

# The Midtowner

Bulletin of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown: R.I. District 3080

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PROGRAMME

The Impact of Digitization on Media

Chief Guest: Dinesh Kumar

Rotary Peace Scholar

Associate Editor, The Tribune, Chandigarh

Friday, October 12, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Please note the change to Winter timings, that is, 6.30 p.m.

## Personal Experiences on Peace by Our Rotarians and R'anns

In our club meeting on October 05, 2012, our Rotarians and R'anns shared their personal experiences on Peace. We had Dr. Ms. Renu



President RCC Bhupinder Singh receives appreciation award from Dr. Renu Vij. Looking on are President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri

Cheema Vij, Director, University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET), Chandigarh, as our Chief Guest, who was introduced by PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta. She is a gold medalist from Panjab University for standing first in B.E. and has been honoured with many academic awards. She had done Ph.D in

Artificial Intelligence and has experience of more than 26 years. She was made a professor in UIET in 2005 and since September

2009 is the Director of UIET.

On August 15, 2012, President of our Club sponsored Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Ali Sher, Mr. Bhupinder Singh was recognized for his yeoman services for social causes and he received an Award of Excellence from Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh Mr. Shivraj V. Patil. In the club meeting President Ritu Singal was pleased to further recognize Bhupinder with an appreciation award.

Then followed the 'Peace Process'! The first one to share his experience was PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra who said, "Family disputes can be resolved by Peace within, by sitting across the table, and not in the court, which widens the gap."

Keeping in view the RI Theme of this year, 'Peace Through Service', Dr. B.C. Gupta shared his experience as D.C. Patiala, when corrective surgery was done on thousands of polio children, who were given walking calipers.

PP Gurdip S. Deep shared experience of his recent visit to Lahore. He had very cordial inter action with Rotarians of Pakistan, and

## Dr. Renu Vij, President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri honour the Peace Speakers!



Dr. B.C. Gupta



PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep



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



Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra and R'ann Indu Luthra



PP Rtn. Prem Anand



Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and R'ann Ritu Bhatia



PP Gurdip S. Deep exchanges flag of our club at Lahore, Pakistan with PDG Syed Shahab Balkhi



Dr. Renu Vij, President Ritu Singal and Secretary A.K. Puri present birthday gift to R'ann Gagan Meet.



Dr. Renu Vij presents birthday gift to Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia.



Dr. Renu Vij presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Shradha & Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva



Dr. Renu Vij presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Sushma & Rtn. Mohinder Singh Kamra



Dr. Renu Vij present punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

meetings with PDG Sohail Ahmad of RI District 3270 and PDG Syed Shahab Balkhi of District 3271. Gurdip said, "We were treated with warmth, overwhelming joy and they went out of the way to make us comfortable. They are as much Rotarians as we are."



Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia presents a token of appreciation to President Ritu Singal

PP Prem Anand informed that in our Rotary Shelter (sarai) a movable temple has been built. In August this year a Muslim lady had stolen the money from the box kept for offerings, but she denied it. Prem told everyone to maintain Peace. After four days he received a call from the same lady who admitted the theft, as she needed money for her ailing husband, who is no more now. It was very touching to hear this. Prem concluded Peace

can be acquired with wisdom and forgiveness.

R'ann Indu Luthra recited a beautiful poem on Peace, which is a source of energy. It creates harmony and wisdom. Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra narrated how he took an unconscious accident victim with head injury to PGI, and even went through all medico legal formalities. He felt very satisfied when the same person came to his house after 15 days with his family, to thank Dr. Luthra for saving his life.

R'ann Ritu Bhatia shared her experience of tackling a rickshaw puller and peacefully made him realize his fault, by explaining traffic rules to him. Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia explained how he daily applies all the steps of President Ritu's messages of Peace. He compared these with medicine - capsules, giving the first one to his wife at the time of bed tea, his children before going to school, his father at the office and his employees for growth of his business. He made a thoughtful gesture of presenting a token of appreciation to President Ritu for giving meaningful advice on Peace every week in our meetings.

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## Scholarship

Rtn. Arjan Singh introduced four girl students of UIET, who are doing very well in their studies, Artika Bansal, Anuradha, Naina and Shilaka, who were given Scholarships, which was presented to them by Dr. Renu Vij. This is an ongoing scholarship program, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Milano Sud Est (Italy) and Chandigarh Midtown. Arjan also gave brief details of this program, under which we have till now supported ten students since 2008. Those who have passed out are now having successful placements.

Chief Guest Dr. Mrs. Renu Vij said, "Attending this meeting has been a great experience." She complimented the Rotarians who spoke on peace and said such experience needs to be shared with students. She appreciated the role Rotary plays in upliftment of the society and appreciated the involvement of younger generations as this helps them to overcome aggression and anxiety they face in their life.



Students of UIET get scholarship cheques from Dr. Renu Vij and President Ritu Singal

## Medical Camp at Sikhya School

The date for Medical Camp at Sikhya School, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh has been changed to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Director Community Service, Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan said Rotarian doctors

are being requested to offer their services for the less privileged students of this School.

## Shelter Boxes for Disaster Management

Disasters happen without warning and disrupts the life of several particularly those of the economically weaker sections in our society. In order to respond immediately to such disasters our district has decided to develop and store 200 shelter boxes, which will contain relief material that will provide shelter and relief for a family of six, having a water proof tent, at a very reasonable price of Rs 16,600/- for each box. Apart from regular items like utensils, medicines, stove etc., it has poly filled quilts and sleeping bags, and

meets UNICEF standards.

The College of Governors has personally committed to fund the purchase of 118 shelter boxes, requesting the clubs to fund at least two boxes. President Ritu Singal has made this minimum commitment of Rs. 33,200/- on behalf of our club, and has appealed to Rotarians of our club to liberally donate for this project, and work for *Peace through Service* in this cause.

## DOON RYLA 2012-13

Director New Generation Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra announced that the 3 days and 2 nights RYLA will be held at Dehra dun from 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3 pm. The registration charges are Rs 1400 till 10<sup>th</sup> October and Rs 1500 till 15<sup>th</sup> October (payable

to Rotary Club Dehra dun). For further details please contact Dr. Rita Kalra. She said five Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown are attending the RYLA and two Interactors of Sikhya School will be sponsored by our club for which the expenses would be Rs. 5000.

## Message from RI President Sakuji Tanaka: Using Vocational Service to build peace

RI President Sakuji Tanaka has asked Rotarians to build Peace Through Service in 2012-13. By using vocational service to strengthen communities and build relationships, Rotarians are taking an important step in creating a more peaceful world. Every vocation can play a role in one of Rotary's ultimate goals. Here is

Tanaka's message on vocational service and peace.

Dear fellow Rotarians,

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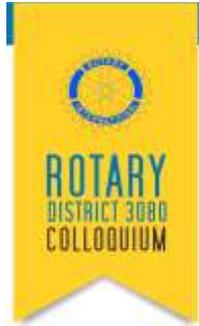
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with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard?

What is the importance of our work? I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us.



To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world. This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do.

The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build Peace through Service. (Source: Rotary News)

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Our deep condolences to Rtn. Vinod Jawa and R'ann Pushpa Jawa, whose brother, Mr. Krishan Modi expired suddenly due to

cardiac arrest on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

## **President Ritu Singal's Facet of Peace - Step 11 : Make Peace with your past so that it does not spoil your present**

### Acknowledged with Thanks!

#### Donations for Club Projects:

R'ann Gagan Meet  
Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra (for RYLA)

#### Sponsored Cocktails on 05 October 2012:

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva  
Rtn. Mohinder Singh Kamra  
Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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October 12  
October 13  
October 17  
October 18

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R'ann Dr. Manjushri & Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma  
R'ann Ritu & Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia  
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