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Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Shaju Peter

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time: - 6.30 PM

Welcome District Governor Shaju Peter to Chandigarh Midtown



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A new look to the club bulletin and two Matching Grant projects in association with clubs in UK and USA distinguished his year as President. Contribution to the Rotary Foundation increased by over 70% over the previous year attracting the award for the most improved per capita contribution.

He was declared the Best Secretary in 1990-91. Club Bulletin 'Midtowner' under his editorship in 1994-95 received the Best Bulletin Award in an All-India Contest. He conceived and executed the project of providing mid-day meal to the poor children in Little Flower School, Manimajra under 'Children's Opportunity Grant' in 1998-99.

As Chairperson of the District WCS Committee for several years, Shaju, a multiple PHF, was instrumental in implementing several Matching Grant projects in Panchkula, Kharar, Narwana, Roopnagar and our club with partnerships of clubs in UK, Canada, Argentina, Italy and District 9680, Australia. He has served as District Editor, Conference Chairman, Assistant Governor, Chairmen, Club Bulletins Committee and Intercities.

He led the GSE Team to District 4910, Argentina and endeared himself to the Spanish-speaking Rotarians by learning the language in seven weeks. He spoke on GSE at the District Conference 2006 of District 3090.

"Kindle the Spark", a book of inspirational stories compiled by Shaju was released by RI President Bill Boyd at the Chandigarh Zone Institute 2006 and was widely acclaimed.

He has traveled to forty-four countries and has attended club meetings in UK, USA, Argentina, Germany, Sweden, Israel, Finland, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore and Sri Lanka. He attended the Zone Institute, Colombo in December 2005.

He did his Engineering from Regional Engineering College,

Calicut and represented Kerala University in All India oratorical contests. He knows French, Spanish, Hindi, Malayalam and Bengali besides English.

Shaju set up his own environmental engineering company Daftech Engineers Pvt. Ltd. in 2001. A member of the Water Environment Federation, USA, he has done pioneering work in diversifying the applications of Dissolved Air Flotation technology in India and abroad. He visited China to negotiate transfer of technology from India in 1994. He was the only Indian in a 10-member team of Asian environmental engineers

to visit American paper mills in 1996 under a US AEP programme. Currently he is a member of Board of Studies, M.E. (Environmental Engineering), Panjab University. His outstanding contributions to wastewater treatment has earned him a position in the Who's Who of Science and Engineering 8th edition 2007-08.

Ann Lovy, a lawyer by background, is a Past President of Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh and is a Director in Daftech Engineers. Their charming daughter Nancy is a post-graduate in Hindustani Vocal Music.

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Friday, January 18, 2008

Master of Ceremonies: PP Rtn Capt Moni Kahlon

Programme

Time	Event
6.30 pm	All Members & Spouses to assemble at Hotel President
6.45 pm	Arrival of District Governor Shaju Peter & Ann Lovy Peter
6.55 pm	Meeting called to order
7.00 pm	National Anthem
7.05 pm	Welcome by MC PP Rtn Capt Moni Kahlon
7.10 pm	Presentation of Projects & Events by President Sandeep Sandhu
7.30 pm	PHF Recognitions
7.40 pm	Induction of New Members
7.50 pm	Introduction of District Governor by PP Rtn. T.S. Anand
7.55 pm	Address by District Governor
8.10 pm	Vote of Thanks by Rtn P.K. Verma
8.15 pm	Punctuality Draw & Meeting Adjourned for Fellowship and Dinner

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AG Rtn. Baldev Agarwal visits our Club



AG Baldev Agarwal addressing Chandigarh Midtowners



Memento from PP Capt. Moni Kahlon

Assistant Governor Rtn Baldev Aggarwal was on an official visit to the club on 11th January 2008. President Sandeep Sandhu welcomed the AG, who attended the Board Meeting at 5.30 pm at the Hotel President. He was given a brief of the various projects & events during the current Rotary year. The respective Directors briefed him regarding their own avenue of service. The AG enquired about the financial status of the club from the Treasurer Rtn A.K.Sachdev and was happy to know that the clubs finances are in a healthy state.

The AG was particularly keen to know about our commitments towards Rotary International. Our Office Secretary Mr V.P.Sharma informed that all our dues have been paid within the due date. The AG went through the various records & documents put before him. His advice on certain matters were duly adopted by the board and noted by our Secretary Rtn Atul Grover.

AG Baldev Agarwal emphasized the need to achieve our growth target as well as to achieve our target towards Rotary Foundation Contribution. President Sandeep Sandhu informed him that we are on target on both these accounts and hope to complete the same before the year draws to a close.

Finally, AG Baldev Agarwal complimented the entire board for the running of the club and its activities.

Later the AG joined in the club meeting and addressed the members of the club. He specially took upon the aspect of projection of the image of Rotary within the community.

The AG emphasized that Rotary should be known more for its Projects.

The meeting was followed by fellowship, courtesy PE (2009-10) Rtn. Gurdip Deep and Rtn Ashish Singla.



Birthday boy Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Sahajpal cuts the cake & shares with Anniversary boy Rtn. Ashish Singla



Ashish gets Anniversary gift from AG Baldev Agarwal

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President's Announcements.....

During the last club meeting President Sandeep Sandhu made following announcements:-

1. Rotary Chandigarh Midtown candidate Ms. Deepika Walia has been accepted to participate in U.K. RYLA in RI District 1060. She has been appointed as deputy leader by the organizers.
2. Our clubs proposal to host a Youth Exchange student has been accepted and we would be getting to host a Brazilian student some time in April 2008. In light of this the board has appointed PP Capt Moni Kahlon as the Youth Exchange Officer of the Club.
3. A proposal was put up before the house for deleting the word 'Club' from Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, by following the procedure as per RI guidelines.
4. As January is Rotary Awareness Month we have planned a Rotary Quiz Competition among the Rotary Clubs in and around Chandigarh. The competition will be held on the 25th January in our club meeting at 6.30 pm. We have written to the Clubs to field a two member team. There are some very attractive prizes. PP Praveen Goyal & PP Pallav Mukherji are the quiz masters. There will be interesting prizes for questions thrown to the audience.

RCC Members organize 199th Louis Braille Anniversary

Prof. I.J. Bharti, Mr. K.C. Wadhawan, Mr. M.K. Midha, Mr. P.N. Verma, Mr. C.L. Malhotra, Ms. Urmil Gupta & Mr. S.P. Bhandoria, Members of recently established Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula, sponsored by our club, organised 199th Louis Braille Anniversary under the aegis of National Handicapped Welfare

Council (NHWC), Sector 12-A, Panchkula on January 4, 2008. Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. B.S. Hooda was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the National Institute for the Disabled, which is to function from the premises of NHWC, a worth appreciating three storey building which came into existence last year, through donations. Chief Minister Hooda accepted a very genuine request and took no time in sanctioning funds for installing a lift, worth Rs ten lac ! Other dignitaries present on the dias were Haryana Ministers, Mrs. Kartar Devi, Mrs Savitri Jindal and MLA Mrs Geeta Bhukal.

A computer centre and book binding training has already started. During the function Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya's contribution of one computer every month, during the current Rotary year, was recognised and honoured amongst big applause.

The involvement of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown through IPP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, was also duly appreciated. It was a satisfactory moment for him and PP B.L. Ramsisaria, who attended the function.

Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya could not attend the above function, as he had gone abroad.

In the club meeting on Jan. 11, 2008 Rajesh received the well deserved honour - a memento, shawl & medal from AG Rtn. Baldev Agarwal.



GET WELL SOON

Editor PP Col. A.J.S. Gill has been indisposed. He was admitted in Fortis Hospital, Mohali. We wish him a very speedy recovery.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rtn. Munish Jauhar Jan. 19
PP Rtn. Devi Prasad Khandelvia Jan. 21



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

R'ann Sarita & Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva Jan. 24
R'ann Purnima & Rtn. Deepak Sood Jan. 24



PUNCTUALITY DRAW Won by Rtn. Ashish Singla



Editor for the week : IPP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



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