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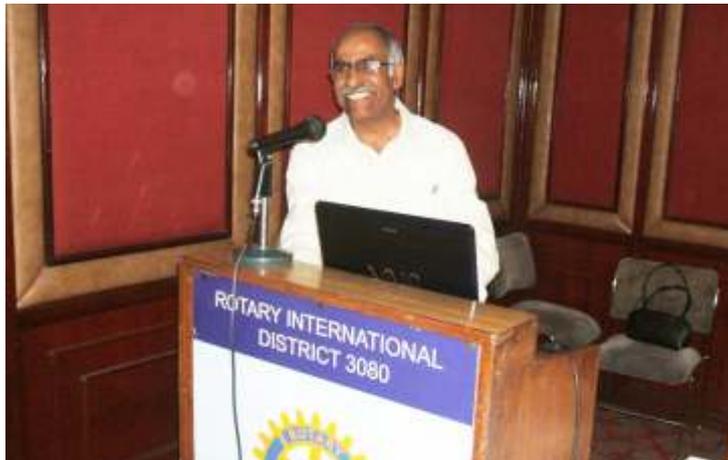
"Yoga - A Way to Healthy Living"
Guest Speaker : Rtn. (Yogi) Pankaj Sharma,
Rotary Club of Himalayan Ranges

Friday, May 15, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Landscaping & Tree Beauty in Chandigarh



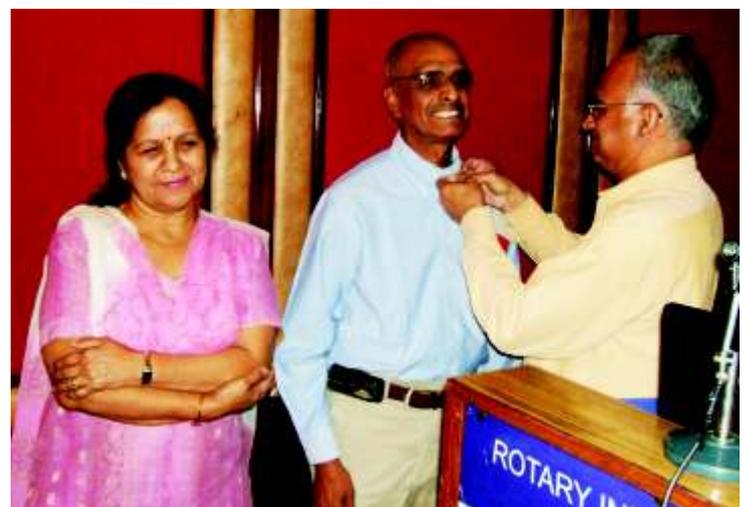
We had Dr. Satish Narula, Senior Horticulturist P.A.U., amidst us in our meeting last Friday, with his educative talk on Landscaping & Tree Beauty in Chandigarh. Dr. Narula used power point slides to elaborate on various aspects covered in his talk. He was introduced to the members by PP Rtn. Harish Sethi.

The learned speaker said that man has learnt the art of landscaping from the Mother Nature; from the mountains, streams, ponds, hills, stones, pebbles and above all, the trees. The latter, however, is least understood. Trees are that element of the landscape that are fixed and cannot be replaced or shifted. It is, therefore, very important to judiciously select the species for different locations.

It is not difficult to plan and plant a tree. What is more important is its monitoring and good care in the later years. Most of the time we do not look up while planting a tree with

the result that when it is the time to show its prime, it interferes with overhead lines and the limbs and branches are 'butchered' by crude 'weapons' like axe and 'gandasa'. The irregular cuts invite Inderbela species borers that cause multi-pronged damage to the tree, i.e. by feeding on the bark, making holes in the trunk and branches and also secreting poisonous chemicals in the middle of the tree where it lives, thus damaging the conduction channels and also weakening the limbs that break even with a little-more-than-normal wind velocity.

Other major mistake is done by cutting the limbs from above in one go. As the head of the limbs are heavy due to leaves and branches, they break even when we are midway dragging the bark, causing immense damage to the tree. For this, one should give one-third cut to the limb from below



IPDG Shaju inducts our new Member



Wedding Anniversary Celebrations



A Memento to the Guest Speaker

and then start cutting it from above allowing both the cuts to meet midway. Care should also be taken to control the white ants, mealy bugs and other such insects.

Chandigarh is blessed with such a climate that can accommodate the plants of varied origins, i.e. from temperate to the tropical region. The best time to visit Chandigarh to see the city in different moods is during the second week of April. This is the time when the Kusum is at its 'red' best and Tecoma Argentia and Nilli Gulmohur (Jacaranda Mimosifolia) completely covered with deep yellow and blue flowers respectively. The eternal beauty of Erythrina Crista galli is also revealed during this time of the year.

There are many more like Semul or Simble, with very bold red blooms or Erythrina Indica trees full with parrot beak like deep scarlet blooms and Sita Ashok with fragrant bunches of deep red mixed with orange blooms. Many more climbers and shrubs also display their spectacular blooms at that time.

All the members listened to the talk with great interest & applauded the immense knowledge of Dr. Narula on the subject. IPDG Shaju Peter collared our new member Mr. Ashok K. Puri.

A formal vote of thanks by PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati concluded the meeting.

Certificates Awarded to Home Care Nursing Trainees

The Home Care Nursing Project of our Club witnessed its finale on Monday, May 4 '09 at Dr. Vikrant Gupta Memorial Foundation Hospital. The Course Completion Certificates were awarded to all the twelve girls who completed the necessary training and education and cleared the requisite examination.

The Chief Guest, Mrs. Meena Ranaut, Chairman – Inner Wheel Distt. 308, lauded the good work done by the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Chandigarh Midtown, along with Dr. Vikrant Gupta Memorial Foundation. She also suggested that more such projects be taken up in future. Our Club was represented by Pres. Saroj, IPDG Shaju, PP B.L. Ramsisaria & PP R.S. Chandgothia. Many members from Inner Wheel also attended the function, including Mrs. Shashi Gupta, President – I.W. Chandigarh Midtown.

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Ritu gets Management Excellence Award - 2009



Jt. Secy. Rtn. Ritu Singal was one of the recipients of the Management Excellence Award - 2009 at a function held in Jalandhar on March 28, '09. The award was given to her by the Chief Guest Mr. Manoranjan Kalia, Cabinet Minister, Punjab Govt.

Ritu Singal, Gold Medalist in LLM from Punjabi University, Patiala, floated the company Raglan Infrastructure Ltd. along with her husband Late Mr. Vikas Singal (Civil Hons.) in the year 1998 -99.

In a career spanning about 17 yrs., she has been exposed to Business Operations & Development, Brand Development, Sales & Marketing, Corporate Affairs, etc.

Presently she is the Managing Director of M/s Winner Nippon Electronics Ltd. (Manufacturing of Synthetic Leather) and Raglan Infrastructure Ltd., a very reputed name in the real estate.

Our heartiest congratulations to Rtn. Ritu, and we wish her many more entrepreneurial successes in future.

If Titanic was made in India

- 1) There would be members of 10 political parties on the ship, having a gala time, enjoying all the perks.
- 2) There would be a song 'rim jhim barse', and because of security reasons, all security men would be dancing.
- 3) Because no party gets absolute majority, there is a coalition 'Govt' (management) on the ship. The ship Captain (hero) would be from the party having maximum votes & the the party in second position would appoint their lady member (heroine) as second-in-command of the ship.
- 4) The movie would be called "Paisa do vote lo" followed by "log mare to mare, hum to note le chale".
- 5) The ruling party whether they would float in cold or hot water for days, they shall still survive. "Vote (with note!) of confidence" would keep them all fit, fat & fine.
- 6) Leader of the opposition party would not die even after being confronted by a crocodile, as he is given a promise of a ticket for next elections.
- 7) The iceberg would be sent by opposition to teach the ruling party a lesson, but nothing happened as it would hang in the cold storage.
- 8) No one is bothered about the passengers, and no one knows where they are.
- 9) And last but not least, a Commission was set up to find the passengers.
- 10) Three years later, the Commission came to a conclusion that all seats on the ship was reserved for SC/ST/OBC, and not even one of them applied for the seat of a passenger.



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Six Disabled Persons get Jobs at IBM

Our club has always remained committed to Disability Empowerment. President Saroj Jhawar has been further motivating this humane cause during the year. Two Rotary Community Corps were sponsored by Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown during this year at Khuda Ali Sher and Dadumajra, in addition to one at Panchkula last year. Most of the members in our RCCs are Persons with Disabilities, who are working for the cause of the needy.

PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra had been coordinating as Chairman, Disability Empowerment and Rehabilitation (DEAR) and Chairman, RCC with IBM at IT Park Chandigarh. On 5th May '09, an interview of 18 Disabled Persons was organised by Dr. Vohra and Mr. K.C. Wadhawan - President, RCC Panchkula and Director, National Institute for the Disabled, managed by National Handicapped Welfare Council, Panchkula. The Disabled Persons have been trained at the Computer Centre, established in the said Institute, with the assistance from our club and donation of computers by Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya.

The interview was conducted by officials of IBM, Ms. Jayati Aggarwal, Lead Talent Acquisition, Mr. Gurdeep Pandher, Dy. Manager (Operations), Mr. Tejinder Singh, Sr. Executive (MIS) and Ms. Harkiran, Sr. Executive (HR). Superintendent of the National Institute for the Disabled, Mr. S.P. Kohli and Computer Instructor, Ms. Aditi Singhal also had significant role to play.

Out of 18 candidates, six who were selected on merits are: Salim Mohd., Rajiv Sharma, Ritu Sharma, Swati Sharma, Ajay Kumar and Aarif. Their monthly emoluments shall be in the range of Rs. 6000/- to Rs. 10000/-.

IBM officials have assured that more interviews shall be held regularly. Disabled Persons shall be trained at the above said Institute as per the prescribed module.

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- Always remember how beautifully God has added one more day in your life - not because YOU need it, but because someone else needs you.
- You are making progress if every mistake you make is a new one.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Chanchal & Rtn. C.J. Rai
R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



May 17
May 21

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