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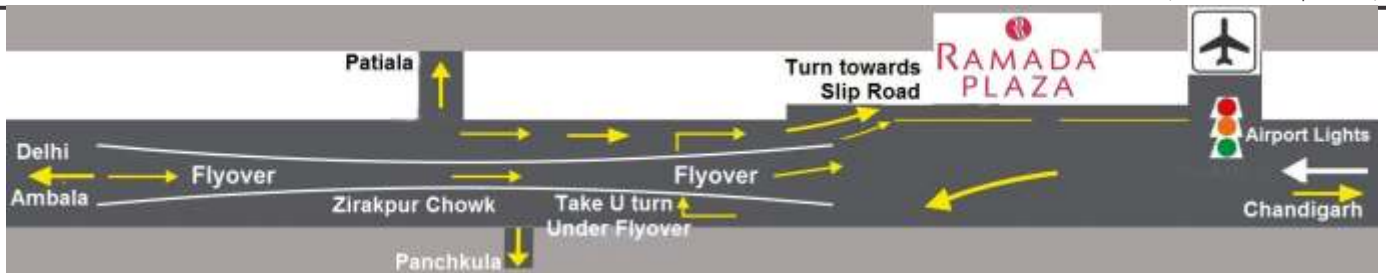
Valedictory Function
Chief Guest: DGE David Hilton
Hosts: Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi
President and Board 2014-15



Saturday, June 27, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel Ramada Plaza, Zirakpur
(See Route Map below)



Father's Day



R'anns Lovy Peter and Ranjana Tulsi

Our regular meeting on June 19, 2015 was dedicated to Father's Day, which is observed every year on the third Sunday of June for honoring all fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, and father figures for their contribution.



R'ann Neeru Khattar

R'ann Sudha Puri talked of her father who was very fond of reading and writing, which he used to share with her. She recited a poem in Hindi which conveyed that we should do good deeds so that we have our own identity and become role model. She said we should be kind to everyone and should have the power of forgiveness.

Tulsi gave an interesting audio visual presentation on Father's Day as an invocation. After this he handed over the meeting to R'ann Lovy Peter, Counsellor, Family of Rotary, who along with our First Lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi took charge of the proceedings. Lovy introduced the Judge of the event, R'ann Neeru Khattar, Past District Chair of Inner Wheel District 308, as a versatile personality who was once a radio artist and involved in number of cultural activities.

R'ann Bir Gulati said her father inspired her to sing and become a radio artist. Remembering him she came up with a melodious song which she had sung at the time of her marriage.

The first speaker R'ann Purnima Sood was short and crisp as she explained how her husband is a wonderful father to their two daughters, and gives them lot of care, love and affection.

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra spoke about her children's father, who was available to take care of them in spite of his busy professional schedule. Though children spent more time with her, yet they were attracted towards their father, and now they interact with him on facebook!

PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep said having a child completes life in many ways. He said his son has given them absolute joy for last 31 years. He said, "What we look forward to now is that we get emotional insurance."



The participants: L-R: Purnima Sood, Sudha Puri, Bir Gulati, Dr. Rita Kalra, Gurdip S. Deep and Ritu Bhatia

For the last speaker of the meeting R'ann Lovy Peter said, "There are mother extra ordinaries. I will introduce to you father extra ordinary, Capt. Charanjit Vohra," who is younger brother of PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Barkha, who was brought up by Capt. Vohra since she was an



Barkha gives her presentation. Looking on is Capt. Vohra

infant, gave her presentation in fluent English. She is a daughter of parents who have been working as domestic help. She said, "I was just a few months old when they started working for Capt. Charanjit Vohra whom they addressed as sahabji, which I could only pronounce as Baji". In her short presentation she explained how she had been looked after by her Baji. She added, "I got everything that I wanted as he made sure I do not get a complex in presence of children from good families." She concluded, "I wish there were more fathers like Baji so that every child in this world would get equal opportunity to succeed in life." The Judge Neeru Khattar and Lovy got up to give Barkha a standing ovation which was followed by all Rotarians with a loud applause.

Rotary International Convention: Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and her husband, Dr. Sanjay Kalra, attended the RI Convention at São Paulo, Brazil. In our regular meeting she gave an elaborate presentation about this international event. Dr. Rita's report on the RI Convention is given below;

"106th RI convention at Sao Palo was very informative, academic and interactive Rotary experience which actually started the moment we landed at Rio in Brazil on 31st May 2015, well 6 days in advance. Rotarians from all over the world were unwinding and relaxing before the D day on beaches of Rio, touring around to taste the famous cuisines of Brazil, learn about history and culture of this once Portuguese colony, and enjoying the fellowship. We got a chance to meet many Rotarians settled in US, Canada, Australia who were part of our tour program. The museums, the monuments, the botanical gardens, the dance, music,



PDG Shaju Peter, R'ann Lovy and PE Kanan Diwan present token of appreciation to President R.T.P.S. Tulsi and R'ann Ranjana for the very successful year under his leadership



PE Kanan Diwan presents a memento to Judge R'ann Neeru Khattar, PDC (IW)

the fruits in fact everything reflected the traditional Latin American culture.

International peace symposium at Anhembí Parque Sao Palo before the convention was a unique experience right from opening plenary sessions, break out to team assignments to bring out new



R'ann Ranjana and President R.T.P.S. Tulsi present a token of appreciation to Capt. Charanjit Vohra



11 students successfully completed the AC & Refrigeration Course, are presented kits by our club, with President R.T.P.S. Tulsi, PP R.K. Luther, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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concepts about Peace in Rotary Service. The key note speakers included Nobel Laureate Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez. It is just not about stopping wars between the countries.

It is in fact about waging war against illiteracy, poverty, disease and ill-health, environment pollution, fight to eradicate polio. So Rotarians are all ambassadors of peace.

The opening ceremony in central hall was a magnanimous event as always. The cultural show was put up by Philippines. This was followed by song and music of Brazil and traditional dance shows. After hectic academic sessions we decided to take a breakout at Falls De Iguaza, at Brazil Argentina border. The ride to the claw of fall was adventurous.

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As fellow of HEWRAG, we attended the session on Kenya smiles, issues of street children, youth exchange, Global Grant applications etc. In house of friendship we came across several proposals from Rotary clubs and Districts from US, Canada, Australia etc. for collaboration for e learning, rehabilitation of street children, vocational centers, basic literacy in villages for youth, address drug addiction and alcoholism, VTT for shaken baby syndrome and address children with learning



Birthday gift on behalf of Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri to R'ann Kadam



Birthday gift on behalf of R'ann Rekha to PP Rtn. Anil Mehan. He also got the punctuality award

disabilities (also part of RILM TEACH program under Child development)."



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra presents to President R.T.P.S. Tuli two flags she exchanged with Rotary Clubs in RI Convention in São Paulo



Rtn. Salil Bali exchanging flags with President Russel Iffland of Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard Pattaya on 18 June 2015 at Pattaya, Thailand

Vote of thanks was proposed by R'ann Ritu Bhatia who said, "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love and respect his wife, their mother." She thanked all the participants, the Judge Mrs. Neeru Khattar and Dr. Rita Kalra for her presentation on RI Convention.



R'ann Neeru Khattar presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa. Looking on are President R.T.P.S. Tuli, First Lady R'ann Ranjana and Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia



R'ann Neeru Khattar presents birthday gift to R'ann Manmeet, who is accompanied by her husband Rtn. Karanjeet Singh

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Cleanliness drive at Sector 11 market in Panchkula

Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra informed that on 20th June 2015 we were privileged to have once again the gracious presence of our Assistant Governor Rtn. H.S. Saggi, showing his great concern for the cleanliness campaign and inspiring us for the second consecutive time by joining us at Sector 11 market in Panchkula. Also present were President elect Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, Rtn. Rajinder Rai and Interact leaders Kuldeep and Mohit with team of 5 Interactors. We were finally

joined by 12 street children. Mr. Sushil, President of market committee deputed two persons to accompany us, showing the togetherness as we met shopkeepers and passersby. Due to the initiative taken by Rotary, people have adopted cleanliness at work place and homes, and spreading awareness to their neighbors. Efforts of our club have resulted with 80% cleanliness being noticed in the market. Regular use of dustbins was also emphasized.



Rotarians and Interactors promote cleanliness in market and public places resulting in 80% success rate

Block your dates

Installation Ceremony of

Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan
President and her Team for 2015-16
at CII, Sector 31, Chandigarh
on Wednesday, 8th July 2015 at 7.00 p.m.
Chief Guest: PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
and Usha ji

District Awards Function – Sarhana

at Best Western Hotel, Ambala
12th Milestone, Ambala-Delhi GT Road
On Sunday, 28th June 2015
For Registration contact Rtn. Salil Bali or Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia
Single Rs. 1000/- Couple Rs. 1800/- upto 23rd June and after that Single Rs. 1200/- Couple Rs. 2000/-
Time: High tea at 10.30 a.m. Awards Function will be followed by fellowship and lunch at 2 p.m.

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Sarabjit Bawa

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

Punctuality Draw:

Won by PPRtn. Anil Mehan



July 02

July 03

July 04

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Manjit & PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi

R'ann Uneza & Rtn. Gobind Khandelwa

R'ann Aruti & Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra & Dr. Sanjay Kalra

R'ann Nirmal & Rtn. B.B. Bahl

R'ann Madhu & Rtn. Shree Bhagwan Jindal

June 27

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June 28

June 29

June 30

July 02



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