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PROGRAMME

Three Parent Baby - A boon or a bane for the Society

Audio Visual Presentation by:

Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

Professor Emeritus & Former Chairman, Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Friday, February 27, 2015

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

District Conference - 'Saudamini'

District Conference – 'Saudamini' was held at Dehradun on February 20-22, 2015, hosted by Rotary Club Dehradun Central, the home Club of District Governor Rtn. Col. Dilip Patnaik. A meeting of the Past Presidents of the District was organised by PDG Rtn. Prem Bhalla on February 20, 2015, at Hotel Saffron Leaf, Dehradun, which was an interactive discussion to promote positive leadership at all levels. Later in the evening there was an entertainment program and Pre-Conference dinner.



Dr. Krishan Kant Paul

The District Conference was inaugurated on February 21, 2015 by His Excellency Dr. Krishan Kant Paul, Governor of Utrakhnad, who was formally introduced by PRIP Rtn. Raja Saboo. An MSc and PhD in Chemistry from Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Paul joined the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1970. He was the Delhi Police Commissioner from February 2004 to July 2007. After retirement, he became a member of Union Public Service Commission. He is credited

with having cracked the first ever cricket betting racket in which South African captain Hansie Cronje was indicted. Prior to his present appointment, Dr. Paul has been the Governor of Meghalaya, Governor of Nagaland, Governor of Mizoram and Governor of Manipur. PRIP Raja Saboo said the Governor has a long association with Rotary, and was even wearing a Rotary jacket for the District Conference.

In his address to a large gathering of Rotarians the Governor said, "Rotary has been a very unique organization, particularly in the social sector, and whatever has been done has been of a very high

order." He added, "Rotarians inspire lot of confidence and that shows the organization is quite solid and work oriented."

The Governor said Rotary is known for its service to humanity and had done excellent work, especially in the sphere of health. He said the remarkable contribution of Rotary in the eradication of Polio from India was a testimony to this. He added that he had been actively associated with Rotary since the time he joined IPS. He said he had closely seen the way Rotary had participated in the efforts to help youth of North eastern states free themselves from addictions and also resolving problems of people in slum areas in Delhi. The Governor said Rotary has also done commendable work in developing human resources.

He expressed concern over the growing incidence of fatal road accidents in the country and said road safety need to be focused upon. He said the status of India in this regard was the worst as compared to other countries. In 2013 alone, there were 1,37,423 serious road accidents in India, a figure that is 10 percent of the accidents all over the world. The Governor said Rotary can implement an action plan to minimise the loss of lives in road accidents. Referring to the Swachh Bharat Mission, Dr. Paul talked of support from Rotary to create a clean environment in slum areas of the country. He further said Rotary's activeness and cooperation would accelerate the success of this mission.

There was very impressive audio visual presentation by all the eminent speakers during the two day conference.



PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo



RID P.T. Prabhakar presented the Success of Rotary



PRID Yash Das Rubble to Rubies, wipes out disaster of 2013



MLA Shaila Rani Rawat thanks Rotarians for re-building the schools



PDG V.G. Nayanar, RI President Rep spoke on 'Light up Rotary'



DG Col. Dilip Patnaik gave a detailed profile of RI District 3080



Polio update by PDG Deepak Kapoor, Chair India PolioPlus



Lt. Gen. Manvendra Singh – Service: The Shared Motto



DG Jean Runuya, RID 9150, Rwanda thanks for medical projects



Message of goodwill by PDG John Deysher, RID 5010, USA



An impressive Odishi dance performance was given by Padmashri Geeta Mahalik during the inaugural session. In the evening the famous Wadali Brothers gave a thrilling performance to make the Rotarians to dance to their tune



Six Rotarians graduated in 2013-14 Leadership Academy. From our club PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Rtn. Ashok Puri received their certificates from PRIP Raja Saboo, PDG Ranjit Bhatia and IPDG Rakesh Aggarwal. Also present on the dais were Dean of the academy PDG Maj. Som Dutt, Associate Dean PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Manmohan Singh, PDG Prem Bhalla and PDG Subhash Garg



PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria receives the 'Service Above Self' award from DG Col. Dilip Patnaik, IPDG Rakesh Aggarwal and PDG Shaju Peter. There were two Rotarians from our District for this prestigious award, the other one being PP Rtn. Manmohan Maini of Ambala Central

Rtn. Vinod Sobti

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Blood Donation Camp

On 19th February 2015 blood donation camp was organized in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Post Graduate Govt. College, Sector 46, Chandigarh in the college premises. Team of doctors from PGI, Chandigarh collected 109 units. The donors were both boys and girls of the college, who were gifted bags and note books by our club to promote our signature project, 'Towards Total Literacy' and to encourage blood donation. President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan, PN Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra, Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra visited the camp and interacted with the in-charge of Rotaractors Mr. Praveen Chaubey, President Rtn. Rajbir Singh, Secretary Rtn. Parag Juneja and Director Rtn. Hardip Dhaliwal, to inspire the donors.

29 units were collected on 20th February in blood donation camp held at Student Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh in association with Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown.

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Rotarians with Rotaractors at the camp in PGGC, Sector 46, Chandigarh

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Association led by Ms. Harleen Kaur, daughter of PN Rtn. Amarjit Singh organized a blood donation camp on 21st February with active support of Principal Mrs. Vinender Tiwana and School management at St. Soldier International Convent School, Phase 7, Mohali. 52 Units of Blood were collected. Special thanks to Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney for arranging team of Doctors from GMCH-32, Chandigarh.



Harleen



Global Grant Project

On February 23, 2015 our club celebrated Rotary's 110th birthday by successfully implementing the first leg of Global Grant Project, that is, Benches Project numbered as GG-1418289. Under this GG project 110 desk and benches, 200 dictionaries and hygiene manual were donated to Anameep School, Hallo Majra, Chandigarh by our club in the presence of Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi

Rotarians of our club present for this prestigious project were President Rtn. Ravi Tulsi, IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra



Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Shradha Sachdeva

February 28

Birthday of Rotarians

PPRtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill

February 28

Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma

March 02



Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Dr. Savita & Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati

February 28

R'ann Amarjit & Rtn. H.S. Bajaj

March 01

R'ann Rekha & Rtn. Lalit K. Azad

March 04

R'ann Shashi & PPRtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

March 04

Please note: Birthday and wedding anniversary gifts of last week will be presented in the meeting on February 27, 2015.



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