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"Are The Young People Today Loosing Their Values ?" - A Debate
Participants : Rotarians, Annes & 'Youngsters'

Friday, July 11, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

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

The First Friday



It started with a bang.... it had to be!

It was the 4th of July - & the UPA government was due for some major fireworks – which did not happen. The fireworks in the US were muted because of environmental issues, so that left just our new Board under our new President Saroj Jhawar, to take the responsibility.

The hall was packed to capacity. And the changes were visible immediately after the meeting started... the Punctuality Draw, which was being done at the end of the meeting, has been shifted to the beginning, with Rtn. Arjan Singh winning it again, & that's twice in a row!

Outgoing President Bobby Sandhu started off by

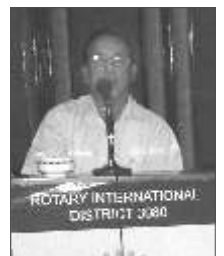
transferring the Collar of Presidentship to the incumbent President & thanking the Club members for their support & generosity.

Pres. Saroj then introduced her new Board of Directors for the year 2008-09, and called them up one by one to lay out their plans for the forthcoming year.



First, Director - Club Services Prem Anand came up & stated that though members are the life-blood of the Rotary, Club Service is the heart! He went on to give out his detailed program for the club.

Then came Rtn. Vinod Jawa, Director - Vocational Services, the second most important avenue of service.



Our young Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Director - Community



Services, too had elaborate plans for various projects that we are already partnering with community groups, including the following:

- Blood donation • Eye camps • Pulse Polio
- Health care in schools • Drug awareness programs in schools & colleges • Literacy programs
- Partnering other organizations in service
- A Rotary Comm. Corps in vill. Khudda Ali Sher.
- Tree plantation programs
- Rain Water harvesting programs
- Energy Conservation • Sports
- Care of the Aged

We then had Director - International Service, Arjan Singh explaining our clubs' proclivities & involvement in RI programs by hosting numerous children from the world over through the GSE. Children sponsored by our club have consistently been on the GSE teams the world over – thanks to the rigorous selection procedures adopted by us.

PP Ajit Gulati congratulated the members for their participation & attendance (hopefully will do so in the future as well!) followed by yours truly who tried to lay out the exciting programs planned for this year.



PE Gurdip Singh Deep came with his managerial vision for the Club. Clubs like ours (100+ & growing!) need a management style that's different from the norm. What with 52 regular meetings, 12 BoD meetings, 24 Dinner meets, Project Meetings, innumerable invitations & follow-up

meets with visitors & guests, official meetings of the RI District, 4 Intercity meets, the Distt. Conference, meetings with the Project leaders, going to project sites, arranging meetings, meetings with partner clubs - the Inner wheel, the Rotaract, the Interact, the list can go on & on & on & on.....

All this calls for extreme sacrifice – of one's time, effort & finances. When does the President get to rest, or relax, or spend time with his family – leave alone attend to his business ! In fact, the President should only grace the occasion, with the rest of us doing our bit – seriously & sincerely. It is for us to carry the Club forward & live up to its image in the Rotary world, and not let it ride on the shoulders of just one person.

We had a new member inducted to our club – Rtn Sompal Malik, who was introduced by another relatively new member, Rtn. Deepak Sood. IPDG Shaju Peter did the honours. And he



IPDG Shaju Peter inducting our new member

said it in his speech that followed – "Saare Clubon se accha, Midtown hamaara!"

PP RS Chandgothia, who followed, let us know (in chaste Hindi) that this was the Year of Women's Empowerment, amply demonstrated by the fact that we now have our second lady President, with a lady Jt. Secretary Rtn. Ritu Singal on the Board. He

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Punctuality Draw winner Rtn. Arjan Singh, B'day Boy PP Dr. Balram Gupta and Anniversary Couple Rtn. Cdr. A.S. Nagra & Ann. Nirmal receive their gifts from PDG Pathak

brought a beautifully wrapped copy of the Bhagwad Gita, which was presented to President Saroj by IPDG Shaju. He exhorted all of us present in the hall to do our bit as karmyogis, which is the eternal teaching of the Gita.

The meeting ended with PP VJS Vohra informing us that the club website has been updated. He also

has a program for us Rotarians to give employment to the physically disabled & handicapped.

We had a visiting Rotarian PDG Pathak from near Manchester, UK, giving away the Birthday & Anniversary Gifts.



PP Pallav Mukherjee

The Tree Plantation Drive

For those of you who have been to the Hotel Mughal at Agra & partaken the delights of its fabulous garden, there's a notice hung in there – a Chinese saying, which goes like this :

“If you want to be happy for a day, have a good meal!
If you want to be happy for a month, get married!!
But if you want to be happy for ever – become a gardener!!!”

I don't how many of us have upgraded to being one, but come Monday morning and a number of us were lucky enough to get going. We arrived at the GMCH - 32 where the Director, Dr. Raj Bahadur received us along with some of his colleagues. A few minutes for

the lonely & the lost to catch up, and we were on our way to the plantation site. The convoy consisted of several cars, a truck & a bus. I don't know how they did it, but the Inner Wheel beat us to the site, and had their banner up before one could say Jack Robinson or its Hindi equivalent! Anyway, we, or rather Rtn. Ravinder Krishen's mali had the plants unloaded & soon each one of us present were planting trees! A few months from now should see most of the two hundred saplings that were planted grow & thrive, hopefully adding to the blanket of green.

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R.S. Chandgothia, PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Treasurer Rtn. Ashish Singla, PP Sunny Vohra, Jt. Secy. Ritu Singal, yours truly & not to forget Dr. Raj Bahadur & his team!

And please become a gardener – to secure planet earth & your children's' home!



PP Pallav Mukherjee

First Intercity Meet of the Year

The Intercity of Membership Development is to be held at The City Historic, Panipat on Sunday, August 10, 2008. It is being hosted by Rotary Club of Panipat Central.

Registration Fees - Rs. 450/-. Please register

Birthday Greetings



PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta
Rtn. C.J. Rai
Rtn. R.S. Sihota

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Wedding Anniversary Greetings



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Punctuality Draw : Won by Rtn. Arjan Singh



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