

Aadhaar - The Unique Identification Number!
Guest Speaker : Maj. Gen. Sudesh Kumar, (Retd.)

Friday, October 08, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Witness to an Execution

Hailing originally from the North West Frontier Province, Dr Jagdip Singh Vasdev, our Guest Speaker last Friday, a family friend of the Anand's, did his medicine from Amritsar, responded early to the call given by the charismatic Jawahar Lal Nehru and served in Punjab's Rural Health Service, and then to build on his expertise did his MS in Surgery from PGI, Chandigarh. After serving in Haryana as Civil Surgeon for 20 years, he was appointed Medical Superintendent, Rohtak Medical College, when he was promoted as Director, Health Services, Haryana. Upon his retirement, he joined Sri Ganga Ram Hospital as Medical Superintendent, and later joined Fortis. He opted to do charitable work and is now associated with the UT Red Cross and several charitable projects. He was introduced by President Prem himself.

Bemoaning the fact that doctors who having taken the Hippocratic Oath to save lives as apostles of mercy and benevolence, had also to oversee the execution of a condemned prisoners under due process of law, under provisions of the Constitution, he said. And although the experience may be traumatic, it needs to be carried out. The process has therefore two connotations – one legal, and the other medical.

Speaking of the legal connotation he said, that relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code deal in "culpable homicide" which is punishable by death. The act done by the person must be censurable. Causing death by murder can be censurable, but all death is not murder, and not censurable.



He had the opportunity to witness 'death by hanging' in early part of his career, at the Central Jail, Amritsar. It is team that executes this order of the court through what is called a "black warrant". The team consists of a minimum of four officers, a Magistrate 1st Class, a Police Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police, the Jail Superintendent of the Jail where the execution takes place, and a doctor not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon. The execution must be carried out as per rules of the Jail Manual. The first of the processes to be adhered is the medical examination, including his or her

weight, because this determines the drop of the rope used for hanging. The rope used must be tested, and its length determined. Every minute detail, including the drop door opening, the sandbags, is calculated as per specifications. The prisoners wish and will if any is also recorded. The family needs to be informed. All barracks are sealed so as not to allow movement of inmates inside the jail premises. Upon hanging, the prisoner is left hanging for about half an hour

and then examined by the doctor who has to declare him dead. The entire process is witnessed with stoic silence before the dead body is handed over to the relatives.

Witnessing an execution, said Dr. Jagdip Singh Vasdev, has a sobering effect. It precipitates mixed feelings, including the debate on capital punishment, which said, was meant to act as a deterrent from heinous crimes.

PP Pallav Mukherjee proposed the formal vote of thanks.

ARC Shaju speaks at Membership Seminar of 3010

ARC Shaju was the Guest of Honour at the Membership Seminar organized by DG Amit Jain at the Russian Cultural Center, New Delhi on September 30, 2010. Over a 100 delegates including Past Governors ML Aggarwal, Hemant Ahuja, K K Gupta, Manjit Sawhney, Suresh Jain, Damanjit Singh, IPDG Ashish Ghosh, DGE Asit Mittal and DGN Ramesh Agarwal participated in the Seminar. Shaju chose to speak on "3010 -Membership Profile and Challenges".

He complimented IPDG Ashish for the 12% growth he achieved in 2009-10 but drew the delegates' attention to the fairly large number of clubs with membership less than 20. While drawing up the profile of 3010 he said that the District is more than twice the size of an average Rotary International District in terms of number of clubs as well as number of Rotarians. He emphasized the necessity of making the District more manageable administratively for the District Governor as well as Rotary International.

The presentation was very well received by all the Rotarians present.



The bond was further strengthened with the introduction of scholarships funded by individual Rotarians of Milano Sud Est. From one, to five over the years, is an indicator of our growing bond. These Scholarships are meant for the girl child exclusively to study engineering.

PP Lakshmi Khanna, accompanied by Stefan Widegren representing Milano Sud Est came visiting, to cement this growing bond. They were here to interact with the beneficiaries of scholarships. Khushbu, Nisha, Naina and Shilakha were there to meet their benefactors' representatives over lunch hosted by the two Italians. So were Parveen and Arjan Singh who are in the forefront of this activity; Herpreet and PP Col. Amar Jit Gill, as the initiator of this bond, who, both Lakshmi and Stefan were keen to meet; Secretary Deepak Sood representing the Club; Mala and PP Indrajeet Sengupta represented the Club President in-absentia. Dr. Fredrick Shaw, CEO of Developing Indigenous Resources India was the too, to pitch for his project for 'expectant mothers', but the project met with technical difficulties.

Lakshmi and Stefan offered another proposal for a Revolving Micro Loan Fund, which remains to be scrutinized by the current Board; a request to extend the current Scholarship Project was made and, finally, to review the status of the on-going projects. They were quite pleased that the Club had given loans to three beneficiaries and two more of RI District

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Sud-Ester

Chandigarh Midtown has been associated with Clubs and the 10 RI Districts of Italy over the past fifteen years since Col. Amarjit Singh Gill was President. One of the most acclaimed and prestigious Project of Micro Loans, inspired by the Nobel Laureate Mohd. Yunus, was initiated and executed. Called the Milano Sud Est Revolving Loan Fund it has found a pride of place in the district. Following this was the Milano Fierra Revolving Loan Fund, and then the, All Italian Districts Revolving Loan Fund.

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3080, one each in Parwanoo and Panipat; and if approved expects to extend loans to a self-help group in Dehradun. They were however keen to have the Revolving Loans of Sud Est and Milano Fiera re-vitalized.

Thank you, Lakshmi and Stefan for energizing us with your day's flying visit.

Witnessing Club History



Ever since the announcements in these columns, two weeks ago, of the contest to identify the spouses appearing in the published photograph, there has been a spate of telephone calls to the Editor, the first and the most enthusiastic being from Mrs. Deepa Sahib Singh, President of our Inner Wheel Club.

She has sent a photograph of the Awards Function of that year, where she seen receiving an award from the then Governor of Punjab, Mr. H.S. Brar, for organizing the function.. She also sent the award which she deeply treasures.

There have been several entries for the competition, which have been forwarded to PP B.L. Ramsisaria for final judgment, as he is the one with the elephantine memory of this Club's history.

The results, will be announced in the Club meeting of October 22, after the return of the Editor from vacation.

Is the suspense chilling?

Taking 'ASRAA" Forward

A shelter for attendants of patients at the Sector 32 Government College and Hospital was constructed during the Rotary Year 2008-09 under the stewardship of PP Saroj Jhwar.

Over the past year, it was observed that because of lack of basic amenities, the shelter christened "ASRAA" fell into disuse. This year, under the dynamic stewardship of President Prem Anand, the Board took a decision to rectify this situation. A new Committee was formed, and the nitty-gritty's of the failings analyzed.

Among the observations made was the lack of night security, for which gates have been proposed; the lack of sleeping facilities, for which 20-steel bedsteads with winter bedding has been proposed to be donated, along with secure stocking arrangement; both the intense heat and cold, in summers and winters, due to excessive side ventilators, as well as the un-protected fibre roofing, for which 'chiks' are proposed, and perhaps , several coats of heat-reflective paint is proposed, without affecting lighting conditions and save electricity; and finally a tuck-shop for refreshment and fooding, for which the Club is on the look-out for a suitable person.

Initially, security concerns shall be addressed, for which the gate is proposed Very generous Midtowners have already begun donating for this Project. They are

PP Col. Amar Jit Singh Gill	ˆ 10,000.00
PP Jagmohan Lal Mahajan	ˆ 5,000.00
PP Sandeep Sandhu	ˆ 5000.00
Om Prakash	ˆ 5000.00
Mrs. Neeru Khattar	ˆ 5000.00
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Midtown to Extend eClub

Soon after the Council on Legislation approved its pilot project to open eClub, restricted to two per district, PP Dr. Vikram Jit Singh Vohra was at work to extend one. He enlisted the help of Munish Jauhar, Jt. Secretary Amarjit Sohal and Amandeep Syali whom he appointed Surveyor. Amandeep's professional and concise Report is a treat to read. Later young Karan Arora joined the team.

Extension of a new Club must be approved the College of Governors. They did so when they met recently in Aurangabad, and appointed PDG Shaju Peter as Governors Special Representative to oversee the formation of this unique EClub.

PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra hopes that he will be successful in chartering this Club before any other district does so in India. For this, Committee meets on Thursday, October 7.

Wishing you all the very best.

Recognition for Teachers

As announced by PP Capt. Moni Kahlon, the club will be honoring teachers for excellence in their vocation in the regular meeting of the club scheduled for October 15, 2010. Members are requested to get in touch with Moni immediately either by phone or email with names of Rotarians and spouses whom they know to have served as teachers in their career.

Moni can be reached on mobile no. 9316036550. His email id is cmkahlon@gmail.com

Rotaractors for Peace

Dev Samaj Rotaractors participated in a massive Peace Rally organized by Punjab University from Parade Ground Sector 17 to the University. More than 15000 students, including a contingent of foreign students participated.

More than 50 Rotaractors led by President Pallavi participated in the march.

That's Rotary in Action, Rotaractors for Peace!

Tarini to Represent India

Tarini, 15, a Class IX Student of Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, daughter of Doctors Nivedita and Ravjeet, daughter and son-in-law of Raj and Col. V.K. Kapoor. Tarini was recently in Gandhi Nagar, Gujrat where she has been selected to represent India in the sub-junior under - 16 Soccer team for the Asia Pacific Cup. By the time, you have this bulletin in your hands; she will be away to Jordan, where the tournament is taking place.

We congratulate the proud parents, and even prouder grand parents!

Short Term Youth Exchange Program

Moon Inder and PP Sandeep Sandhu will host Ms. Sussane Brung, a 17-year student from District 1870 Germany on her arrival on October 5 till October 31.

She will attend the regular Club Meeting on Friday, October 8, and will make a presentation.

Greetings

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Pritpal Gulati



October 13

Birthday of Rotarians

Darshan Singh Kalsi

October 11

S.P. Babuta

October 11

Jawahar Jain

October 12

Amarjit Singh

October 13

Wedding Anniversary

Sharda & A. K. Sachdeva

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October 14

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