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PROGRAMME

Let's all be in Bangkok in May
An Audio Visual Presentation

By: PDG Shaju Peter

Friday, January 13, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Talk by SSP on 'Security in Chandigarh' postponed to February 3, 2012

In the weekly meeting on January 06, 2012 President R.K. Luther wished a very happy new year to all Rotarians and their families. Chief Guest Mr. Naunihal Singh, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh was unable to make it, as at the last moment he was called for an urgent meeting with the Home Secretary. The SSP requested President Luther to postpone his talk on 'Security in Chandigarh', and it has now been fixed for Friday, February 3, 2011.

The President had no other choice, and Programmes Committee Chair PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee was requested to take charge! Pallav's task was to suggest how to make the meetings interesting so that every body gets involved. Pallav went 40 years back, when as a student in Architect College, Women's Liberation movement was picking up. Pallav suggested that we debate on this, as it still continues to be a matter of deep concern!

Women's Liberation

The topic generated enough interest for the Rotarians to come up to the dais and give their views. So there were large number of speakers, all of them being disciplined, did not talk over time! Those who did not walk upto the dais were also equally vocal and were

The Speakers!



Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi

Rtn. Arjan Singh

R'ann Lovy Peter

PP Gurdip S. Deep



Rtn. S.C. Kapoor

Rtn. Kanan Diwan

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua



Rtn. Amit Jain

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Rtn. A.K. Puri

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PP Pallav Mukherjee, President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh give a patient hearing to the speakers

fully involved in the proceedings with their valuable comments and suggestions.

Pallav was freely distributing chocolates to all the participants who were gladly accepting these, without being worried about sugar, cholesterol or obesity! However, some were carrying these home to impress their kids & grand kids!



PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep is being presented birthday gift by PP Pallav Mukherjee. Looking on is President R.K. Luther



PP Pallav Mukherjee presents birthday gift to Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Rita Kalra. Looking on is Secretary Amarjit Singh



Rtn. Salil Bali bags the punctuality award

Some speakers felt that even today women are not liberated and are being suppressed by men who are dominating the world. There was also an opinion that the urban women have been liberated as now a days we see them in all professional fields competing shoulder to shoulder with men. We have a women President in our country. The ruling party is being dominated by

a women. Some states have women chief ministers and some very key positions in India and other countries are held by women. However, it is the rural women who need to be liberated.

There was a suggestion which surprised and humored everyone, that men, who struggle all their life under immense stress to bring up the family, do not get due recognition, and they need to be liberated too!

There was a lively discussion on how to make the weekly meetings interesting. PP Rtn. Anil Mehan suggested that we should have dinner meetings. To this, the point raised was the cost factor, to which the response was that at least one meeting in a month could be held over dinner. Another suggestion came up was to actively involve the spouses, new and young Rotarians in our club meetings.

This being the first meeting in the new year, was followed by cocktails, very kindly sponsored by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep and Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.

Interest Free Loan



Surjit Kaur

Rtn. Arjan Singh has been working tirelessly to help the needy persons with our club's Interest Free Loan project. Mrs. Surjit Kaur is the latest beneficiary who has been given a loan of Rs.30,000/- for starting a Tiffin Service. She will be working from home along

with her two daughters and son.

One of her daughters is working in the office of our Secretary, Rtn. Amarjit Singh who has guaranteed the loan. The family will be supplying meals to working people and students staying in paying guest accomodation. They have already tied up with some such establishments.

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Rotarians with students holding on to their sweaters

With the efforts of PP R.S. Chandgothia through Rajasthan Parishad (Regd.), Chandigarh, and its President, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, 27 brand new Sweaters of different sizes to suit children of various age groups, were donated on 4th January 2012 to the students of Sarangpur School. Others present to carry out this warm gesture were President R.K. Luther, Secretary Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, Rtn. A.K. Puri & R'ann Sudha Puri and Rtn. S.C. Kapoor & R'ann Ranjana Kapoor.

Students were also given bananas and biscuits brought by the Rotarians.

Water Filters Distributed



AG Rajneesh Gupta presents a filter to nursing student

Promoting the awareness of clean drinking water by our club, on 9th January 2012 Asst. Governor Rajneesh Gupta distributed 20 water filters to Home Care Nursing Students at Dr. Vikrant Memorial Institute, Sector 15, Chandigarh.

Home Care Nursing is a unique and useful project of our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta, which has been highly acclaimed as it provides nursing to elderly and sick at their homes.

Others present on this occasion were President R.K. Luther, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PPR.S. Chandgothia, Secretary Amarjit Singh, Rtn. A.K. Puri and Rtn. Kanan Diwan.

Intercontinental Medicare Mission Camp in Rwanda Doctors Wanted!

As per communication received from PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar, our District is organizing Intercontinental Medicare Mission Camp in Rwanda from 9th April to 19th April 2012 under the leadership of PRIP Raja Saboo.

There is a requirement of: Orthopedic Surgeons skilled in corrective surgeries, Facio Maxillary Surgeons, Plastic Surgeons, Laparoscopic & General Surgeons, Gynecologists skilled in repairs of VVF, ENT Surgeons, Urologists and Anesthesiologists. They shall operate in the university hospital at Kigali and other places.

Rotarian doctors skilled in these fields are requested to contact PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar (Mob. No. 9814014799).

Answers to some questions!

Husband Searching Keywords on Google `How to Tackle Wife?
Google Search Result: "Still Searching."

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The "End Polio Now" Road show is travelling every nook and corner of the country, and meeting officials connected with the Govt. of India's Polio Eradication Program. The Campaign team will also visit the President and Prime Minister to make them aware of the commitment of Rotary International to "End Polio". The Road show will cover approx. 18500 kms, covering, two neighbouring countries, Nepal and Bhutan and 24 States of India, educating the public at large especially the weaker sections of society on the importance and the necessity of taking polio vaccine.

The team arrived in Chandigarh on 7th January, and left for Ambala on 9th January 2012 and will be visiting other cities in our District. They are expected to campaign for "End Polio Now" in more than 60 prominent cities, 3000 small towns and villages.

"Boss Kidnapped"

By: Rtn. J.S. Chopra

Employees of a Company are all worried. Some are roaming around. Some are in loud discussions during office time. Some Trainees, who had just joined, notice this and enquire about what happened. "Terrorists have kidnapped our Boss. They're asking for \$ 2 million ransom, otherwise they're going to douse him with petrol and set him on fire. We're going from desk to desk, taking up a collection."

One Trainee asks, "How much is everyone giving, on average? He gets a prompt reply, "About 1 litre each!"

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Indu Luthra January 13
R'ann Neena Verma January 13
R'ann Seema Sahajpal January 19



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Mohinder Singh January 17
Rtn. Munish Jauhar January 19



Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Salil Bali

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashish Singla January 17



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