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PROGRAMME

The role of NGOs in achieving cent percent literacy in India

Moderator:

PDG Shaju Peter

Panelists:

Prof. Dr. Paramjit Singh

Former Registrar, Panjab University, President Rotary Club of Chandigarh

Mr. Dharamvir, I.A.S. (Retd.)

Former Chief Secretary, Haryana and Chief Election Commissioner, Haryana

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Former Director, Social Welfare Dept., U.T. Chandigarh

Friday, September 05, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Dialogues with Pakistan

In our regular meeting on August 29, 2014 Chief Guest Mr. V.K. Kapoor, IPS (Retd.), was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Mr. Kapoor who retired as Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Haryana, in 2002, also had a decade of service in the Intelligence Bureau (IB). He had important assignments and responsibilities of security arrangements for the visiting foreign dignitaries, including Former US President Bill Clinton and Soviet Union's last head of State Mikhail Gorbachev. He is also permanent member of Lok Adalat. He has delivered lectures and conducted workshops in various organisations. He has also trained Delhi police personnel for the 2010 Commonwealth Games on attitude change, communication skills, and interpersonal relations. He is also a keen golfer. He is Director of Institute of Stress Management which he established in 2002. He has been writing about stress management in Tribune and Indian Express. A well known speaker on various subjects, in our meeting on November 16, 2012 Mr. Kapoor had given an impressive multimedia presentation on 'Stress Management'.



ADGP V.K. Kapoor, IPS (Retd.)

In his address Mr. Kapoor said, "I am honoured to be here as Rotary club is doing an excellent job. This is a club of gentlemen." Talking about Indo-Pak relations, he said most of us have our roots there, and basically we come from the same background. The mind set is

feudal, ethnic and tribal.

Mr. Kapoor shared his experience of 15 days in Lahore, when he had gone there with the Indian hockey team for the world cup. He was a DIG at that time, and was interacting with DIG of Lahore during his stay. After formal introduction in English, both the DIGs were more comfortable talking in Punjabi. In couple of minutes they started their choicest Punjabi conversation, and Mr. Kapoor started feeling as if he was talking to a DIG from our side of Punjab! DIG Lahore told him that his mother is from Amritsar, and Mr. Kapoor informed him that his in-laws belong to Sialkot, to which DIG Lahore responded humorously in Punjabi, "Mein nanke nahin ja sakda, tusi sore nahi ja sakde." Next day during the hockey match the scenario was totally heated up with even school children shouting slogans against India, which worried Mr. Kapoor as these students would be future generals and leaders. He stated that one to one, Pakistanis are tremendous people, very cooperative and affectionate. Being an intelligence officer, on one side he was under surveillance, and on the other side there is so much nostalgia that when he went out for his meals or shopping, the shop keepers refused to take money from him saying, you are our guest, and let us talk about our countries (watanan di galan karange). Like Amritsar, Lahore too is famous for street food. Mr. Kapoor also recalled the very cordial meeting he had with Mayor of Lahore.

Discussing the problem in Pakistan, he said, "The whole administration and money is concentrated in few hands." In India we have a strong middle class (which is bigger than total population of Pakistan). The Indian youth, boys and girls are working and concentrating on their job and family. India is coming up; it is advancing in all aspects. The youth of India knows exactly what they want out of life. They are clear in their mind and have the positive attitude.

All politicians and generals in Pakistan are Punjabis. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is a Punjabi, and his house is in a village in Amritsar. These people are the rulers and are very well educated from Oxford. But the masses have no education. The youth in Pakistan are misguided and confused.



Introduced by Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, new Rotarian Joginder Singh being inducted by PDG Shaju Peter



Introduced by PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, new Rotarian Dr. Sanjay Mishra being inducted by PDG Shaju Peter



Mr. V.K. Kapoor presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi. Looking on is President Tulsi



Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra presents a memento to Mr. V.K. Kapoor. Looking on is President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi



Mr. V.K. Kapoor presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee. Looking on is President Tulsi



PP Rtn. Saroj Jhavar cuts the birthday cake on behalf of her husband Mr. Sita Ram



Mr. Kapoor presents birthday gift to R'ann Parveen. Looking on are President Tulsi and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali



Mr. Kapoor presents punctuality award to Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar

Mr. Kapoor said in Pakistan the army is controlling the country, whether it is army rule or the elected government. Whereas in India, the biggest advantage is that the army and our intelligence services just do their job and they do not have any stakes in politics. We all like to have a good government. But in Pakistan the mind set is different, having ideological subversion.

Mr. Kapoor strongly feels that peace could be achieved through dialogue. It is more important that both Pakistan and India should have trade. Hence, better trade relations between India and Pakistan will help in building trust. This will further lead to discussing peace initiatives between the two nations. Trade or mutually beneficial business relations will create a win win situation, peace and prosperity in the region.

There was an interesting interactive discussion between Mr. Kapoor and the Rotarians who appreciated the views given by Mr. Kapoor. Vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra, who briefly shared his experience while posted at the borders. Thanking Mr. Kapoor on behalf of all Rotarians, Gen. Chopra said, "Mr. Kapoor articulated in a wonderful manner, and what he said has lot of weight. Dialogues must continue." He agreed with the speaker that trade is the best solution for bringing the change.

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Scholarship program

Rtn. Arjan Singh made a pleasant announcement of four years scholarship program for girl students doing their engineering. This has been possible due to the financial support by PP Rtn. Ritu

Singal who would contribute Rs. 50000/- per year. PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu and Rtn. Amanpreet Singh would contribute Rs. 25000/- each, per year.

Samridhi – District Membership Seminar



DGE David Hilton welcomes the Chief Guest RIDE Dr. Manoj Desai



RIDE Dr. Manoj Desai having pleasant conversation with PDG Shaju Peter and PDG Maj. Som Dutt

Samridhi - District Membership Seminar was organized by Rotary Himalyan Ranges on 31st August 2014 at K.C. Hotel & Spa, Sector 3, Panchkula. District Governor Col. Dilip Patnaik welcomed all

Rudraprayag in Uttarakand state which were washed away due to the devastating floods in June 2013. PDG Ranjan Dhingra briefed us about Rotary India Literacy Mission – TEACH, through a meaningful powerpoint presentation.



RIDE Dr. Manoj Desai



PRID Yash Das

Talking about our current status and target for membership growth, PDG Ranjit Bhatia pointed out that we have not been able to project Rotary as a brand. He said we need to do something so that people get attracted to join Rotary and this can be done by the existing Rotarians who should create big projects at various places which becomes our landmark. In addition to this we should have a strong public relation so that all our activities are visible to general public. We should also involve our Rotaractors as they are the ones who understand Rotary better.

the RI Officers. Speaking about the medical mission at Rwanda, he said he would salute all the doctors and volunteers who made this mission a success. He said Rotary is pure magic as it inspires ordinary people to do extra ordinary things. PRID Yash Das gave an interesting audio visual presentation on 'Rouble to Rubies', that is, successfully rebuilding of schools by our District, in Uttarkashi and

PRIP Raja Saboo could not attend the seminar as he had to leave for a family function in USA. But through an audio visual presentation PRIP Saboo complimented Col. Patnaik for the leadership he is providing. Sharing his views on membership growth, he said, "It has to be an organic and self developing process to have a healthy growth."

District Trainer PDG Shaju Peter introduced the Chief Guest, RI Director 2015-17 Dr. Manoj Desai, charter member of Rotary Club of Baroda Metro, who is a leading spinal surgeon. Dr. Desai spoke about 'Kathni aur Karni', a wonderfully illustrated powerpoint

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presentation, but not before acknowledging the presence of 20 PDGs and a Past RI Director. He referred to the goddesses we worship, and still we have to have a program to 'Save the Girl Child!' He said, "There is lot of difference between Kathni and Karni. What we do, we do not say, and what we say, we do not do." He wondered why for the last 17 years we have stuck to the figure of 1.2 million Rotarians all over the world. However, he is optimistic that once we reach the figure of 1.3 million, we shall grow further up. But Dr. Desai insisted that there should be no difference between Kathni and Karni. He was happy to say that whereas in

USA and Europe membership is going down, we in Asian countries are compensating for their losses! Dr. Desai's presentation and talk was very practical, lively and interesting, which was very well applauded with standing ovation by Rotarians of RI District 3080.

Thanks to President R.T.P.S. Tulsi, our First Lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi and Secretary Salil Bali, our club was recognized for maximum registration of Rotarians and R'anns. Our Rotarians, IPP Deepak Sood, PP Indrajeet Sengupta and PP Prem Anand were honoured for bringing new Rotarians. PP R.K. Luther was honoured for making his wife, Urmil, a Rotarian of our club.

Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Kundan International School



Board 2014-15 of Interact Club of Kundan International School with Rotarians and staff of the school

The Installation ceremony of new board for Rotary year 2014-15 of Interact Club of Kundan International School was held in the School premises on 26th August 2014. Interact President Archana and her team were pinned by Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain in the presence of Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali and Principal Mrs. Manjeet Jauhar. The School Interact coordinator Ms. Nancy Dutta conducted the proceedings very efficiently. A power point presentation was given by the outgoing Rotaract Secretary, highlighting the last year's successful events organised by the Interact Club in association with our Club. With full sincerity and zeal the incoming President announced the events to be undertaken this year.

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Punctuality Award

Won by Rtn. Raj Kumar Khattar



Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Vanita (Veena)

Dr. Sanjay Kalra

R'ann Anita Kapoor

September 06

September 08

September 10



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Chitranshan Aggarwal

September 06

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Lovy & PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter

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