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"Children's Day Celebrations"
Fancy Dress Competition by
children & grand-children of Rotarians

Friday, November 14, 2008

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

An Evening of Classical Music



won the National Talent Scholarship for Music, instituted by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Culture, Govt. of India. Married into a prominent Delhi family, also steeped in music and learning, she was encouraged to continue her dedication to music. It is indeed providential that her husband and both her children are also deeply involved in music. She had the blessings of the renowned musicologist and Vaggeykar, the late Acharya K.C. Brahaspati, and has over the years continued to receive guidance from his wife, the internationally renowned

Music, say the wise, rejuvenates the soul and refreshes the mind. Going by the reaction of the attendees, it certainly seemed so. Last Friday's meeting was dedicated to music performed by an extremely versatile vocal musician Mrs. Vinita Gupta, a student of Dr. Madhurima Kishore - a disciple of Late Pandit Amar Nath of Kirana Gharana.

She was introduced to the attendees by Rtn. Cdr. Amarjit Singh Nagra. Born in 1963, Vinita belongs to the cultured Sahgal family of intellectuals and teachers, where music has always been much appreciated. While at school, at the age of 13, she





Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra & PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati celebrate their birthdays



Pres. Saroj exchanging Club Flag with Rtn. Shirley from Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada



Smt. Sulochana Brahaspati, who is also her Guru's sister.

Vinita received several awards and gold medals for her excellence in music and academics during her school and college years. She topped her post graduation in music from the Panjab University and went on to complete her M.Phil with distinction from the Faculty of Music, Delhi University.

She has sung at various college competitions and youth festivals and the prestigious Harivallabh Sangeet Sammelan, Jalandhar. From the age of 16, she has sung regularly on the All India Radio and has to her credit a few Doordarshan performances as well.

She began her recital with an invocation to the "elephant headed" Lord Ganesha, the "vighna nashak", the destroyer of obstacles. It was so versatile a rendition that even the click of cutlery

died down swiftly.

The choice of the main rendition was absolutely classical, but performed in quick taal to keep the audience's foot tapping. It was imaginative and caught the attention of the audience. She too enjoyed the performance, as was evident from the happy eyes she cast on the accompanist on the tabla, Mr. Gautam Dhar.

Though she had planned to conclude her concert with a bhajan in raag bhairavi, she had to conclude it on popular demand with a "sufi kalaam" also in "raag bhairavi".

We also had the presence of few Guest Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada. Pres. Saroj Jhawar exchanged our Club Flag with Rtn. Shirley from that Club. PP Indrajeet Sengupta proposed the formal vote of thanks and presented the guest singer with a memento on behalf of the club.

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Artificial Limbs Project

A camp for fitment of artificial limbs was held on 20th Oct. 2008 at Cheshire Homes India, Sector 21, Chandigarh. The camp was conducted in the presence of President Saroj Jhawar and Cheshire Home Chairman, Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon.

Artificial Limbs would be provided by our Club under the supervision of PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Prosthetic Consultant & CEO, Nevedac Prosthetic Clinic. Over 20 disabled persons are expected to be fitted with artificial limbs and assistive devices on 16th Nov. 2008.

This, being a joint project with Rotary Club of Wollaton Park (UK), members from the UK club are expected to be present in Chandigarh for the above project, led by their Past President Rtn. Mohan Khara who had initiated this project.

Fancy Dress Competition

This Friday, Nov. 14th, as part of the Children's Day Celebrations, a Fancy Dress Competition has been organized in our Club. The "young" competitors are from amongst the children & grand-children of members who would be judged on the basis of their outfits as well as the delivery of their dialogues, pertaining to the theme / character being portrayed by them.

There's an attractive gift for each participant. Interested children can still give their names to Pres. Saroj Jhawar or Ann. Bir Gulati.

So please do attend, let's have lots of fun & encourage our children who are going to bring out the best in them!

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After all, it isn't just the Government's responsibility to check terror.

Corrigendum

In the last issue (no. 19) of The Midtowner, the caption under the photograph on the first page was erroneously printed as "IPDG Shaju giving away the award to one of the recipients"

The correct caption is "PDG Yoginder Diwan giving away the award to one of the recipients".

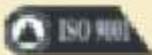
The error is deeply regretted.

- Editor

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In Brief



Pres. Saroj Jhawar alongwith staff members & children of Sikhya School

- As part of the SODIS (Solar Water Disinfection) Project undertaken by our Club (reported earlier in Midtowner Issue No. 13), a number of such special bottles were distributed among the children of Sikhya School, Sector 46, Chandigarh. As already reported, these throwaway plastic soft drink bottles, black ended from outside are kept in the sun shine so as to disinfect water to be used for drinking purposes by the small children. In this process, ultraviolet rays in the solar radiation and heat destroy the bacteria which cause common water-borne diseases like cholera, typhoid, dysentery and diarrhoea.

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva



November 15

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Jain



- Our club has donated Rs. 12,000/- to Sahayta Charitable Welfare Trust for treatment of Ravi, aged 5 years, who is suffering from Blood Cancer.

Achiever Priyanshu



Priyanshu Bhateja, son of Rtn. Ashwani Bhateja & Ann. Priya Bhateja has won laurels in his academics for his consistent performance for last three years consecutively while studying in Vivek High



School, Chandigarh. He has been a Scholar badge holder for the academic years, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. He has been awarded Scholar Blazer in the year 2008-09 having maintained a cumulative record of 90.57%.

Get Well Soon

Ann. Maniki Deep, w/o PE Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep has not been keeping well & is admitted in GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

We pray for her good health & wish her a very speedy recovery.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings



R'ann Satpaul & Rtn. Balraj Singh

November 16

R'ann Lalita & Rtn. D.R. Agarwal

November 19

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