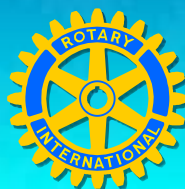


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## PROGRAMME

Farewell to GSE Team from District 5810, Texas, USA  
Team Leader: Rtn. Mike Pugh

Please note the  
change in date of  
the meeting

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Time: 6.30 P.M

Venue: President Hotel , Sector 26, Chandigarh

## ROTARY CONFLUENCE 2010 : Shape the Future

On February 20, 2010 the two day Rotary Conference, hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Central at Law Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh, started with a Flag March conducted by Conference Chair PP N.S. Aulakh for all the Assistant Governors and Club Presidents of the current year 2009-10. After this, District Governor Chetan Aggarwal recognised the RI Officers, who marched on the stage one by one, along with their spouses, led by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo & Ushaji.

The Rotary conference, "Confluence 2010" was inaugurated by Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator His Excellency Mr. Shivraj V Patil, who was introduced by PRIP Raja Saboo. In his address to the Rotarians, Mr. Patil stressed on the

need for promoting selfless service, the only virtue that could bring peace in the world, country, community, family and even within oneself. He said, "A spirit of positive attitude needs to be inculcated amongst Indians to take the country forward." He commended Rotary for undertaking humanitarian tasks with the spirit of service to help others. DGE Madhukar Malhotra thanked the Governor on behalf of District 3080.

In his address Rotary International President's Representative, PRID Rtn. Sushil Gupta spoke on 'The Future of Rotary is in your Hands'.

Congress spokesman and Lok Sabha MP Manish Tewari addressed the Rotarians and spoke on "India's National Security: The Road Ahead". He lamented the vanishing concept of beat policing where a policeman knew the entire socio-ethnic structure of the people living in any locality on one-to-one basis. Absence of beat policing was leading to the rise in crime and insecurity among citizens. Mr. Tewari called upon Rotarians to promote neighbourhood policing in the society and engage people in ensuring security and safety for themselves. PP Pallav Mukherji thanked Mr. Tewari for his talk.

Rotary Shreyas Awards were presented to Editor-in-Chief of The Tribune group and Rajya Sabha member Mr. H.K. Dua, Managing Director, Hero Honda Mr. Pawan Munjal and Bollywood actress Ms. Kirron Kher by Dr Abid Hussain, a well known Economist, who was the Chief Guest of the Awards Session. A highly impressive introduction of Dr. Hussain was given by PDG Shaju Peter, which was graciously



Mr. H.K. Dua gets Shreyas Award from Dr. Abid Hussain

## GSE team from District 5810, Texas, USA



Rtn. Mike Pugh  
Team Leader, is an IT  
Program Manager.  
Past President of his club



Sarah Skinner  
Is in Banking Software  
(Debit Card Processing) for  
Jack Henry Inc. in Allen, Texas



Lauren Clark  
Is the Superintendent  
of Animal Control for  
the City of Addison, Texas



Angela Chambers  
Is the Editor of the  
Plano Neighbors section of  
the Dallas Morning News

### Visit Programme

Date/Day	Time	Programme	Coordinators
26th Feb 2010 Friday	12.00 noon	Reception GSE Team at Hotel President	President Rtn Gurdip S. Deep PP R. K. Goyal Chairman, GSE Programme Hosts: Rtn Arjun Singh Rtn Maj Gen. A S Kahlon Rtn. R K Luther Director, Vocational Services
27th Feb 2010 Saturday	4.00 pm	Visit Vocational Project Electrician Training, Khuda Ali Sher	IPP Saroj Jhawar
	4.45 pm	Visit Night School, Saragnpur	Rtn. R K Luther
	11.00 am	Visit Club Project- Day Care Nursing Training, Sector 15, Chandigarh	Mrs. Asha Gupta President Innerwheel PDG Shaju Peter
	12.00 noon 01.00 pm	Visit Project Sikhia School, Sector 46 Lunch Meeting with DG Chetan Aggarwal	Rtn. Dr. B S Chandok Dist GSE Hosting Chair
28th Feb 2010	Afternoon	FREE	Hosts: Rtn. Ritu Singal, Secretary
	06.30 pm	Club meeting and GSE Team Presentation	Hotel President Asst Governor Charanjit Singh Control-de-affairs Chandigarh President Rtn. Gurdeep S Deep
	8.00 pm 8.30 am	Distt 3080 Farewell Dinner (By Invitation) Arrive at RVTC Sector 18 Chandigarh and proceed to Airport	Hosts: Rtn. Dr. B S Chandok, GSE Hosting Chair

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appreciated by Dr. Hussain himself and applauded by the audience!

While accepting the award, Mr. Dua said, "There is a need for more serious people to get into Parliament and I will endeavour to remain the voice of the people of this country." Mr. Munjal said Hero Honda owed its success to "strong values, ethical dealings and relationship with its customers." Ms. Kirron Kher nostalgically remembered her days in the city, especially her return to the same stage of the Law Auditorium where once she performed.

RIDN Rtn. Y.P. Das spoke on 'Joy of Giving'. Rtn. Dr P. Narayana Holla, Vice Chairman of the National Polio Plus Committee, motivated the Rotarians to continue with the immunisation programme until the disease was rooted out. GSE team from District 5810, Texas, USA was presented by the Team Leader, Rtn. Mike Pugh. The outgoing GSE Team from District 3080 was presented by PDG Lakshmi Sagar and the Leam Leader, Rtn Dr. Nikhil Srivastva.

Dr Kiran Bedi was introduced by PDG Kawal Bedi. Dr Bedi recalled her good old days in Chandigarh, and as a law student of Panjab University she was associated with PP Dr. Balram Gupta. Speaking on Women Shaping the Future, Dr Bedi said, "She would

be choosing her husband and would not be forced into marriage, she would be emerging as a leader in the corporate sector and her role at the work place would get more recognition. There could also be possibility of change in the reproductive role, which could mean more dependence on adoption and surrogate motherhood."

PRIP Raja Saboo highlighted the International Medicare Project - Congo and recognized the doctors and other Rotarians who were involved in this 'Service Beyond Borders' mission.

For the Cultural Evening the venue shifted to exclusive ambience of Rock Garden. It was a cultural bonanza, full of entertainment featuring prominent TV artists from Nachh Balliye, Sare Ga Ma and Laughter Channel. Popular Laughter & Mimicry artist Jaswant Singh added fun to the show. Partap Faujdar had the audience spellbound with his jokes and wit. The show was anchored by another TV artist Preeti Grewal.

On February 21, 2010 the Conference at the Law Auditorium had Business Session chaired by PDG Arun Sharma, with resource persons being PDG Parmod Vij and PDG Shaju Peter.

Swami Agnivesh expressed his strong views against injustice to women, female foeticide and dowry system. He is an active promoter of women empowerment who does not support caste system and encourages inter-caste marriages.

PDG Rtn. Surendra Seth of District 3070 spoke on 'Chariot of Success.' Who could have been a better Aid



Recognition of RI Officers: R'ann Lovy & PDG Shaju Peter



President Gurdip S. Deep takes part in Flag March

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for him than his Engineering College class mate, PP Ajit S. Gulati.

There was also a session on Shaping District's Future which was chaired by PDG Dr. G.K. Thakral.

Rotary Leadership Academy Passing Out was conducted by its Dean, PDG Maj. Som Dutt. From our

Club Rtn. Ritu Singal had passed out. (Ritu's work of decorating the stage was also appreciated).

PP R.S. Chandgothia was one of the members of Nominating Committee, conducted by District Chair Election PDG Subhash Garg. Rtn. Manmohan Singh of Kharar has been nominated DGN for 2012-13.

## District Golf Tournament

Registration: Rs. 500/- Single Rs. 800/- Couple  
Date: 28.2.2010, Venue: Chandigarh Golf Club  
Register by 26.2.2010 with Host club Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik to get the kit. Please contact:  
President Maneet S. Matharu, M: 9815025032

## Holi Celebrations

Holi will be celebrated on 1.3.2010 from 11 am onwards. Venue will be announced in the club meeting on 27.02.2010.

## Blood Donation Camp by Disabled Persons

Blood Donation Camp will be organized on 01.3.2010 by the Physically Handicapped Association, Punjab, Chandigarh and Rotary Community Corps Dadumajra, sponsored by our club, at Gurduwara Shri Guru Granth Sahib Singh Sabha, Phase-1, Near Old Barrier, Mohali at 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM. Doctors & Technicians of Rotary Blood Bank Society, Chandigarh will conduct the blood camp. Railway passes and Tricycles will be given to disabled persons. Chaudhary Swarana Ram, Minister of Social Security, Woman & Child Welfare Department, Punjab, will be the Chief Guest.

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Dr. Savita & Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati February 28  
R'ann Amarjit & Rtn. Harbans S. Bajaj March 01  
R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Lalit K. Azad March 04  
R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta March 04

## Birthday Greetings

PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill February 29  
Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma March 02



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