



Report Back on Rotary Institute Bangkok New Year Celebrations

President Rtn. Prem Anand wished all the Rotarians, R'anns and their families a very happy, prosperous, joyous and a purposeful new year in the last meeting of the calendar year on Friday, December 31, 2010, the day for celebrating the New Years Eve, to bid adieu to the year 2010 and give a warm welcome to the New Year 2011.

First lady R'ann Indu Anand gave a very well expressed New Year message in 'shudh' Hindi. She wished every body lots of happiness for the New Year 2011, a pleasant year with global peace. She said 2010 saw lots of ups and downs including the rise in prices, but technologically we have done very well and have created sophisticated infrastructure. She wished everybody to be optimistic and added, "Chorho kal ki baaten, kal ki baat puraani, naye varsh mein likhenge milkar nayi kahaani." She summed up;

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PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter gave an impressive report on the Rotary Institute of Zones 4, 5 & 6A at Bangkok, Thailand, which he & R'ann Lovy attended in the last week of November 2010, after spending two days in Cambodia. His talk was supported by pictures through multimedia display, and as expected, Shaju's presentation was very inspiring and educative!



PDG Shaju Peter

Shaju explained that Rotary Institute brings current and past Rotary International officers together to learn about the latest Rotary developments, including RI policies and programs. It is a forum to discuss Rotary programs and issues and highlights successful efforts in each zone. The participants are the

Past, current and incoming RI officers and their Spouses.

The Rotary Institute is a great reunion of Rotary-leaders; governors, incoming governors, past governors and all Rotarians in the district organization. Long standing friendships are renewed and new ones are built by meeting Rotarians from Zones 4, 5 & 6A and the leadership from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

This was the first time that the Institute was held outside the Zone! There could not have been a better place for the Institute

than Bangkok, to bind the Zones 4, 5 & 6A to the Rotary world, where there are so many glorious cultures, religions and languages in a real harmony. There were a large number of 850 registrations for the Institute at Bangkok.

On 25th November 2010 Major Donors dinner was held on the cruise on Chao Phraya River which was a very exciting and enjoyable experience for 250 participants.

Shaju highlighted the efforts of PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo in motivating the collection of US\$ 635000 for the Rotary Foundation at the Institute at Bangkok. This was almost the double of contributions made at the Institute at Cochin!

Shaju also spoke about the history of Bangkok, located on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River. King Rama I built the Grand palace close to the river modeled on the ancient palace of Ayutthaya with a royal temple, the Emerald Buddha Temple, within the city walls. Bangkok is also known as “Krung Thep” which means “City of Angels”.

Bangkok is a quiet place covered with lush vegetation and had waterways as its chief routes of transportation. The capital underwent some development based on Western models in the reign of King Rama IV who ordered road building, and a

reorganization of the Thai army and administration. Great reforms occurred in the reign of King Rama V who brought the nation into the modern age, including administration, justice, education, communications and public health.

Shaju also talked about Wat Pho which is the largest and oldest wat (temple) in Bangkok and is home to more than 1,000 Buddha images, more than any other temple in the country. It also shelters the largest Buddha image in Thailand - the Reclining Buddha which is 46 meters long and 15 meters high, covered in gold plating.

Talking about the visit to Cambodia, Shaju educated us about the country, with its not so old historical facts about the Pol Pot's 1975-79 dictatorship. Once in power, Pol Pot began a radical experiment to create an agrarian utopia inspired in part by Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution.

Throughout Cambodia, deadly purges were conducted to kill the educated, the wealthy, Buddhist monks, police, doctors, lawyers, teachers and former government officials. Ex-soldiers were killed along with their wives and children. Pol Pot was responsible for deaths of an estimated 1.5 million people.

Pol Pot was deposed in 1979. In April 1998, at the age 73 years

he died of an apparent heart attack following his arrest, before he could be brought to trial by an international tribunal for the events of 1975-79.

Shaju's talk was followed by New Year celebrations and to make the evening musical, we had old hit songs by R'ann Madhu & Rtn. Suresh Dhawan and solo performance by R'ann Bir Gulati, who celebrates the New Year eve and her birthday on the same day!



R'ann Madhu & Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, singing a duet, “Aaja Sanam Madhur Chandni Mein Hum, Tum mile to wirane mein bhi aa jayegi bahaar, Jhumne lagega aasman



R'ann Bir Gulati sings a Punjabi song starting with “Saajna.....” But we missed PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati

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In spite of the cold wave Attendance was good!

Expression of gratitude was offered by Rtn. Arjan Singh. He appreciated PDG Shaju's tremendous memory. Arjan said, "It is a great tribute to his thirst for knowledge and we should be thankful to Shaju for his wonderful presentation and for all the beautiful things he has told us." Arjan also thanked the singers for entertaining us on the New Year eve.

The meeting was adjourned, but the New Year celebrations continued with Rotarians and the spouses wishing each other that the year 2011 brings us all tons of happiness, sound health and peace.

Cocktails sponsored by PE (2012-13) Rtn. Ritu Singal made the celebrations enjoyable and eventful!



PDG Shaju Peter presents birthday gifts to R'ann Dr. Joginder Mukherjee and R'ann Bir Gulati. Joint Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh wishes them good luck!



Memento from Rtn. Arjan Singh to PDG Shaju



Rtn. M.K. Handa gets the punctuality award from Shaju

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Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Director Community Services reported that 350 patients were treated free in the Medical Camp on 25th December 2010 at Faida village, near Chandigarh. In addition to our own Rotarian doctors, that is, Rtn Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

and Rtn. Dr. Anureet K. Bhatti, we also availed the services of Dr. Mandeep, who was deputed by Rtn. Dr. (Col.) V.K. Kapoor. PP Rtn. Saroj Jhawar also participated in this camp. Please see detailed report with photographs in the last bulletin No. 25.

Condolences

Mr. Kiran Syal, elder brother of R'ann Asha and brother-in law of Rtn. Vinod Sobti expired on 30th

December 2010. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta shifts to Sector 35, Chd

Please note the new residential address of PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta. He and R'ann Mala have shifted to their

newly renovated house at 2532, Sector 35-C, Chandigarh-160022.

Get Well Soon

Rtn. Mohan Singh Cheema has not been keeping well. We wish

him a very speedy recovery, sound health and happiness.

Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua Honoured



Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua

Rtn. Prof I.S. Dua, former chairman, department of Botany, Panjab University, was honoured by the Society for Plant Research at the National Conference on "Traditional Conservation of Plant Biodiversity and Energy Resources" at Meerut.

Dr. I.S. Dua was bestowed upon SPR's

Kalinga Award for his efforts in popularising science and its concepts.

Prof. Dua delivered the inaugural address on the occasion, attended by over 200 scientists from all over India.

Talking to the press, he said, "I am happy that the society awarded me. The honour will also act as a source of encouragement to others."

Birthday of Rotarians

IPP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

Rtn. Mohan Singh Cheema

Rtn. Comdr. A.S. Nagra

Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Sahajpal



January 09

January 10

January 10

January 12

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

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