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PROGRAMME

Rotary Friendship Exchange
with RI District 9320 (South Africa)

Presentation by: PP Rtn. Harish Sethi, Team Leader
and his team

Friday, April 20, 2012

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Baisakhi Celebrations

President R.K. Luther extended warm greetings and good wishes to Rotarians and their families on the auspicious occasion of Baisakhi which coincided with our club meeting on

April 13, 2012. Baisakhi celebrations started with a shabad by Mrs. Ravinder Kaur D/o Rtn. Mrs. Davinder K. Singh.

Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Harleen Kaur D/o Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh, dressed in a festive Punjabi dress, confidently took over the proceedings. She said, "Baisakhi Festival is celebrated as the Sikh New Year and the founding of the Khalsa

Panth." She described the history of Baisakhi when Guru Gobind Singh formed Khalsa - Brotherhood of Saint Soldiers to fight against tyranny and oppression. After the death of Guru

Teg Bahadur, his son, Guru Gobind Singh became the next Guru of the Sikhs who wished to instill courage and strength to sacrifice among his fellow men.

To fulfil his dream, Guru Gobind Singh called on the historic Baisakhi Day congregation of Sikhs at Keshgarh Sahib near Anandpur on 30th March 1699. Harleen gave a detailed account of how Sikhism was formed and explained how those five men got to be known as the Panj Piaray or the 'Beloved Five' of the Guru.



Ms. Harleen Kaur as MC.



Harleen performs solo dance.



Secretary Amarjit Singh dancing with her daughter, Harleen.



L-R: R'ann Gurinder Dua, PE Ritu Singal, Harleen, R'anns Sudha Puri, Ranjana Tulsi and Gagan Meet.



President R.K. Luther dances with (L-R) Ravinder Kaur, R'anns Dr. Savita Gulati, Maniki Deep, Gurinder Dua, Pushpa Jawa and Indu Luthra.



Dancing to the song of PE Ritu Singal are (L-R) R'anns Sunita, Urmil and President Luther.



Song by Ravinder Kaur being appreciated by First Lady R'ann Urmil Luther & President Luther.



An inspiring act! Encouraging young talent, PE Ritu Singal dances with Harleen.

Harleen stated, "Guru Gobind Singh bestowed on Khalsa, the unique Sikh identity by directing Sikhs to wear the five K's: Kesh (long hair), Kangha (comb), Kripan (dagger), Kachha (shorts) and Kara (bracelet)."

Harleen pointed out that the day of Baisakhi is also important for the Hindus as it on this day in 1875 Arya Samaj, a reformed sect of Hindus, was founded. For the Buddhist, it is auspicious day that Gautam Buddha attained enlightenment or Nirvana and is celebrated as Buddha Purnima. Baisakhi is marked as Rongali Bihu in Assam, Naba Barsha in Bengal, Puthandu in Tamil Nadu, Vishu in Kerala and Vaishakha in Bihar.



R'anns Shashi Gupta and Neena Verma sing Baisakhi song. Harleen dances with her mother R'ann Sunita.

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R'ann Herpreet & PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill celebrate their wedding anniversary.



Harleen presents birthday gift to Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati. Also seen are President Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh.



Harleen presents birthday gift to President R.K. Luther. Looking on is R'ann Urmil Luther.



Harleen presents birthday gift to Rtn. B.M. Gulati, with R'ann Dr. Savita Gulati on his right.

Harleen said, "In Punjab, to celebrate Baisakhi, people perform the joyful bhangra and giddha dance on the tune of the dhol." She also had a lively interactive session with Rotarians which sparked immense interest in the celebrations.

After her presentation, Harleen switched over to appropriate baisakhi songs played from her laptop, and went on to the dance floor with her solo performance! After few minutes she was joined by other ladies who dominated the dance floor. Amongst the men President Luther, Secretary Amarjit Singh and Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra (behind the camera) were seen on the dance floor! The remaining gents preferred to occupy the back of the hall which had special attraction for them. Cheers!

Vote of thanks was proposed by R'ann Maniki Deep. She highly appreciated the efforts of Harleen for making the Baisakhi celebrations an enjoyable and a fabulous evening and thanked her for giving an impressive presentation on history of Baisakhi. Due to Harleen's keen initiative Baisakhi was celebrated with great enthusiasm!

Before adjourning the meeting President Luther appealed to all Rotarians about our commitment to the District of **contributing \$ 100 each towards TRF.**

The meeting was followed by cocktails which was jointly sponsored by President R.K. Luther and PE Mrs. Ritu Singal.

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R'ann Maniki Deep presents a memento to Harleen.
Looking on is President Luther.



Harleen presents punctuality award to Rtn. Davinder K. Singh.
Looking on is President Luther & Secretary Amarjit.

Appeal for RY 2012-13

As our Rotary new year 2012-13 will be starting from 1st July 2012 with a new Theme 'Peace Through Service' given by our RI President Elect Sakuji Tanaka, so in order to have good beginning of activities in our club we need willing Rotarians to be part of various functioning of the club and thereafter they will be included in various club committees.

All Rotarians are requested to give their names along with interest of activity to either President Elect Rtn. Ritu Singal (Email : ritu.singal95@gmail.com M : 9814000952) or Secretary Elect Rtn. Ashok K. Puri (Email :

shkpuri@yahoo.co.in M : 7837700784) by 27th April 2012 positively, through SMS or email so that we may make an over all good team to achieve the targets assigned to our club as well as efficiently executing our service projects.

Ritu said, "We are Rotarians. Are we true Rotarians? Selfless Contribution, Value Creation and Service make us true Rotarians. So we humbly make this request to each one of our fellow Rotarians to come forward to walk hand in hand in an effort to make a difference in this world of miseries."

Micro Loan

Rtn. Arjan Singh said, "Recently we have given one more loan. This loan is to Savita of Phase 10, Mohali, who was given Rs. 20,000/- for purchasing kits for her beauty business." Savita is a

masseuse who visits her clients house to house. The loan has been guaranteed by Rtn. Mrs. Poonam Gandhoke, wife of our District Governor Manpreet Singh.

Congratulations!

Our heartiest Congratulations to R'ann Parveen & Rtn. Arjan Singh, who are delighted to announce the birth of their first

grandchild, a daughter born to Atipriya and Vikas on 9th April 2012, at Chandigarh.

Birthday of Spouses

- R'ann Sangeeta Singla
- R'ann Hariti
- R'ann Anupam Jain

- April 21
- April 24
- April 25

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan



April 20

Donation for Club Projects

acknowledged with thanks!

Rtn. Arjan Singh

Rs. 1100/-

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Mrs. Davinder K. Singh