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PROGRAMME

Celebration of Mother's Day
with Inputs from Mothers and Daughters
Coordinator: R'ann Lovy Peter

Friday, May 24, 2013

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Rotary Future Vision Plan : e-Bulletins

In our club meeting on May 17, 2013 we had a presentation by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra on 'Rotary Future Vision Plan and e-Bulletins'. Vice President Rtn. Amarjit Singh, who presided over the meeting, gave a brief introduction of Dr. Vohra as a Certified Prosthetic Professional, who also serves disabled persons through our club as Chair, Disability Empowerment. Amarjit said, "Dr. Vohra as our club Editor, has been winning



PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra presents Future Vision Plan. Looking on with keen interest are VP Amarjit Singh and Secretary Ashok Puri

District awards for our bulletin since last three years, and we may be heading for another one for the 4th year. Not only the bulletin comes out in time week after week, but as Chair, Internet, he ensures it is there on the net before the hard copy reaches us." He continued, "Every year on 30th June he makes sure that our club website is updated for the next Rotary year."

Vohra gave the presentation in the form of the bulletin, as it appears on the net. He said, "Rotarians should regularly visit www.rotary.org and other sites like www.eflashonline.org, www.roti.org etc. We should visit our club website www.rotarychdmidtown.org at least once a week and also access the sites of other clubs and eClubs. There is so much information on the net and we should update ourselves."

Acknowledging the contributions of senior Rotarians like PDG Shaju Peter, PP B.L. Ramsisaria and others, he candidly admitted, "Whatever I am presenting is available on the internet, through the links which can be seen in the presentation." He also thanked Amarjit for giving him useful tips on IT.

Source -

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/fv_br_ochure_en.pdf :-

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

"The Rotary Foundation has seen an immense growth in service activities, and Rotarians have demanded greater simplicity and more significant outcomes from their work. Our programs must evolve to meet the desires of Rotarians and the world's changing needs, and we believe this will be accomplished through the new structure of the Future Vision Plan."

- Robert S. Scott, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2008-09

"Rotarians have long been doing service in support of peace, health, education, and the alleviation of poverty to further the mission of The Rotary Foundation. The Future Vision Plan further focuses these efforts in a few key areas of demonstrated Rotarian interest to create more opportunities to collaborate with other organizations and achieve greater worldwide exposure for the work of Rotarians and their Foundation."

- Luis Vicente Giay, Future Vision Committee Chair

The Plan

In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation's 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service. The plan reflects the desires and interests of Rotarians worldwide to give the Foundation a more sustainable and visible impact in the world. The plan is simple and flexible, allowing Rotarians to apply for grants online.

The Future Vision Plan is intended to:

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
- Offer funding options to help achieve both global and local goals
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels



PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa presents a memento to PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on are VP Amarjit Singh and Secretary Ashok Puri



PP Vinod Jawa presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, VP Amarjit Singh and Secretary Ashok Puri present punctuality award to Rtn. J.S. Chopra

by transferring more decisions to the districts and their member clubs

- Advance understanding of the Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image

The Grant Structure

To simplify the grant-making process, the Future Vision Plan offers only two types of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants. Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

District Grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants are block grants made to districts to support activities that fit within the Foundation's mission. Districts can use these grants to fund scholarships, support vocational teams, sponsor volunteer service, provide disaster recovery assistance, and carry out community and international service projects. District grants allow flexibility to Rotarians in carrying out grant activities and are fully funded through District Designated Funds.

Global Grants: Rotary Foundation Global Grants support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes within the six areas of:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects or sponsor **packaged grants** developed by The Rotary Foundation in collaboration with strategic partners. Club and district-developed grants will receive a funding match from the Foundation. Packaged grants will be fully funded by the Foundation. The minimum total project cost for each global grant is US\$ 30,000. Rotarians can develop a variety of global grant activities that may take the shape of a humanitarian project, a scholarship, a vocational training team, or any combination of these activities:

- Humanitarian projects supporting the goals of the areas of focus will produce measurable outcomes that will benefit the targeted community long after grant funds have been expended. In addition, the community, as well as the sponsoring clubs and districts, will be actively involved in all stages of the project.
- Scholarships will support international, graduate-level study for a term of one to four years. The scholar's academic and professional goals must further the goals of their selected area(s) of focus.
- Vocational training teams will either provide or receive training within the areas of focus. Team size and composition, as well as professional background, are variable; however, each participant's career goals must be linked to the area(s) of focus.

The Pilot

To test and refine the plan, the Foundation will conduct a pilot for 100 districts that compose a representative group in terms of location, size, and level of involvement with the Foundation. The pilot runs from July 2010 through June 2013, and the plan

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will be evaluated and modified as needed before the full rollout to all Rotary clubs and districts.

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What are Rotary Grants?

We've changed how we structure Rotary grants. Our new system focuses primarily on three grant types—district, global, and packaged. It is both more efficient and sustainable, and will help us make a greater impact around the globe. This site is the new home for all Rotary grants information. Looking to learn about the new grant system? Apply for a grant? Get information on managing your grant? You'll find it all here.

In Grant Basics, you can learn more about the grants we offer to Rotarians and how to apply for them. Our Learning & Reference section houses our extensive resource library, including useful reference documents, training materials, and much more.

Source -

http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/pages/130114_ia13_theme.aspx :-

'Engage Rotary, Change Lives' is 2013-14 RI theme

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."

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.

Burton asked the incoming district governors to take the lead in helping their clubs through the transition, with the assistance of their district Rotary Foundation chairs, who also attended the assembly this year. The training sessions are focusing heavily

on equipping these leaders to go back to their districts as experts on the new grant model.

Burton told the audience that although he had been an active member of the Key Club, a youth program of Kiwanis International, he went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to. "You have to ask," he said.

e-Bulletins

Talking of e-Bulletin, Vohra said, "Rotary e-Bulletin is a newsletter which is a fast, convenient and efficient way of sharing news, information and activities carried out at club, district and international levels. It may be the same type of information that we give or get in the traditional printed bulletins or the hard copy, the term now used, but the speed at which the e-Information travels is amazing."

He explained, "With the fast developing of information technology the system or the working in every field has been revolutionized. Just typing a few words on the search engine like Google, and clicking the mouse on the laptop or computer, you get so much information, which could never have been imagined a few years ago. Click, click, click..... Copy, paste and then edit as per your need are the smart ways of doing things now."

Sharing information, a project or your photographs can easily be done. Rotary is there on Facebook, all images are available on the net. Go to YouTube and see Rotary videos. It is the immense growth of IT that has brought Rotary eClubs, and the restriction of two eClubs in one district has been removed. Rotarians have started enjoying fellowship online!

Our club bulletin, 'The Midtowner' is also an e-Bulletin as it is being updated every week on our website since 1st July 2006 when Dr. Vohra was the President. Every Tuesday or latest by Wednesday afternoon the bulletin is on the net on our website www.rotarychdmidtown.org, which can be accessed from anywhere in the world. Just click on 'Weekly Bulletins' or go straight to http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/week_bull.html to access any of our bulletins of last seven years to extract information from over 360 bulletins we have there!

Vote of thanks was proposed by PP Vinod K. Jawa who appreciated the efforts behind this useful presentation and timely release of bulletins every week.

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This Week Three Micro Loans

As per report submitted by Rtn. Arjan Singh three micro loans have been given to the following people:

- 1) Loan of Rs. 25,000/- to Vijay for doing up his hair dresser's shop in Sector 20, Chandigarh.
- 2) Loan of Rs. 30,000/- to Lalit Sharma for his business of artificial jewellery and wedding clothes for rent. His shop is in Balongi, near Mohali.
- 3) Loan of Rs. 30,000/- to Ms. Dimpy of Sector 41, Chandigarh also for the business of artificial jewellery.

President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace – Step 41: Do Not Crave For Recognition

This world is full of selfish people. They seldom praise anybody without selfish motives. They may praise you today because you are in power, but no sooner than you are powerless; they will

forget your achievement and will start finding faults in you. Their recognition is not worth the aggravation. Do your duties ethically and sincerely.

Get well soon

PP Rtn. R.S. Chandigothia suffered injuries as result of a fall. R'ann Sharda Chandigothia had a surgery for her right knee

replacement and also got a mild paralytic attack. We wish them both sound health and a very speedy recovery.

Blood donation camp at General Hospital, Panchkula



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31 units of blood was collected at General Hospital, Panchkula on 6th May 2013 by Dr. Seema Ghai, I/c Blood Bank. Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan was present to motivate the donors with gifts. Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra said the employees and staff of the hospital are inspired towards this noble cause every year during the month of May, which is celebrated as labor month.

Dr. Rita bags Gold medal in recent athletic meet in Kerala



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra at national masters athletics meet at Trivandrum (Kerala) with founder Chairman of Masters Athletic Association

Acknowledgment with thanks

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R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

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R'ann Rekha & PP Rtn. Anil Mehan

May 29

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Uneza Khandelia

May 30

R'ann Indu & Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra

May 30

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal

May 25

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. J.S. Chopra



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