

## PROGRAMME

Quiz Programme

KBC - Kaun Banega C.....?

Quiz Master: PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee

Lots of prizes – separate prizes for Spouses & Children

Friday, December 10, 2010

Time : 6:30 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## World Disabled Day



S. Balbir Singh Sidhu

Club meeting on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 was dedicated to celebrate the International Day of People with Disability in a befitting manner, by distributing six tricycles to needy disabled persons. Chief Guest of the function, Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu, M.L.A. Kharar Constituency, was introduced by PP Pallav Mukherjee as

President of District Congress Committee of Mohali District. Pallav said, "I met Mr. Sidhu for the first time only 10 minutes ago and found him to be a genuine and a good person, more of a social worker than a politician!"

President Rtn. Prem Anand welcomed Mr. Sidhu and the specially abled members of our Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula and Dadumajra; K.C. Wadhawan, S.P. Bhandoria, Harmesh Kumar, Vinod and a disabled sports person Sanjeev Kumar, who took part in RYLA in 2008 at Chennai, and also won number of medals in badminton in Paralympics. We also had the presence of Mr. G.S. Kochhar on his wheel chair as both his lower limbs are paralyzed. He served in PSEB and retired just 3 days ago as Chief Engineer!

President Prem said World Disabled Day is observed every year for people with disabilities and the main focus is to maintain their honour, well-being and rights. It is the day to sensitize the Government machinery and the NGOs towards the basic needs of disabled persons. Effective participation of persons with disabilities in the society and development was established by the World Programme of Action concerning

Disabled Persons, adopted by United Nations General Assembly in 1982, to promote better understanding of disability issues with a focus on the rights of persons with disabilities. He added, "This is the day to spread awareness among people throughout the world about the disabled persons, comprising 10 percent of the total population in the world."

He said, "Mr. Sidhu is keenly involved in the welfare of disabled persons and does not hesitate to help them whenever needed." In his brief but meaningful address to the Rotarians, Mr. Sidhu thanked the Rotarians for their efforts to serve the disabled persons. He appreciated the distribution of tricycles to disabled persons. Mr. Sidhu's interest towards the disabled persons strengthened as his own brother was disabled and he shifted from Barnala to Mohali in 1981 to get better facilities available in Chandigarh. He said proper facilities should be made available to the disabled and priority should be given to their needs. They should never be made to feel that they are helpless. He stressed the need to seek suitable employment for them, and we should always be prepared to help them. We should treat them as normal persons and motivate them.

President Prem Anand thankfully acknowledged the gesture of Rotarians who donated six tricycles to disabled persons. They are:- PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, PE Rtn. R.K. Luther, PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. Lalit Azad, Jt. Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Munish Jauhar and Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora. Their contributions deserved the applaud they got!

Another highlight of the evening was the distribution of Railway concession forms by Mr. Sidhu to 8 disabled persons, which were issued by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Prosthetic Consultant and Hony. Prosthetic Adviser to Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & HP. Indian Railways provides 75% concession in the fares to the disabled persons along with one escort, for traveling by train throughout the country.

Dr. Vohra said, "India has enacted Persons With Disabilities



Six needy disabled persons who got tricycles on the World Disabled Day, are seen with MLA Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu, Donors, Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown and members of Rotary Community Corps



MLA Balbir Singh Sidhu distributes railway concession forms to disabled persons, issued by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



Mr. K.C. Wadhawan of RCC of Panchkula, presents a memento to MLA Balbir Singh Sidhu

(Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. Since last 15 years this Act has not taken off the way it should have. Yet, lot has been done but due to awareness created by disabled persons themselves, who have made their way out, and are still continuing their struggle." He

added, "For this reason Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has in last couple of years, created three Rotary Community Corps (RCC) out of which two, one at Panchkula and the other one at Dadumajra are mostly having not only disabled persons as members but is also being effectively run by them."

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Wedding anniversary gift presented to R'ann Malabika & PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta by S. Balbir Singh Sidhu



R'ann Gagan Meet & Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh presented wedding anniversary gift by S. Balbir Singh Sidhu



Rtn. Lalit Azad bags the punctuality award and gets it from Mr. Sidhu



Birthday gift presented to Rtn. Om Parkash Malik by MLA Mr. Sidhu

He highlighted the fact that, "This is a unique feature taken up by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown by providing a Rotary platform to disabled persons in the form of RCC, and such an initiative has not been made by any other Rotary Club worldwide." These RCCs have been doing worthwhile projects not only for the disabled but other community projects as well.

He further pointed out that Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has been carrying out various projects for the cause of disabled persons, by providing artificial limbs, wheel chairs, tricycles, hearing aids; and even providing placement services in getting

them suitable jobs in reputed companies.

Dr. Vohra said that many disabled persons are doing very well, leading a normal life. He referred to them as 'this' abled person! He pointed out that India has 60 million disabled people, which is bigger than total population in many countries.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. K.C. Wadhawan of Rotary Community Corps of Panchkula, a polio victim who is wearing walking calipers in both legs and drives his car like any normal person, and is also Jt. Director, Public

Relations, Haryana Govt., also a writer and a journalist. He said, "Disabled persons do not need any sympathy from any one, but they certainly deserve to lead a life of dignity & pride as useful citizens of our country." While thanking the Chief Guest Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu for joining hands with the Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown to celebrate the World Disabled Day and encourage the disabled persons, he also acknowledged the contributions made by Mr. Sidhu since several years to the cause of disabled persons. Mr. Wadhawan also thanked the President and all Rotarians for their valuable support.

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## Club Elections : Rotary Year 2011-12

The Board of Directors in the meeting held on December 06, 2010, has decided to call nominations from members of the Club for the office bearers for the Rotary Year 2011-12 and for President for 2012-13.

Section 5, Article I of the Bye-Laws of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown refers :

- President 2012-13 : Minimum 2 years on the Board of Directors at the time of assuming office.
- Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer : Should have been on the Board of Directors for one year at the time of assuming office.

c) Five Directors, Joint Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms : Should have been member of the Club for at least 12 months at the time of elections.

Secretary Rtn. Deepak Sood will receive nominations for the above mentioned posts till 8 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2010. Withdrawals, if any, will be accepted by the Secretary till 7 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2010.

Elections, if necessary, will be held on Friday, December 24, 2010. Nomination forms are available with our Office Secretary Mr. V.P. Sharma.

### Dr. B.C. Gupta is Vice-President International Sugar Council



Dr. B.C. Gupta

Dr. Bhushan Chander Gupta, who was recently appointed as Union Food Secretary, Govt. of India, has been elected as the Vice President of International Sugar Council (ISC), and will automatically be elevated as President of the council next year when the general council meeting is held. The ISC has 85 sugar-producing nations as its members.

A very senior Punjab Cadre officer, Dr. B.C. Gupta belongs to the 1975 batch of the IAS. He has held various important positions in Punjab Government, the last one being Financial Commissioner, Cooperation. A doctorate in chemistry from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Dr. Gupta will

become the first Indian bureaucrat in recent years to be the host President of the general council meeting of the ISC which would be held in India in 2012.

A Paul Harris Fellow, Dr. Gupta has been taking keen interest in the activities of Chandigarh Midtown. We congratulate him and PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta for his well deserved appointment in Government of India and the International Sugar Council, and wish them good luck and happiness throughout.

Dr. Vanita Gupta would remain at Chandigarh in her present post as Director, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society, and would continue to give her support in Rotary events. Her new mobile No. is 8968108320.

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R'ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelvia



December 11

R'ann Nita & Rtn. M.S. Manaktala

December 12

R'ann Manjit & Rtn. Darshan Singh Kalsi

December 13

### Greetings

#### Birthday of Rotary Ann's

R'ann Lalita Agarwal

December 13

R'ann Pushpa Jawa

December 15

#### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Rohit Gupta



December 10

PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia

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Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora



December 12

#### Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Lalit Kumar Azad

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