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PROGRAMME

Nobel Prize in Medicine 2012 : What it means to all of us?

Presentation by: Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

Friday, March 08, 2013

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

On to Hyderabad Summit



May 3-5, 2013 • Hyderabad, India

In the club meeting on March 01, 2013 we had an interesting presentation, 'On to Hyderabad Summit', by PDG Shaju Peter, who is also a Member of Organizing Committee, Rotary South Asia Summit.

In his own impeccable style Shaju explained the importance of the Summit at Hyderabad on May 3 to 5, 2013. It would be like

a Rotary International Convention, for which the highest number of participants have been 45000 and lowest 18000. The Hyderabad convention has already over 3100 registrations, and the way it is going, it is expected to cross 7000, which will make it one of the largest Rotary events after the RI Convention at the world class venue, Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC). Our club already has 18 registrations for the Summit!

The Summit will be the second largest event in the Rotary world this year and the largest in South Asia. It is a unique opportunity to meet old friends, meet people you have never met before and make new friends. Meet international Rotarians to try and forge long term partnerships. It is an excellent opportunity to share experiences with people from all over South Asia. Share information about your projects and success stories with people from neighbouring districts and countries. Learn about the projects that other people are working on and replicate them in your own districts.



PDG Shaju Peter

Listen to best possible speakers from the Rotary and non-Rotary world. Shaju explained, "It is your chance to meet and interact with important dignitaries from the Rotary world like RI President Elect Ron Burton and Jetta and RI President Nominee Gary Huang and Corinna." Some of the most interesting and challenging topics have been chosen as the four focus areas: Healthcare, Water & Sanitation, Women's Empowerment and Literacy.

Shaju said, "All Club Presidents Elect and their spouses, Rtn. Deepak Sood and Purnima from our club, would be having dinner with RI President Elect Ron Burton and Jetta. Similarly, all Presidents Nominee and their spouses will have dinner with RI President Nominee Gary Huang and Corinna."

Shaju informed us that hotels at different tariff, close to the venue have been identified as official hotels. Prices range from Rs. 1500 per room to the upper limit of Rs. 4500 for a 5 star! Shaju said, "For transportation, air conditioned coaches would be available from these official hotels to the venue and back at regular intervals throughout the day at no cost."

Entertainment would be round the clock for all 3 days at the House of Friendship. See some of the best performances from South Asia including those from talent shows and well known artists and celebrities. There is a lavish food court to give you international cuisine from some of the best outlets.

Shaju also showed an impressive video of the Summit, where we could see RI Director Shekhar Mehta, the Convener of the Summit, RI Director Yash Das, PRIP Raja Saboo and IPRIP Kalyan Banerjee inviting us all to the Summit.

Shaju concluded, "For more information visit www.rotarysouthasiasummit2013.org." In his expression of gratitude, Rtn. Arjan Singh thanked PDG Shaju Peter for a very impressive presentation. He said, "Shaju is going to lead all of us to Hyderabad!"



IPP R.K. Luther presents a flag from Taiwan to President Ritu Singal



Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra & R'ann Indu give cheque for Sorem student



R'ann Indu Luthra on NID duty on 24.2.13



Rtn. Arjan Singh presents a token of appreciation to PDG Shaju. Looking on are President Ritu and Secretary A.K. Puri



PDG Shaju Peter presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta



PDG Shaju Peter presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti



Birthday boy Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma entertains us with a hit song and gets his gift from Shaju



Dr. Rita Kalra gets punctuality award from PDG Shaju Peter

Shaju Speaks at District 3070 Conference

Invited by District Governor Upkar Singh Sethi of Rotary International District 3070 consisting of 110 clubs from parts of Punjab, H.P. and the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir, PDG Shaju Peter attended the District Conference held at Lily Resorts, Jalandhar on Sunday, February 16, 2013.

He was one of the speakers on the first day of the Conference. In a 20-minute address Shaju answered the question, "Why I remain a Rotarian?" PDG Dr. S.P.S. Grover his batch mate and fellow delegate to COL 2013 proposed a formal vote of thanks.

International Service -Announcements from Rtn. Arjan Singh



Scholarship cheque to Manmohan Singh by Rtn. Arjan Singh

Farewell Dinner for GSE Team: A farewell dinner is being held for the visiting GSE Team on Sunday, March 10th at Sip & Dine, Sector 7. All members are requested to join this which is a contributory dinner. Please give your names by March 8.

Microloan: Two microloans were given this week. One was given to Chunni Yadav for purchasing a Rickshaw Cart. The loan amount is Rs.8000/- . The second loan of Rs. 25,000/- has been given to Julfukar of Sector 29. Julfukar is a hairdresser and he will utilize the loan to remodel and refurbish his shop which he runs from his home.

Scholarship: The second installment of scholarship was given to Manmohan Singh who is in the final year of his electronics course at Chandigarh Engineering College. He is under training with NIIT in NOIDA. This scholarship is totally funded by Sarah and Tom Sykes of Seattle, USA, who have paid for four years of college for Manmohan.

Inspiring Thoughts – PDG Prem Bhalla's mail to PP B.L. Ramsisaria

PDG Prem Bhalla has complimented PP B.L. Ramsisaria for the excellent compilation of 'Inspiring Thoughts', released at the District Conference. Personally involved with books as an author he said, "I can appreciate the hard work, determination and the effort that has gone into the publication of the book. I can understand that the effort has been dedicated to Mrs. Ramsisaria, who has obviously been the inspiration behind it. I have a large collection of books on quotations, but I can assure you that it will be one of my prized possessions. Thank you very much for sharing

your work with us."

Complimenting everyone who has contributed to turn the dream into reality, PDG Bhalla remarked, "It is only through good team work that such projects go through and all those who have helped publish the work are worthy of great praise. Please keep up the good work. May God bless you all for spreading the thoughts of great men and women to bring light and hope into the lives of people who will read the book."

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Adult Women Education Programme at Faida



Rotarians with adult women students

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has made wonderful beginning to start Adult Women Education Programme at Faida, Chandigarh from 27th Feb. 2013 on daily basis between 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Around Twenty Women of Faida Village, were present during start of this learning programme under guidance of lady Teacher. Our club has given essential items like Slates with Saletis along with proper Black Board with Chalks etc. and two charts of Hindi Alphabets & Counting numbers to the centre to run this programme. President Ritu Singal, Secretary Ashok Puri & R'ann Sudha Puri, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Director Community Service, PP Capt. Manmohan S. Kahlon, PP Prem Anand, Director Vocational Service & R'ann Indu Anand and R'ann Neena Verma w/o Rtn. P.K.Verma along with Sh Mohinder Singh Chowdhury, Pradhan were present to give encouragement to these women learning this programme and make this occasion a success.

President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace – Step 31:

It is comparatively easy to change one's own self rather than changing the whole world

Once there was a king who felt seriously ill. All worthy people try to cure him but failed miserably. One day a person tells a remedy that if the king happens to see everything red around him he will start getting cured. The palace was painted red along with red curtains and red carpets. Slowly the king's condition started improving and now the whole town was ordered to be painted red. The King's condition was getting better and better but the treasure of the palace was getting emptied.

One day a child entered the palace & challenged the foolish decision of spending unnecessarily. Everybody was angry as if child was not bothered for king's good health but the king intervenes and decide to hear the child. The child says if the king wears Red spectacles we don't need to change the world outside. So let's change our own vision and perceptions about the world rather than changing the whole world itself.

Rotarians of Taiwan appreciate Interact Club at SOREM

In his recent visit to Taiwan IPP R.K. Luther attended a joint meeting of six Rotary Clubs, which was presided by the Assistant Governor. He took this opportunity to talk about our club's efforts of forming an Interact Club of mentally challenged children at SOREM and involving Rotaractors as their buddies. This was very well appreciated by the Rotarians of those six clubs.

Rotarians help special child of SOREM

Khushboo, a specially abled girl child was admitted to SOREM. Her fees of Rs. 2000/- p.m. will be sponsored by Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, transport fee of Rs. 1000/- p.m. by President Ritu Singal, admission fees of Rs. 5000/- (one time) by PP Pallav Mukherjee and annual, misc charges and security by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.



Ron D. Burton
President Elect, Rotary International 2013-2014

Date: 31st March 2013 at 11 a.m.

Venue: K. Rukmani Devi Memorial Hall, Railway Road, Ambala Cantt, Host: Rotary Club of Ambala

Registration – Rs. 700 single / Rs 1200 couple

Dr. Sanjay Kalra gets Diplomat in Oral Implantology

Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Principal & HOD, BRS Dental College has been conferred with the honor of Diplomat in Oral Implantology by International Congress of Oral Implantologists (U.S.A) at the 2nd South East Asia Implant Symposium of ICOI held at Delhi on 24 Feb. 2013. The conference was inaugurated by H.E. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India on 23rd February 2013. Prof. Kalra, who has been practicing Implantology for the last 21 years, is one of the pioneers who introduced the implant modality of teeth replacement in the region.



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Congratulations!

Our heartiest congratulations to PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep & R'ann Maniki Deep on the marriage of their son, Karan with Aditi. Our sincere good wishes to the young couple for a very happy married life, full of joy and prosperity.

Glimpses of District Conference of Peace 'Ijlaas-e-Aman'



Dignitaries on and off the dias. (L-R): PP Mannohan Singh Kohli, PDG Dhian Chand, Dr. Sardar Anjum, PRIP Raja Saboo, PRID Monty Audenart, PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar, PDG Hemant Arora, Liz Audenart, Rajwant Kaur and Usha Saboo



Lighting the lamp. (L-R): Liz Audenart, Dr. Sardar Anjum, DG Mannohan Singh, PRIP Raja Saboo and PRID Monty Audenart

DG Mannohan Singh gives overview of the year 2012-13

Cutting the cake for 108th birthday of Rotary



Justice J.S. Verma presents Shreyas award to Dr. S.Y. Quraishi. Looking on are DG Mannohan Singh & PDG Shaju

PRID Monty Audenart releases book compiled by PP B.L. Ramsisaria. Looking on are DG Mannohan & Shaju

An entertaining musical evening by Harbhajan Maan

Acknowledgment with thanks

Donations for Club Projects:

Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma, in memory of his mother Mrs. Kamla Sharma
R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta
R'ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. D.K. Gupta
Rtn. M.K. Handa
Rtn. Wg. Comdr. Kamal Nath



March 08
March 11
March 11

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Neena & Rtn. Tejbans S. Jauhar
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