing the Leaders of the Zone together. Our Club Secretary 2021-22 Rtn. J.S. Bawa also attended the meeting.

DGE Ajay Madan talked about the Vision for RY 2021-22 and motivated the team for serving to change lives.

The meeting ended with Fellowship and dinner.

Donations for The Rotary Foundation

PP R.K. Luther	USD 1500
PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter	USD 1000
Rtn. Surjit Mann	USD 1000
Rtn. Anjali Chhabra	USD 100
President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia	USD 1000
Rtn. Ritu Bhatia	USD 1000
Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra	USD 1000
Siddharth Bhatia	USD 1000
Rtn. Sanjay Kalra	USD 1000
PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia	USD 1000
Rtn. Nitin Kapur	USD 200
R'ann Shivani Kapur	USD 200

Donations for Club Projects

PP Rtn. Anil Mehan	Rs. 5000
Ms. Sunita Saluja	Rs. 4000

Birthday of Spouse

R.S Sachdeva 06 Mar

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. M.K. Handa 11 Mar



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