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PROGRAMME

The Rotary Foundation

'Partnering for Peace: Today's Successes, Tomorrow's Challenges'

Chief Guest:

Carolyn Jones  
From Alaska, USA

First Woman Trustee of The Rotary Foundation

Official Visit of  
District Governor  
on Friday, January  
16, 2015



Friday, January 09, 2015

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Club Assembly

The Club Assembly on January 02, 2015 was chaired by Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi. President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi welcomed him, and wished everybody a very Happy New Year. The President said, "We all are required to resolve as Rotarians about the Four Way Test;

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

President Tulsi further resolved that we need to adopt the Four Way Test in our daily life. He also reminded us about the Rotarian Code of Conduct, which he made all present to read along with him;

"As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians."

All five Directors of our club gave their reports of the projects and activities undertaken by our Club during first six months of current Rotary year, and plans to be accomplished during the remaining six months.

In his address, AG H.S. Saggi expressed his appreciation for what our club has done till now. He said, "You take any avenue. If the basics are clear everything falls in place." He added that the challenge is to raise the bar. IPP Deepak Sood had done it. President Tulsi too is continuing doing it, and the AG was confident that PE Kanan Diwan will also do it.

He admired the unique projects undertaken by our club, and specially mentioned the mali project. He also praised RYLA organized by our club in which 125 disabled young persons had participated. He expressed great satisfaction in doing projects for special children.

He also appreciated the timely reporting of our club's activities by Secretary Salil Bali, and acknowledged the support offered to the AG by our President!

He concluded, "Chandigarh Midtown is different. That is the cutting edge. You have to compete with yourself. Keep it on."

Projects and Activities presented by the five Directors are summarized below;

### Club Service

- PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria received highest recognition of RI 'Service Above Self Award'
- 8 new members inducted 2 transferred. Present Strength - 123 members.
- Unanimous election of Club Board 2015-16.
- 26 Club bulletins were published, E-bulletins uploaded on time, and weekly updating of our club website.
- 26 club meetings held with PPT's support: Attendance 55-60%. 4 Cultural Events and 15 sponsored fellowships.
- 6 Board meetings followed by dinner, with spouses.
- 4 District events attend by club and received 2 awards for maximum participation.
- 9 Rotary Information Posts installed in Rotaract/Interact Clubs for lighting up Rotary.



AG H.S. Saggi addressing the Chandigarh Midtowners



President Ravi Tulsi making New Year resolution



**Director  
Club Service**  
Rtn. Col. Dr. V.K. Kapoor



**Director  
Vocational Service**  
PP Rtn. R.K. Luther



**Director  
Community Service**  
Rtn. Ashok K. Puri



**Director  
International Service**  
Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua



**Director  
Youth Service**  
Rtn. Salil Chopra

### Vocational Service

- One year Home Care Nursing Course started in July at our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta's Sector 15 Clinic in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown and financially supported by the Club.
- 4 Adult Education Centers as part of Signature Project on 14 Aug. (11-27) mostly women in JMNv, Jagatpura; on 22 Aug. (25) in JMNv, Nayagaon; 5 Sept. (25) in Kundan School Sector 46 and on 12 Sept. in village Faida.
- School Bags and Stationary Items distributed in the adult, computer centers and Sarangpur School.
- 2 Teacher honored on 5 the Sept.
- Pecco machine installed in Sewing and Tailoring School at Faida.
- Computer training of 21 girls completed and 15 girls training started on 15 Aug. at village Khuda Ali Sher; for 20 students started on 18 Sept. at JMNSV 20 students at Ashiana Orphanage and certificates issued to 8 special children in association with RCC Panchkula.
- 6 months Refrigeration and Electrician Course for 10 students stated on 8 Oct. in village Burail.
- Vocational Awards given to 3 persons. Tool kits given to 8 candidates after completion of Refrigeration cum Electrician Course in Vilage Khuda Lahora.
- Mali training started on 29 Aug to improve their skill, inaugurated by Director PGI.

### Community Service

- J&K Flood Relief Donations of Rs. 3.77 Lakh collected by Club.
- 1.5 lakh worth material collected by Rotaract Club Dev Samaj handed over to an NGO Salam Zindagi.
- 4 Adult Education Centers Opened in Aug to Oct. at Village Jagatpura, Nayagaon, Faida and Kundan International School, Sector 46, Chandigarh.
- Pink Walk for Breast and cervix Cancer Awareness in Sector-17, Chandigarh on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 in collaboration with Sahayata Cancer Sahyog.
- 3 Blood Donation Camps, 58 Units of blood on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Village Khuda Ali Sher ; 123 units of blood on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014 at PGGC-46 College and 102 Units of blood on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2014 at Vidya Jyoti College, Dera Bassi.
- Annapurna Day Celebrations on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. 1100 Persons served with langar - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at three places. Langar on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in Lepers colony.
- Children for Children Program on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2014 : Video Presentation for Polio Awareness at AKSIPS-41 and at Gurukul Global School MM, on 27 Dec. 14 at Kundan School and Gurukul Global School School, Manimajra. Rs. 6630/- collected. Rotary Posts Installed in the Schools.
- 20 blankets for use in Aasra sarai on 10th and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

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The Rotary Foundation :

- 4 new PHFs.
- We have 5 Paul Harris Society members who have committed \$ 1000 every year.
- We added one more major donor, total – 3.

Micro loans :

- Distributed to beneficiaries.

Scholarships :

- Granted for professional education of girls

Matching grants :

- GG Desk project under progress.
- GG hearing aids, 15 new cases identified.

End Polio Now :

- World Polio Day celebrated on 24.10.14.

- Public awareness seminar on polio eradication.

**Youth Service**

- 3 new Interact Clubs formed.
- 2 new RCCs formed.
- Towards Total Literacy : 23 programs conducted in 5 Govt. Schools. 29 more to be completed within current Rotary year.
- Memorial Debate for Rotaractors.
- Rotaract Inter city.
- Vocational workshop at Kartar Asra
- RYLA VISHESH for special children. 125 disabled youth participated. Our 2 RCCs comprising of disabled persons assisted our Rotarians to make this event a grand success

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra who thanked Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi for being with us to review the progress made by our club and inspire us for completing our tasks during the current Rotary year.



Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra presents a memento to AG H.S. Saggi. Looking on are President Ravi Tuli and Secretary Salil Bali



AG H.S. Saggi presents birthday gift to Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood gives details of the Bench project



AG H.S. Saggi presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep. Looking on are President Ravi Tuli and Secretary Salil Bali



Rtn. Salil Bali and Rtn. Salil Chopra inspiring the children of Orphan School at Kartar Asra

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## Modification by RI Board

The RI Board modified Rotary's calendar of special observances to designate specific months highlighting the Areas of Focus. The new special observance months are:

- September : Basic Education and Literacy
- October : Economic and Community Development
- December : Disease Prevention and Treatment

- January : Vocational Service
- February : Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- March : Water and Sanitation
- April : Maternal and Child Health
- May : Youth Services

## Visit to Orphanage School



Dr. Rita shares cake with children

On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015 RCC members and Rotaractors visited Orphan School at Kartar Aasra in which their President, Secretary and other team members, along with our Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali and Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra took active part.

They explained the importance of zebra crossing, traffic lights and helmets.

The children showed keen interest and desired that on every Sunday Rotarians should educate them on different topics.

Rotaractors also celebrated the birthday of Dr. Rita Kalra, in presence of her husband Dr. Sanjay Kalra and the children of orphan school, with cake cutting and distribution of juice amongst all present.

## Rotary South Asia Literacy Summit 2015, Pune

Rotarians, Spouses, Inner Wheel Club Members, Rotaractors, Volunteers and Partners are invited to join the movement for Total Literacy & Quality Education in South Asia, to be held on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February 2015, at The Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune. To encourage spouses and Inner Wheel members to register more and

more, Couple Registration is reduced from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 9,500/-. Inner Wheel registration is slashed down to Rs. 4,000/-. These rates are for early bird registrations before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Airfares too are low right now. Book now to take advantage.

## Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations to Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua and R'ann Guninder as their son Dr. Navjeet Dua and daughter-in-law Meenu have been blessed with baby son Gurveer on the auspicious Gurburub day, that is, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014, in London.

## Acknowledgment with thanks

For fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

- VP Rtn. Rita Kalra

- Board 2014-15

## Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

## Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

Rtn. Lt. Comdr. A.S. Nagra

Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Sahajpal

Rtn. Salil Chopra



January 09

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January 12

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