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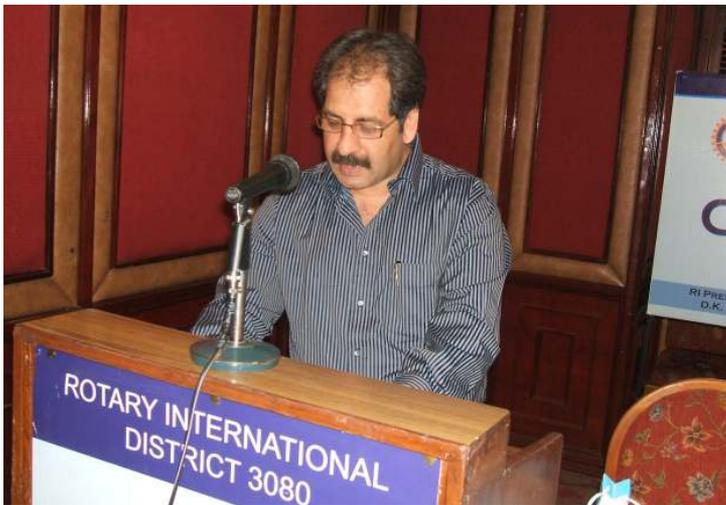
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## Hair and Body Care



How many times have you looked at another person and wished that you had a body or hairstyle like him or her? Well you are not alone. There is hardly anybody who does not wish to look better than he or she already is. Specially, where women are concerned, beauty is an obsession. Since time immemorial people have been trying to improve their personal appearances by various methods.

One such pioneer, who sensed the importance being placed on beauty, came to the City Beautiful from Mumbai & introduced a trend - a culture to which we all belong, but probably did not caress, i.e. the art of loving oneself. I am talking of Mr. Parmod Dewan, the Managing Director of Headmasters, who has revolutionized hair & body care concepts in the city over the last decade. He was our Guest Speaker at the last Friday's regular club meeting & was introduced to the audience by Rtn. Deepak Sood.

Parmod, who has been in the city for nearly a decade now, has seen it grow - not only in terms of infrastructure but also in terms of the growing affluent population.

When Parmod came to Chandigarh from Mumbai, he was just overwhelmed with the beauty, the lush greens and of course, its openness. Being a Hotel Management graduate, his skills for service industry were well honed. With further education in the beauty industry, he ventured into the business for hair care.

Parmod lauded the generous activities of Rotary Club & went on to say that not only are the actions of Rotarians appreciated but also are a benchmark for the society to follow.

Ten years ago, Headmasters was a small 800 sq ft salon, although a unique one. Women and men loved the place to pamper themselves, as they sought neater place when it





Birthday Celebrations

came to their beauty care to pamper oneself.

With the passage of time, the affluent appreciated Parmod's excellent entrepreneurial skills and from just a hair care salon, Headmasters has transformed into a beauty care salon under one roof, a league in the city. Today, Headmasters stands firm as being the one and only salon in Asia which is largest in space as well as offers the widest array of services. It is a complete wellness industry, offering head to toe services under one roof - from aesthetic hair care to medical tricology for hair treatments, from basic beauty services to a skin clinic, and an exclusive spa to relax all those tired nerves.

## Buying Time - the Innocent Way

A man came home from work late, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year old son waiting for him at the door.

SON: 'Daddy, may I ask you a question?'

DAD: 'Yeah sure, what it is?' replied the man.

SON: 'Daddy, how much do you make an hour?'

DAD: 'That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?' the man said angrily.

SON: 'I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?'

DAD: 'If you must know, I make \$50 an hour.'

SON: 'Oh,' the little boy replied, with his head down.

SON: 'Daddy, may I please borrow \$25?'

With research and technological progress, international brands have educated the people how hair dressing is not merely scissors. It has progressed to a degree that even a mere haircut holistically depends on its texture and persona.

At Headmasters, Parmod proudly admits of having created a beautiful world of care and hygiene, as he firmly believes that pampering is what our souls require.

PP Indrajeet Sengupta proposed the formal vote of thanks & also presented a memento to the Guest Speaker.

The father was furious. 'If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard everyday for such childish frivolities.'

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think:

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$25.00 and he really didn't ask for money very often.

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door.

'Are you asleep, son?' he asked. 'No daddy, I'm awake,' replied the boy.

'I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier' said the man. 'It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$25 you asked for.'

The little boy sat straight up, smiling. 'Oh, thank you daddy!' he yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money, started to get angry again.

The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

'Why do you want more money if you already have some ?' the father grumbled.

'Because I didn't have enough, but now I do,' the little boy replied. 'Daddy, I have \$50 now. Can I buy an hour of your time ? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you.'

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and begged for his forgiveness.

We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$50 worth of your time with someone you love.

Contributed by Rtn. Santosh Khaitan.

## Multi-District PETS Goes Paperless

The Far West Multidistrict Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) in San Jose, California, USA, went paperless this year. Instead of the usual binder full of training materials, participants received a pen drive with all the files needed for the meeting. In addition, each attendee received a leather folder and pad of paper for taking notes.

"We surveyed previous attendees and discovered that most of them never opened the binder once they took it home. So we decided that the expense was not a great value for our participants and selected using flash drives instead," explains 2009 PETS Chair Candy Pierce. Careful research and planning resulted in a smooth transition to a paperless training seminar. "The [flash] drives were very well received, and many folks complimented us on this innovation to PETS."

Nine Districts participated in the event, at which approximately 460 Presidents-elect were trained. With a large audience, a paperless seminar is more cost-effective and eco-friendly. And in the current economic climate, paperless seminars are a growing trend.

## Our Club Project in Rotary News !

The Solar Water Disinfection (SODIS) Project of our Club has got a nationwide acclaim & has been very well covered by the Rotary News magazine in its April '09 issue (page nos. 46 - 48). Just to refresh for the benefit of readers, the process of solar disinfection envisages keeping polluted water in cleaned discarded plastic soft drink bottles, painted black from outside, in the sunshine so as to disinfect the water by means of heat & ultra-violet radiations present in the sun light. In this way, common water-borne diseases prevalent in slum areas, can be prevented to a large extent.

A number of such bottles have been distributed among the children of aanganwadis & Sikhya School, sec. 46, Chandigarh, by our Club. Other clubs & organizations have also shown great interest in this low-cost project which can help countless children, who do not have access to clean water in reducing their risk from water-borne diseases.

This is the second project of our Club which has found its coverage in the magazine, the first one being the Artificial Limbs Project.

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## Past RI President Carlos Canseco dies



Carlos Canseco, who served as RI president in 1984-85, died on 14th January, '09 in Monterrey, Mexico. He was 87.

A former physician specializing in allergy research, Canseco launched PolioPlus, Rotary's ambitious program aimed at eradicating polio, during his term as RI President.

Canseco joined the Rotary Club of Monterrey, Nuevo León, in 1950. In addition to RI President, he served as Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair and Vice Chair, RI Vice President and Director, International Polio Plus Committee Adviser and Member, District Governor and District PolioPlus Subcommittee Chair.

The RI theme during Canseco's presidency, Discover a New World of Service, helped Rotarians explore new ways to serve and to expand opportunities for service in existing club and community programs. He worked diligently to encourage the formation of new Rotary clubs.

## Points to Ponder Upon

- Life itself can't give you pleasure & peace, unless you really want them. Life just gives you TIME & SPACE, it is up to YOU how you fill it.
- We keep looking for the right employer, the right employee, spouse, parent, child & so on, forgetting that WE have to BE the right person too.
- A single word of encouragement to person during his failure, is worth a lot more than an hour of praise to a person after his success.

## Bill Gates made Honorary Member of Seattle Club

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Seattle during the club's centennial celebration 5th March, '09. More than 1,000 Rotarians and community leaders attended the event, held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, to pay tribute to the club's 100 years of service. Gates, Microsoft co-founder and chair, delivered the keynote address.

Earlier this year, Bill Gates attended Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, to announce a new grant of \$255 million from the Gates Foundation to support Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. That amount came in addition to the \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant awarded to Rotary in 2007. Together, Rotary and the Gates Foundation have committed \$555 million in the fight to end polio.

The Seattle club is Rotary's fourth oldest and one of its largest, with nearly 700 members.

During PETS and SETS, it was decided to prepare a composite list of SPEAKERS amongst Rotarians. Those of our members who would like to be on the ROSTER and invited by other Rotary Clubs for speaking, may please give their names, tel. no., special subjects, and any special consideration like available days or non available days in a week or month, to undersigned.

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