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"Joint Meeting with Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh Midtown,
Chandigarh Central, Himalayan Ranges,
Panchkula & S.A.S. Nagar"

Friday, May 29, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sec. 26, Chandigarh

Computer Lab Inaugurated at Sikhya



H.E. Dr. A.R.Kidwai unveils the Commemorative Plaque

For Midtowners of Chandigarh, a dream came true last Friday when His Excellency Dr. A.R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana inaugurated the Computer Lab, set up at Sikhya under the World Community Service. Inauguration of the lab with 36 computers marked the fulfillment of the promise that we made to the 770 pupils of Sikhya at the beginning of the Rotary year.

His Excellency arrived at the school sharp at 6:30 pm and after a brief tour of the school unveiled the commemorative plaque in honour of late PP Dr. Peter V. French of the Rotary Club of Erith, and cut the red ribbon together with PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo who was accompanied by Usha Ji.

The children are so fascinated with the computers that according to Principal Mrs. Sonia Channi, the highest punishment she could mete out to any student is to deny him

or her, access to the computer lab !

His Excellency Dr. Kidwai was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Channi with a bouquet of flowers. PRIP Raja Saboo was greeted with a bouquet by President Saroj. Mr. Inderdeep Singh of the Guru Nanak Vidya Bhandar Trust, who is running the school, was welcomed by PP B.L. Ramsisaria, a member of the Matching Grant Project committee.

It was then the turn of Project Chairman IPDG Shaju Peter to trace the origin of the project and narrate the story of how it was all put together in association with the Rotarians of Erith, District 1120 U.K.

"There are two distinguishing features that characterize the twelfth M.G. project of ours. One, none of us in Midtown personally knew a single soul in Erith. But with the completion of this project we have developed lasting friendships with project chair PP Jack Jones, President Leslie Hoskins and others of Erith, and District Governor John Wilton of Distt.1120. Two, this project has come about entirely through the power of the internet. This has been an eloquent testimony to the enormous power of the NET which brings Rotarians together in their shared endeavour of touching the lives of others in far flung communities", said Shaju.

Mr. Inderdeep Singh spoke about the vision of his grandfather who founded the Trust and his father Dr. Gurpreet Singh who worked tirelessly in bringing the school to its current status. He thanked the club profusely



IPDG Shaju addresses the gathering at Sikhya



The Computer Lab

for the initiative. PRIP Raja Saboo while lauding the efforts of the club described the project as unique and meaningful and explained how Rotarians from distant lands work together in addressing the community concerns of people far away, supported by the Rotary Foundation.

Rtn. R.K. Luther introduced the Chief Guest, His Excellency Dr. A.R. Kidwai who spoke about the new resurgent India & the role of education in building a prosperous nation. He also complimented the club for bringing computer literacy within the reach of children, all drawn from the underprivileged sections of our society.

Mrs. Channi proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting was followed by high tea, courtesy Sikhya, the School of Learning.

Marvelous Answer



Real story happened with famous Heart Surgeon Lt. Dr. Nitu Mandke. He had done more than 1,00,000 heart operations.

A mechanic was removing the cylinder heads from the motor of a car when he spotted the famous heart surgeon in his shop, who was standing off to the side, waiting for the service manager to come to take a look at his car.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hello Doctor!!

Please come over here for a minute."

The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked argumentatively, "So doctor, look at this. I also open hearts, take valves out, grind 'em, put in new parts, and when I finish this will work as a new one. So how come you get the big money, when you and me is doing basically the same work?"

The doctor leaned over and whispered to the mechanic.....

"Try to do it when the engine is running!"

PP Rtn. TS. Anand

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Husband, Wife Team Aim to End Poverty



Noting that "world peace can only come when there is no poverty," Frank and Kathleen Mayhew of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, California, USA, urge Rotarians to take a new direction to end poverty.

To do that, the husband-and-wife team proposes their "Adopt a Village"

model.

Here's how it works: A Rotary club in a developing country selects a village, assesses its needs, and designs a project with health, food production and education components. A partner club adopts the village, addressing all three issues at once. Projects usually cost about US\$30,000 ; some have been completed through Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation.

Villages in Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines and Uganda have participated with support from partner clubs in Canada, England and the United States. The Mayhews, who have given presentations at several North American clubs, currently act as matchmakers, but they encourage clubs with good working relationships to take the concept and run with it.

"While Rotary has had 3-H grants, which are huge grants, nobody has really looked at the multi-element grant. It kind of comes as a surprise to people," says Frank Mayhew, who chairs the grants subcommittee for District 5130. "It does make sense."

Source : RI Website

Food for Thought – A Hand Book

Health :

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
5. Make time to practice meditation, yoga, and prayer.
6. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
7. Sleep for 7 hours.
8. Take a 10-30 minutes walk every day. And while you walk, smile.

Personality :

1. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
2. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
3. Don't overdo. Keep your limits.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
6. Dream more while you are awake.
7. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
8. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
9. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
10. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
11. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn.
12. Smile and laugh more.
13. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Contributed by PP Capt. Moni Kahlon

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More than half of Rotary Districts apply for Future Vision Pilot

Throughout the Rotary world, districts want to be part of The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan pilot.

By the 15 May deadline, 277 districts had filed an application, more than half the 529 districts that will exist as of 1 July 2010.

About 100 districts will be chosen to participate in the pilot.

The selected districts will help test a new Foundation grant structure. To streamline the grant-making process, the plan will offer only two grant types: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants. It also will promote strategic partnerships and refine the district Rotary Foundation committee structure.

The Future Vision pilot will begin on 1 July 2010 and run through 30 June 2013. The Foundation will use feedback from the pilot districts to refine the plan before it is implemented globally in 2013-14.

Pilot districts obtained the approval of at least two-thirds of their clubs to participate. The 2010-11 pilot district governors and Foundation committee chairs will complete mandatory training in 2009-10, which will help prepare the districts for their direct role in managing Foundation grant funds. All districts will receive training on the Future Vision Plan in 2012-13.

Source- RI Website

Secy. Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal, Treasurer Elect 2009-10, has resigned from the post for personal reasons. The Board of Directors (2009-10), in its meeting on May 21 '09, accepted his resignation & approved nomination of Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi as Treasurer for the year 2009-10.

PE Gurdip S. Deep

Vimal Bansal, Our New Micro Loan Beneficiary



Vimal Bansal runs a store for daily needs in the same slum colony as Maya Tiki and has asked for Rs. 30,000/- to buy more stock. We are advancing him this sum in two instalments. The first instalment of Rs. 15000/- has already been disbursed. The next instalment will follow after one month when his stock has been verified.

Just to inform the members once again, this program is open to the entire District 3080.

Rtn. Arjan Singh

Congratulations !

Ishan Kapoor, grandson of Ann Urmil & Rtn. R.K. Luther (MPHF), has been selected into IIT for the 2009 batch. Our heartiest congratulations to them, as well as to the proud parents Mrs. & Mr. Tarun Kapoor, IAS.

Well done Ishan & keep it up!

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

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