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RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN BANKING-GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Speaker : Dr. J. Sadakkadulla, Regional Director, R.B.I.

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time: - 6.30 PM

THE JOYS OF GIVING ARE BOUNDLESS AND INTRINSICALLY EVERY PERSON WANTS TO GIVE

PDG Rtn YP Das

PDG Rtn YP Das, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, was our Guest Speaker in our meeting of 23 Nov 2007. He is, affectionately, referred to as "Our Yash" amongst the Rotarians.

Rtn Col Gill introduced Yash to the audience and started by saying that he needed no introduction as we know him so well, but it is necessary to brush up the memories about vital facts about this great Rotarian.

PDG Das is a member of the Rotary Club of Ambala since 1971. He has served Rotary in several assignments, such as International Training Leader, Discussion Moderator, Group Study Exchange Team Leader, and Committee and Task Force Member, Chair Rotary International Committee on Sergeant-at-Arms, and as Chairman for the 2006 Rotary Zones 5&6-A Institute in Chandigarh. At present, he is serving as member of the India National Polio Plus Committee and as the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 5 that consists of the Northern, Eastern, Western and Central India and Nepal. Yash is a Benefactor and a Major Donor of the Rotary Foundation. He has received the citation for "Meritorious Service Award" from The Rotary Foundation. In recognition of his outstanding service to the cause of Polio eradication, he is a recipient of the Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World.



Speaker PDG Y.P. Das addressing the club



PDG Das and PDG Bhargava cutting the cakes

Yash is a second Generation Rotarian, who earlier served as an Executive Officer in the Merchant Navy. His father was the charter member of Rotary Club of Ambala and served as District governor in 1967-68. Yash is the CEO of the family automobile retailing business for passenger and commercial vehicles. He is on the board of several educational institutions and is a member of the Rotary Society for the Hearing Impaired.

He is a good golfer and an outstanding humanitarian. Ann Manju, a Past President of the Innerwheel Club, supports Yash in all his activities. She serves as a member of the local people's court of Ambala.

PDG Das made a pointed reference to the month of November as The Rotary Foundation Month when the Rotarians talk of "Giving", share views on the role and achievements of The Rotary Foundation. Rotary, minus the Foundation, is little and may not be helpless but is, definitely, handicapped. He emphasized that it is through

the Foundation that we do all the good work as part of the Rotary's service to mankind.

Giving is a pleasure always and every time and the joy that the Rotarians see on the face of the beneficiary is a reward to the giver that cannot be matched. It brings a pleasure to the giver besides a personal satisfaction of giving. To support this observation, Yash cited a personal experience. He said that he visited Pune to be with his grandchildren for a few days and he took the children for an ice cream treat. As they were splurging, smearing and giggling, a small child in tattered clothes came and begged for some money. Rather than give money, Yash bought the child a helping of ice cream and Yash describes the glee and happiness on the face of the child with a feeling that makes one so emotional. And he describes his joy as boundless when he witnessed the happiness on the face of the child having the ice cream with Yash's grandchildren with a feeling of equality. That is the joy that one gets when one gives. He cited a similar event of a



Memento for the guest speaker by PP H.C. Sethi



Rtn. V.K. Jawa gets the Punctuality award from PDG Das

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glass of milk to a thirsty child who paid it back to the giver when he paid the total expenses of medical treatment of the giver. A very touching and a motivating true story of the joys of giving.

Yash explained the brief history of the Foundation and described Rtn Arch C. Klumph, the sixth President (1916-17) of Rotary International, as a great visionary who founded The Rotary Foundation in 1917, when at the Atlanta Convention, he said that Rotary should accept endowments for the purposes of doing good in the world. This endowment fund was named as The Rotary Foundation at the 1928 Convention. He further clarified that the Foundation gets most of its resources from Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions, endorsed in 1957. He said that in the last 50 years, more than one million Rotarians have contributed to the Foundation, each giving 1,000 USD or more for the recognition as Paul Harris Fellow. And now the Foundation has launched a very strong movement of 'EREY" that stands for "Every Rotarian Every Year" giving a minimum of 100 USD to the Foundation. The learned speaker explained in detail the various avenues of giving to the Foundation both for the immediate programmes and to the corpus for future plans.

The Future Vision Committee has decided on a programme that will culminate in the Centenary year, 2017, of the Foundation. It was emphasized that this programme will require one billion USD and this needs a full and giving participation of the Rotarians around the world. He further emphasized that every Rotarian must donate 100 USD to the Foundation every year or the

Club must meet this target every year. He cited the example of the Rotary Club of Panchkula that has already met this target of EREY for this year. He further exhorted the audience to realize the extent of the good work that the Foundation is doing in helping the Rotary Clubs around the world to take on projects to improve the lives of the communities in which they live and help the Foundation generously.

Yash detailed the effort that the Foundation is putting in its drive to make the world a Polio Free world. Rotary has given 700 million dollars world wide to eradicate Polio. India has received 30 million dollars cash for its efforts to eradicate Polio in India. And to this if we add the efforts of about 85,000 Indian Rotarians, it becomes a sizable figure.

He further elaborated that there is a lot to be done in India. India has about 85 million middle class households, and there are 700 households that need help to improve their living conditions. This is a gigantic task, which Rotary alone cannot undertake, but let us do our bit whatever we can and it will help.

At the end of his talk, an India specific video was screened. It showed some of the good work that Rotary is doing in India. Major projects like the blood bank in Delhi, Polio Plus, Rain water harvesting, drinking water in villages, education and medical assistance were elaborated.

He also made a point that India, so far, has been a receiving country, but slowly and gradually we are closing the gap in what we receive from the Foundation and what

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we give to the Foundation. In 2006-07, India gave to the foundation about 7.4 million US Dollars and received from the Foundation, as various grants, about 8 million US Dollars.

While concluding the talk, Yash, again appealed to the Rotarians to generously donate to the Foundation to help its good work in the world and to make the world a better place to live.

PP Rtn Harish Sethi proposed the vote of thanks. He said-

CHOCOLATE-THE DARK TEMPTATION

Cocoa, the main ingredient of any chocolate, has the feel-good endomorphins and the flavors of well-being. It, the Cacao, contains Phenylthylamine, a chemical which is produced by the brain when a person experiences the feeling of love and affection.

Cocoa is obtained from beans that grow on a plant known as Theobroma, in tropical regions. Theobroma, in Latin, means "food of me Gods".

Chocolate, as a sweet, part of confectionary has been around for about 160 years. Cocoa, by itself, is good for health, but when sugar, cream or condensed milk is added, it no longer remains a food of the Gods. When Spain discovered the Americas (North and South), they took Cocoa solids back and added vanilla and cinnamon to make it a dessert. The British added sugar and cream and

in his thanksgiving that the two examples of giving that the learned Speaker gave, were very touching and that it made him very emotional and sentimental. On behalf of the Club, Harish presented a memento to the honored Speaker of the evening.

President Sandeep echoed the speaker's appeal to help the Foundation and assured PDG Yash Das that the Club will make all efforts to meet the target of the EREY movement and will try to exceed this target

condensed milk. The Swiss modified the dessert into an exotic serving, what we, in India, generally call pudding. All over the world, chocolate has become very popular in shakes, milk, ice creams, cakes and pastries and as chocolate bars with nuts and even without nuts.

The higher the content of Cocoa in chocolate, better it is for health giving properties, particularly heart and the arteries. The chocolate with the higher content of Cocoa is known as Dark Chocolate, as it has a dark color as compared to the one with a lesser content of Cocoa.

Earlier chocolate was a treat for the wealthy only. But now, since the early last century, companies like Hershey, Nestle, Cadbury, Diva and others have made it, with innovative small helpings, a treat within reach of the earning people.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rtn Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Jain

Dec. 3



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