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Mr. Vivek Attray HCS, Director Public Relations, UT Chandigarh

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Time: - 7 PM

The Collar

The first meeting of the Club of the current Rotary Year was held on July 06, 2007 and it was also first time that our Rtn Sandeep Sandhu wore the President's collar or as he puts it "was collared".

The Sheesh Mahal of Hotel President was bursting at the seams, so much so, that lot of extra chairs had to be mustered by the Sergeant at Arms to accommodate the flood of Rotarians and Annes and guests. A tribute to the President's efforts to improve the attendance. Everybody hoped and wished that this trend of the attendance at the Club meetings would continue.

The President welcomed the Midtowners to the first Club Meeting of the Year and, with visible and vocal humility thanked the members for giving him the honour of serving the Club as President for the Year. He said that it also scared

him to think of the tasks ahead and the expectations of the members and the District, particularly so as the District Governor Rtn Shaju Peter is a member of our Club and he too is expecting a very high level of performance from us. He further added that, at the same time he is very confident that with the cooperation and sincere efforts of the Midtowners, the Club will come up to the expectations of everybody. He explained that he was encouraged when a number of Midtowners came to him and offered any help that he would ask for.

The aim of the first meeting of the year was to share the well thought out plans for the year by the Club Directors of the four avenues of Rotary service. The President stated that the Rotary theme of the year is "Rotary Shares" and he thought that it would be befitting to start the year by sharing the plans with the Midtowners right at the first opportunity



Collaring the President by PP Rtn. Kahlon, Secy. Atul & IPP Vohra watch



President Sandeep Sandhu kick starts the Year

of the year so that to enrich the plans with brain storming at all levels. The President, thereafter, called upon Rtn Ashish Singla, Director Club Service to explain to the Midtowners the plans for the year.

Director Club Service Rtn Ashish Singla enumerated the various committees of this avenue of service and said that there would be 52 issues of the Club bulletin The Mid Towner with possibly two or three special issues. He, particularly, thanked the Rotarian who volunteered to advertise in the bulletin to finance its continuous issues throughout the year. He further stated that the classification roster would be updated, attendance would be improved, steps would be taken to improve the Rotary image, fellowship dinners would be revived, two picnics would be organized, one in September and one in February, and efforts would be made to increase the quality membership by 11%. The President intervened to say that let us increase the target to 15% growth in membership.

Director Community Service, Rtn Nitin Mathur stated that



Director Club Service Rtn. Ashish Singla shares his plans

there would be two blood donation camps, one in November and one in January/February, one eye camp that will be preceded by a number of screening camps to identify the needy and who are fit for eye surgery, the night school at Sarangpur started by PP Rtn Dr Vanita Gupta would continue, Rotaract Club would be revived and energized, a golf and possibly a cricket tournament would be held. The



Director Community Service Rtn. Nitin Mathur shares his plans



Director Vocational Service Rtn. JS Bawa shares his plans

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President added that PP Khera, from the Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, UK and about 15 members of the Club would be there during the eye camp and that they would help in financing the camp.

Director Vocational Service Rtn JS Bawa explained his plans and stated that there would be one or two career planning and counseling camps, a mechanics training camp at PP Rtn RS Chandgothia's workshop and awards for various vocations would be given away to the deserving persons after careful selection and assessment of their performance in their vocations.

Director International Service Rtn Arjan Singh emphasized the family exchange and the donations to The Rotary Foundation aspects of the International Avenue of service. He said that a number of family exchanges are being planned and that volunteers would be required to host the families coming to us and volunteer families to go out and visit them on reciprocal basis. The Director requested Midtowners to open their purses and donate to The Rotary Foundation. The President elaborated and added to this aspect by



Director International Service Rtn. Arjan Singh shares his plans

announcing that District Governor is planning a Diagnostic Centre for the challenged children at a cost of USD 40,000 as part of the Club WCS Projects and that The Rotary Foundation will be requested to help us in this gigantic project, the largest in our Club till date, through their Matching Grants Program. Rtn Arjan further added that an International Cultural night will be organized and it may be possible to get a cultural troupe from outside India through the foreign Embassies.

The President concluded the discussion by emphasizing the two goals set for us by the District Governor who was present in the Club, namely the membership growth of 11% and the contribution to The Rotary Foundation of USD 11,000. The President, on behalf of the Club, assured the District Governor, amongst a bout of clapping, that not only these targets would be met by the Club but we will exceed these targets. He also reminded the Midtowners that the forthcoming District Conference on 23-24 Feb 2008 would be the Club's responsibility. He further asked the Midtowners to participate in donating to The Rotary Foundation and to participate in all Club and District activities as there would be many raffles and draws with attractive prizes at the District functions and these would be open to those who contribute a minimum of USD 100 to The Rotary Foundation in the preceding months.

Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya has offered to initiate and complete the project for training the challenged needy persons in the use of computers and has also offered to donate the computers that would be required for the project. A similar project was also initiated and completed by IPP Rtn Vohra last year. The Midtowners applauded the offer and cited it as a perfect example of volunteerism. Such volunteerisms need to be emulated by all.

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Happy Anniversary memento for Rtn. TL Verma by Anne.Lovy Peter

The President, thereafter, threw the discussion to an open house and asked the Midtowners to offer comments and suggestions. The House approved the plans presented by the Directors, and the President adjourned the meeting and invited everybody to fellowship and cocktails. There followed the usual friendly interaction and the requests for the success of the current Rotary Year.

Well Being

Manav, son of Rtn Raj Khattar and Anne Neeru Khattar met with an accident in USA. He is reported to be all right. We pray for his well being and safety.

Fellowship Dinner

While the President kick-started the Year in the first meeting of the Club, Chairman Fellowship Committee PP

Rtn Subhash Bindra kick-started the fellowship dinners on 05 July, 2007. PP Rtn Jagmohan Mahajan hosted the dinner at his residence, 3024, Sector 19-D, Chandigarh. Lucky ones who enjoyed the fellowship were Chairman Subhash Bindra, Anne Veena Bindra, PP Rtn DP Khandelua, Anne Sandhya Khandelua, DG Rtn Shaju Peter, Anne Lovy Peter and PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria. The grand children of Mahajans from USA, and Anyaa Bindra entertained everybody with varied dances. Thank you, The Mahajans, for hosting the first Fellowship Dinner of the year.



Birthday Greetings

Rtn. C.J. Rai	July 13
Rtn. R.S. Sihota	July 16



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Sudershan & Rtn. Ravinder krishan	July 19
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Punctuality Draw

Won by Dir. Vocational Service Rtn. J.S. Bawa



Donations for Club Projects

Rtn. T.L. Verma	Rs. 5,100.00
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