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PROGRAMME

Republic Day Celebrations with students of Blind Institute

Friday, January 25, 2013

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Better Governance

In the meeting on January 18, 2013, we had Mr. Vivek Atray, I.A.S., Director Information Technology, Haryana and Managing Director HARTRON, as Chief Guest, who has been to our club on number of occasions and his talks and presentations on various subjects have been well appreciated by Rotarians. He is extremely well known amongst us, and needed no introduction, but to complete the formalities, PP Gurdip S. Deep had to do the needful. Vivek had studied in Jaipur, London and St. Johns High School, Chandigarh. He did his Engineering from Regional Engineering College, Kurukshetra. He is a



Mr. Vivek Atray gives an excellent presentation on Better Governance

multifaceted personality, a creative person, and a civil servant who likes to laugh and bring smile on faces of those whom he meets. He has held various important portfolios in Chandigarh Administration and Govt. of Haryana. Govt. of India had recognized his contribution for giving Chandigarh the status of best e-Governance city in India. His popularity can be judged from over 3000 friends he has on Facebook! An author who passionately writes about cricket, writes for newspapers too, and is also author of 'Move on Bunny', his serious attempt to produce humour, which inspires people to be happy even in most adverse situations.

Mr. Atray remarked, "I am very happy to be in this club because I feel lot of warmth and friendship." He had earlier spoken on humour in civil service, information technology and tourism. The editor recalls that in the first meeting of Rotary year 2006-

07, that is, on July 07, 2006 when it was his first meeting as President of our club, Mr. Atray gave a meaningful multimedia presentation on e-Governance. In fact, Mr. Atray was the first speaker whose presentation was reported in our bulletin which was uploaded on our website, and ever since all our bulletins are online!

Giving his presentation, based on his personal experience, he said "Better Governance is a term with which I am more comfortable as good governance is difficult to achieve, and it does not exist anywhere in the world. Some countries are better, some are worse." Good governance has to be Transparent, Efficient in delivery of services, Just and fair decision making, Availability of and access to information, Speed of response, Ability to deal with emergencies effectively and Hearing the people's voice and incorporating their views. He candidly admitted, "We are nowhere near good governance."

For bad Governance there will be Slow and hassle-studded processes, Secretive decision making, Partiality and bias, Inability to deal with crises, Corruption, Making people run from pillar to post and 'Sifarish' and nepotism.

He quoted Winston Churchill, 'The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter'. Mr. Atray explained, "If you talk to a common man for five minutes he will not give a rosy picture. He may say one or two good things, but mostly he will crib. Even the best government in the world cannot satisfy the common man, who by nature likes to complain."

He said, "The first thing for better governance is that the government has to Govern!" This is the basic function of government, which has to act expeditiously when required, Generate confidence amongst the people, Maintain Law & Order and Inspire confidence. The Government and Government Servants have to serve with a smile. There has to be Corporate approach and accept that the citizen is always right!

Government can Improve the Stagnation of thought. A 'no-change' mindset does not help. Enable processes by using technology. Shed dead-wood. Outsource where necessary! Government has to be a facilitator with Minimum required intervention. It has to Facilitate investors, job-creators, Education, Health, Transport, Tourism and IT. Promote Public relation and information should not be hidden. Reduce Infrastructure, Manpower, Files, Delays and Gibberish.



PP Dr. Balram Gupta presents a memento to Mr. Vivek Atray



Celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary R'ann Purnima & PE Rtn. Deepak Sood are presented their gift by Mr. Vivek Atray



Mr. Vivek Atray presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelua

Mr. Atray concluded that for better Governance, Leadership is necessary. Inspiration is needed. Police which is the visible face of the Government has to be given an uplift. Political leadership should become Role Models.

Proposing formal vote of thanks PP Dr. Balram Gupta said, "We

are very pleased with Vivek's heart to heart talk to bring out Better Governance. So many fault lies in the governance of the system. In fact what he has shared with us is equally applicable to the field of education for governance of various educational institutes." He added, "Even in the field of judiciary lot needs to be looked into."



Mr. Vivek Atray presents birthday gifts to (photos L-R:) Rtn. Amit Jain and to Rtn. Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath, who receives on behalf of R'ann Susan Nath



Mr. Atray presents punctuality award to Rtn. Prem Garg

RC Fayetteville, District 6110 to work with us in our Gift of Hearing Project

"The long search for an international partner to work with us in our project of Gift of Hearing has come to an end", announced PDG Shaju Peter at the club meeting. The Rs. 14 lac project meant to provide hearing aids for every child in the U.T. of Chandigarh, 0 – 10 years of age, who has a hearing defect but cannot afford a pair of hearing aids or corrective surgery will have the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, one of the largest clubs in RI District 6110 in Arkansas, one of the largest districts in the Rotary world as its international partner. Fayetteville with a membership of over 200 Rotarians is currently led by President

Larry Long who came to Chandigarh as the Leader of the GSE team from District 6110 in 2006 when Rtn. R.K. Goyal was our President. PDG Shaju and Larry have been in touch with each other ever since the Group Study Exchange.

The involvement of Chandigarh Midtown is limited to Rs. 2 lac in the Rs. 14 lac project, the remaining coming from the DDF of 3080, 6110, the matching grant component and the contribution of Fayetteville. "Since the time is limited we have to immediately start the work of identifying the children for hearing aids and surgeries," said President Ritu Singal.

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Hosts for GSE Team

The GSE team from Connecticut, USA will be hosted by us at the end of their visit and we require hosts for five people. They will be staying with us for two nights, March 9 and 10, 2013. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the full international

flavour of the Rotary Family. This interaction is especially a mind expanding tool for the younger members in your family. Volunteer hosts to please call Director International Service Rtn. Arjan Singh at 99884-28035.

District Golf Tournament

District Golf Tournament, hosted by Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik, will be held on Sunday, 3rd February 2013 at Chandigarh Golf Range, Sector 7, Chandigarh. Golfers from Chandigarh Midtown are requested to contact PP Harish Sethi at 9417201180.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka in Facebook

A preview of digital experience of redesigned Rotary.org, launching this summer



RI President Sakuji Tanaka

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka gave an important message in Facebook, "I encourage you to visit and bookmark www.rotary.org/grants, where you can now apply for 2013-14 district, global, and packaged grants online." RI President adds, "The online tools are very easy to use and simplify the entire Future Vision grant process. You can log in with your existing Member Access account or simply create an account if you don't already have one."

The grants site offers a preview of the digital experience to come with the redesigned Rotary.org, launching this summer. The site will make it easier for Rotarians to find information, conduct Rotary business, connect with fellow Rotarians, and promote club and district events.

"Engage Rotary, Change Lives" RI theme in 2013-14



RI President Elect Ron Burton unveils RI theme 2013-14 in International Assembly at San Diego



RI President Elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to "Engage Rotary, Change Lives" in 2013-14. He unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming District Governors.

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today," Burton said. "We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued."

RIPE Burton said the July launch of 'The Rotary Foundations new grant model, Future Vision, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. He said the new grant model, which has been used by about 100 pilot districts since 2010, represents a new era for the Foundation, and will help Rotarians get excited about Rotary's ability to change lives.

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President Ritu Singal's Facet of Peace – Step 26: Find Peace amidst tribulations of life

There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked, and he had to choose between them. One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains, too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in

which lightning played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all. But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest - in perfect peace. Which picture do you think won the prize? The king chose the second picture. Do you know why? "Because," explained the king, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."

Rotary South Asia Summit 2013 at Hyderabad Experience the biggest Rotary event in South Asia

RI President Elect Ron Burton & his wife Jetta and RI President Nominee Gary Huang & his wife Corinna have consented to grace the Rotary South Asia Summit to be held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC),

Hyderabad, having state-of-the-art facilities, from May 03 to 05, 2013. Chief Advisors of the Summit are PRIP Raja Saboo and PRIP Kalyan Banerjee. Convenors of the Summit are RI Directors Yash Pal Das and Shekhar Mehta.

 <p style="text-align: center;">ROTARY SOUTH ASIA SUMMIT 2013 <i>network...enrich...serve!</i> May 3-5, 2013 • Hyderabad, India</p>	<p>Summit Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to meet 5000 Rotarians from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand. • Galaxy of speakers from South East Asia and from around the world. • Convention style House of Friendship. • World class entertainment. • Enjoy the warmth of the city of Nizams and best local cuisines. 	<p>Registration fee for Rotarian, spouse and guest</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Upto 15 Feb. 2013</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">Rs. 2500/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">16 Feb. to 31 Mar. 2013</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">Rs. 3000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">After 31 Mar. 2013</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">Rs. 4000/-</td> </tr> </table> <p>Log on to www.rotarysouthasiasummit2013.org for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hotel booking details * Transportation to & from to hotel to HICC * City tours nearby places of interest. 	Upto 15 Feb. 2013	Rs. 2500/-	16 Feb. to 31 Mar. 2013	Rs. 3000/-	After 31 Mar. 2013	Rs. 4000/-
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- PE Rtn. Deepak Sood
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Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Prem Garg

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Vandana Gupta January 31

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh January 31

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Monika & Rtn. Chitranjan Aggarwal January 25
 R'ann Pushpa & Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa January 28
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