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PROGRAMME

Calculations on Numerology

Guest Speaker: N.D. Khetrapal, World Famous Numerologist

Chief Guest: Prof. Dr. Raj Bahadur

Director-Principal, GMCH-32, Chandigarh

Friday, September 21, 2012

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Intercity to Felicitate PRIP Kalyan Banerjee

On September 14, 2012 our club hosted the Intercity to felicitate Immediate Past Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee, and his gracious wife Mrs. Binota Banerjee, at JW Marriott Hotel, Chandigarh. It is a matter of great pride that our

PDG Shaju Peter who acknowledged the presence Rotarians from all parts of the country. The Intercity had attracted nearly 500 Rotarians, which including 54 Past, Present and Future District Governors from all parts of India.



IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee and Mrs. Binota Banerjee being escorted to JW Marriott Hotel by PDG Yoginder Diwan and Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan



President Mrs. Ritu Singal and PP Dr. S.K. Sharma having a chat with IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee

IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee served the Rotary International with true dedication. He successfully inspired the Rotarians with his RI Theme 'Reach Within to Embrace Humanity'. Our District 3080 felicitated him for his worldwide achievements and taking Rotary to greater heights. In the morning session there was Rotary Public Image Workshop at the same venue.

The function was conducted skillfully with grace and dignity by

In her welcome address President Ritu Singal said, "It is a sheer delight to welcome back home IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee and Binota ji. You both have done India proud to Reach within to Embrace Humanity with great humility." On behalf of 116 Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown, President Ritu also welcomed PRIP Raja Saboo, RI Director Yash Das, RI Director Shekhar Mehta, RI Director Elect P.T. Prabhakar and District



IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee sharing his experience of Rotary year 2011-12



Address by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo



PDG Shaju Peter conducting the Intercity proceedings



District Governor Manmohan Singh, President Ritu Singal and Sergeant at Arms PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta



Harleen D/o Rtn. Amarjit Singh, gives a traditional Bengali welcome to IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee



First Lady of District 3080 Rajwanti Kaur, DG Manmohan Singh and President Ritu Singal, in true Punjabi atmosphere, with Binota ji and IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee, wearing a turban

Governor Manmohan Singh.

In his felicitation address DG Manmohan Singh welcomed IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee and Binota ji on behalf of Rotary District 3080 and said Kalyan had worked for universal harmony and peace.

Shaju gave a ten minute impressive audio visual presentation about the worldwide journey of IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee and Binota ji as RI President Elect from August 2009 and as RI President from July 2011 to June 2012, which also included their visits to Chandigarh. The presentation also showed the efforts that Kalyan put in to place Rotary on social media to accomplish his goal for Rotary to become the preferred organization for today's generation to join and participate to make the world better, safer and happier. The grand finale at RI Convention in May 2012 had a presence 38500 Rotarians.

IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee, a member of Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat since 1972, is Rotary's 101st President and its third President from India. He believes that Rotary's strengths include its ability to attract leaders from different vocations around the world as well as its role in promoting peace. Kalyan spearheaded many of Rotary's novel initiatives, which gave a new push to the polio eradication program and India became a polio free country.

He is Director of United Phosphorous Limited, the largest Indian agrochemical manufacturer, and Chair of United Phosphorous (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a Past President of Vapi Industries Association, and former Chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in

chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Mrs. Binota is a social worker and Inner Wheel club member. They have two children and four grandchildren.

RI Director Yash Das, sharing his experience of working with Kalyan Banerjee as RI President, said, "What a great year which brought India pride, and to work with an outstanding person as Kalyan and his gracious spouse Binota. He brought the RI Board together as one family, and to understand each other better." He added, "In a nutshell, working with Kalyan was a great learning and educative experience. Kalyan, a great leader, supported by his ever smiling spouse, Binota, had brought tremendous respect for India."

Sharing his experience of working with Kalyan, RI Director Shekhar Mehta endorsed what Yash had said. He added, "What a pleasure it was. Imagine, your mentor, your hero is there to lead you and I was fortunate enough to be in his board." Kalyan had won the heart of entire world!

RI Director Elect P.T. Prabhakar also addressed the gathering. He said IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee had brought glory to India. He also applauded the role played by two Indian RI Directors Yash and Shekhar as they had done outstanding job. He said 2011-12 was one of the finest years for Rotary, not only in India, but throughout the world.

Sharing his impressions for the Rotary year 2011-12, PRIP Raja Saboo appreciated it as a remarkable year. He said, "Kalyan had made a name for himself. He has travelled to areas where no other RI President had dared to go. He has brought sense of solidarity with Middle East. He was the flag bearer for Rotary." He added, "Kalyan, a very very warm welcome at home after winning the whole world." He remarked, "On behalf of District

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3080, this meeting hosted by Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, I would particularly like to greet all those who have come from far and near.”

An impressive memento, weighing about 5 kg, replica of an eagle, was presented. The script on it was read by RID Yash Das, “Dear President Kalyan, like an eagle you had soared high, and not only you surveyed the world, you captured it. Respectfully

presented to you and first Lady Binota by your proud friends, RI Officers of District 3080.”

First Lady of the Rotary World Binota Banerji also shared her experience of Rotary year 2011-12. She said, “For me it was an educational tour.” In his address, IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee thanked the Rotarians of India for their commitment in serving communities on issues of literacy, health care, sanitation, water



PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo, RI Director Yash Das and DG Manmohan Singh present a memento to IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee and Binota ji, as a token of appreciation



The auditorium in JW Marriott Hotel was full of Rotarians from all over India



First row L-R: PDG Shaju Peter, RI Director Shekhar Mehta, PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo, IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee, Mrs. Binota Banerjee, RI Director Yash Das, District Governor Manmohan Singh and President Ritu Singal with RI Officers of District 3080 and their spouses

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conservation and environment issues. He pointed out that the fastest growth of Rotary is in India. Expressing his appreciation for gathering of Rotarians from all over the country, he said, "Raja had always been a magician, and today he has even made me Kalyan 'Singh'." Sharing some highlights of his year, IPRIP Kalyan thanked Shekhar and Yash for doing splendid job on the board and acknowledged the important role of these two Indian RI Directors as they carried the Indian flag very well. He also acknowledged the tremendous support he had from PRIP Raja

Saboo and Usha ji.

PP Dr. S.K. Sharma, Chair, Organizing Committee of the Intercity, had done a commendable job for great success of the function. Expressing gratitude to large number of Rotarians from all over the country, Dr. Sharma said this shows the regards Rotarians have for IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee and PRIP Raja Saboo. He thanked Kalyan, not only for accepting our invitation, but for raising the prestige of India as RI President.



Enjoying the company of IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee! Rtn. Vinod Jawa, R'ann Pushpa Jawa, PP Mrs. Saroj Jhavar, DG Manmohan Singh, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, R'ann Sunita and Rtn. Amarjit Singh

### Get Well Soon Pallav

PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee was to attend the Intercity at JW Marriott Hotel on September 14, 2012, but could not do so, as that afternoon he had a sudden cardiac ailment and admitted in PGI, Chandigarh. On Sept. 17 he had undergone angioplasty.

Our prayers and good wishes for Pallav's speedy recovery, and he should soon be back in our meetings as his presence is most enjoyable for anybody who meets him. Most of us cannot believe that Pallav can have a heart problem!

### Micro Loan

A loan of Rs. 20,000/- was given to Parmod Kumar of Ram Darbar Colony. Parmod works in a company during day time and runs a computer centre from his house during the evening

hours when he trains students in the use of various software programmes. He will use these funds to purchase three second hand computers to expand his operations.

### Birthday of Spouse

R'ann Urmil Luther



September 23

### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Raj & Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor

September 23

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Surjit Kumar

PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan

PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta

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September 21

September 22

September 26

September 27

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