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PROGRAMME Valedictory Function

Hosted by outgoing Board 2013-14

Chief Guest: DGE Rtn. Col. Dilip Patnaik

**Please note
change in date
and venue of the
meeting**

Saturday, June 21, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel Pelican, 25/8 Industrial Area, Phase II, Chandigarh

Father's Day Celebration **Special Invitees: Children and Grand Children of Rotarians**

On June 13, 2014 President Rtn. Deepak Sood welcomed our Special Invitees: the Children and Grand Children of our Rotarians who were present in the meeting, in spite of heavy rainfall that evening, to celebrate Father's Day.

While Mother's Day is a step ahead in importance, Father's day, none the less, is said to be one of the biggest celebrations in the world to give due honour to fatherhood, paternal bonds and the important role played by fathers in the society. It is celebrated every year on the third Sunday of June, though it is also celebrated widely

on other dates. This year it falls on June 15th but we celebrated it in our last regular meeting.

Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra conducted the proceedings for Father's Day celebrations. She said our club wanted to give an opportunity to our children and grand children to talk about their fathers and grand fathers for which Father's day is the right moment. She also referred two meaningful poems to explain the significance of Father's day.



National Anthem by Harleen (Right) and Manpreet



President Deepak Sood is happy for achieving TRF target of US\$ 15000



Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra conducts Father's Day Celebration

What Makes a Dad?

A Father's Day Poem

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Fathers Are Wonderful

by Helen Steiner Rice

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...
But Fathers are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
And accolades of praise...
For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness...
And like Our Heavenly Father,
He's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be always on our side.



President Deepak Sood presents birthday gift for R'ann Suman Gupta to her daughter, Razul



PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa gets punctuality award from President Deepak Sood. Looking on is Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra

The first one to speak about her father was Harleen, daughter of Vice President, Rtn. Amarjit Singh. She expressed the great role played by her Dad who had always loved, cared and provided everything for her. He is the one who taught her to take the first step. Her Dad prepared her to be strong and groomed her to be a better human being. She said her Dad is the most important person for her

in the world, who is her friend, hero and most importantly, "My Dad."

Soorya, son of Rtn. Salil Bali said Father's day is an occasion to plan something for your father to make him feel happy and special. It is a day to give him respect and bring a smile on his face. He said father



Harleen



Soorya



Razul



Vivaan



Parul



Akhil



Amol

is very pious and a great honour for the whole family and every member of the family has confidence in him. He is a lighthouse, a symbol of sincerity who always thinks the best for his children and helps them to attain great heights. He looks after the interest of all family members.

Razul, granddaughter of late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta and daughter of Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta, whom she considered as her role model, talking about her grandfather, went down the memory lane to the year 1991, when she was just four years old. She quite vividly remembered the love and affection she got from her grandfather. She said he was a gem of a person, a self made man who was fully involved in his business. Because of his style of working, loving nature, generosity, teachings and belief in his children, they are a well bonded family, doing well for themselves and also contributing for the upliftment of the society.

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The youngest participant Vivaan, grandson of Rtn. Mrs. Rekha Sawhney expressed his love for his father for all that he has done for him. Parul, daughter-in-law of Rtn. Rekha Sawhney recited a very touching poem where the daughter says, "Mujhay itna pyar na do Baba, Kal jitna mujhay naseeb na ho. Ye jo maatha chuma kertey ho, Kal is per shikan ajeeb na ho. Main jab bhi roti hon Baba, Tum ansoo poncha kertey ho. Mujhay itni door na chor aana, Main roun aur tum kareeb na ho. Meray naz uthatey ho Baba, Meray laad uthatey ho Baba. Meri choti choti khwahish per, Tum jan lutatey ho Baba. Kal aisa na ho ik nagri mein, Mein tanha tum ko yaad karon, Aur ro ro ker faryad karon, Ay Allah meray Baba sa, Koi pyar jataney wala ho, Mera Naz Uthaney Wala Ho..! Father replies, "Har dam aise kab ho paya hai jo soch rahi ho Beti tum, Wo sab to bas ik maya hai. Koi baap apni beti ko jaane se Kab rok paya hai. Sach kehte hai duniya wale beti to dhun paraya hai. Ghar ghar ki yahi kahani hai Duniya ki reet purani hai. Har baap nibhata aaya hai, Tere baba ko bhi nibhani hai...!!"

Valedictory Function



INVITATION

*To Family and Friends, We hold so dear
We want to share, Our success this Year
At a special Gathering to stay in touch
To count the blessings that mean so much
There will be parody quiz with sundry delight!
Star performers will be recognised and volunteers apprized
To give thanks to special people who made this possible tonight!*

*Please Join Us For Thanks Giving Dinner
On the Twenty first of June 2014 at 1900 hrs
At Hotel Pelican,
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Rtn. Deepak Sood
President



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra
Secretary

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Akhil and Amol, sons of Rtn. Lalit Azad considered their father as their hero. Akhil said the greatest thing he got from his Dad was that he believed in him. He also taught him to respect the elders and the women. His dad stood by him when his wife met with an accident six months after his marriage. He has picked up the sophisticated technical aspects of printing press for which he gives credit to his Dad. Amol said he has a very close bond with his father who is an institution in himself. Every day they learn something new from him.

Rtn. Ashok K. Puri's elder daughter, Dr. Natasha Puri Seth, sent a mail from California, USA, to thank her Dad for everything he had done in her life, for teaching her about the value of integrity and character, for working hard to provide for the family, for teaching her about strength, perseverance and hard work, for his unconditional support, love and encouragement, gift of confidence and for having belief in her. Natasha said, "Thank you for being such a wonderful father!"

Get well soon

• District Governor Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal and R'ann Neelima suffered injuries in a recent road accident. We wish them speedy recovery. Our good wishes for their sound health and happiness.

• Lalit Jawa, son of PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa has recently been discharged from Max Hospital, Mohali. His treatment is continuing at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Plumbers training successfully completed



Director Vocational Service Rtn. Ashok Puri gives a report on success of the plumber course



A kit and a certificate for successful completion of plumber training course was presented by PDG Shaju Peter to 13 trainees who were trained in this useful vocation by our club at Khuda Lahora. Director Vocational Service Rtn. Ashok Puri welcomed President of Rotary Community Corps of Khuda Alisher Bhupinder Singh, Sarpanch of Khuda Lahora Rakesh Sharma, Zila Parishad Member Gurdial Singh, Members of Youth Club of Khuda Alisher: Balbir Singh, Kuldip Singh and Prithpal Singh and acknowledged their sincere efforts for this fruitful program. Rtn. Ashok Puri thanked Mr. Ashok Bhatia, a retired ITI instructor who efficiently conducted theoretical and practical

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training for the students of this course, which is our ongoing project for several years. Those who have undergone this course earlier are now self employed, doing very well, having a good income, and some of them are now big contractors!

Sarpanch Rakesh Sharma thanked our Club for conducting the

course in his village, and looked forward to more projects from our club. Bhupinder Singh expressed his appreciation and delight for being associated with our club since last several years and thanked the Rotarians of our club for the support they have given for the projects in Khuda Alisher.



PDG Shaju Peter, Director Vocational Service Rtn. Ashok Kumar Puri, President Rtn. Deepak Sood and Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra with the successful trainees, members of RCC and Youth Club of Khuda Alisher

Acknowledgement with thanks

Donation for Club Projects

R'ann Suman Gupta Rs. 2100

Donation for TRF

PPRtn. R.K. Luther US\$ 50

PPRtn. Vinod K. Jawa US\$ 20

Punctuality Draw

Won by PPRtn. Vinod K. Jawa

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Rekha Mehan June 21

R'ann Deep Kahlon June 25

Birthday of Rotarians

PPRtn. Vinod K. Jawa June 21

Rtn. Jeetan Bhambari June 23

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Renu & Rtn. Anil Kishore Khanna June 24



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