

Audio Visual Presentation on Good Reading

On June 3, 2011 Guest Speaker Lt. Gen. B.S. Dhaliwal (Retd.) was introduced by Secretary Rtn. Deepak Sood as a recipient of Param Vishist Sewa Medal, Ati Vishist Sewa Medal and Vishist Sewa Medal. In a span of over 40 years of Army Service in the Corps of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Dhaliwal held key appointments of Engineer-in-Chief, Commandant College of Military Engineering, Chief Engineer Southern Command, Director General Works, Deputy Director General (Personnel), Chief Engineer Project Beacon (Border Roads) and Chief Engineer Bathinda Zone. He is Widely traveled to all major countries namely USA, EU, Botswana,



Lt. Gen. B.S. Dhaliwal

Kenya, UK, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia, Turkey, Srilanka, South Africa and Doha in various official capacities as well as privately. As for his academic credentials, he has done BE mechanical and post graduation in human rights. He is active member of several professional organizations like; Vice President of Indian Building

Congress and Council Member of Institution of Engineers. There is a long list of his publications on important topics like Disused Air Field, Rain Harvesting, Risk Management and Global Warming. Presently, he is Advisor to Govt. of Punjab on Infrastructure and Engineering Matters and is responsible to ensure that proper quality is maintained in all projects under execution and that they are completed in time with least cost.

Lt. Gen. Dhaliwal went back to the years when he was a young Captain and was newly married. He could not finish his office work in time and had to carry it home, which was quite annoying for his wife! In order to re-organize himself he worked on good reading and rapid reading and mastered the

subject so that he is able to gain greater control over the rate at which he could read. He has been holding courses of 10 days for a group of 25 persons and observed that, "80% of them doubled their reading rate, whereas 20% could even triple it!" Readers learn how to preview chapters, books, reports, letters, memos, newspaper and magazine, to become faster and more effective reader; to overcome wasted eye movement while reading; to develop eye control and increase eye span; to read group of words at one time instead of reading word by word and to master the method for faster reading; easy means to estimate number of words in any type of publication; and techniques to prepare mentally & psychologically for any test or examination. This program brings together the best of what classroom speed reading courses have to offer, and distills fundamental principles and skills that can be learned at home with the help of training provided. It teaches the readers to choose their own material and set their own pace. It is an ideal program for busy people and professionals as it improves reading skills, comprehension and reading speed.

Lt. Gen. Dhaliwal said, "Each one of us can easily double the rate of reading. Good reading is an art, a skill which can be acquired and like swimming, it stays with you."

Good readers are what they read. Bad readers read what they are. Good reading is an act of love, bad reading is an act of self love. Reading is a highly active enterprise. The good reader pays attention to every element in a text and does not jump to conclusions prematurely. The bad reader may not practice such virtues, and may distort or misinterpret them. The good reader lets the text suggest the context within which it is to be understood. The bad reader either ignores the context or changes it. The good reader implicitly recognizes the fact that an interpretation is not something superimposed on a given text, but something suggested by it. Good reading will inculcate good mental habits in good readers who are more apt to be understanding, compassionate, sympathetic and comprehensive.

Gen. Dhaliwal also explained the genesis of rapid reading. It



Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon presents a memento to Lt. Gen. B.S. Dhaliwal



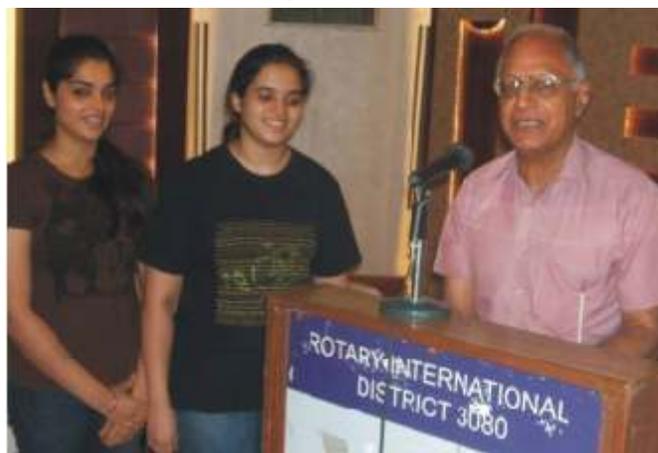
Double celebrations! R'ann Sudha gets her birthday gift, and then she along with Rtn. Ashok Puri get their wedding anniversary gift from Lt. Gen. B.S. Dhaliwal

has been around for some years now, and many famous people use the system to increase their knowledge, and indeed many achieve their fame because of it. Rapid reading is for people who want to get ahead in life and are adopting the technique to progress in their careers, as well as enjoy the sense of power, and freedom that reading faster provides. It is a personal development of improving ourselves. Having the ability to read fast increases our brain power.

He gave an impressive Audio Visual Presentation to explain how one could organize his/her life with good reading, and this generated lively inter active discussion with Rotarians. Vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon. He thanked Lt. Gen. B.S. Dhaliwal for his presentation to prepare ourselves to enjoy reading without shaking our head and without lip movements and how to adopt the well established reading techniques for good reading.



Lt. Gen. B.S. Dhaliwal presents punctuality award to Rtn. B.M. Gulati



PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon introduces Members of Youth Exchange program, Anahat Kahlon and Sanya Chibber

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Exchange of Flags



PDG Shaju Peter presents to President Prem Anand the flags he had exchanged with Rotarians from Brazil and California at RI Convention in New Orleans

Visiting Rotarian



Rtn. Nishi Raman of Rotary Club of Pune explains her club's meaningful projects on rubella vaccination and pure drinking water

Akshat meets his hero Salman Khan



Akshat (PHF) grandson of PE Rtn. R.K. Luther had his dream come true when he met his real hero Mr. Salman Khan, with his Mom Tina Luther, Dad Atul Luther and younger brother Aarnav. Bollywood super star Salman Khan and Akshat also exchanged their bracelets

Eradicating Polio will take Renewed Resolve, says Bill Gates



Bill Gates

Bill Gates, Co-Chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the keynote speaker at the third plenary session of the RI Convention on 24 May 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, praised Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio, but cautioned that Rotarians will need to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading, and threatening hundreds of thousands of children.

Gates said Polio eradication has been our single biggest investment in recent years. The last 1 percent will be the longest and hardest 1 percent. It will require more work and more commitment than ever before. Without the redoubled effort of every Rotarian around the world, we will not succeed. Redoubling is crucial to ending polio.

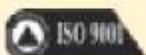
He said that because of Rotary, there are many places in the

world where polio is no longer considered a threat. "That's a blessing and a curse," said Gates. "The blessing is that in many places, polio is a disease of the past. The curse is that it is now harder for us to raise awareness that, in some places, polio is also a disease of the present. If we fail to help leaders around the world understand this, polio is certain to be a disease of the future."

Gates praised Rotary for reducing the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent worldwide since 1988. "Your work has brought us so far," he said. "I'm so proud to be a partner in the work that Rotary has been doing to eradicate polio."

Gates noted that only one case of polio had been reported in India this year, as of March. "India is approaching zero cases," said Gates. "None of this would have been remotely achievable had it not been for Rotary. We would not be where we are without you. Nor can we get to where we're going without you."

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Gates said that he and his wife, Melinda, have made eradicating polio their foundation's top priority. With the world on the threshold of eradication, the hard work really begins, he said.

The Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling US\$355 million to Rotary in support of its work in eradicating the disease. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge . To date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million for the challenge.

Gates said he plans to work with Rotary leadership to keep polio front and center in the public eye. "You have helped so many people understand that we are 'this close.' I challenge you to make your voices louder."

Countries including Canada, the United Arab Emirates, the

United Kingdom, and the United States have all increased their investment in the eradication effort. Gates attributed that success to the pressure Rotarians have put on the leaders of those countries. But he noted that with a funding gap of \$400 million next year for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative , it is no time to let up.

"If we fail, the disease will not stay at its current low level," he said. "It will spread back into countries where it's been eliminated, and will kill and paralyze hundreds of thousands of children who used to be safe."

Gates said that the monuments Rotarians have illuminated with the End Polio Now message are powerful images. "But ultimately, the most important monument won't be the one we illuminate," said Gates. "It will be the one we create."

Aasra Shelter GMCH-32 is Air Cooled

With the support of our Rotarians, two large size desert coolers have been installed at Aasra Shelter in GMCH-32,

Chandigarh for the convenience of the attendants and relatives of patients admitted in the hospital.

First Board Meeting of RY 2011-12

The first board of directors meeting of Rotary year 2011-12 was held on June 4, 2011, hosted by R'ann Urmil & President (2011-12) Rtn. R.K. Luther at their residence, followed by fellowship and dinner. Spouses were also invited.

Chairman of various Club Committees.

Installation Meeting: PP Rtn. Capt. M.S. Kahlon will Chair the Committee for the Installation meeting to be held on July 01, 2011 at CII, Sector 31, Chandigarh. Rotarians are requested to block this date to enjoy the installation ceremony!

Sergeant-at-Arms: PP Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhavar has been appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms.

GSE Team Member: Dy. Advocate General (Haryana) Ms. Palika Monga's name has been recommended to the District as our club's candidate for the GSE Team. Final decision will be taken by the District GSE Team Committee.

Club Trainer: It was also approved that PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria would be the Club Trainer.

Club Projects: In addition to our on-going projects, new projects would be taken up, that is, Hearing Aids, Rubella and Pure Drinking Water.

Director Vocational Services: Rtn. Ashok Puri has been appointed as Director Vocational Services in place of PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra who has shown his inability to do justice to this post because of other responsibilities, as Club Editor and

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Birthday of Rotary Anns

R'ann Sharda Chandgothia June 11
R'ann Suman Gupta June 14



Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. B.M. Gulati

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Dr. Joginder & PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee June 10