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## PROGRAMME Club Assembly

Friday, April 17, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

### **Baisakhi Mela**



*Looking like a Maharaja! Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney in traditional Punjabi dress with his daughter, Jasmehar*

On April 10, 2015 our regular meeting was dedicated to Baisakhi celebrations. President Rtn. Ravi Tulsi wished every one Baisakhi greetings and was highly pleased to announce the receipt of two certificates from RI President Gary C.K. Huang; one for Service Above Self Awardee PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, and the other one, RI President's citation for our Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.

President Ravi then handed over the proceedings to Dr. Rita who did full justice to her role, and gave a detailed video presentation of Baisakhi festival which is celebrated as the Sikh New Year and the founding of the Khalsa Panth. History of Baisakhi traces its origin from the Baisakhi Day celebrations of 1699 organized by the Tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh ji, to form Khalsa, Brotherhood of Saint Soldiers to fight against tyranny and oppression.

The cultural program was dominated by lady Rotarians and R'anns of our club who displayed high quality talent which was enjoyed and highly appreciated by all present. We also had a professional dholki artist Naseeb Singh who had performed with the world famed Gurdas Maan and other reputed singers.

The event which was fully charged up with fun, frolic and excitement was very well organized, and was followed by fellowship jointly hosted by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep and Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua.

### **The impressive participants**



*R'ann Neeru Khattar (PDC)*



*R'ann Purnima Sood*



*R'ann Parul Bali*



*R'ann Bir Gulati*



*Rtn. Suman Gupta & Rtn. Rekha Sawhney*



*Naseeb Singh*



*Bhangara by Rotractors of Vidya Jyoti Club*





The stage is on fire as Rotarians join the Rotaractors for bhanga to have the most vibrant performance of the program

**Congrats Tochy and Preety**  
Our heartiest congratulations to R'ann Preety & PP Rtn. Trilochan S. Anand who have become proud grand parents of twin grand daughters. Their daughter Tara and her husband Ambar Taneja were blessed in Hong Kong on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Both the twins are on special care and are doing well.



Project announcements by IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Arjan Singh



Mrs. G.B. Singh presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. R.K. Luther. Looking on are first lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi and Rtn. Mrs. Urmil Luther

Birthday gift to Rtn. Daulat Ram Agarwal from Mrs. G.B. Singh. Looking on are R'ann Ranjana Tulsi and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali



Wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Pritpal & Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati, who also receives his birthday gift

Punctuality award is being presented to Rtn. Surjit Kumar

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## Service Above Self Awardee B.L. Ramsisaria



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February 2015

B.L. Ramsisaria  
The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town

Dear Rotarian Ramsisaria,

The importance of Service Above Self has long been recognized by Rotarians who understand the power and reward of helping their friends and neighbors in need.

In 1991, the RI Board of Directors created the Service Above Self Award to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's principal motto. While many Rotarians distinguish themselves through service, it is important to recognize those outstanding few who have indeed made service a way of life.

We asked current and past Rotary officers to submit the names and accomplishments of outstanding Rotarians. While we received a large response, only a maximum of 150 Rotarians may receive the RI Service Above Self Award each year. The Board was faced with the challenge of selecting the very best from a pool of exceptional candidates. It is my very great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive this honor.

With this award, our Rotary family recognizes the contributions you have made through Rotary over the years. I believe you are an extraordinary example of how each Rotarian can make a difference. I am honored to have you as my fellow Rotarian and I thank you for all you have done, and all you will continue to do, to *Light Up Rotary*.

Yours sincerely,

Gary C.K. Huang  
President, 2014-15  
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PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria who has recently been presented the prestigious Service Above Self Award, has also received a letter from Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang, recognizing the contributions PP Ramsisaria has made through Rotary over the years, and for being an extra ordinary example of how each Rotarian can make a difference. RI President has personally thanked him for all he has done, and will continue to do, to *Light Up Rotary*.

Along with the letter, reproduced on the left, a plaque has also been received, as shown below.



## Citation for Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra



PE Kanan Diwan presents the recognition certificate signed by RI President Gary C.K. Huang, to Dr. Rita Kalra. Looking on are President Ravi Tulsi and Secretary Salil Bali

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## Cleanliness drive by our Club

On April 11, 2015 Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown had initiated cleanliness drive along with members of Interact Club of Manimajra in which the members of market committee of Sector 7, Panchkula also joined us. Seen in action were our President Rtn. Ravi Tuls, PDG Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood, R'ann Purnima Sood, PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan, PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Rtn. D.R. Agarwal, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Suman Gupta with her husband Mr. Naresh Kumar Gupta and other prominent persons. There were 20 young members from the Interact Club who were fully charged up for this event.

They marched through the sector chanting slogans like 'Clean



Rotarians on cleanliness drive

India Green India', 'Hamara Bharat Swachh Bharat', 'Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat', and running commentary through loudspeaker advising the shopkeepers and general public for keeping clean verandahs, use of dustbins and not to throw garbage in public places.

The shop owners appreciated and cheered the Rotarians and Interactors as they were picking up the garbage from open places and putting them in garbage bags, thereby inspiring the public to do same and keep the market and surroundings clean.

The shopkeepers and public at large were impressed as three bags of garbage was collected and disposed off by the team. The cleanliness drive went on for an hour and the members of Interact Club were served refreshments. Jackets, disposable gloves and masks were used by the participants. The jackets costing Rs. 13000/- was sponsored by Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal.

Rtn. Salil Chopra said, "This program would continue as a regular feature." He also urged Rotarians to start the cleanliness drive in their own sectors for which our club would be too pleased to be associated to keep our surrounding areas clean. Every Rotarian's prime objective should be to keep Chandigarh tricity truly 'City Beautiful', and also to keep up with the call, 'Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat', given by Prime Minister Narinder Modi.

## Acknowledgement with thanks

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## Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Madhu Jindal

April 20

R'ann Sangeeta Singla

April 21

## Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati

April 18

PE Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan

April 20

## Punctuality Draw:

Won by Rtn. Surjit Kumar





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