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PROGRAMME

Open House Discussion on National Election System

*Speakers:* All Rotarians and Rotary Anns are requested to Participate  
(Prizes for 03 Best Speakers)

Friday, March 16, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Picnic and Happy Holi

Holi refreshes us with its unique character. On March 08, 2012 it was a very colourful meeting to celebrate holi as a picnic, and the dominant colour was green. Yes, it was 180 acres of greenery all around at the picturesque, elegant and beautifully done up Dhillon Farmhouse on Baddi Road, Siswan, owned by 17 year old Zorawar Singh Dhillon, and thanks to this young lad, the exotic venue was provided to us free!

The credit for this tastefully organized 'holi picnic' cannot go to PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta alone, because R'ann Malabika Sengupta was the chief organizer of the joyous celebrations.

It was a day of fun and frolic, with over 70 Rotarians and their spouses, quite casually dressed, ready for coloured powder being thrown on them, but there were some who preferred to sprinkle colourful flowers to celebrate the occasion, as 'Phoolon ki Holi'!

rope according to size of the waist of their wives.

All Rotarians appeared confident to cut the right size, but finally when the rope was actually put around the waist of their spouses, only three qualified for the finals. PP Dr. Balram Gupta and R'ann Shashi bagged the first prize, followed by PP Anil Mehan & R'ann Rekha and Rtn. Arjan Singh & R'ann Parveen.

Office Secretary V.P. Sharma was there behind the counter, to ensure



*PP Inderjeet Sengupta  
Colourfully happy!*



*L-R: Rtn. Ashok Sharma, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, Rtn. B.S. Channi, Rtn. P.K. Verma, PDG Shaju Peter, IPP Prem Anand, PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon, Rtn. D.R. Agarwal, Rtn. Jawahar Jain, Rtn. Santosh Khaitan, President R.K. Luther, Rtn. Deepak Sood, PDG Yoginder Diwan and Rtn. C.J. Rai*

The venue was dominated by the living legend Amitabh Bachchan's captivating voice, 'Rang barse' as synonymous with the festival of holi, which made everyone dance to the tune of the melodious music.

Ms. Kirti Singh, a lawyer in Punjab & Haryana High Court, daughter of President R.K. Luther had a game plan to make the event interesting. Only the Rotarians who were accompanied by their spouses, could qualify for this game, and most of them did! It was decided to name the game as 'Tummy Tie'. For the participants it was a 'waist'-ful experience as Kirti, accompanied by her mother, First Lady R'ann Urmil Luther, went around with ½ inch diameter rope and a scissor, asking Rotarians to cut the



*Kirti cuts the rope to avoid a 'tug of war' between Rtn. Atul Grover and President Luther. Looking on are R'ann Urmil Luther and R'ann Sonal Grover*

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*The 'Rope Stars'! L-R: First Prize to R'ann Shashi & PP Dr. Balram Gupta. Other winners: R'ann Rekha & PP Anil Mehan and R'ann Parveen & Rtn. Arjan Singh get prizes from PDG Shaju Peter. Looking on is Pres. Luther*



*L-R: Anns - Kiran Sharma, Santosh Gupta, Parveen, Shashi Gupta, Pritpal Gulati, Ranjana Tulsi, Indu Vohra, Purnima Sood, Lovy Peter, Urmil Luther and Indu Anand*



*Anns Asha Gupta & Charanjit Channi enjoy seeing Rtn. Om Prakash, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Anns Neena Verma, Bir Gulati, Krishna, Shashi, Santosh Gupta, Indu Anand and Urmil Luther dancing to the tune of 'Rang Barse'*

*PDG Yoginder Diwan, PP T.S. Anand, Rtn. Ravi Tulsi, PP Saroj Jhavar, PP Ajit Gulati, President Luther, Ann Urmil and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra*

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**Holi hai! PP Dr. Kesho R. Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, Rtn. Om Prakash, R'ann Neena Verma & Rtn. Kanan Diwan enjoying the dance**



**Cheers! Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua, PP Ajit Gulati and Rtn. Arjan Singh**



**President R.K. Luther, Rotarians and Anns Bir Gulati and Urmil enjoy the dance**



**Colourful drink! PP Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan and Rtn. Parveen Khosla**



**R'ann Krishna & Rtn. Om Prakash get wedding anniversary gift from PDG Shaju Peter & R'ann Lovy Peter**



**R'ann Lovy Peter presents birthday gift to Rtn. D.K. Gupta**



**Recognition to Mala & Indrajeet Sengupta by PP B.L. Ramsaria**



**PP R.K. Goyal and Rtn. Ravi Tulsi enjoy the fellowship**

that there was plenty to eat and drink, followed by lunch and sweats.

All those who made it to Dhillon Farmhouse showered high praises for enjoying the smart ambience of the place. PDG Shaju

### *PE Ritu Singal and Rtn. Ashok Puri back from PETS and SETS, Amritsar*

For the first time in the history of District 3080 PETS and SETS were organized beyond the boundaries of the District. MK Hotel, one of the oldest luxury hotels in the city of Amritsar, was the venue of the Seminars, March 2 through 4, 2012. Almost all the Presidents and Secretaries of the district except a few converged in the city for the academic programme, meticulously planned by DGE Manmohan Singh, District Trainer PDG Dhian Chand and District Secretary Elect T.K. Ruby. DGE Manmohan Singh had also made elaborate arrangements for a trip to the Golden Temple for all the delegates and also a visit to the Wagah Border to witness the 'beat the retreat' ceremony at sunset.

The incoming Assistant Governors, all the 12 of them, were trained by a faculty which included PDG Shaju Peter.

Peter thanked President Luther & Ann Urmil and appreciated the great efforts of PP Indrajeet Sengupta and Ann Malabika Sengupta to make the holi celebrations-cum-picnic a memorable event.

According to President Elect Mrs. Ritu Singhal who participated in the PETS, the sessions were eminently useful besides being an opportunity for interacting with fellow Presidents elect of 2012-13 from the District. For Rtn. Ashok Puri, SETS has prepared him to do justice to the post of Secretary in 2012-13.

PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo interpreted the theme of RI President Elect Sakuji Tanaka, 'Peace through Service' to the delegates.

RI Director Yash Das in a highly inspiring motivational address elaborated on the dos and don'ts of a club leader.

The faculty included, besides Shaju, PP T.S Anand, PP Dr. Balram Gupta and PP R.K. Goyal who is currently serving as Superintendent Engineer in Amritsar.

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## Congrats Ritu!

Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association Regd. Chandigarh have honoured five women achievers from different fields in a function to mark the International Women's Day on 10th March 2012 at the Auditorium of Govt. Museum, Sector 10, Chandigarh. Mrs. V.P. Malik wife of Retired Chief of Army Staff

was the Chief Guest.

PE Rtn. Ritu Singal received the honour as one amongst the five women achievers. Our hearty congratulations to Ritu on this well deserved honour!

## Aasra Shelter, GMCH-32

Motivated by IPP Rtn. Prem Anand, Mr. Roop Lal of Village Nagrotta Gagia, Tehsil Bhoranj (H.P.) has once again contributed to our Aasra Shelter project in GMCH-32,

Chandigarh. This is his third donation, which is 04 steel beds costing Rs. 15200/-. We thank Roop Lal for his generosity towards our prestigious project.

## Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to Rtn. Ashish Singla on the sad and sudden demise of his mother, Mrs. Satya Singla on 12th March 2012. Kriya will be held on Thursday, 22nd March 2012 at Ramgarhia Bhawan, Sector 27, Chandigarh from 2 pm to 3 pm.

## New Generation Grandparents : Asset or Liability?

It was my grandparent's lap in which I used to rest when ma was busy at office or cooking at home. It was them who took me to the park in the evening when ma used to be tired after office. It was my grandfather who used to wait with me for my school bus when ma and papa were getting ready for work in the morning. It was them who used to give me lunch after school. It was them who protected me from papa when he used to be furious over my silly mistakes.

To be honest, I still relish my daadi's food more than my ma. They taught me how to play games like carrom, ludo, cards and

many more. I still love playing cards with them..(using the tricks taught by them on them).Its papaji ,as we fondly call him, who still waits for me outside when I return from college and is worried when I am late, even if its for ten minutes!

The only difference between parents and grandparents is that I love them Double because they're my parent's parents! They have so much to give to us. Their unconditional love is God's greatest blessing on us. In the end, how can they be a liability on us. They are our valuable assets and will always be!

## A Little Humour By: Rtn. J.S. Chopra

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for last 40 years.

The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you." The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how

long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up!

## Birthday of Rotarians

PE Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal



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