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PROGRAMME

INSTALLATION MEETING

President Ritu Singal and her Team 2012-13

Chief Guest: Prof. Y.K. Chawla, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh

Guest of Honour: District Governor Manmohan Singh

Master of Ceremonies : PDG Shaju Peter



Friday, July 13, 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: PHD House, Sector 31, Chandigarh

Managing a City State

The first meeting of our 36th President Rtn. Mrs. Ritu Singal in Rotary year 2012-13, on July 06, 2012 was graced with the presence of Mr. K.K. Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator UT Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ninette Vas Sharma. It was also the first meeting held in the new banquet hall of Hotel President.

President Ritu welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Sharma. Thanking all Rotarians of our club for the confidence they have in her to lead in the year 2012-

contributions of those who offer to get elected to steer the operations for one year.

Speaking on 'Managing a City State', Mr. Sharma said Chandigarh is a city with high literacy rate and people are aware of what Chandigarh Administration is doing. Talking about urbanization he said cities are more livable than rural areas in India. He said, "Incomes are going up in the country and the cities are the biggest source of economic growth. To deal with poverty and make life better the income and wealth will be



Mr. K.K. Sharma addresses the Rotarians



President Ritu Singal

13, she said, "Each and everyone of you have maintained great goals of being good citizens and contributing to the society." Ritu, the third Lady President of our Club, briefly explained the forthcoming projects of the year, which will be highlighted in the Installation meeting next Friday.

We were also joined by PDG Yoginder Diwan, President Sham Rawal of Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik and Presidents and Rotarians from neighbouring towns.

PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep introduced the Chief Guest. He said Mr. K.K. Sharma did Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1980 from Regional Engineering College, Srinagar. In 1994 he did Diploma of International Institute of Public Administration from Paris, France. A 1983 batch of IAS, having held various appointments in Goa, Delhi Administration, United Nations Mission in Kosovo and Arunachal Pradesh, he took over as Adviser to Administrator UT Chandigarh on April 15, 2011.

In his address Mr. Sharma acknowledged the role of Rotary towards the society as a worldwide service organization comprising of like minded persons who serve the community. He appreciated the major initiatives in the world launched by Rotarians, and their contributions, and also

generated only in the cities." He gave statistics of some cities like Paris and New York. Globalization is improving the economy through technology. Wealth and economic growth is concentrated in major cities of the world. Therefore, cities needs to be functionally efficient with proper infrastructure.

Mr. Sharma said, "We are continuously engaged with planning how things could be better. Health, education, water supply, power, roads and parks are the major areas Chandigarh administration is dealing with." There are plans to improve the system further. Regarding electricity problem in southern sectors of Chandigarh as compared to northern sectors, he said for this there are plans to make the distribution system better through distribution companies who would ensure against theft, have proper metering & accounting and charges would be fixed. One of the main agenda is to corporatize our power department. Talking about present power crisis, the Adviser admitted there is no shortage of power which is adequately available with due planning, but the problem is in the grid system which does not have the capacity! The administration had earlier taken action to get it upgraded but that has not happened, though the work is in progress. He said water supply is quite satisfactory in Chandigarh, but still work is in hand for further improvement. Coming to roads, Mr. Sharma said, "Though they are the

best in the country, people do complain that 10-15 years ago it was better and now there is more traffic." Per capita ownership of cars in Chandigarh is the largest in the country. For this the answer is quality public transport with excellent services.

Mr. Sharma also talked about a new concept 'Property Titling', a system of recording titles of property which is under consideration of Govt. of India, for better efficiency of the city management system. This will



Sgt. at Arms PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta invites our 36th President Ritu Singal to take charge of the proceedings. Also seen are Mr. K.K. Sharma and Secretary Ashok Puri

ensure property titles to be secured from fraud. This system would speed up the economic development in cities.

Expressing gratitude Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua thanked the Adviser, Mr. K.K. Sharma for addressing us in the first meeting of the new Rotary year, on a subject of great importance to us all. He said we are proud to be Rotarians!



Cutting the first cake of 2012-13, R'ann Nirmal & Rtn. Comdr. A.S. Nagra. Looking on are President Ritu Singal, PP Ajit Gulati and his grand daughter Bani



Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua presents a memento to Chief Guest Mr. K.K. Sharma



President Ritu Singal announced this award of special gift to one of the hundred percenters of the month.



Having attended club meetings in USA, R'ann Indu & Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra present a club flag to President Ritu Singal



IPP Rtn. R.K. Luther presents our Club's 'Award of Excellence' to Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra & R'ann Indu



Mr. K.K. Sharma presents punctuality award to Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon

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Applications invited for GSE Team

Director International Service Arjan Singh made a request to recommend young professionals in the age group of 25 to 40 years with graduate degrees for a four week Group Study Exchange (GSE) programme to Florida, USA in October 2012. The air travel of GSE

team members will be funded by Rotary Foundation and their boarding in USA will be responsibility of local Rotarians. Those interested may apply immediately and contact Rtn. Arjan Singh.

Programme for the Installation Meeting

18.30 hrs.	Registration begins	
19.00 hrs.	Arrival of Chief Guest and Guest of Honour	(To be received by all Past Presidents)
19.15 hrs.	Collar to the District Governor	Sgt.-at-Arms Saroj Jhawar
	Collar to the President and Call to order	
19.16 hrs.	National Anthem	Bir Gulati and Saroj Jhawar
19.17 hrs.	Lighting of Lamp	Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, President and Secretary Mrs Neeru Khattar
19.22 hrs.	Invocation	
19.25 hrs.	Bouquets of welcome	
19.27 hrs.	Welcome address	Dr. Rita Kalra
19.30 hrs.	The Year 2011 -12	President R.K. Luther
19.40 hrs.	Installation of President 2012-13 Ritu Singal	
	Handing over of Club Charter	
19.43 hrs.	Introduction of President Ritu Singal	Secys. Amarjit Singh and Ashok Puri
19.48 hrs.	The Year Ahead	PP Gurdip S. Deep
	Introduction of her team	
19.55 hrs.	Felicitations	President Ritu Singal
19.58 hrs.	Introduction of Chief Guest	DG Manmohan Singh
20.01 hrs.	Address by Chief Guest	PP Trilochan Singh Anand
20.11 hrs.	Release of club roster	Dr. Yogesh Chawla
20.13 hrs.	Recognitions to PHFs	Dr. Yogesh Chawla
20.17 hrs.	Birthday and Anniversary celebrations	DG Manmohan Singh
20.20 hrs.	Presentation of mementoes	
20.22 hrs.	Expression of gratitude	President Ritu Singal
20.25 hrs.	Adjournment	Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath
	Cocktails and Dinner	

Introduction of Prof. Y.K. Chawla, Chief Guest for Installation Meeting



Prof. Y.K. Chawla

Prof. Y.K. Chawla is the Director of PGIMER, Chandigarh since October 07, 2011. He did M.B.B.S. from Jabalpur University in May 1974 and M.D. (Internal Medicine) from the same University in May 1978. He did D.M. (Gastroenterology) from AIIMS, New Delhi in May 1982.

He has held various important assignments at PGI, Chandigarh, AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi. He has published 346 papers at National and International levels.

Dr. Chawla has successfully conducted 10 joint PGI/AIIMS meetings every year since 2000 to promote Hepatology in the region. Started the

1st DM Hepatology programme in the country, started the 1st Liver Intensive Care Unit in the country in a Government Hospital, initiated the 1st Cadaveric Liver Transplant at the PGI on 15th April, 2011. He was President, Indian National Association for the Study of Liver (2006-2009) and Governor, American College of Gastroenterology, Indian Region (2006-2011).

Dr. Chawla has memberships of a number of scientific societies : Member, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, Member, European Association for Study of Liver, Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology, Member, International Association for Study of Liver, Member, Asian Pacific Association for Study of Liver, Member, International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists & Oncologists (IASGO), Fellow, National Academy of Medical Sciences, Life Member, Indian Association for

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of Organ Transplantation.

Dr. Chawla also had many editorial assignments, both in India and abroad.

Acknowledged with thanks!

1. PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra sponsored the colour printing of Bulletin No. 1. Any member who wants to sponsor colour printing of the bulletin may please contact the Editor.

2. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Puri sponsored cocktails on the first meeting of RY 2012-13 on July 06, 2012. Any member who desires to sponsor fellowship may please contact the President or the Secretary.

RI President : Parade Grand Marshal

RI President Sakuji Tanaka was the grand marshal of the Fourth of July parade in Evanston, Illinois, USA. His being in the parade was a great opportunity to represent Rotary and the work of Rotarians — especially our polio eradication efforts.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka (right) at the parade

RI President was happy to have been a part of this event, and he hoped that future RI Presidents participate in this parade.

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Shaju Guest of Honour at Rotary Chandigarh City Beautiful Installation Ceremony



L-R: Guest of Honour PDG Shaju Peter, Chief Guest Punjab Cabinet Minister Madan Mohan Mittal and President Balraj Singh Meje of Rotary Chandigarh City Beautiful during the installation ceremony held at CII, Chandigarh, on July 7, 2012

Alchemist presents an Evening of Bharathanatyam Dance on 14.7.2012

Rtn. P.K. Verma, Director – HR of Alchemist Group invites all Rotarians and their spouses to 'Soul Cages', the story of life, death, and beyond - an evening of Bharathanatyam Dance Theatre by Savitha Sastry. Free Admission, First come first served seating at Tagore Theatre, Sector 18-B, Chandigarh on Saturday, July 14, 2012, 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm (Seating starts at 6.30 pm).

Birthday of Spouses

- R'ann Manjit Kalsi
- R'ann Anita Kapur
- R'ann Krishna
- R'ann Priya Bhateja



- July 13
- July 16
- July 18
- July 19

Birthday of Rotarians

- Rtn. C.J. Rai
- Rtn. R.S. Sihota



- July 13
- July 16

Wedding Anniversary

- R'ann Sudershan & Rtn. Ravinder Krishan

- July 19

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon

PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter

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