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PROGRAMME

**Work Life Balance: Being Women**

*Chief Guest: Ms. Jeeti Gandhi*

Nutritionist and author of books on cookery

Friday, March 07, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## **Joint meeting with Rotary Club Chandigarh Central**

### **To welcome Rotary Friendship Exchange Team From R.I. District 1410, Finland**

Our regular meeting on February 26, 2014 was jointly held with Rotary Club Chandigarh Central to welcome the Rotary Friendship Exchange Team from R.I. District 1410, Finland. Rotary Chandigarh Central President Rtn. D.S. Malhotra and Secretary Rtn. Ajit Goel welcomed Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown and thanked us for joining their meeting.

President Rtn. Deepak Sood heartily welcomed the District 1410 Governor Matias Roytta, District 1410 RFE Chair Mikko

Ruohonen, District 3080 RFE Chair PP Harish Sethi, PDG Madhukar Malhotra, Ann Neeru, PDG Shaju Peter, Ann Rajwant Kaur and IPDG Manmohan Singh, who will be RI Representative for District Conference of RID 1410 (Finland) next month. In addition to the District Governor and RFE Chair the team from Finland included Ann Maritta Roytta, PDG Pentti Pirtilla, Ann Sirpa Pirtilla, Assistant Governor Erik Stenstorm and Ann Sirpa Stenstorm.



*Addressing the gathering; L-R: District 1410 Governor Matias Roytta, PDG Madhukar Malhotra, President D.S. Malhotra, President Deepak Sood and District 3080 RFE Chair PP Harish Sethi*



*Exchange of flags with RFE Team members 1st row L-R: President D.S. Malhotra, President Deepak Sood, Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Neeraj Punj. 2nd row L-R: AG Ajit Singh Gulati, PP Navjit Singh Aulakh and Rtn. Sulalit Gupta*



*DG Matias Roytta presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Dr. Savita and Rtn. B.M. Gulati*



*PDG Shaju Peter presents birthday gift to R'ann Shradha Sachdeva. Looking on is Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva*



*Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh welcomes IPDG Manmohan Singh and R'ann Rajwant Kaur*

## District Conference - 'Satyanishta'

District Conference of RID 3080, 'Satyanishta' was held on 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at Hotel Sun-Park Inn, Dehradun. With 37 registrations Chandigarh Midtowners were there in large numbers, and most of us also attended the Pre – Conference program on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The conference was inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> March by H.E. Dr. Aziz Qureshi, Governor of Uttarakhand.

RI President Ron Burton was represented by PDG Muhammad Faiz Kidwai of RI District 3271 (Pakistan) and he was accompanied by many Rotarians from Pakistan.

RI District 1410 Governor Matias Roytta from Finland along with his RFE team was also present at the District Conference. Another interesting personality who graced the occasion was District Governor Emmanuel Katongole of RI District 9211 (Tanzania & Uganda).

The heavy rains and the cold weather could not dampen the sincere efforts of our ever smiling District Governor Rakesh



*Rotarians of District 1410 (Finland) and of District 3080 with RI Rep PDG Muhammad Faiz Kidwai of RI District 3271 (Pakistan) at the District Conference*

Aggarwal and his team to make the event a grand success.



*H.E. Dr. Aziz Qureshi, Governor of Uttarakhand 'declares war' against poverty and hunger*



*RI Representative PDG Muhammad Faiz Kidwai of RI District 3271 (Pakistan)*



*PRIP Raja Saboo welcomes the Rotarians from Pakistan, Finland and Africa*



*Leading from the front! Lt. Gen. Anil Chait highlights strong will of the Indian Army for serving in the hour of need in Uttarakhand disaster*

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PDG Shaju Peter and DGE Col. Dilip Patnaik give rocking musical entertainment



Musical performance by R'ann Bir Gulati



AG Ajit S. Gulati gives report for his zone



AG Sarabjit Singh gives report for his zone which includes our club. President Deepak Sood is on his left



Introduction of RI officers and spouses. PDG Shaju Peter and R'ann Lovy Peter being honoured by DG Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima



PDG Yoginder Diwan and Rtn. Kanan Diwan being honoured by DG Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima



RI Rep PDG Faiz Kidwai and DG Rakesh Aggarwal present young achievers award for excellence to Aarushi, d/o Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra



President Deepak Sood, PP Vinod Jawa and Rtn. Salil Bali awarded District Leadership Academy certificates by RI Rep PDG Faiz Kidwai. Looking on are PRIP Raja Saboo and IPDG Manmohan Singh



## Past President (1990-91) K.T.S. Tulsi nominated to Rajya Sabha

Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi, President of our Club in Rotary year 1990-91 and brother of President Elect R.T.P.S. Tulsi has recently been nominated to Rajya Sabha. A renowned lawyer, he has several high-profile clients. Born in 1947 in Hoshiarpur, he graduated in Political Science from Panjab University and completed his

Bachelors in Law in 1971. In the 1980s, he took to criminal law. In 1987, Mr. Tulsi was designated as a Senior Advocate and in 1990, he was appointed as Additional Solicitor General of India. He represented the State before the Supreme Court in many important cases.

## Picnic at Ravindra Farms

Picnic is being organised on the occasion of holi at Ravindra Farms on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014. All members are requested to join and add colors to this colorful festival.

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## Environment awareness seminar

Environment awareness seminar was organised by Botanical Garden Chandigarh where Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra addressed the students about the importance of environment protection and importance of herbal plants in daily life. She gave away the prizes

to winners of poster competition on the occasion. Mr. Om Prakash organised the event. He thanked our Club for supporting and promoting herbal plants.

## AGTS at Chandigarh

The first of the series of mandatory training seminars for Rotary leaders 2014-15, the Assistant Governors Training Seminar (AGTS) was held at the Rotary District 3080 Headquarters in Sector 18, Chandigarh on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Of the 12 Assistant Governors 11 attended the four-hour training programme opened by District Governor Elect Col. Dilip Patnaik.

The curriculum included a session on the Role and Responsibilities of AGs by District Trainer PDG Shaju Peter, Qualities of Leadership by Advisor PDG Prem Bhalla, Hands-on Tutorial on *Club Central* by Secretary, Communications PP Manmohan Maini and District Web Master PP Rajiv Bhalla and TRF -Your Role by DRFC PDG Madhukar Malhotra.

Inaugurating the Seminar PRIP Raja Saboo enjoined the AGs to look at everything that they would do from the perspective of a club president. To celebrate Rotary's 109<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary which fell on the same day, a cake cutting ceremony was organized. PRIP Raja Saboo also released a mini directory carrying the names of all



*PRIP Raja Saboo releasing the mini directory*

the AGs, presidents and secretaries of clubs in various zones.

District Secretary Sudhir Jolly proposed the vote of thanks. District Treasurer PP Vipin Bery also was present.

Our Assistant Governor next year will be PP Harjit Saggu from Rotary Club Chandigarh Central.

### 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

March 11

R'ann Krishna & Rtn. Om Parkash

March 12



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