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PLANS & OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW DISTRICT OF CHANDIGARH TRICITY - MOHALI

Guest Speaker : Mr. Tejveer Singh, IAS, D.C. Mohali

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 6.30 P.M.

CHANGING HUMAN VALUES AND RELATIONSHIPS

While introducing the topic of the evening, President Dr.V.J.S. Vohra reversed the famous *kahawat* and remarked *JHOOTH KA BOL BALA, SACH KA MUNH KALA*. We have business relationships, family relationships, professional relationships, Rotary relationships etc. In Rotary, we have The Four-Way Test :-

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

How many of us give respect to our elders: parents, elder brother, teachers etc.? If we talk in terms of law, these relationships can be twisted or (mis) interpreted to suit one's advantage or greed. But where is the natural justice? Where are the morals? In our culture there was a time when the eldest brother was gracefully accepted in the place of the father, after his death. But now, does this happen?

People talk of law, of their rights. But who is bothered about what the elders morally deserve? People demand their rights at any cost & even at the cost of morals. Truth is overshadowed by bunch of lies and unfortunately the custodians of law accept this. The values of Relationships have drastically gone down.

The President also quoted what was there on the TV Channel last week. "*Diwali mein hai Ali, Ramzan mein hai Ram, Bhaiyon phir jhagrhe ka kya hai kaam?*" We shall attain more happiness if we realise this truth.

RI President Bill Boyd, in his message on The Four-Way Test in October 2006 issue of *The Rotarian*, says :

"Dear fellow Rotarians,

A few years ago, John W. Dean III, White House counsel under U.S. President Richard M. Nixon, addressed the District 5670

(Kansas, USA) Conference. The subject of his talk was "Watergate, War, and The Four-Way Test." He concluded his remarks with this declaration:

'I am going to tell you without fear of contradiction that had those of us in the Nixon White House who were involved in Watergate stopped to apply The Four-Way Test, even if only occasionally, there would have been no Watergate. In short, The Four-Way Test works. . . . It will work for any issue, if only we are willing to use it.'

The Four-Way Test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed by Herbert J. Taylor in 1932, it has never ceased to be relevant. Its four brief questions are not based on culture or religion; instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend national borders and generations.

As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in the back of our minds - if not the front - in every decision we make, all day long. As we go through our lives at work, at home and in our communities, we must be conscious of our responsibilities as Rotarians: to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships and to always try to do the best we can for everyone we encounter.

We must also make it known that we will not compromise our ethical standards. Hanging The Four-Way Test on the wall for all to see sends a clear message: Rotarians are people of integrity who care.

The Four-Way Test compresses ethical decisions down to something that can be hung on a small wall plaque. But Past RI President Richard Evans made it even simpler with one phrase: Is it right?

In his essay on the topic, he said: 'A large part of all the proposals that are made in the world could easily be eliminated from further discussion simply by asking this one

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question: 'Is it right?' If it is, we may well consider them further. We may then reasonably ask whether or not it is convenient, whether or not it is profitable, whether or not we want to do it. But if it isn't right, we are wasting our time in asking any other question, because if it isn't right, it isn't worth it, no matter what else there may be in it for anyone.'

As Rotarians, I hope we all take this advice to heart and *Lead the Way* in doing only what is right."

Our guest speaker for the last meeting, Mrs. S. Bhardwaj started her talk by saying that Human Relationships were indeed deteriorating by the day.

We often talk of the need of the hour. How every person has to learn to be self sufficient, regardless of his age or state in life? How everybody now needs to protect his or her interests in the callous and selfish world of today. How a person should have no expectations from the people around him, so much so that if a person is polite, kind, caring and generous it strikes us as an exceptional quality and we are reminded of the good old days. She felt that in the name of modernization and development, we are actually saying good bye to all that's good in human nature.

The basic unit of society is the group we call the FAMILY because it is the family that forms the individual and makes society possible.

It is the family that makes us social beings ready to take on our positions, a culture, and social institutions. It is unimaginable, therefore, to even consider the possibility for human society or the human individual without considering the role of the family.

Many of our problems as individuals and as society can be traced to the changes in the family, and many of the benefits we enjoy can also be traced to these family changes. Our attitudes toward unmarried couples living together, premarital sex, women's and men's roles, having children, and socializing children have undergone considerable change. In both family structure and sexuality, we regard more and more varied behavior as normal and agree less and less about what constitutes normal traditional behavior.

The family remains a very important agency for the socialization of children. We take on human qualities through interactions in the family. The family teaches us who we are and gives us the love and security necessary to make us independent adults.

The modern family is undergoing profound and rapid change. This is not simply because of a conspiracy by some group trying to destroy our society, nor is it simply caused by television, declining morality, or declining schools. And this change is not simply the result of the declining importance of the family, either. People are deciding what to do with their lives - before and during marriage - rather than being told what to do by society.

So, that brings us to the brass tacks - The Burning Issue. Where are we all heading? What will be the ultimate fallout of all such self centered existence? Will the society turn around full circle and go back to the barbaric ways before civilization started? It is frightening to say the least. In our blind ambition to ape the west, we are ruining all human values. It is time we all should do an honest introspection and take our own decision about our future in the present scenario.

- Pres. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra & PP Pallav Mukherjee

Sorry, no visuals this time - as the B'day boys as well as the anniversary couple were missing - and so was the camera. ☹

- Editor

Prison Vs. Work Rating

IN PRISON



You spend the majority of your time in an 8x10 cell



You get three meals a day (free).



You get time off for good behavior.

They allow your family and friends to visit.



You can watch TV and play games.

You get your own toilet.



All expenses are paid by taxpayers with no work at all.

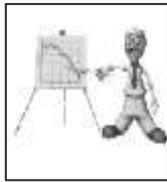


A guard locks and unlocks the doors for you.

AT WORK



You spend the most of your time in an 6x8 cell



You only get a break for one meal & you have to pay for it yourself.



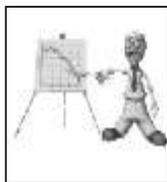
You get rewarded for good behavior with more work.

You can't even speak to your family and friends.



You get fired for watching TV & playing games.

You have to share.



You get to pay all the expenses to go to work & then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for the prisoners.



You must carry around a security card & unlock open all the doors yourself.

- Contributed by Rtn.Ashish Ahuja

YOUNGEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Master 'Akshat', grandson of our Club Secretary, Rtn. R.K. Luther & Ann Urmil, son of Atul & Tina Luther, was born on September 17, 2006 at Chandigarh. Immediately on his birth, Akshat was made PHF by his *Dadaji*, who handed over the payment to this effect in the last club meeting.

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POLIO PLUS WORKSHOP

Polio Plus Workshop was held on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at Hotel Grand Riveria, Paonta Sahib, hosted by Rotary Club Paonta Sahib, alongwith Zonal Intercity (Zone 8-10) on Membership Development.

PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar in his address said that Polio has not been fully eliminated from our country. Latest figures report 441 polio cases including from Chandigarh, Panchkula & Kharar. UP & Bihar have the maximum number of cases. Though globally polio has been eliminated 99% but not so in India, Nigeria, Pakistan & Afghanistan.

The keynote address was given by the Chief Guest, RI Director Elect, Rtn. Ashok Mahajan, who had come from Mumbai to participate in the Intercity. While talking on Membership Development, he said Rotary is an organisation which promotes world peace and it has to grow with service minded people. Regarding polio, Mr. Mahajan said Rotary International has spent \$ 600 million. Every Rotarian should get involved in this programme. We should spread awareness amongst the masses with a pledge to eradicate polio.

DGE Shaju Peter & Ann Lovy, alongwith AG Capt Moni Kahlon & President Dr. V.J.S. Vohra participated in the above proceedings. DGE Shaju spoke on Classification as the most distinguished feature as we have members from various professions. It is not in true Rotary spirit to have people from one particular profession. R'ann Lovy spoke on 'Role of Spouses', and soon we shall have her as our Guest Speaker on this topic.



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



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Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra



Nov. 07
Nov. 08



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