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PROGRAMME Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal

Meeting of
Friday, 25 April
2014 is pre-poned to
Monday, 21 April 2014

Monday, April 21, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Club Assembly Chaired by Assistant Governor Rtn. Sarabjit Singh

Meeting will
be followed
by fellowship

Friday, April 18, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Welcome District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal and First Lady Neelima

Born on 29th April 1945, at Jhelum now in Pakistan, Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal is a mechanical engineer and later did his M.B.A. from Delhi in the year 1970. He joined his family business of mining at Rishikesh and later migrated to Dehradun to expand his mining business. He used his engineering skills to develop a Pantoon Boat System for transportation of mineral gypsum across river Ganga and introduced a Ropeway for the transportation of mineral. He took over a Bajaj Scooter Agency at Dehradun in 1989.



DG Rakesh Aggarwal & R'ann Neelima

handling stock of Hindustan Unilever at SIDCUL Haridwar and FMCG products handling.

He joined Rotary in the year 1970 as member of Rotary Club Rishikesh and later in the year 1977, he joined R.C. Dehra Dun west and served as President in the year 1991, when our own Raja Saboo was the world Leader. He served as a Chairman of a well applauded Rotary District Conference in 1993 and as Chairman Intercity for felicitation of then R.I. President Carl

Currently, he is actively involved in developing Small Hydro Plant near Yamnatri in Uttarkashi District of Utrarkhand, Development of Industrial Estate,

Wilhelm Stenhammer's in 2005. He has held various district assignments notable being as District Chairman Polio Plus, as Member T.R.F., Assistant Governor Zone 10 in the year 2003-2004, District Chairman Vocational Services, International Committee, Club Services, and Member District Training Team etc. He graduated from District 3080 Leadership Academy in the year 2005 and also attended an Advance Course at Leadership Academy at Chandigarh in the year 2008.

He has travelled abroad and has attended Rotary Club Meeting in U.K. Europe, Bangkok and Shanghai in China. Rotary runs in his family. He father Late Mr. H.C. Gupta was President of Rotary Club Rishikesh. His mother was also member of Inner Wheel Club Rishikesh. His Uncle, Mr. Jagdish Chander Aggarwal is Past President of R.C. Haridwar and Aunty is a Past President of Inner Wheel Club, Haridwar.

He is associated with a number of social and educational committees such as District Eye Relief Society, Dehradun; Vice President State Council of Confederation of India Industries, Dehradun Chapter; 'Himjyoti Foundation' for Education of the poor girls of Garhwal and Trustee of Doon Rotary Charitable Trust of Rotary Club, Dehradun.

He is happily married to Neelima Aggarwal who is a Post Graduate in Social Works from Delhi University and is a Past President of Inner Wheel Club, Dehra Dun. She has won many awards during her leadership. He has a daughter Sarika, an I.T. Engineer married to Vikas Aggarwal, Engineer & M.B.A. from IIM, Lucknow. His son, Ankur Aggarwal, is a Graduate from S.R.C.C. Delhi University & M.B.A., married to Shruti, a Graduate Charter Financial Analyst.

From Pakistan with Love

In our club meeting on April 11, 2014 PDG Shaju Peter gave a presentation on 'From Pakistan with Love', as RI President's Representative to District Conference 3272, Islamabad. President Deepak Sood read from the bulletin, 'The Sharqian' of Rotary Club of Lahore Sharqi, "RIPR PDG Shaju Peter, spoke with profound knowledge and wisdom regarding Rotary

subjects. His words not only reeked of proficiency but he also captivated the hearts and minds of all present. PDG Shaju can be cited as a man of letters that have the ability to transform their thoughts into actions. Looking forward to see him and his lovely wife again."



Looking like a Nawab! PDG Shaju Peter returns from Pakistan



R'ann Lovy Peter shares her memorable moments in Pakistan



PDG Shaju shows the memento he was presented as Guest Speaker at Islamabad Cosmopolitan

Shaju gave us a full view of his visit to Pakistan through a very colourful multimedia presentation, and with the amazing memory he has, he could name all the people and places that were coming up through the slides. Shaju and Lovy were received at Lahore by senior Rotarians of RI District 3272, from where they took another flight to Islamabad, which has striking similarities with Chandigarh.

Shaju had very cordial and meaningful interaction with District Governor Iftikhar Ahmed of RI District 3272. He gave us a brief account of conference proceedings of 550 Rotarians of the District, including their election process. Throughout their stay there they had full time aides, PP Nadeem Iqbal for Shaju and his wife Nazli for Lovy.

Shaju stated that wars and conflicts begin in the minds of men, and it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed. He concluded, "I am extremely grateful to RI President Ron Burton and Jetta for giving Lovy and me an opportunity to build peace, goodwill, friendship and understanding in the minds and hearts of 550 Rotarians who attended the Conference of Change."



PDG Shaju Peter presents President Deepak Sood the flag of Rotary Club Islamabad Cosmopolitan



Vote of thanks by PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal for the impressive presentation by PDG Shaju Peter

Baisakhi Celebrations



Baisakhi was celebrated at Ashiana Children's Home, Sector 16, Panchkula with cultural programmes and yoga by the children of Ashiana. Applauding the amazing achievements of the children, President Rtn. Deepak Sood appreciated the good work done by President of Ashiana Gen. Inderjeet Singh Dhillon, Gen. Secretary Dr. Vibha, Jt. Secretary Mrs. Neelam Khullar, teachers and staff. He also conveyed the good wishes of Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown on occasion of Baisakhi. First Lady R'ann Purnima Sood and Rtn. Salil Chopra were also present.

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to Rtn. Om Parkash on the sad demise of his wife, R'ann Krishna, who passed away on 8 April 2014. One minute silence was observed in our club meeting as a mark of respect for the noble lady. Utala was held on 11 April 2014.

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PROGRAMME OF DG's OFFICIAL VISIT- APRIL 21, 2014


MC: PDG Shaju Peter

Event Chair: PP Ajit S. Gulati

Aides to DG: Rtn. Salil Bali & R'ann Parul Bali

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| 19.00 | Registration Begins | | |
| 19.30 | Arrival of DG and first lady | All past presidents and spouses to receive | |
| 19.45 | Call to order | | PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra (Sergeant-at-Arms) |
| 19.47 | National Anthem | | R'anns Malbika Sengupta Indu Anand, Sudha Puri, Parul Bali Rtn. Rekha Sawhney |
| 19.50 | Invocation | | |
| 19.55 | Lighting of Lamp | | PP B.L. Ramsisaria to coordinate |
| 20.00 | Bouquets of Welcome | To DG To First Lady To AG | President Deepak Sood R'Ann Purnima Sood Dr. Rita Kalra |
| 20.03 | Welcome Address | | Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh |
| 20.05 | The Year till today | | President Deepak Sood |
| 20.20 | Induction of New Member | | |
| 20.22 | Vocational Awards | DG | |
| 20.25 | PHF Recognitions | DG | |
| 20.30 | Handing over of TRF contributions to DG | | |
| 20.32 | Introduction of DG | | PP Dr. Vanita Gupta |
| 20.34 | Address by DG | | DG Rakesh Aggarwal |
| 20.49 | Presentation of mementos | | |
| 20.50 | Presentation of punctuality Draw/birthday/M.A. gifts | | |
| 20.55 | Expression of gratitude | | Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra |
| 21.00 | Adjournment | | President Deepak Sood |
| 21.00 | Fellowship and Dinner | | |

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District Leadership Academy at Zirakpur



Sitting (L-R): PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Maj. Som Dutt, PRID Yash Das, PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo, DG Rakesh Aggarwal, Trainers Inderjit Kaur and Navneet Sandhu. **Standing (L-R):** Participating Rotarians Chetan Jain, Saurabh Raj Sood, Dr. Ajay Sood, Abhisht Gupta, Ashok Kumar Puri, Mujeeb Malik, Mona Khattar, V.K. Sharma, Satyendra Sanghal, Gurpreet Singh, Vijay Garg, Baljeet Singh Chawla and Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

Residential program of the Rotary District 3080 Leadership Academy was held at Hotel Ashoka Regenta, Zirakpur, Near Airport, Chandigarh on 11-13 April 2014.

PRIP Raja Saboo, who initiated this unique program in 2001, while addressing the Rotarians participating in this workshop said, "These three days would make you interact with each other, and make you a better professional, a better communicator, a better leader, a better person, and will help you stand out in your life, your profession, and in your community."

Acknowledgment with thanks



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Please note: Birthdays and wedding anniversaries of last 2 weeks will be celebrated on April 18, 2014.

Celebrations of April 25, 2014 are preponed to April 21, 2014.

PRID Yash Das stated, "The Academy will improve your personality, and will sharpen your leadership qualities." District Governor Rakesh Aggarwal appreciated the Rotarians attending the Academy, and complimented the Dean PDG Major Som Dutt, Associate Dean PDG Shaju Peter and all the volunteers of the Academy, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Charanjit Singh, PP Baldev Aggarwal, PP Praveen Goyal and PP Sandeep Luthra.

The faculty comprising of young, energetic and knowledgeable management trainers, Ms. Inderjit Kaur and Ms Navneet Sandhu gave extremely fruitful, interesting and enjoyable leadership training session for the first two days. On the third day an experienced management trainer from Delhi, Dr. Vijay Chopra gave meaningful leadership training.

The Rotarian participants not only loudly applauded all the three management trainers, but also gave them standing ovation. They also enjoyed the cultural evening anchored by PRIP Raja Saboo and the yoga classes on day 2 and 3 at 6.30 a.m. by Yogi Pankaj.

The participants gave useful suggestions at the end of the program. The feedback was summed up by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra who said, "In the first two days we learned to connect with others, and on the third day we learned to connect with ourselves."

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Sangeeta Singla

April 21

R'ann Hariti

April 24

R'ann Anupam Jain

April 25

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati

April 18

Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan

April 20

Rtn. Chandra Prakash

April 24

Rtn. Mrs. Rekha Sawhney

April 24

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Beauty & Rtn. Jayanta Mitra

April 27

R'ann Deep & Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon

April 30



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