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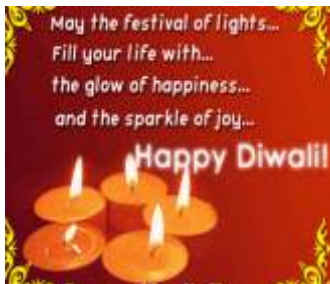
PROGRAMME

Living Healthy in Old Age

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mohit Sharma, MD (Medicine)
Medical Specialist, KUC, Sector 46, Chandigarh

Vocational Awards

Chief Guest:
Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi



Friday, October 31, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Tripartite Rotary Project in Nepal



Rtn. Prof. Chris O'Brien, Rtn. Dorothy O'Brien and Rtn. Rosalie sharing their very satisfying experience of the project in Nepal

In our regular meeting on October 21, 2014 the Chief Guest Rtn. Prof. Chris O'Brien, accompanied by his wife Rtn. Dorothy and Rtn. Rosalie were introduced by PDG Shaju Peter. Prof. Chris spent a significant proportion of his time in the Far East, and was the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham for Malaysia, responsible for the establishment of the University's campus in Kuala Lumpur. He has held appointments as Visiting Professor to a number of Universities in Japan, Eastern Europe and Latin America. In 2003 Professor O'Brien was awarded the OBE (Officer of the British Empire) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for services to education of people with disabilities. Prof. Chris is the Past President and also the President Elect of Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, which has many years of association with our club through their Past President and our past member Rtn. Mohan Khera, who sponsored Shaju to become a Rotarian of our club. Later in the year 1993 Shaju was our club President, when Chris was the President of Wollaton Park, and it was during that year we

had our first joint matching grant project.

Appreciations for Chandigarh Midtown: Prof. Chris said, "The real reason we wanted to be with you was to say a very big thank you for joining together with us for the matching grant project in Nepal." He then recalled inducting Mohan Khera into Wollaton Park when he was the President. Prof. Chris remarked, "Mohan considers Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown as an example as how to run a Rotary Club! And he always holds up your bulletin, which I freely admit is a thousand times better than ours, and when I am the President next year I am going to copy it because really it is marvellous bulletin, and I always admired it."

In his powerpoint presentation Prof. Chris gave a detailed view of the Matching Grant project of Water and Sanitation taken up at Mirge village in Nepal, a joint project of Rotary Clubs of Wollaton Park (UK), Chandigarh Midtown (India) and Patan (Nepal). He explained how five kilometres of pipeline was laid out by involving the local community. Prof. Chris concluded his talk by placing on record that the impact of this project is that 450 homes and 3000 villagers receive running water and have water taps, 32 toilets (27 bio-gas) have been installed. A government school also receives running water.

As PP Dr. Vanita Gupta put it, "The visit of the Rotarians from RC Wollaton Park was a big success. It was an education for all our club members to learn how these Rotarians have been able to transform a whole village and its people, in a remote hilly area of Nepal, and we should feel extremely grateful to Wollaton Park for allowing us to partner with them."

Vote of thanks was proposed by Director International Service Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, who appreciated the great cause taken up by Prof. Chris O'Brien in a remote village of Nepal, and also including education, specially for the girl child, as we have done in our literacy program.

Rtn. Rosalie stayed with R'ann Moon Inder and PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu. PP Rtn. Chris and Dorothy O'Brien stayed with PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita and Dr. Bhushan C. Gupta. It was interesting that they celebrated diwali together and their presence made the festival even more brighter as Bhushan made sure that the real traditional way of celebrations be showcased to them. Vanita also thanked PDG Shaju for making them part of this program.



President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsı and PDG Shaju Peter present mementos and flags to Prof. Chris O'Brien, Dorothy and Rosalie. Looking on are Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali



Rtn. Arjan Singh is pleased to announce disbursement of scholarship cheque to Kamakshi, contributed by PP Rtn. Ritu Singal. R'ann Moon Inder Sandhu presents the other cheque to Soamy Chaudhary, jointly contributed by PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu and Rtn. Amanpreet Singh



Rtn. Rosalie presents our microloan cheque of Rs. 30000/- to a Nepali boy, settled in Chandigarh. Looking on are President Bali, PP Rtn. Prem Anand and Secretary Salil Bali



Prof. Chris O'Brien presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Moon Inder & PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu



Prof. Chris presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria

Pink Walk jointly by Sahayta and Rotary Chandigarh Midtown (In continuation of report in previous bulletin No. 17)



Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown join the pink walk in Sector 17, Chandigarh. (L-R:) First Lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, R'ann Purnima Sood, R'ann Sudha Puri, Rtn. Urnil Luther, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PDG Shaju Peter, R'ann Guninder Dua, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Ashok Puri, PP Rtn. Ritu Singal, IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood and PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan

Sahayta Charitable Welfare Society, in collaboration with Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, led by our first lady Ranjana Tulsi, who coordinated with Sahayta, being its active member, efforts of VP Dr. Rita Kalra, and support of our Rotarians, organized Chandigarh City Pink Walk on 18th October 2014, from Circus Ground, Sector 17 to Plaza Sector 17, Chandigarh, followed by Breast Cancer Awareness Programme at Plaza. Rtn. Salil Chopra managed the tentage, Rtn. Sanjay and Ritu Bhatia donated T-shirts. Candles, sound, banners and placards were arranged by R'ann Ranjana Tulsi and Dr. Rita Kalra. Media coverage was organized by President R.T.P.S. Tulsi.



Mrs. Neelam Man Singh address the audience at Plaza



Nnkud Natak staged at Plaza to spread awareness

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VP Dr. Rita Kalra on a riksha, with Secretary Salil Bali, PDG Shaju Peter, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Rtn. Ashok Puri



Dr. Rita Kalra addresses the audience of the pink evening at Plaza



Mrs. & Mr. S.S. Dheer, Retd. Chief Engineer, President R.T.P.S. Tulsi, PP Ritu Singal and looking from back is R'ann Purnima Sood

PDG Shaju on ABC of Rotary at Panipat



Presentation by PDG Shaju Peter

The fourth in the series of New Member Orientation Seminars was co-hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Panipat South and Panipat Central at New Township Club, Model Town, Panipat on October 5, 2014.

The Seminar attended by nearly 60 Rotarians from Panipat and adjoining towns had PDG Shaju Peter as the Chief Guest and DGE David Hilton as the Guest of Honour. In a 20-minute presentation Shaju brought home to the delegates the basics of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

Among the panel which answered questions from the participants were PDG Ranjit Bhatia and PDG Pramod Vij.

Diwali celebrations with adult centre students and at Night School Sarangpur



Diwali Celebrations with adult students




Diwali Celebrations with students of Night School, Sarangpur

Diwali celebrations with students of adult rural centres at Rose Garden on 18th October 2014 was enjoyed by all. It was first off site learning experience as some of them were out in city for the first time. The meals served were cooked by Mansa Devi Trust. Transport was organised by Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney. Gifts were sponsored by PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan, PP Rtn. Ritu Singal and VP Rtn. Dr Rita Kalra. PP Rtn R.K. Luther, Rtn. Urmil Luther, Rtn Ashok Puri, R'ann Sudha Puri, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali and Mr. & Mrs. B.L. Kalra were part of the organising team. It was interesting to know why students chose to be literate at this point in life. 60

students and 15 teachers participated in celebrations and also joined us for the pink walk.

At our Night School in Sarangpur children were distributed ladoos, biscuits, chocolates, juices, chips, crackers etc. by PP Dr. Vanita Gupta, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PE Kanan Diwan, Secretary Salil Bali and Rtn. Ashok Puri. Sports kit consisting of football, rackets and shuttles were handed over to the teacher by R'ann Ritu Bhatia. 65 books for library have also been handed over from our collection and will be given to students based on their performance.

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Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat organized in Schools



On 18th October 2014 a course on 'Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat' was organized in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh, where 50 children along with 7 teachers participated in a 90 minute talk to bring awareness about water and air pollution and cleanliness drive in the school. On 20th October in a similar program, 60 students who didn't have chairs, sat on durries. The Principal and teachers in both the programs, appreciated the students for their pledge for cleaning school premises, and spread awareness to their families and neighbours. If guided properly, these students can do miracles.

Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and Rtn. Salil Chopra giving useful information to students

Bournvita and sweets were distributed to students in both the schools.

End Polio drive



This initiative of Rotarians will go a long way towards End Polio drive

Responding to call given by International PolioPlus Committee, on 24th October 2014, we illuminated the Government Hospital at Panchkula and exhibited a Rotary International documentary film for public awareness. A donation of Rs. 1500/- was collected on the spot in 15 minutes. The President proposed similar sessions in the hospital on OPD days also. Any member wishing to contribute to this cause should donate towards TRF.

World's Greatest Meal

On 20th October 2014 Industrialists, businessmen, lawyers and doctors donned the waiters' aprons at Hot Million-2 in Sector 17, Chandigarh, to raise funds for polio eradication from the world. Organized by Rotary Chandigarh, one could see PRIP Raja Saboo, PDG Kanwal Bedi, PDG Madhukar Malhotra, DGE David Hilton and other Rotarians serving with smile, to add a special flavour to make it the 'World's Greatest Meal'. Rtn. Susanne Rea, from

Australia, who is the brain behind the worldwide campaign of 'World's Greatest Meal', was also there at HM-2. She said, "Worldwide across 51 countries, nearly 700 similar fund-raising events have happened under World's Greatest Meal campaign. Nearly \$ 400,000 have been raised, which is being matched by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with double the amount, taking it to over \$ 1.2 million."

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Lovy Peter

November 02

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

Rtn. Ashwani K. Bhateja

Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur



November 02

November 04

November 04

Special Announcement by President

A sum of Rs. 3.71 lakh has been collected for J&K Relief Fund

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Aruna & Rtn. Ashok Aggarwal

November 01

Punctuality Award

Won by PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria



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