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PROGRAMME

Official Visit of District Governor
Rtn. Manpreet Singh

Friday, January 27, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Welcome District Governor Rtn. Manpreet Singh and Rtn. Mrs. Poonam



District Governor Rtn. Manpreet Singh and Rtn. Poonam

Born in Chennai in 1959, Rtn Manpreet Singh grew up in Delhi, where he had his schooling from St. Columbas High School and graduated in business commerce from Delhi University. Later in 1992 the family shifted its base to Mohali. He is real estate developer managing the family business that his late grandfather S. Jaswant Singh Gandhoke, and his father S. Gurbachan Singh, who is a leading builder and a well known philanthropist, nurtured. Like father like son...Manpreet is earnestly committed to work for the good of the society and has initiated the Eye Bank Society in cooperation with Rotary SAS Nagar and JP Eye Hospital. With the financial support coming from the family, nearly 2500 eye operations have been done during the last 5 years.

Manpreet, as a club president, successfully initiated and developed a Rotary Vocational Training center at Mohali, which is now functional with a total investment involving Rs 40 Lakh so far, largely raised from public.

In Rotary, he graduated from the first batch of the Rotary

Leadership Academy of District 3080 and also attended the advance batch of the Leadership Academy. He has been a hundred percenter since his joining the club in 1994. He has served the district with distinction as Assistant Governor, Chairman of Greetings Committee, Save Water Project, RYLA and DOTS program.

He is a Rotarian with a true international commitment, having hosted GSE teams, Youth Exchange students and having attended RI Conventions. He also led a very successful Rotary friendship exchange team to Mauritius. He has widely traveled in USA, Europe, Australia and Far east Asia.

Manpreet is married to Poonam who is also an active Rotarian and a member of Rotary Club SAS Nagar and served as a Club Secretary (2008-09). They have two daughters, Simrita and Bhavneet and a son Gurumehar. The Gandhoke family is a major donor of Rotary Foundation. All the family members including his parents, wife, children and late grand parents are Paul Harris fellows. He is also a member of The Paul Harris Society of District 3080.

He is an active member of Mohali Industries Association, Builders Association of India, Resident Welfare Association, Phase 5 Mohali, Punjab Cricket Club and Chandigarh Club.

Programme for Club Meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 6.30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies : PP T.S. Anand

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| 1 | 18.30 Hrs. | Registration & Fellowship |
| 2 | 19.00 Hrs. | Arrival of District Governor and First Lady for the Meeting
(Aide to District Governor - PP Pallav Mukherjee) |
| 3 | 19.05 Hrs. | Collar Ceremony; Meeting Called to Order and National Anthem |
| 4 | 19.07 Hrs. | Lighting of Lamp
Invocation
Welcomes Address
Recognitions of Presence of Visiting Rotarians
Presentation of Bouquets |
| 5 | 19.15 Hrs. | Multimedia Presentation By President R.K. Luther
Announcement of Names of new PHFs (if any) |
| 6 | 19.30 Hrs. | Disbursement of Micro Loans |
| 7 | 19.35 Hrs. | Introduction of District Governor |
| 8 | 19.40 Hrs. | Address by District Governor |
| 9 | 20.00 Hrs. | Vote of Thanks |
| 10 | 20.05 Hrs. | Presentation of Memento to DG and First Lady;
Punctuality Draw and Birthday / Wedding Anniversary Gifts |
| 11 | 20.10 Hrs. | Adjournment |
| 12 | 20.10 Hrs. | Fellowship and Dinner |

Solid Waste Management

In the club meeting on January 20, 2012 Rtn. Praveen C. Goyal, Advocate, Past President, Rotary Club Chandigarh, was the Guest Speaker. He was introduced by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep. A popular and a dedicated Rotarian, he was Assistant Governor in 2004-05. All his family members are PHFs. Praveen is practicing at Punjab & Haryana High Court.

Rtn. Praveen Goyal, who attended Waste Management Conference in the Netherlands in May 2010, gave an interesting audio visual presentation. Waste management involves the managing and monitoring of waste materials. The term 'Waste' usually relates to materials produced by human activity, and the process is generally undertaken to reduce their effect on health and the environment. Waste management reduces the harmful environmental impacts through different methods.

Praveen's presentation included generating energy from waste.

Electricity can be produced by burning municipal solid waste as a fuel. Solid Waste power plants are designed to produce electricity out of solid waste from households and apartments, commercial establishments, industries and institutions. It does not include medical, commercial and industrial hazardous or radioactive wastes, which must be treated separately.



PP Praveen Goyal

Expressing gratitude on behalf of Chandigarh Midtowners, PP Rtn. Dr. Balam K. Gupta thanked PP Praveen Goyal for enlightening us on the matter which is of deep concern to us all.



PP Rtn. Dr. Balam K. Gupta presents a memento to PP Rtn. Praveen Goyal



PP Praveen Goyal presents birthday gift to R'tann Susan Nath, accompanied by Rtn. Wg. Cdr. Kamal Nath



Punctuality award being presented by PP Praveen Goyal to Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

Medical Camp for Students of Sikhya School



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur examine the students.

Under dynamic leadership of Director Community Service Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan a Health Check-up Camp was organized on 18.1.2012 at Sikhya School, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh where more than 450 students were examined for Eyes, Dental, E.N.T. & Skin diseases and given medicines.

Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur, Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Dr. Anjali Aggarwal (PP Inner Wheel Panchkula), Dr. Mohit from Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor's K.U.C. actively

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participated in this camp. Others present were PDG Yoginder Diwan, President Rtn. R.K. Luther, R'ann Urmil Luther, Rtn. A.K. Puri and R'ann Sudha Puri. Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh had a media session in the camp, and sent this report to the

Editor.

The second phase of camp will be held on 24.1.2012 as more than 600 students are to be examined in which PP Dr. Vanita Gupta and Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra will also participate.

Congrats to PP Dr. S.K. Sharma for Prestigious Award



PP Rtn. Prof. S.K. Sharma, Professor Emeritus, Energy Research Centre, Panjab University Chandigarh has been awarded the most prestigious H.L. Roy Memorial oration award by the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers at the recently held annual session of the Institute (CHEMCON) at Bangalore. Prof. Sharma joins the league of internationally renowned personalities

such as Dr. Raja Ramna, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Dr. Kasturi Rangan, Professor M.M. Sharma and Mukesh Ambani who were earlier recipients of this award.

Professor S.K. Sharma, a former Dean University Instructions (DUI), Panjab University is an internationally acclaimed scientist in the area of Energy, Environment and sustainable development and has pioneered the transfer of renewable energy technologies developed by him to different countries in Asia Pacific region such as Maldives, Myanmar, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Bangladesh and Srilanka, under the aegis of UNICEF,

FAO and Commonwealth secretariat. He is the recipient of Prestigious Surya Award for the development and propagation of Renewable energy Technologies.

Prof. Sharma was invited by Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, to serve on National Security Advisory Board. Professor Sharma is the Chief Interlocutor of India at International Organisation of Standards(ISO) meetings on climate change standards and is the Chairman of Indian Environmental Management Sectional Committee of BIS.

Professor Sharma is the recipient of Fulbright, US Aid and Ford Foundation Fellowships and has been a visiting Professor and Scientist at number of prestigious universities in USA, Canada and UK. He was the first Chemical Engineer from the developing Countries to be nominated on World Chemical Engineering Council.

Our heartiest congratulations to PP Dr. S.K. Sharma on his achievements and well deserved awards.



Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua makes announcement

Micro Loan



Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna, President R.K. Luther and Rtn. Arjan Singh with micro loan beneficiaries Jeet Singh and Raj Kumar

On January 20, 2012 in the club meeting we had the gracious presence of Rtn. Lakshmi Khanna from Rotary Club of Milano Sud Est, Italy.

He presented the micro loan of Rs. 15000/- each to two persons, introduced by Rtn. Arjan Singh.

Jeet Singh of village Kishan garh runs a business of binding books for school text books.

The other beneficiary is Raj Kumar Walia, who runs a tailoring shop for ladies in Village Palsora.

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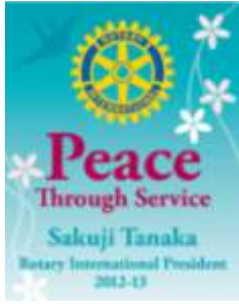
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'Peace Through Service' is 2012-13 RI Theme



RI Theme 2012-13

Rotary International President-Elect Sakuji Tanaka unveiled the 2012-13 RI Theme, 'Peace Through Service', during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary District Governors. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to build Peace Through Service in 2012-13.

"Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary. No definition is right, and no definition is wrong".

He added, "No matter how we use, or understand the word, Rotary can help us to achieve it."

Tanaka, a businessman from the greater Tokyo metropolitan area, shared how becoming a Rotarian broadened his understanding of the world. After joining the Rotary Club of Yashio, in 1975, he said, he began to realize that his life's purpose was not to make

more money, but to be useful to other people.

He noted that the Japanese tradition of putting the needs of society above the needs of the individual helped his country rebuild after the tsunami and earthquake in March. "This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way.

When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs -- when we focus our energies on a shared goal that is for the good of all -- this changes everything," he said. "It changes our priorities in a completely fundamental way. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace."

"In Rotary, our business is not profit. Our business is peace," he said. "Our reward is not financial, but the happiness and satisfaction of seeing a better, more peaceful world, one that we have achieved through our own efforts."



RI President-Elect
Sakuji Tanaka

Bereavement

Our heartfelt condolence to Rtn. Prof. S.P. Vij on the demise of his mother Mrs. Raj Rani Vij on 15th January 2012 at Amritsar. She was 93 years old.

We should have 100% registration in District Conference

On behalf the District Governor, District Directory Editor Rtn. Ajit Singh, in the club meeting on January 20, 2012, appealed to all Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown to attend the District Conference to be held on 11-12 February 2012. The registration is

Single : Rs.1500/- and Couple : Rs. 2500/- . Those who have not yet registered, should contact Secretary Amarjit Singh immediately as we are expected to have 100 percent presence in the District Conference.

Donation for Club Projects – Thanks!

R'ann Susan Nath Rs. 5100/-

W/o Rtn. Wing Comdr. Kamal Nath

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Vandana Gupta January 31

R'ann Satpal Kaur February 02

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Pushpa & Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa January 28

R'ann Kalpana & Rtn. Praveen Aggarwal January 29

PP Rtn. Saroj Jhavar & Mr. Sita Ram January 30

R'ann Dilpreet & Rtn. Amanpreet Singh January 30

Rtn. Dr. Anureet & Mr. Raj Karan S. Bhatti February 01

R'ann Gurpreet & Rtn. Munish Jauhar February 02

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