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PROGRAMME

Security in Chandigarh

Chief Guest: Mr. Naunihal Singh, IPS

Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh

Friday, February 03, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Manpreet Singh

On January 27, 2012 District Governor Rtn. Manpreet Singh, accompanied by the first lady of District 3080, Rtn. Poonam Gandhoke, graced the regular meeting of our club as it was DG's Official visit. In his welcome address, Master of Ceremonies PP Rtn. T.S. Anand gave a brief history of our club starting from the year when our club was chartered in 1977. He paid tributes to late Past Presidents; Maj. Gen. R.N. Dogra, B.S. Bindra, Dr. O.N. Mathur and Justice Surinder Singh. He said, "We are guided by a number of Past Presidents who so actively support this club, and of course PDG Shaju Peter, a guiding light of our club." He also acknowledged the presence of PDG Yoginder Diwan, AG Rajneesh Gupta, District Addl. Secretary Ajit Singh, Presidents and Rotarians from neighbouring clubs and Mrs. Kanta Handa wife Late Rtn. Suraj Handa.



*District Governor
Rtn. Manpreet Singh*

*Lighting of lamp by DG Manpreet Singh
& First Lady of District Rtn. Poonam.
Looking on are PDG Shaju Peter
& President R.K. Luther*

An impressive powerpoint presentation was prepared by Secretary Amarjit Singh from our club bulletins which are being regularly uploaded on our website since last over five years! President R.K. Luther highlighted all the projects and activities of

the current Rotary year, in the five avenues of service, which have been accomplished till now. The PHFs so far, this year are; Aarushi d/o Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. A.K. Puri, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Rtn. Prof. I.S. Dua, Rtn. Amit Jain, President R.K. Luther (Multi PHF) and PDG Shaju Peter (Major Donor).

President Luther assured DG Manpreet of achieving the targets & commitments for all the projects.

The projects and activities of our club for the current year presented by President Luther was Installation ceremony, diwali celebrations, US Ambassador's talk, Christmas, new year and lohri celebrations, galaxy of eminent speakers for our weekly meetings, 80G exemption for our trust, medical camps, tricycles & wheel chairs to needy disabled persons, our continuing support to Night School Sarangpur, School Library project, distribution of water filters, farewell dinner to Rotary Family Exchange Team from RID 9320, disbursement of Rs. 1.80 lakh as micro loan, Milano Sud Est scholarship of Rs. 50000 each to 6 needy girl students, RI President Kalyan Banerjee's visit to Aasra shelter, financial support to young girl for joining merchant navy and activities of our two Rotaract clubs.

DG Manpreet Singh was introduced by PP Dr. Balam Gupta. He said, "As a real estate builder Manpreet is also a Builder of Rotary." DG Manpreet in his address said, "It is great to be associated with this club. Great amount of work is being done by President Luther and the entire team." He appreciated involvement of spouses and family in our club. He described our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta's Nursing care training center and plumbing training as excellent projects.

Talking about the current RI theme 'Reach Within to Embrace Humanity', DG Manpreet said, "The power we have within ourselves is so tremendous that the moment we meditate we reach within to make ourselves better human beings and improving



(L-R) R'ann Urmil Luther presents a bouquet to DG Manpreet Singh, PE Ritu Singal to Rtn. Poonam and PP Saroj Jhawar to AG Rajneesh Gupta

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Chair, DG Visit
PP B.L. Ramsisaria

Introduction of DG by
PP Dr. Balram Gupta



DG Manpreet Singh presents token of appreciation to
President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh



DG Manpreet presents Multiple PHF pin to President R.K. Luther and a PHF pin to Rtn. Amit Jain

President R.K. Luther presents a memento to DG Manpreet Singh



DG Manpreet Singh presents wedding anniversary gifts to (L-R) PP Rtn. Saroj Jhawar & Mr. Sita Ram, R'ann Pushpa & Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa and Rtn. Dr. Anureet & Mr. Raj Karan S. Bhatti

upon our family, we serve our community and thereby embrace the humanity.” He added, “We are proud to be Rotarians because of our dream of polio free world and for that we have the Rotary Foundation behind us, and today India is polio free for one year!” But the threat of polio still continues and therefore, there is a great need for our commitment towards TRF.

DG Manpreet Singh said the District Conference on 11-12 February 2012 is going to be very eventful and memorable, with very distinguished speakers, and therefore we all should be there. He also stressed that we should not miss the RI Convention in Bangkok on 6-9 May 2012 because this would be cheapest and the nearest convention for us, where we can enjoy the

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internationality of Rotary, and we have our own RI President Kalyan Banerjee who has already said Bollywood will also be there, besides many other things!

Formal Expression of thanks was proposed by PDG Shaju Peter, who said, "The 35th District Governor visit to our club has been very special. It has never been in the history of District 3080 that

we have first Lady who is a Rotarian. I must thank Poonam for being a wonderful interlocutor between the grass root Rotarians and the District Governor." Shaju congratulated DG Manpreet Singh for a very impressive & philosophical interpretation of the RI theme. He also thanked AG Rajneesh Gupta for his presence.

eClub to be Chartered soon, says DG Manpreet

District Governor Manpreet Singh said, "We need growth for which President Luther and his team has assured that we would be starting an eClub, so everybody has to work towards that." The DG assured that the District is willing to support, and the eClub would be chartered soon, within a couple of months. It is most

suitable for persons who like to be Rotarians but want to save time by conducting their Rotary meetings, fellowship and activities online, and at the same time meet face to face once a month or at projects that they would carry out as any other club does. Members of eClub enjoy the same status as other Rotarians.



Wedding anniversary gift for R'ann Dilpreet & Rtn. Amanpreet Singh



DG Manpreet Singh presents punctuality award to PDG Shaju Peter, accompanied by R'ann Lovy. Looking on is President R.K. Luther



PDG Shaju Peter presents formal Expression of Thanks

Micro Loan

Rtn. Arjan Singh announced the names of persons for Interest free Micro Loan who received the cheques from District Governor Manpreet Singh. Rs.30,000/- was given to Satvir Singh for buying additional stock for his business. He is a travelling salesman selling blankets, bed coverings and textiles. Rs.20,000/- was given to Madan Singh of Palsora village to upgrade his tea shop to a Dhaba and for starting a tiffin service for working people. Sumit Roy of Panchkula was given Rs. 30,000/- to expand his mobile repair shop, and buy stocks of accessories and parts for mobile phones.



Disbursement of Micro Loan cheques by District Governor Manpreet Singh

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PP T.S. Anand

PP T.S. Anand is Major Donor

PPT.S. Anand is now a Major Donor, the second one from our club, after PDG Shaju Peter. Tochi was the Master of Ceremonies for District Governor Manpreet Singh's Official Visit to our club on January 27, 2012, when he made his commitment of becoming a major donor.

President R.K. Luther said, "Our PP and DGN candidate 2014-15 T.S. Anand is a very liberal donor for TRF. I congratulate him as a major donor." He added, "I am reminded of Bhagat Kabir's Doha."

'Chidi chonch bhar le gayi nadi na ghatiyo neer,
Daan diye dhan na ghate keh gaye Bhagat Kabir'.

Thanks to PPT.S. Anand and Chair DG Visit PP B.L. Ramsisaria, the meeting was very well conducted, with dignity and grace.

Another Medical Camp for Students of Sikhya School

The Health Check-up Camp, as reported in the previous bulletin, was held on 18th January 2012 at Sikhya School, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh and on that day 450 out of 600 students were examined by doctors. For the remaining students, second phase of the medical camp was again organized by Rtn. Kanan Diwan on 24th January 2012.

The students were examined by ENT Specialist Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur, Skin Specialist PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, Eye Surgeon Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Dentist Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur with her

friend Dr. Neha Madan, Urologist Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor and Dr. Mohit Sharma from KUC. Others present were PDG Yoginder Diwan, who provided medicine, President Rtn. R.K. Luther, PP Rtn. Harish Sethi, PE Rtn. Ritu Singal, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Ann Urmil Luther, Ann Manjit Sethi, Ann Indu Luthra and Ann Sudha Puri. All the students were issued medical cards which has history of last ailment and treatment given. Follow up treatment has been arranged for all students who need further help. Toothpaste and brushes were given to all the 600 students.

PP Saroj is the 5th Director

The first meeting of the Board of Directors (2012-13) was held on 26th January 2012 in the residence of President 2012-13 Mrs. Ritu Singal. The board unanimously nominated PP Mrs. Saroj Jhwar as the 5th Director, and she will be Director Club

Service. Other Directors already elected are PP Prem Anand - Director Vocational Service, Rtn. Kanan Diwan - Director Community Service, Rtn. Arjan Singh - Director International Service and Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra - Director New Generation.

Donation for Club Projects - Thanks!

Mrs. Kanta Handa Rs. 2000/-
(In memory of her late husband Rtn. Suraj Handa, whose 84th birth anniversary is on January 31)


Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Mira Mahajan  February 03

Punctuality Draw

Won by PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Salil Bali February 03
Rtn. Mrs. Davinder K. Singh February 06
PP Rtn. T.S. Anand  February 07
Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon February 09

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Bir & PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati February 04
R'ann Neerja & Rtn. Anil Nagpal February 08
PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta & Dr. B.C. Gupta February 09
R'ann Manju & Rtn. Jawahar Jain February 09