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PROGRAMME

Club Assembly – Business Meeting

Presentation of Revised Club By Laws

By: PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, *Chairman, By Laws Committee*

The meeting will be followed by cocktails

Friday, June 01, 2012

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Quiz

On May 25, 2012, on the request of Quiz Master PP Pallav Mukherjee, who intended to do something different, Secretary Amarjit Singh sent out SMSs, "Dear Rotarians, Please attend today's Quiz and come prepared with your questions. Your unanswered questions will fetch you prizes!"

This prompted President R.K. Luther to start the meeting with a statement, "Ever since I became a Rotarian, I am very fond of wearing the Rotary pin, for which I am very proud of." Then followed the question, "Why wear a Rotary Pin?" Rotarians present in the meeting tried to respond, but President Luther himself came out with the right answer, "Remember what Past RI President Bob Barth had to say. He said that a Rotary pin should say this about the wearer: 'You can rely on me, I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take, and I am available.' I can't think of a better reason to wear it at all time."

Inspired by Mrs. Rajashree Birla's commitment in RI Convention of an additional US\$ 1 million to The Rotary Foundation, President Luther reminded us about our commitment of \$ 100 each to Rotary Foundation. "Giving is always a pleasure", said President Luther and appealed to all Rotarians to voluntarily contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

The meeting was then handed over to the Quiz Master Pallav Mukherjee. Talking about the prizes, Pallav said those who contribute \$ 100 to The Rotary Foundation can enjoy free stay at Koti Resort in July 2012. However, if one does not want to go to Koti Resort, that couple can enjoy lunch/dinner at Pal Dhaba,

provided someone sponsors it! For the third prize, Rotarians should go to the Night School, Sarangpur on weekly basis and spend time with the students. This will give lot of satisfaction!

Pallav wanted Rotarians to come up and ask questions, but some one commented, "You have not come prepared your self". In order to prove him wrong, Pallav started shooting out questions on various subjects. For the right answers there was plenty of chocolates being distributed all over the hall!

Secretary Amarjit Singh had some questions related to google and facebook. PDG Shaju Peter also put up few questions. Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra restricted his questions to the recent bulletin No. 47, and with many right answers, it was observed that the bulletin is well read by all.



*Quiz Master
PP Pallav Mukherjee*

As in the past, Quiz Master Pallav generated lot of fun, excitement and laughter which is very necessary for the good health of Rotarians, and it also spreads lot of awareness on various subjects that are discussed with lot of humor!



PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee presents a birthday gift to PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal. Looking on are R'ann Kund Bala Goyal, President Luther & Secretary Amarjit



R'ann Rekha & PP Rtn. Anil Mehan get wedding anniversary gift from PP Pallav Mukherjee. Looking on is Secretary Amarjit Singh



Dr. Mrs. Shakti Kapoor w/o Mr. Tarun Kapoor, IAS, Jt. Secretary Govt of India, with her parents R'ann Urmil and President R.K. Luther



PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra gets the punctuality award from PP Pallav Mukherjee. Looking on are President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh

*Rajashree Birla address the 2012 RI Convention
Committed an additional US\$ 1 million to TRF*

Source: www.rotary.org

Mrs. Rajashree Birla, of the Aditya Birla Group, has committed an additional US\$ 1 million to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication efforts.

Birla, of Mumbai, announced the donation on 8 May at the Arch C. Klumph Society dinner during the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. Birla's contributions to the Foundation's



Mrs. Rajashree Birla

campaign to eradicate polio, including this commitment, total more than \$ 6.2 million.

Birla's late husband, Aditya, made the Aditya Birla Group into a Fortune 500 company and one of the largest in India. Today, her son, Kumar Mangalam, is chairman of the board, and she serves as a director.

"Mrs. Birla's presence at the convention, not just for her

program segment but all four days, showed the regard she has for Rotary. She is magnanimity, dignity, compassion, humility and tranquility personified," said RI President Kalyan Banerjee. "It is not just the additional one million dollars she gave for Polio eradication but the grace and absolute commitment she reflects we admire and respect her for."

Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo added that Birla's actions are the embodiment of goodness. "She is not just a generous philanthropist but seeks financial support from others and hands-on serves to get the drops in the mouths of children," Saboo said. "That is what makes her a 'Hero of Humanity.'"

"Aditya Birla was one of India's foremost industrialists and an active philanthropist," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd in introducing Rajashree Birla at the convention. "His widow has continued this work through the family's foundation, introducing education and health care initiatives that improve the lives of under served populations in rural India. The Birla family is a staunch supporter of the End Polio Now campaign and has contributed generously to [Rotary's] US\$ 200 Million Challenge fund."

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Birla's contribution to the Foundation comes during India's breakthrough year in its fight to be polio-free. The World Health Organization (WHO) removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries in February, after the country hadn't reported a case of polio since January 2011. To be certified polio-free, India must go until February 2014 without another case of the disease. Continued support is needed to ensure that India and other countries remain polio-free and to stop transmission of the disease in the three remaining polio-endemic countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Birla, addressing the convention on 7 May, said, "Based on the success of Rotary International's initiatives in India — coupled, of course, with the admirable backing of the government's health departments and institutions like WHO, UNICEF, CDC, and the Gates Foundation — the day is not far off for us to envisage

the elimination of polio in the other three countries where unfortunately its traces remain."

She added, "We owe it to ourselves and to humanity at large to ensure that in these three countries as well, polio becomes an affliction of the past."

An honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Birla also stressed the need for business accountability and community service. Her Giving to Living campaign encourages corporations to "embed giving into their DNA."

"When a corporation pushes its energies and helps resolve social sector issues through its engagement, it indirectly stimulates its own business development," Birla said. "There is much to be gained when business leaders take giving to heart, and set the mandate of making a difference by caring for people in their community."

First Barsi

In everlasting memory of Mandeep Singh S/o Rtn. Maharaj Baksh Singh, Kirtan will be held from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm on 03-6-2012 at Gurdwara, Sector 8, Chandigarh, followed by Guru Ka Langar.

District Assembly Report by: Rtn. A.K. Puri

RID 3080 District Assembly was organized by Rotary Club Roorkee Midtown on May 20, 2012 at Patanjali Yogpeeth, Roorkee.

PDG Shaju Peter along with PP T.S. Anand, R'ann Preety Anand, PP Pallav Mukherjee, President R.K. Luther, R'ann Urmila Luther, IPP Prem Anand, Rtn. Ritu Singal (President 2012-13), Rtn. Ashok Puri (Secretary 2012-13), Rtn. Deepak Sood (President. Elect 2013-14), Secretary Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Kanan Diwan and PDG Yoginder Diwan participated in District Assembly.

Acharya Bala Krishan ji of Yogpeeth gave very impressive speech on Rotary values and RY 2012-13 RI Theme 'Peace Through Service'.

Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo and RI Director Y.P. Das spoke about policy and procedures of Rotary International as well as values of Rotary and how to improve image of Rotary.

District Governor Manpreet Singh and Incoming District Governor 2012-13 Manmohan Singh also talked about importance of District Assembly. PDG Dhian Chand, District Trainer along with other PDGs also conducted separate classes for incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors of all avenues of Rotary, which will prove to be useful for efficient running of their respective clubs. Assembly ended with recognition of Host Committee members.



L-R: Secretary Amarjit Singh, PE Ritu Singal, R'ann Urmil Luther, R'ann Preety Anand, Rtn. Ashok Puri and President R.K. Luther

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Cycling Message of Peace and Communal Harmony

In our club meeting on May 19, 2012 we had a visitor, Sri Siba Prasad Dash, who had travelled all the way from District Gangan, Odisha on a bicycle, on an expedition for Peace, Discipline, Cooperation and Prosperity.

He has been on this mission since 1981, having travelled several thousand kilometers covering 28 States and 5 Union Territories, with an objective of National Integration, Peace, Friendship and Communal Harmony.

We wish Siba Prasad Dash all success for his unique mission.



Siba Prasad Dash with Chandigarh Midtowners

Polio eradication our high priority in Pakistan: Nayyar

Tuesday, May 29, 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan

Source: www.eflashonline.org

Senate Chairman Nayyar Hussain Bokhari has said that the government has prioritised eradication of polio from the country, as only healthy child can become productive citizen and useful member of society and can contribute to national development. Speaking to a delegation of Rotary International, led by RI President Kalyan Banerjee, here on Monday, the Senate chairman said that Islamabad had been free from polio since 2007 but its four slums and suburbs are the high risk areas where there is a high influx of people from other parts of country, including Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Fata.

He told the Rotarians that polio campaign going well except in Fata and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and there is dire need for proactive role of Senators from these areas for awareness generation and boosting the polio eradication campaign.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee told the Senate chairman that

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Rekha Azad
R'ann Rashi Khosla
R'ann Sudha Puri
R'ann Sudershan



June 01
June 02
June 03
June 05

Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Rotarians are actively involved in polio eradication campaign around the world, assisting local community for better sanitation and ensuring supply of clear drinking water. In Pakistan, our top priority is to fulfil our commitment to children and save children by finishing polio. We have around 1.2 billion dollars for polio eradication in the world and 100 million dollars are allocated for Pakistan but there still exists a gap of 24 million dollars, he added.

The Senate chairman offered all-out assistance to Rotarians for the cause and said that strong collaboration between government of Pakistan and Rotarians can help eradicate this menace of polio from the country. It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan is one the three countries along with Nigeria and Afghanistan who have still to end the polio cases while rest of the world including India, have successfully eradicate it.

The delegates from Rotary International included RI President Kalyan Banerjee, Binota Jee (First Lady of Rotary International), Dr. Perves Ahsan (District Governor Rotary 3272, Pakistan & Afghanistan), Maimoona Pervez (Spouse of District Governor), Aziz Memon (Past District Governor & National Chair for Polio Plus), Shakil Ansari (Past District Governor & Chairman Eastern Mediterranean Regional Polio Plus Committee), Iftikhar Ahmed (District Governor Elect), Shehzad Ahmed Mir (Past President), Rotarian Iftikhar Awan, President Elect Rotarian Ibrahim and President Rotary Club Islamabad cosmopolitan Rotarian Dr. Abdul Basit. Secretary Senate Mr. Iftikharullah Babar was also present on the occasion.

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