

## Intercity to Honour the World Leader Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith

On Friday, March 25, 2011 our club meeting venue was the auditorium of Chandigarh Judicial Academy, in Sector 43, Chandigarh, a sprawling, magnificent and spectacular building, newly constructed upon a total area of 8.5 acres, a world class institution which aims at imparting the highest standards of judicial education to improve professional expertise. The air conditioned auditorium has the modern infrastructure including very impressive Power Point Projection facilities, a perfect venue for holding Intercity to



Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith addresses the Rotarians



RI Director K.R. Ravindran introduces the RI President

honour our world leader, Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith.

The intercity started with opening address by Rtn. Arvind Mahajan, President of Rotary Club of Chandigarh, the hosts of the event. We had the National Anthems of USA, Sri Lanka and India and our customary lighting of lamp. Welcome address was given by PDG Mrs. Kanwal Bedi. She said it is a great opportunity for Rotarians of District 3080 to meet RI President Ray Klinginsmith and RI Director K.R. Ravindran of Sri Lanka.

PRIP Raja Saboo said we are very fortunate to have with us RI President Ray who had been to our District three times earlier and could have avoided coming now, but he had promised to be with us as RIP. PRIP Raja said "You have

kept your words and we are thankful to you for that, as your coming here means much to us." He also thanked RI Director K.R. Ravindran for his close association with our District. He also acknowledged the presence of District Governor of District 3040 Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Nalini Langer and her husband PDG Rtn Ravi Prakash Langer, our partner in Medical Mission in Chindwara. They had come from Madhya Pradesh to meet our world leader.

District Governor Madhukar Malhotra gave a fascinating power point presentation of the district activities during the current Rotary year. The Rotarians of our District who contributed to the Rotary Foundation were duly recognized. The doctors of GMCH-32, Chandigarh including its Director, Dr. Raj Bahadur were honoured for the tremendous support and their active participation in Rotary Medical Mission. Rotarian doctors and volunteers were also recognized for their humanitarian services in this mission in the tribal districts of Behrampur, Orissa and Chindwara in Madhya Pradesh.

RI Director Ravindran formally introduced RI President Ray Klinginsmith as his leader and a great speaker. An attorney in Kirksville, Missouri, USA, who now works primarily in the areas of commercial and corporate law, real estate, and estate planning, he retired as General Counsel and Professor of Business Administration for Truman State University. He served as a director of the Macon Atlanta State Bank in Macon, Missouri. A Rotarian since 1961, Klinginsmith has served Rotary as district governor, chair of the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi and the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He was a member of the RI Board of Directors for 1985-87 and chaired its executive committee in 1986-87. Klinginsmith joined The Rotary Foundation Trustees in 2002, serving as vice chair in 2005-06, and was a member of the Future

Vision Committee from 2005 to 2008. Klinginsmith, a Major Donor, is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. RIP Ray's wife, Judie, is a former elementary school teacher in Macon and Kirksville and a former consultant for the Child Development Assistant program at the Kirksville Area Vocational Center. Ray and Judie have two children and three grandchildren.

In his address to the Rotarians, RI President Ray Klinginsmith laid emphasis on how India was emerging as the front-runner in contributing to Rotary activities worldwide. He hoped there would be 15000 Indian Rotarians in the Bangkok RI convention. He said, "India is the second largest country in the numbers of Rotarians. You have done wonderful work in growth." He observed, "Rotary would not be what it is today without India."

RI President Ray appreciated, "the amazing projects undertaken by Indian Rotarians, not only in India but other countries also where the need is even greater." He also talked about the 700 cases of polio in 2009 to 41 in 2010 and only one such case reported in India so far in 2011. The massive campaign to eradicate polio, started by Rotarians across the globe, has been a great success in India! He said, "When we declare world as polio free, Rotarians in India will

get much of the credit."

Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion to the polio eradication programme, and have recently pledged to raise an additional \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All of the resulting \$555 million will be spent in support of eradication activities.

Regarding Indian Rotarians contributing to the global problems regularly, RIP Klinginsmith said, "They do not hesitate in rendering their services at a global level. There are physicians from this region who have been going to Africa and had performed surgeries there." He also said that India would be a global leader by 2020.

Rotary would make the world a much better place to live and work. RI President Klinginsmith emphasized on the weekly Rotary fellowship which emerges into meaningful projects. We must be proud of being Rotarians. He concluded, "Rotary is going to make the world better, and no one does it better than Rotarians."

Expressing gratitude, RI Director Elect Yash Pal Das said it is a privilege for the Rotarians of District 3080 to have with us RI President to share his thoughts with us. He said RI President Ray Klinginsmith is a person with dedication and



RI President Ray Klinginsmith with Rotarians of District 3080. Our Club President Prem Anand is behind the RI President in the photograph on the left, and PE R.K. Luther is behind the RIP in the other one

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commitment, and thanked him for his wisdom and courage to introduce new systems which would be followed in the years to come. He also thanked RI Director Ravindran for

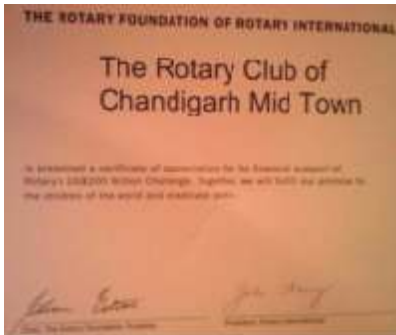
his gracious presence. He also thanked the RI officers of our district and adjoining districts and all the Rotarians for making this intercity a memorable one.

## DG Madhukar Malhotra thanks all Rotarians

A mail has been sent by District Governor Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra conveying, "Greetings & my grateful thanks to members of Team 1011 and to all the Rotarians who came for the Intercity of Welcome for RI President Ray Klinginsmith to make the event a success. The great generosity shown by the members in contributing to the

Rotary Foundation was heartwarming and greatly appreciated by the President. I look forward to your continued support to help meet the target we jointly set for ourselves." He added, "I intend to continue & increase Recognitions of TRF contributors in the days ahead leading to the annual award & recognitions on 26th June 2011."

## Recognitions received by our Club from RI President Ray Klinginsmith



Certificate of appreciation to our club for its financial support of Rotary's US \$ 200 Million Challenge to fulfill our promise to eradicate polio from the world



Recognition to our club for 100% club members supporting Bill & Melinda Gates US \$ 200 Million Challenge during 2010-11 to eradicate Polio from India



Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur: Recognition & appreciation for outstanding humanitarian service in tribal district of Behrampur, Orissa as part of Rotary Medical Mission



Rtn. Kanan Diwan for recognition & appreciation for outstanding humanitarian service in tribal district of Behrampur, Orissa as part of Rotary Medical Mission



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Melodious performance by Anns. From left: Mala Sengupta, Purnima Sood, Shashi Gupta, Nirmal Nagra and First Lady Indu Anand



Ann Lovy Peter sprinkles flowers on Secretary Rtn. Deepak Sood. Looking on are Rtn. Kanan Diwan and Ann Purnima Sood



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Great sense of humour, Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal



Exchanging holi greetings: PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter and Ann Sunita



President Rtn. Prem Anand and Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal

*Birthday of Rotary Anns*

R'ann Renu Khanna



April 02

R'ann Sandhya Khandelia



April 03

*Birthday of Rotarians*

Rtn. D.R. Aggarwal



April 04

Rtn. Ravinder Kapur



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