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PROGRAMME

District Conference - 'Saudamini'  
Hosted by Rotary Club Dehradun Central  
Home Club of DG Col. Dilip Patnaik

## Star Attraction



Punjabi Sufi Singers - Wadali Brothers

February 20-22, 2015

## Eminent Personalities

HE Governor of Uttarakhand  
HH Swami Chidanand Saraswati  
Commandant IMA - Lt. Gen. Manvendra Singh  
Chairman NPPI - Deepak Kapoor  
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R.I. Representative - PDG V.G. Nayanar

Venue: Indian Military Academy, Dehradun

## Celebration of Valentine's Day

On February 13, 2015 the meeting was presided by President Elect Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan as President Rtn. Ravi Tulsi was away to Delhi to celebrate his mother Mrs. Baljit Kaur Tulsi's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and also his own 71<sup>st</sup> one, as both mother and son were born on the same date, that is, 14<sup>th</sup> February! Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra also could not attend the meeting as she was out of station. Following the format laid down by President Tulsi, the meeting was started by PE Kanan by reading the ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships, the Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

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?

PE Kanan handed over the meeting to R'ann Ritu Bhatia who anchored the Valentine's Day celebrations and did a great job to make the proceedings vibrant and joyful.

The history of Valentine's Day was given by Harleen, daughter of PN Rtn. Amarjit Singh. Harleen explained that Valentine's Day took its origin from 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop. Before the establishment of Valentine's Day, the Romans had practiced a Pagan Celebration in mid-February. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage girls from a box. The girl assigned to each young man would be his companion for a year. Roman Emperor Claudius banned marriage from his empire. But Valentine secretly performed marriages. When Claudius found out about Valentine, he sentenced him to death. While in prison, Valentine fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer. Before his death, he sent a farewell message to her, signed 'From your Valentine.' The phrase is still used on Valentine cards today. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day became popular in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Lovers and friends exchanged small tokens of affection and handwritten notes. By the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, printed cards replaced handwritten notes. Valentine's Day



PE Mrs. Kanan Diwan



R'ann Ritu Bhatia

was imported to North America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by British settlers. In the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the practice of giving gifts along with paper-laced cards became popular. Roses, candies and chocolates are the most commonly exchanged Valentine's Day Gifts. Today, it is estimated that one billion Valentine cards are sent each year, 85% of which are sent by women. Valentine's Day is mostly celebrated in the United States, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France and Australia.

R'ann Lovy Peter narrated how she met PDG Shaju, when she was a young lawyer in the High Court at Calcutta. Lovy said Shaju is a caring husband, who also looked after his mother-in-law. She said marriage involves commitment and adjustment in life. Rtn. Salil Chopra surprised everybody by meticulously playing a popular song of 'evergreen' Dev Anand on a mouth organ. Poetess of our Club Rtn. Mrs. Deepa Bhar entertained us with 'sher and shayari'. Rtn. Mrs. Urmil and PP Rtn. R.K. Luther came up with a hilarious skit. Other Rotarians, R'anns and the children entertained us with songs, poetry and jokes.

PE Kanan Diwan distributed flower bouquets to Rotarians, R'anns and the children. Vote of thanks was given by Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney, who thanked all those who were present and the participants for an enjoyable cultural program.



*PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria*



*Rtn. Amarjit Singh & R'ann Sunita*



*Rtn. Deepa Bhar*



*PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan  
& PE Kanan*



*Harleen d/o Rtn. Amarjit Singh*



*PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta and her mother  
Mrs. Prem Gupta*



*R'ann Archana & Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur*



*R'ann Lovy Peter*



*Rtn. Rekha and Mr. Ravi Kant Sawhney*



*Rtn. Salil Chopra & R'ann Renu Chopra*



*Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali*



*Sanmeet d/o Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney*

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*Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua*



*Rtn. Vijay Kumar*



*R'ann Manjit & PP Rtn. H.C. Sethi*



*Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia & R'ann Ritu*



*PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra*



*R'ann Shashi & PP Rtn. Dr. Balam Gupta*



*R'ann Simranpreet & Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney*



*Rtn. Vinod Sobti*



*PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan presents wedding anniversary gift to Rtn. Mrs. Urmil & PP Rtn. R.K. Luther*



*PE Kanan presents birthday gift to our senior most lady Rotarian, since 1989, Rtn. Davinder K. Singh*



*PE Kanan presents birthday gift to R'ann Ritu Bhatia*

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PE Kanan presents punctuality award to Rtn. Salil Chopra. Looking on is Secretary Salil Bali



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney



Blood Donation Camp at Dev Samaj College, Sector 45, Chandigarh

## Blood Donation Camp at Dev Samaj College

Blood donation camp was organised by Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College on 12/2/2015 in Sector 45, Chandigarh. 70 units were collected and donors were students, and people from the surrounding

sectors. All the donors were given bags by our club, represented by President Ravi Tulsi, Secretary Salil Bali, VP Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney.

## Past Presidents Institute at Dehradun

A meeting of the Past Presidents of the District is being organised from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on February 20, 2015, at Hotel Saffron Leaf, GMS Road, Dehradun. The purpose of the meeting is to have an interactive discussion to promote positive leadership at all levels. The

meeting shall be followed by High Tea. The registration charges are Rs 200/- per person, which is to be paid at the counter. To participate in this meeting mail to the Convenor, PDG Prem Bhalla (prempbhalla@gmail.com).

## Acknowledgement with thanks

### For hosting the Fellowship

PP Rtn. R.K. Luther

Rtn. Mrs. Urmil Luther

### Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Salil Chopra

## Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Rajiv Gupta

Rtn. Joginder Singh

PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu



February 21

February 23

February 26

## Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Ranjeet & Rtn. Srirambir Sandhu

R'ann Mira & PP Rtn. J.L. Mahajan

R'ann Renu & Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra

February 20

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