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Guest Speaker : Nitin Kanojia

Friday, August 27, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## *Invitation to Rainwater Harvesting Project on the visit of Trustee Chair PRIP Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer*



This World Community Service Matching Grant Project in partnership with the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Madison, RI District 7980, USA; RI District 3080 and our Club, which kick started on Wednesday, August 18 last at Sector 46 D Government School, will be visited by Trustee Chair Past RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer and his gracious wife Monica at 4.30 pm on Friday, August 27.

President Prem Anand and the Board of Directors of this Club for 2010-11 extends to all members of Chandigarh Midtown a warm invitation to attend this function. After all it is an extra-ordinary privilege for any Club the world over to have a Past RI President and current Trustee Chair of the Rotary Foundation to visit

a Club's project.

Earlier, immediately after receipt of funds amounting to ` 12.00 lakhs, ARC PDG Shaju Peter and AG Professor S. K. Sharma called upon Mr. Jaswant Singh, a Hydrologist, who shifted men and material from Ambala on Tuesday August 17 and began excavation on Wednesday August 18, with an agenda to complete work by Sunday, August 29. Now, with the visit of Trustee Chair Past RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer scheduled for August 27, Mr. Jaswant Singh will need to hurry.

You can see President Prem Anand inspecting the partially excavated pit on his visit to the site with Secretary Deepak Sood, Joint Secretary Amarjit Singh and Sergeant-at-Arms PP Indrajeet Sengupta.

## *Genetically Modified Food – Boon or Bane*

Professor I. S. Dua is Professor and Former Chairman, Department of Botany at Panjab University, Chandigarh. He is a product of I.A.R.I. New Delhi from where he had his M.Sc. and Ph. D. as a Gold Medalist. Prof. Dua was the winner of The Rockefeller Foundation New York Fellowship from 1969 to 1973, said AG Professor S.K. Sharma while introducing him. Recently honored with Darwin Bicentenary Gold Medal for his four decades contributions in Popularisation of Science in general and Evolutionary Biology in particular, he has been a visiting Professor to the University of Oxford London; Visiting Fellow at U. S. Department of Agriculture Washington D. C.; Visiting Professor, in the University of Calgary, Canada. He was also chosen as a visiting Professor to the Indian Institute of Advance Studies Shimla, an honour rarely going to a biologist in an International Social Sciences Institute. His accumenship in



blending biology with philosophy was validated when he was chosen to preside over The Indian Philosophical Society Meeting held in Goa in 2002. Prof. Dua was the Principal Investigator of five major research projects funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India and a an American Multinational Company – Monsanto.

Speaking on the occasion he said, man since immemorial has been creating crop species for millennia. First he simply selected the ones he liked and planted them again, and then he used chemical mutagenesis to speed up mutations and arrive at the ones that weren't likely to appear anytime soon. Then he discovered that radiations mutagenesis was even more effective. In the last two decades he invented genetic engineering to transform the physiological and immunological

profiles of plants which allowed him to pick trait and splice it in rather than discovering that trait he was looking for in amongst mutated seedlings. The precision of genetic engineering offered a truly extraordinary variety of alternatives for the chemical control of insects, dosage oriented use of herbicides without any damage to target crop. Approximately 40 percent of crop yield till now lost to weeds and pest every year has been spectacularly reduced making genetically modified crops one of the most quickly adopted farming technologies in modern history. Just two genetic engineering traits are responsible for most of the success-herbicide tolerance and insect resistance. The great ecological win with genetically engineered herbicide-tolerant crops that they encourage what is called no-till agriculture. All have this in common: they are biological solutions, based on understanding of the living organisms they seek to control and of the whole fabric of life to which these organisms belong. Specialists representing various areas of the vast field of biology are contributing – entomologists, pathologists, geneticists, physiologists, biochemists, ecologists – all pouring their knowledge and their creative inspirations into the formation of a new science of biotic controls which can lead to a higher harvest index.

The great works from renaissance period which initially led to the progress of traditional biology into Modern Biology where all fields have merged into a single state and is concerned with its application in agriculture, medicine/health or environment. It reveals the gradual progress of classical Life Sciences vis-à-vis Biotechnology through the works of innumerable Noble Laureates who have worked even on the molecules of consciousness. It could well be classical works of art.

Now, it is for the people-at-large to decide if genetically modified crop is a boon or bane to humankind.

While Mrs. Deepa Bhar felicitated the Rotarians celebrating their birthdays and Rotarian Couples their Wedding Anniversary, PP Indrajeet Sengupta proposed a formal vote of thanks and presented Professor Inderjit Singh Dua with a memento on behalf of the Club.

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## Rotaractors on Robotics for Raising Funds



The Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown raised Rs. 5100.00 by teaching Robotics exploiting their in-house talent of current Rotaract President Shivender and Secretary Anchit Walia. The event was organized and coordinated by Tejman at St. Kabir's School on August 9, 2010.

According to President Shivender this is the first of

the series of Seminars on various topics of interest to be organized in Chandigarh Schools for Fund raising. The funds so collected will be utilized to carry out social service projects planned for the year.

## Shaju at work as ARC



In a marathon session convened by ARC Shaju Peter at RVTC Panchkula on August 8, 2010, DG Madhukar Malhotra, DGN Manmohan Singh, 12 of the 14 Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs of Rotary Youth Exchange and WCS, Interact Counselor PDG Yoginder Diwan, District Trainer Kawal Bedi, District Secretary Charanjit Singh, District

Coordinator, Projects and Programmes Navjit Singh Aulakh and Coordinator, Projects A.P.S.Dhiman, the first draft of the Strategic Plan of 3080 has been formulated.

RI President has enjoined all RI Districts in the world to evolve a 3-year strategic plan outlining specific goals in terms of membership growth, TRF contribution and

participation in the 9 structured programmes of Rotary International.

The draft of the Strategic Plan, result of 3-hr. long discussions on all the structured programs of RI, will be presented by ARC Shaju at the first available opportunity to the College of Governors and then circulated it among clubs in the District. Each Assistant Governor has been requested to identify at least one pro-active club in his zone which will prepare a Strategic Plan for the Club.

The workshop was coordinated by AG Dr. S.K.Sharma and AG Praveen Goel.

The Level 2 meeting was a sequel to the Level 1 meeting convened by ARC Shaju at Hotel Shivalik View at Chandigarh on July 18, 2010 where the Strategic Plan of Rotary International was presented by RC Mayur Vyas. The Level 1 meeting attended by ARFC Ranjit Bhatia, DGs, DGEs, DGNs and Membership Committee Chairs from 3010, 3070, 3080 & 3090. PRIP Raja Saboo attended the session for a short while and invited the participants' attention to the challenges ahead of them in their respective districts drawing from his own experience as a District leader years ago.

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## Intercity to Welcome Monica & Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer

In continuation to our earlier announcement this Inter City will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at the IIHM Auditorium, Sector 42, Chandigarh as per the following program:

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 2:30pm | Registration and Fellowship |
| 2:50pm | The Last Inch               |
| 3:00pm | Address & TRF Recognitions  |
| 4:45pm | Hi-Tea                      |

As printed in the columns of this bulletin earlier the registration charges are ` 250.00 for single registration and ` 450.00 per couple.

Please confirm your participation to Pres. Prem Anand Cell No. 98141 39993 or Secretary Deepak Sood Cell No. 9872211429 immediately.

## Ladakh Disaster Relief Fund

The following contributions have been received in addition to those announced earlier.

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Jawahar Jain           | ` 5100.00 |
| Tejbans Singh Jauhar   | ` 2100.00 |
| Dr. Jawahar Luthra     | ` 2000.00 |
| Tej Mohan Singh        | ` 1500.00 |
| Ashok Kumar Puri       | ` 1100.00 |
| Suraj Handa            | ` 500.00  |
| PP R. S. Chandgothia   | ` 500.00  |
| Dr. Nitin Mathur       | ` 500.00  |
| Mrs. Davinder K. Singh | ` 500.00  |
| Mohan Singh Cheema     | ` 500.00  |

The contribution of Om Prakash had been announced as ` 1250.00 erroneously. It is ` 5000.00. The error is regretted.


## Hundred Percentors - July

The following have achieved 100 percent attendance in July 2010 :

Pres. Prem Anand  
Arjan Singh  
PP Subhash Bindra  
Mrs. Davinder K. Singh  
PP Gurdeep S. Deep  
R. P. S. Gulati  
Ravinder Kapur  
PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta  
PP Pallav Mukherjee  
Om Prakash  
PDG Shaju Peter  
PP B. L. Ramsisaria  
AG Dr. S. K. Sharma  
Amarjeet Singh  
Vinod Sobti  
Deepak Sood  
PP Dr. V. J. S. Vohra

## Greetings

### Birthday of Rotarian Spouse

Sita Ram Jhavar  September 02

### Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Kund Bala Goyal  August 28

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rakesh Jain  August 27

Vijay Kumar Gupta  August 29

PP. Pallav Mukherjee  September 02

### Wedding Anniversary

Sonal & Atul Grover  September 01

### Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Saroj Jhavar



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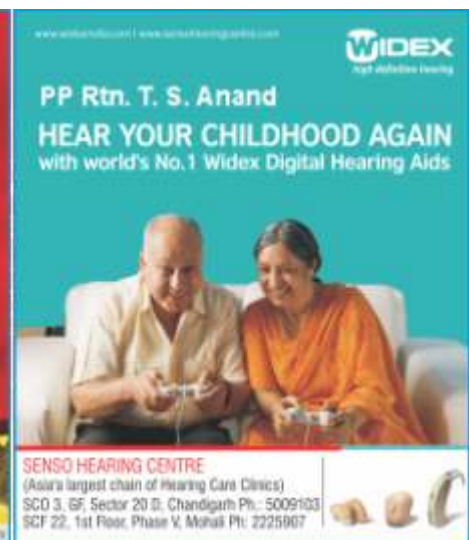


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