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## PROGRAMME

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### "The Nuclear Deal & It's Political Fallout" A Discussion

Friday, July 25, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

## The Installation Function At The Red Bishop

You could've shot 'em through the heart, but that wouldn't have helped....coz their hearts were in their mouths; at least till the function was half way through!

We're talking about PP Ajit Gulati & his team – consisting of Rtn. Prem Anand, Rtn. Deepak Sood, PP Indrajeet Sengupta, Jt. Secy. Ritu Singal, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP R.S. Chandgothia, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Ann Bir Gulati, PP D. P. Khandelia, Dr. Nitin Mathur, and a few others whom I may have missed.

You can bet they all were paddling like hell below the surface, but on the face of it, everything was calm, like the evening moon. Even that was a worry, because the rain Gods were in their mood. But at the end, everything turned out just right.

The Chief Guest, H.E. Dr. A. R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana was there at 1930 hrs to the second,



Welcome to H.E. Dr. A.R. Kidwai

accompanied by the DC, the SSP & other staff. Our own PRIP Raja Saboo was there well in time – as usual! So was PDG Jag Mohan Khandelia from our neighbouring Dist. 3090, and PDGs Yoginder Diwan & Anne Kanan, Maj. Som Dutt & Anne Brij, Kanwal Bedi, T. S. Sibia, besides a host of Presidents & their club members from Nangal, SAS Nagar, Chandigarh Shivalik, Chandigarh, Panchkula, Chandigarh Central & Himalayan Ranges.

We had got information from PP Pallav Mukherjee that Justice Nirmal Yadav was on her way - from Gurgaon! A phone call to her house only confirmed that she'd just left – at 1700 hrs. & thank the heavens that her flight made it on time, as did she! Rtn. P K Verma & Anne Neena escorted her from Chandigarh to the venue.

The meeting was called to order by the Master of Ceremonies, PP Dr. Vanita Gupta. This was followed by the National Anthem & lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, PDGs & others including IPDG Shaju, IPP Sandeep Sandhu & Pres. Saroj. This gesture signifies spreading of love, happiness





H.E. Dr. A.R. Kidwai, PDG Yoginder Diwan & IPDG Shaju light the lamp & brightness across all humanity.

The MC added a few verses on her own – written by our resident club poetess Deepa Bhar!

Ann Madhu Dhawan, along with her daughter Smriti, invoked the blessings of Goddess Saraswati in their captivating melodious voices.



PP Harish Sethi formally welcomed the dignitaries, members & guests, followed by presentation of bouquets.



IPP Sandeep Sandhu took the audience through a pictorial journey of the year gone by, by means of a power-point presentation. He thanked his Board of Directors, as well as all club members

for their unstinted support during the year. Highlights of his report were achievement of the membership growth target, literacy project, eye camps, blood donation camp, the District Conference, the visit of Danish Ambassador H.E. O.L. Poulsen in one of our meetings, but most important was the record contribution to the Rotary Foundation & addition of 28 PHFs to the existing 107 PHFs of our club!

The Presidential collar changed hands after that & Mrs. Saroj Jhawar was formally installed as the 32nd President (2nd Lady President) of our club. Imm. Past Secy. Atul Grover handed over the Club's Charter to Jt. Secy. Ritu Singal.

Pres. Saroj then introduced her



Presidential Collar changes hands



Handing over the Club's Charter

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Board of Directors & laid out her plans for the remaining year. These include Drug Awareness campaigns, Training in Nursing, Rain Water Harvesting, Health Check-ups in schools & Child Mortality. A Matching Grant Project, envisaging donation of forty computers to "SIKHYA", a training institute in Sector 46-A, Chandigarh, is also planned with assistance of a club from U.S.A.

We had Mrs. Kanan Diwan, w/o P D G Yoginder Diwan, inducted as a new member of our club, by none other than PRIP



PRIP Raja Saboo inducts our new member Mrs. Kanan Diwan

Raja Saboo. With this, we are now a 105-strong club! Raja also recognized & honoured the new PHFs of our club – V.K. Jawa, Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, Ritu Singal, Vinod Sobti, Deepak Sood, Ryan Khandelia (grandson of PP D.P. Khandelia), Ishan Sandhu (s/o IPP Bobby), Ann Manjeet Sethi, Arnav Luther (grandson of Rtn. R.K. Luther & Chinnamma Varkey – were the ones who were present on the occasion.

In his address, PRIP Raja remarked that during 1991-92 when he was the RI President, India was a recipient of grants by The Rotary Foundation but today, India is the fourth largest contributor with annual contribution to the tune of US\$10.5 million!

AG R.K. Goyal congratulated the outgoing President Sandeep for the good job done & expressed hope that the incoming President Saroj will be able to achieve whatever she has planned in the current year. He conveyed the message of DG Satish Saluja through which, the DG expressed confidence that "Pres. Saroj & her team would have a very satisfying & fruitful year ahead to MAKE DREAMS REAL, and make our world a better place to live."



PP Pallav introduced the Guest of Honour, Hon'ble



Justice Ms. Nirmal Yadav in his inimitable style. Justice Nirmal talked about empowerment of women and commented that in spite of overall development, domestic violence against women still continues. She said that urban areas like

Chandigarh were not a true reflection of the condition women are in today and that it needs to be viewed in a much larger context.

IPDG Shaju introduced the Chief Guest, H.E. Dr. A.R. Kidwai (who is one of the country's most accomplished & longest serving Governor – at the age of 89!) who, in his keynote address, said that the

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Dignitaries on the Dias

future of India lies in child development. The potential of today's children must be exploited to its fullest, for the country to make further progress.

This was followed by presentation of mementoes to the dignitaries. PP Dr. S.K. Sharma proposed the vote of thanks & the meeting was adjourned for fellowsip & dinner. Thanks are due to Rtn. Ajay Gupta & PP Indrajeet Sengupta for sponsoring the "SIP" and to PE Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep for the soft drinks.

My guess is that most people got home by midnight!

- With valuable inputs from PP I. Sengupta & PP Pallav Mukherjee

### + Our President Immoblie +

Shortly after returning home from her own installation function, Pres. Saroj sprained her left foot & has been advised rest for three weeks.

We will be missing her in the next 2 - 3 meetings & at the same time, wish her a very speedy recovery to take on the task of accomplishing her plans for the year.

Birthday Greetings

PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



July 30

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Neeru & Rtn. R.K.Khattar



July 29

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