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"Installation of President & Board of Directors, 2008-09"

Please note the change in
Date & Venue of meeting

Sunday, July 20, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: Hotel Red Bishop, Sector 1, Panchkula.

Our Chief Guest, H.E. Dr. A.R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana



Dr. A.R. Kidwai was born to Late Sh. Ashfaqur Rahman Kidwai & Late Smt. Nasimunnisa on July 1, 1920 in a humble village of Baragaon, Distt. Barabanki (U.P.). Married to (Late) Smt. Jamila Kidwai in Dec. 1941, Dr. Kidwai is blessed with two sons & four

daughters. With his mother tongue as Urdu, he has an excellent command over English language as well.

Dr. Kidwai did his B.A. from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi & then went to U.S.A. to pursue M.S. & Ph.D from University of Illinois & Cornell University, respectively. After completing his studies, he chose Education, Science, Administration and Social Welfare as his profession.

He served as the Governor of Bihar, first from 1979 - 85, then for the second term from 1993-98, before becoming the Governor of West Bengal from 1998-99. He was a Member of Rajya Sabha from Jan. 2000 - July 2004 and also Member of the following Parliamentary Committees:-

- Consultative Committee for the Ministries of Science and Technology, Environment and Forest (2000-04)
- Standing Committee on Agriculture, Water Resources and Food Processing Industries (2000-04)
- Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2000-04)

He assumed the charge as the Governor of Haryana on 7th July, 2004.

Dr. Kidwai has over 40 Original Research Papers in Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry in National and International Journals to his credit. He has been engaged in Education for over 35 years dealing with problems of Higher Education.

He made efforts to modernize Madarasas Education by intergrating them with modern education and technical training. He re-oriented working of the Union Public Service Commission by introducing computerized system to expedite promotion and selection processes, personnel policies and administrative practices.

As a student Dr. Kidwai took part in all freedom movements initiated by Mahatma Gandhi from

1930 onwards & took active part in the historic August 1942 Quit India Movement.

In the avenue of Social Welfare, Dr. Kidwai initiated special schemes and projects for employment generation for the educated unemployed in urban centres and rural employment through integrated farming.

Dr. A.R. Kidwai also initiated the development of the Nav Nalanda Mahavihara as an international centre for advanced studies in Pali language and Buddhist studies. He was awarded Honorary Doctorate, Vidya Vajspati by the Institute of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath in 1997 in recognition of his contribution to Buddhist studies.

Dr. Kidwai takes keen interest in hockey & athletics, and his other hobbies include academic and scientific activities, social service and gardening.

Dr. Kidwai is a widely traveled personality who participated in a number of scientific, technological and educational conferences in different foreign countries like USA, U.K., Germany, France, Finland, Sweden, Japan and extensively toured South and West Asian countries. In June 2004, he was invited to deliver a key-note address at European Conference on Internationalization of Scientific Research and Development at Helsinki.

The GEN-NXT : Loosing Their Values ?

Well, that's what the topic of debate, rather discussion (as there weren't too many debaters !) was, at our last Friday's regular meeting.

Rtn. Suraj Handa suggested that there was nothing wrong with the youth of today and that their loss of values is a figment of our imagination. The problem is with the older generation whose ego comes in the way.

Mr. Deepak Likhi, our guest & President of the Toastmasters' Club suggested that the problem is mutual. He gave an example of a boyfriend driving his bike on the wrong side of the road, with his girlfriend pillion riding and encouraging him to continue doing so. He also gave an example of the days when Mohammad Rafi generation was blamed as having lost their values and K.L. Sehgal generation referred

as "being better". He went on to add that in fact only 18% of our intelligence is actually used & the remaining lies dormant.



PP Dr. S.K. Sharma suggested that the nuclear family setup is to be blamed since the younger generation always looks up to the older generation.

Dr. Amit Brar, another guest & a Youngster, recalled a quotation from 89 B.C. which ran as "The population is rising at an alarming rate, the children are not respecting anymore. The world is coming to an end." He wondered if anything's changed at all ever since. He also quoted that "At 18, I was ashamed how little my father knew. At 21, I was amazed how much he had learnt in 3 years."

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Jt. Secy. Rtn. Ritu Singal wishes Rtn. R.S. Sihota a very Happy B'daygets rewarded herself for being Punctual.

PP Pallav then threw up another idea as to what is the attitude of the girls towards the boys today. In earlier days, the girls would sit in the front row while the boys would be the back benchers. And even talking to them was a big deal !!!! Today, there seems to be a reversal of the situation.



Rtn. Ritu Singal spoke about how busy our lives have become and whatever little time we have left from our schedules, we spend imposing our ideas on to our children. Quality time needs to be spent with our young children who must be considered fully grown adults and not treated as children.

Almost all present, voiced the fact that the girls today are sharper & more open minded. The society is changing with changes in education system,

television, internet technologies - all initiating changes in the external environment in which our youngsters are growing. PP Pallav threw more fuel to the fire by suggesting some key words as instant gratification, impatience, spend thrift in relation to the generation of today.

Ritu Singal again took control of the mike and suggested that the youth of today are lost & confused. They ask of themselves their purpose in life. They should spend more time in taking care of the older generation, they should be more faithful to their spouse, and must bring up their kids more responsibly.

PP Pallav concluded by saying that there are only two ways to handle the kids of today - but nobody knows what they are !!!

Your opinion ????



Rtn. Atul Grover

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Programme - Installation Meeting

Chairman Installation : PP Ajit Gulati
 Master of Ceremonies : PP Vanita Gupta
 Reception Committee : All Past Presidents

TIME SCHEDULE

1900 Hours Registration Begins
 1920 Hours Arrival of Guest of Honour
 1930 Hours Arrival of Chief Guest
 1932 Hours Call to Order
 1933 Hours National Anthem
 1936 Hours Lighting of Lamp
 1942 Hours Saraswati Vandana
 1945 Hours Welcome Address
 1950 Hours Presentation of Bouquets
 2000 Hours Report of 2007-08 by IPP Sandeep Sandhu
 2010 Hours Installation of President Mrs. Saroj Jhawar

2013 Hours Introduction of President
 2016 Hours Introduction of Members of the Board (2008-09)
 2026 Hours Address by President 2008-09
 2029 Hours Induction of new members & recognition of PHFs
 2040 Hours Remarks by Assistant Governor
 2043 Hours Address by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
 2048 Hours Introduction of Guest of Honour
 2050 Hours Address by Guest of Honour Hon'ble Justice Ms. Nirmal Yadav
 2056 Hours Introduction of Chief Guest
 2059 Hours Keynote Address by Chief Guest His Excellency Dr. A.R. Kidwai
 2109 Hours Presentation of Mementoes
 2112 Hours Vote of Thanks

Adjournment for Fellowship & Dinner



Smile a While !

Drowning Man : Help, Help ! I can't swim.

Drunk, on the shore : So what ? I can't play violin but am I making any fuss about it !

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Atul Grover



July 23

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Anupam & Rtn. Rakesh Jain



July 23

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