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PROGRAMME

Report on RI Convention 2013 at Lisbon

Presentation by: PDG Shaju Peter

Friday, July 05, 2013

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

RI President Rtn. Ron D. Burton has given an excellent RI Theme 'Engage Rotary Change Lives', which will inspire all Rotarians to get more involved in Rotary programs and projects to change the lives of people around us by serving the community.

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to serve our magnificent club as President in the Rotary year 2013-14. Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is one of the leading clubs of RI District 3080, having



President Rtn. Deepak Sood and First Lady R'ann Purnima Sood

members from all professions and business, who have excelled as leaders in their field, and also in Rotary. I request all our Rotarians to extend their best possible support enabling us to achieve our goals and take our club to greater heights. I am confident of the whole hearted cooperation from all Rotarians. I look upon the Past Presidents of our club for their valuable

guidance. We have dedicated Rotarians in Board of Directors 2013-14, to make the year meaningful.

RI President Burton emphasized that the job doesn't end when a new member joins. It is not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives. In view of this, and the fact that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, I request all our members, particularly the new ones, to get involved in the activities of Rotary and come on to the platform that offers great opportunity to serve locally and globally, with a commitment to 'Service Above Self'. Rotary is an amazing opportunity for all of us to help others without any geographical barriers, and in the process achieve great satisfaction of doing some good for the society.

As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make in our daily life. Our utmost responsibility is; to speak the truth, to be fair to all concerned, to build goodwill and better friendships, and, it is beneficial to all concerned.

Purnima and myself look forward to an exciting and eventful year, by joining hands with our Rotarians, their spouses and family, who have always smilingly participated in our club activities, and would continue doing so, as our club enjoys the unique characteristics of being more like an extended Rotary family.

With Rotary Regards
Rtn. Deepak Sood

Club Assembly

Club meeting on June 28, 2013 was presided over by President 2013-14 Rtn. Deepak Sood who said, "I welcome all of you to the first Club Assembly of the Rotary year 2013-14. RI Theme given by RI President Ron D. Burton is 'Engage Rotary Change Lives'. As we are all aware that a lot needs to be done for the society, let us lend our hands to the ones seeking help." In addition to our ongoing projects, the major projects to be pursued during the year, highlighted by Deepak are; Hearing Aid Project, Birthing Centre for Adarsh Nagar, Adult Education, Computer Training Course for Poor, Up gradation of Aasra Shelter and Raising Funds for victim of natural calamities.

Director Club Service, Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh said serious efforts would be made to improve the attendance. New members would also be enrolled. Efforts would be to have unanimous club elections. He also expressed his satisfaction for the bulletin, and expenses for it have been catered for through 11 advertisers. He said our club website would be updated on 1st July 2013, and we are also active on Facebook. There will be orientation program for new

members. Fund raising, Fellowship, family dinners, club roster and cultural programs are also being planned. The concept of 'Family of Rotary' will be given due attention, so that spouses and children get involved. He also proposed to run an intensive self analysis human development program in which one learns about relationship between our mind, body and conscious.

Director Vocational Service, Rtn. Ashok Puri presented fund requirement for ongoing projects; Home Care Nursing, Sewing and Tailoring Centre and women adult education program. Apart from this different vocational projects like refrigeration and electrical training course and plumber training course are being planned. Other projects would be career guidance seminar, vocational awards, vocational guidance for handicapped and award of excellence.

Director International Service, PP Rtn. Harish Sethi gave details of various projects being handled by his Committees and their present status. He gave details of Micro Loan & Scholarships project. He said 'Microloan Fund of Italian Spouses' has been handled

efficiently by Rtn. Arjan Singh. He also gave an overview of the other Microloan project, 'Milano Sud Est', which is a part of the Welfare Trust of our club. PP Harish also informed that Partner club for WCS project of birthing centre is likely to be finalized soon, and implemented in the current year. PP Harish informed that two teams from abroad are going to visit our District in the current Rotary year under Rotary Friendship Exchange programme. Efforts are also being made to have a Club-to-Club Exchange. Our Club should be ready to host them in later part of the year.

Director Youth Service, Rtn. Salil Bali said he would look forward to promote and execute the four Youth Service Rotary Programs, that is, Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership awards and youth exchange. At present we have 2 Rotaract and 3 Interact clubs. Hopefully we would increase each one of them by one at least. The prestigious ongoing Vishnu Gupta memorial debate competition

Tree plantation, Environment education programmes in schools, Quiz competition on Environment, Energy conservation programmes for the students, energy conservation and environment protection.

Treasurer PP Rtn. Prem Anand presented the administrative budget for 2013-14, which was proposed by PE R.T.P.S. Tulsi and seconded by PP Harish Sethi, and the same was approved by the house. Prem had done his home work meticulously and his efforts are well applauded.

According to Rtn. Arjan Singh we shall be partnering with Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, UK, in a WCS project in Nepal. Another partner in this project will be Rotary Club of Patan in Kathmandu. Sanction has already been received from Rotary International and our contribution will be \$2000. The object is to provide toilets and other necessary facilities in the remote village of



Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh



PP Harish Sethi



PP Dr. S.K. Sharma



Rtn. A.K. Puri



Rtn. Kanan Diwan



Rtn. Salil Bali



PP Prem Anand



Rtn. Arjan Singh

would be held as per schedule.

PP Rtn. Prof. Dr. S.K. Sharma and Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan spoke on behalf of Director Community Service, Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti about the committees relating to community. The activities proposed on behalf of Environment committee by Dr. Sharma are:

Mirge in Nepal. This village has a long standing connection with Wollaton Park.

Arjan also reported, "The final deed for the Rotary year 2012-13 is to grant a loan of Rs. 25,000/- to Narender Kumar of Manimajra, for the purchase of a laptop. He will be using it for doing accounts for his clients."



Rtn. Ashok Sharma presents birthday gift to Rtn. Ashok Puri



President Deepak Sood offers birthday cake to PP Dr. Balram Gupta



Rtn. Ashok Sharma presents award for punctuality to Rtn. Salil Chopra

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President Ritu Singal's Thought on Peace in last meeting of 2012-13 Throw away useless things

Things that you don't use or rarely use serve only one purpose. They are there to create chaos in your mind. By eliminating all of the things that you don't use you will create space for peaceful mind.

After such a clean-up you will feel empowered and creative. This is all because you have taken back the energy that those things were consuming.

Best President in District awarded to Rtn. Ritu Singal

Following awards have been bagged by our club at District Award Function, a simple programme held in Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43, Chandigarh on Sunday, 30th June 2013.

District Awards: 1. Best President Ritu Singal
2. Best Bulletin, 'The Midtowner', Editor: PPDr. V.J.S. Vohra



Zonal Awards: 3. Outstanding President Ritu Singal
4. Award of Excellence to Rtn. Ashok Puri
5. Award of Gratitude to PP.B.L. Ramsisaria
6. Award of Gratitude to PPT.S. Anand
7. Award of Gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra
8. Award of Gratitude to Rtn. Kanan Diwan
9. Outstanding Club award to Rotary Chandigarh Midtown
10. President Citation for Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

DG 2012-13 Manmohan Singh thanked the Rotarians of District 3080 for achieving the targets, including US \$ 5.05 lakh for The Rotary Foundation. Disaster Relief measures in Uttarkhand was one of the main features. PRIP Raja Saboo, RID Yash Das, DG 2012-13 Manmohan Singh and DG 2013-14 Rakesh Aggarwal motivated Rotarians to contribute minimum Rs. 2500/- before 10th July 2013, to help thousands of persons who have suffered heavy losses.

Present from our club were President 2013-14 Deepak Sood, PP R.K. Luther, PP Pallav Mukherjee, PP Ajit Gulati & R'ann Bir Gulati, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Kanan Diwan and PPDr. V.J.S. Vohra.

Committee for Aasra Rotary Sarai

President Deepak Sood said that names of Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan and PP Mrs. Saroj Jhawar have inadvertently not appeared in the Committee for Aasra Rotary Sarai, and their names have been included in the said committee. President Deepak said, "I acknowledge their invaluable contribution and appreciate their continuous support towards this ongoing Aasra Project, which is

part of Community Service." This project of our club is functional since June 30, 2009 at GMCH-32, Chandigarh, when Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhawar was the President, and it was inaugurated by then Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, General S.F. Rodrigues, PVSM, VSM (Retd).

Committees under International Services

PPAjit S. Gulati has been included as a member in the Committee of WCS New Project.

Rtn. Arjan Singh has been appointed as Permanent Invitee in the

Committee for Micro Loan & Scholarships. Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan has been appointed as Permanent Invitee in the Committee for Friendship/Family Exchange.

Condolences

Mrs. Surjit Kaur, grandmother of Rtn. Dr Anureet Kaur Bhatti expired at the age of 92 on 28th June 2013. Our deep condolences to the grieved family. Two minutes silence was also observed in the club meeting last Friday.

Our deep condolences for the sad and untimely demise of Munish, the only son of PDG Dhian Chand and PDC Meena Dhian Chand on 30th June 2013. May the almighty give strength and courage to the family to bear this tragic loss.

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Home Care Nursing Training and First Aid



Awards being given to students

Home Care Nursing Training and First Aid is a pioneering program being conducted by our charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta in collaboration with Dr. Vikrant Gupta memorial foundation, Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown and Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown.

All the 14 students of the 17th batch of home care nursing training have successfully completed their course and the certificates were presented to them on June 28, 2013 by Mrs. Anuradha Sharma and Director Vocational PP Rtn. Prem Anand. Awards were also given to students who secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd position.

Inner Wheel PDC Neeru Khattar, IW PP Deepa Sahib Singh, IW PP Uma Gupta, Mrs Raj Kapoor and many IW members, PP Rtn. Prem Anand, President 2013-14 Rtn. Deepak Sood and Secretary 2012-13 Rtn. Ashok Puri were also present.

First day, First project of 2013-14, herbal garden at General Hospital, Panchkula



Rotarians, hospital staff and students plant saplings

July 01, 2013, the first day of RY 2013-14, began with the environment getting richer and greener by setting up of an herbal garden at General Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula. Sharp at 9 a.m. President Deepak Sood and Secretary Dr. Mrs. Rita Kalra assembled at the main gate of the hospital to receive other Rotarians. In addition to President and Secretary, others who participated in this meaningful project were our First Lady R'ann Purnima Sood, PP Prem Anand & R'ann Indu Anand, Rtn. Ashok Puri & R'ann Sudha Puri, PP Prof. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, R'ann Parul Bali, Rtn. Jeetan Bhambri and Rtn. Salil Chopra. The staff and nursing students of the hospital also took keen interest in this unique project.

Acknowledgment with thanks

Donation for Disaster Relief:

PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa

Donation for Club Projects:

Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Manjit & Rtn. T.L. Verma

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