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## PROGRAMME

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### "Meet John Kenny"

Guest Speaker : Rotary International President Elect John Kenny

Please note change in  
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Saturday, April 11, 2009

Time: 4.30 PM

Venue: National Institute of Pharmaceutical  
Education & Research, Sector 67, Mohali

## **Meet John Kenny – The Great Scot**

### **"The Hands that Serve are Holier than the Lips that Pray" – Mother Teresa**

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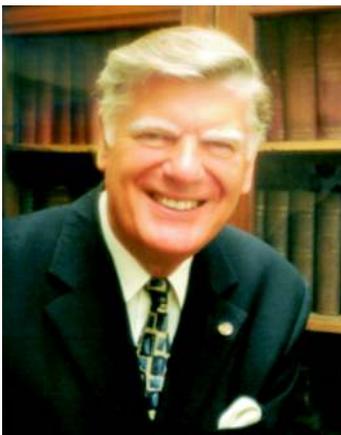
As you drive west to east traversing B900 from Craigleth Road, cross the roundabout of Crewe Road South and Orchard Brae, running North to South, you will reach the intersection called Comely Bank. It was in this area of Edinburgh that Jean Thompson, later Harris, wife of Paul Percival Harris, the founder of Rotary, spent her happy childhood days. Later, when Paul Harris bought the property on the 'ridge' at 10856, Longwood Drive, Chicago, he named it Comely Bank, to edify the cheerful atmosphere his 'bonnie' Jean recreated – a place from where Rotary grew to gigantic proportions. He called her 'Queen of the fireside and the tea table of Comely Bank'. Such was her loving charisma.

You may wonder what the connection is.

Rotary's next President, the first from Scotland, and the fifth from the United Kingdom, hails from this happy soil.

Meet John Kenny – The Great Scot!

John Kenny was educated in Falkirk High School and Glasgow University. Upon his marriage he took up residence at Bo'ness, where he was sessions clerk and presbytery elder at Bo'ness Old Parish Church. After living in Bo'ness for 18 years, he shifted to his family home in Grangemouth, but now lives in Linlithgow. Appointed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, he is a former Lord Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk district, Dean of the local law faculty, a judge and a notary. . He is active in



scouting and earned the Medal of Merit for helping form new scout groups in Eastern Europe.

He is a past president of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International, a service organization begun by Henry Giessenberg on October 13, 1915, at St.Louis, Missouri to develop a band of young community leaders and entrepreneurs the world over. He is a JCI Senator, an honour bestowed upon him for his extraordinary contribution to the movement.

A Rotarian since 1970, John Kenny served Rotary International of Great Britain and Ireland as vice president in 1991-92, and as president in 1992-93. He has served RI as director in 1995-97, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation Trustee for 2000-04 term, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair. He's been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation.

John Kenny is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Fellow Rotary Member and friend Bill McClure, who is President of Lieth Rotary Club, says, "He's a quietish kind of guy and doesn't often speak of the tremendous achievements he has notched over the years. He is highly thought of and it is a fantastic achievement to become the President of Rotary worldwide".

Past District Governor John Lafferty of RI District 1020 has this to say: "He has given tirelessly to Rotary over his many years of service, and now faces the greatest challenge of leading Rotary worldwide. I know John will be a credit to our district. We will afford all and any support he may require".

Such is his charismatic leadership that draws the devoted following of his colleagues.

During his year of leadership, he will lay emphasis on Clean Water Access, because "it is the necessity of every man, woman, and child. We could, I suppose, all live without oil,

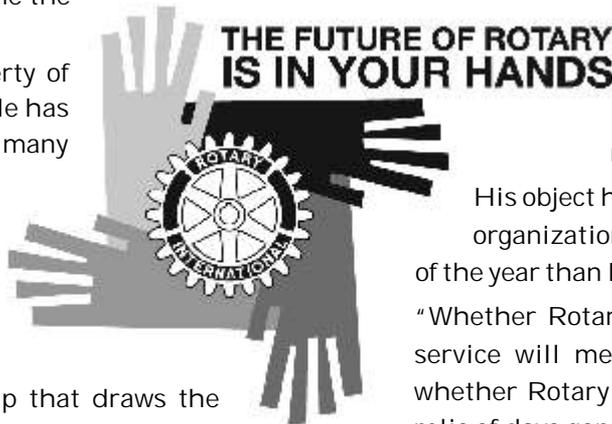
but we can none of us live without water". John described health and hunger as the tent within which much of Rotary's service dwells. Rotarians who work in the area of health and hunger are also working toward peace, he says.

Literacy rounds out John's emphasis. "In the words of Nelson Mandela, 'no country can succeed if its future leaders are not educated,' " he said.

His object he says, is, "Quite simply, to leave the organization in an even better shape at the end of the year than I found it at the beginning".

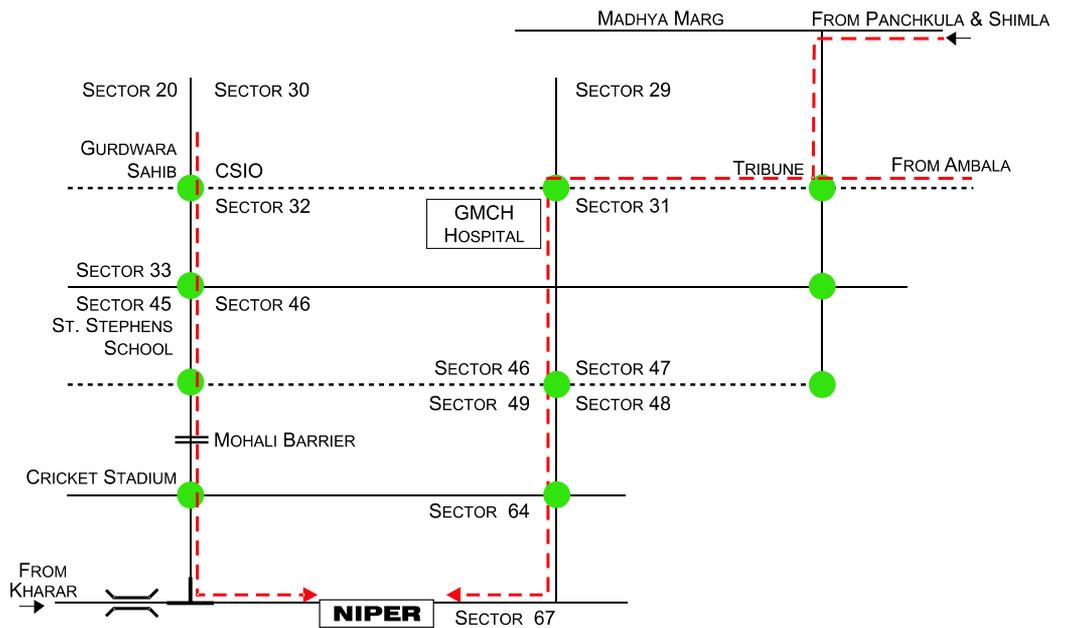
"Whether Rotary will thrive or falter, whether our service will mean much to many or little to few, whether Rotary is known with respect or seen as a relic of days gone by -- all this is up to you," he avers, for "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

After all – the hands that serve are holier than the lips that pray!



## Route Map to Venue

As you approach Mohali from Chandigarh on the road deviding Sectors 32 & 33 keeping Punjab Cricket Association Stadium on your right, please cross the traffic light junction and drive straight till you hit the T-junction. Turn left & you will find NIPER on your right. For those approaching Mohali from Kharar you will find the PCA Stadium on your left. At the traffic light junction turn right till you hit the T-junction. Thereafter follow the instructions given above.



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# New Members Speak on Their Vocations

The pressures of electioneering kept Mr. Harmohan Dhawan, the scheduled Speaker, away. Therefore, President Saroj Jhwar requested the new members to speak on their vocations.



Mrs. Kanan Diwan introduced herself as a member of Rotary family since 1960 when she married PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan who, at that time was a member of Rotary Club Karnal. Speaking about her vocation (Fruit Processing), she told that she had started a Cottage Scale Unit in Shimla and expanded with each coming year. God was kind and the small venture took the shape of family business with three production units presently; two of these exclusively engaged with Frozen Foods only. But today there is lot of competition. Of course domestic market is quite large but the consumer expects products of international quality at globally competitive price, and that is the aim the company is trying to achieve.



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Rtn. Amandeep, who is working as a Senior Marketing Manager with Infosys Technologies Ltd., shared his experience from being a software engineer to a consultant and finally moving to marketing. He shared his experience in working on consulting assignments for large financial as well as telecom organizations and mentioned that Change Management, Expectation Management and Delivering Measurable Business benefits had been few of the key challenges he managed.

Amandeep also talked about online marketing and how building communities of loyal customers are most important in the current market place. He made analogies to Obama vs McCain campaign and the different marketing strategies adopted in promoting both the candidates (products in marketing parlance).

As part of his current marketing role, Amandeep is responsible for defining, developing and implementing strategic and tactical marketing plan at a global level for two groups in his company. He manages large marketing events globally and also looks after analyst relations, marketing communications, advertising strategy and online marketing for his units.

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# Medical Camp At Village Faidan, Chandigarh



Our Club held its second consecutive medical camp in two weeks at its adopted village of Faidan, near the vicinity of Chandigarh. Almost three hundred and eighty people were screened for eye diseases, while another three hundred for ENT & gynaecological problems on the beautiful Sunday of April 5, 2009.

The team of Midtowners, led by President Saroj Jhawar, included IPDG Shaju, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PDG Yoginder Diwan, Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan & of course, our Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur who along with Drs. Anjali & Yogesh Aggarwal and their assistants, spent all day looking to these not so well-off patients.

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