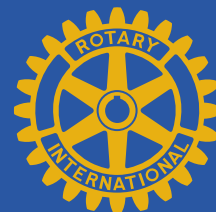


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PROGRAMME

Rotary and Judicial Culture

Mosaic of Service

Talk by:

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta



Friday, July 03, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Valedictory Function



District Governor (2015-16) Rtn. David Hilton and First Lady Patricia

For the Valedictory Function held on June 27, 2015 at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Zirakpur, President R.T.P.S. Tulsi was pleased to welcome the Chief Guest District Governor (2015-16), David Hilton, and acknowledged the gracious presence of his wife, Mrs. Patricia.

This being the last meeting of Rotary year 2014-15, President Tulsi gave his **farewell address**, but before that there was an audio visual invocation, a peaceful prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

Continuing with his thanksgiving address President Tulsi said;

**“Mera muj mein kuch nahi, jo kuch hai so tera, Tera tujh ko sompte kiya lage mera.**

As the curtain falls on year 2014-15 for Lighting up Rotary and dawn on 2015-16 to 'Be a Gift to the World', our club completes 38 years of service to the community.

At the outset, let me thank my illustrious predecessors for their legacy which is hard to emulate. All our Past Presidents contributed for building the image of our club. But names of PDG Shaju Peter and PP B.L. Ramsisaria need special mention. They are an asset for the club, a source of inspiration, assistance and guidance to all, including me.

It has been an honour and privilege to be President of this august club, a great learning experience and source of joy. For sure joys of

life are the only realities and gathering of roses in the basket of mind its most glorious task.

Let me whole heartedly recognize the contributions of club members who gave their heart, soul and money in the service of humanity. The credits for all our achievements are solely due to VP Dr. Rita Kalra, IPP Deepak Sood, Rtn. Ashok Puri, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and both Salils (Bali and Chopra).

During the year RI President Gary Huang has awarded PP B.L. Ramsisaria with Service above Self Award and Dr. Rita Kalra, Vice President for her outstanding efforts in each of the Avenues of Service. Our Director, Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra has been awarded as 'the Rotarian of the year' by District 3080. We have recognized our Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri for 'the Rotarian of the year Award' for his outstanding efforts in each of the Avenues of Service. He was ably supported by his wife Mrs Sudha Puri. Many others have also immensely contributed for the activities of the club. We will also recognize their services tonight.

I wish to recognize and offer my special thanks to Assistant Governor H.S. Saggi, who guided and assisted us over the year for various events; including Zonal Project for Scholarship Awards and Family Picnic of Zone 3. It is because of him all that we can look back on the Rotary year 2014-15 with great satisfaction.

In order to make weekly meetings attractive and lively, I did borrow new ideas from you all because, **'Jidhar jate hai sab jana udhar achha nahi lagta, Mujhe pamal rastoo ka safar achha nahi lagta'.**



President 2014-15 Rtn. R.T.P.S Tulsi and First Lady R'ann Ranjana



Rotary made me learn many things but, 'Galat batoo ko khamoshi se sunna hamii bhar lena, Bahut hai faidhe isme magar achha nahi lagta'.

My profound thanks are due to the club members and especially to Mr. Sunil K. Sahore, my office colleague, a non-Rotarian PHF for his unreserved contributions in preparing the PPTs, video invocations, thought for the day and pictures of events during the preceding week in the weekly meetings as well as generous financial contributions for the club projects.

I also wish to recognize the services of Rotaractors and Interactors and RCC members for their cooperation and support for the club activities.

My wife has been a source of immense support to me. Let me acknowledge a big thank you to my wife as also my immediate family members who donated substantial funds, even today Rs. one

lac for club projects and towards TRF contributions.

On behalf of the members of our Club and all those who are present here tonight, I wish Mrs. Kanan Diwan a happy and rewarding year. I am sure she and her team will achieve greater heights with the support of PDG Yoginder Diwan.

I once again thank guests and Fellow Rotarians who have come to attend the valedictory function today. Jai Hind. Jai Rotary."

President Tulsi also gave an impressive presentation of the meaningful projects and activities implemented during the year in all five avenues of service, which was well applauded by all present.

The meeting was then handed over to the Master of Ceremonies, Vice President, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, who welcomed the guests and the Rotarians, and took charge of the proceedings.

### Impressions about the year – Rotarians



L-R: Rtn. Arjan Singh, PP Gurdip S. Deep, Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra, PP Pallav Mukherjee, R'ann Ritu Bhatia and R'ann Indu Luthra share their experience of the wonderful year 2014-15 under the dynamic leadership of President R.T.P.S. Tulsi

### 100 percent attendance awardees



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, IPP Deepak Sood, PE Kanan Diwan, PDG Shaju Peter, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. Salil Chopra, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Ashok Puri and Secretary Salil Bali with DGE David Hilton and President R.T.P.S. Tulsi

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## **Club Builder Award**

AG H.S. Saggi explained that the Club Builder Award recognizes Rotarians who have made a significant impact in supporting and strengthening their Rotary Clubs. He then announced the names of Rotarians who were presented these awards by DGE David Hilton. The awardees are PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PDG Shaju Peter, PPR.K. Luther, IPP Deepak Sood, PE Kanan Diwan, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and Rtn. Salil Chopra.



*DGE David Hilton presents Club Builder Award*

President R.T.P.S. Tulsi recognized the Rotarians who supported him during the year, and for all of them he had appropriate citations. All the awardees were honored to receive the award from DG 2015-16 David Hilton.



*1. PDG Shaju Peter*



*2. PE Rtn. Kanan Diwan*



*3. IPP Deepak Sood*



*4. PN Rtn. Amarjit Singh*



*5. VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra*



*6. Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali*



*7. Rtn. Arjan Singh*



*8. Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia*



*9. Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor*



*10. PP Raj Kumar Luther*



*11. Rtn. Ashok K. Puri*



*12. Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua*



*13. Rtn. Salil Chopra*



*14. PP Prem Anand*



*15. PP B.L. Ramsisaria*



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



*17. PP Anil Mehan*



*18. PP Harish Sethi*



*19. PP Subhash Bindra*



*20. PP Dr. Vanita Gupta*



*21. PP Indrajeet Sengupta*



*22. PP Pallav Mukherjee*



*23. PP Sandeep Sandhu*



*24. PP Ritu Singal*



25. Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra



26. Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta



27. Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain



28. Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur



29. Rtn. Rekha Sawhney



30. Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney



31. Rtn. Urmil Luther



32. R'ann Lovy Peter



33. R'ann Indu Luthra



34. R'ann Sudha Puri



35. R'ann Indu Anand



36. R'ann Purnima Sood



37. R'ann Parul Bali



38. R'ann Ritu Bhatia



39. Rtn. Dr. B.N.S. Walia



40. R'ann Ranjana Tulsi



41. Mr. Sunil Kumar Sahore



42. Mr. V. P. Sharma

**Citations:** 1. PDG Shaju Peter in recognition as the mainstay and a guiding force of the Club. 2. Rtn. Kanan Diwan, President Elect in recognition of her pro-active participation in the club projects. 3. IPP Deepak Sood in recognition of his consistent support and execution of the Global Grant Projects. 4. Rtn. Amarjit Singh, President Nominee in recognition of his enthusiastic engagement in the affairs of the Club. 5. Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Vice President in recognition of her overall stellar performance and contribution for the signature Literacy Project. 6. Rtn. Salil Bali, Secretary in recognition of his consummate performance as a Secretary of the club. 7. Rtn. Arjan Singh, Treasurer in recognition of his contribution towards the Italy Scholarship program. 8. Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Joint Secretary in recognition of his pro-active participation and generous contribution for the club projects. 9. Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, Director Club Service in recognition of his contribution for promoting goodwill and friendship among the members of the club. 10. PP R.K. Luther, Director Vocational Service in recognition of his commitment for implementing skill development projects in the villages. 11. Rtn. Ashok Kumar Puri, Director Community Service, Rotarian of the Year 2014-15 in recognition of his unflinching commitment for service above self and generous contributions for the club projects. 12. Rtn. Dr. Inderjit Singh Dua, Director International Service in recognition of his scholarly interventions and advocacy of scientific temper among the members. 13. Rtn. Salil Chopra, Director Youth Service in recognition of his abiding interest for training in the youth related projects and swatch Bharat initiative. 14. PP Prem Anand, Sergeant-at-Arms in recognition of his contribution for efficient management of Aasra, a major project of the Club. 15. PP B.L. Ramsisaria, in recognition of his consistent guidance and persuading members to contribute for TRF. 16. PP Dr. V J S Vohra in recognition of his extraordinary dedication as the Editor of the weekly Club Bulletin - Midtownier. 17. PP Anil Mehan, Charter Member in recognition of his exemplary commitment and determined presence during the club meetings. 18. PP Harish Sethi in recognition of his generous coordination of Family Exchange Team from Israel to District 3080. 19. PP Subhash Bindra in

recognition of his skills in organizing fellowship and Dinner during major club events. 20. PP Dr. Vanita Gupta in recognition of her contribution for the signature Literacy project and for hosting members of Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, UK. 21. PP Indrajeet Sengupta in recognition of his exemplary commitment and determined presence during the club meetings. 22. PP Pallav Mukherjee in recognition of the vocational services rendered to the Club in the execution of the service projects. 23. PP Sandeep Sandhu in recognition of his role as a gracious host to the Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, UK. 24. PP Ritu Singal in recognition of her contribution towards the Italy Scholarship program. 25. Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra in recognition of his regularity of attendance during the last 33 years. 26. Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta in recognition of his continuous support to the Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate. 27. Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain in recognition of her contribution as a trainer for the Signature Literacy Project. 28. Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur in recognition of her contribution as a trainer for the Signature Literacy Project. 29. Rtn. Rekha Sawhney in recognition of her abiding interest for the youth related projects. 30. Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney in recognition of his proactive involvement in the service projects. 31. Rtn. Urmil Luther in recognition of her invaluable support in the vocational service projects. 32. R'ann Lovy Peter in recognition of invaluable services and for organizing family of Rotary events. 33. R'ann Indu Luthra in recognition of her regularity of attendance and participation in the meetings. 34. R'ann Sudha Puri in recognition of her consistent involvement in all service projects of the club. 35. R'ann Indu Anand in recognition of her contribution as a proficient organizer with a poetic touch of family events. 36. R'ann Purnima Sood in recognition of her contributions and participation for the family events. 37. R'ann Parul Bali in recognition of her contributions and participation for the family events. 38. R'ann Ritu Bhatia in recognition of her contributions and participation for RYLA and Cancer Awareness Campaign. 39. Rtn. Dr. B.N.S. Walia in recognition of his generous contributions for the club projects. 40. R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, First Lady of the Club in recognition of





*President Tulsi presents a memento to DGE David Hilton and Patricia. Looking on are Ranjana Tulsi and Secretary Salil Bali*



*Cake cutting to celebrate wedding anniversaries of DGE David Hilton and Patricia, Dr. Rita and Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Birthday boys PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta and Rtn. Ashok K. Puri*

consummate and consistent support for cancer awareness and club related activities. 41. Mr. Sunil Kumar Sahore in recognition of his invaluable services and generous contributions for the club projects. 42. Mr. V.P. Sharma, Office Secretary in recognition of his commitment, dedication and performance in volunteering for club service.

DG 2015-16 David Hilton was formally introduced by PDG Shaju Peter. David joined Rotary Club Dehradun in 1994, and was its President in 2001-02 and held various District assignments including Assistant Governor in 2009-10. He is multiple Paul Harris Fellow and also member of Paul Harris Society. He is a well recognized teacher and was presented the prestigious National Award to Teachers – 2009 by then President of India, Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patel.

In his address DGE David appreciated the various projects undertaken during the year and complimented President Tulsi for the outstanding year of Rotary service. He also appreciated the youth programs taken up by the club. He acknowledged the harmony in our club to serve together as a team. He wished the incoming team under Rtn. Kanan Diwan would raise the bar of Rotary service in the coming year with the support of PDG Yoginder Diwan. He also congratulated all the awardees of the function. He also appreciated the role of AG Saggi in the zone and in the club.

Talking of our bulletin, DGE David Hilton said, “I am deeply impressed with Dr. Vohra’s very faithful printing of the Midtown, which I look forward to. I congratulate him. I know it takes enormous efforts in bringing out publications so regularly.”



*Rtn. Salil Bali*

Before proposing formal vote of thanks Secretary Salil Bali congratulated DGE David Hilton as his club is celebrating 75 years of service, and thanked him because in spite of this he and his wife, Patricia travelled all the way from Dehradun to attend our Valedictory function and present awards to Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown. He also thanked all those who participated in this function to make it a success. Salil said, “We are stepping into Rotary year 2015-16 with a very able leader. We all look forward to the year with eagerness.” He also thanked AG H.S. Saggi for gracing the occasion and for his support during the year.

He thanked the Chair of the function PPAjit S. Gulati for organizing this event so impressively. Salil also thanked and appreciated the wonderful staff of Hotel Ramada Plaza and our own Rtn. Karanjeet Singh, the owner of the hotel, who made all this happen.

## **District Awards Function – Sarhana**

District Award Function, hosted by Rotary Club of Ambala, was held at Best Western Hotel, Ambala-Delhi GT Road, Ambala on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The event had the gracious presence of

PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and PRID Yash Das. Our club got number of awards.



*Release of book on Rotary Information by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and DG Col. Dilip Patnaik, authored by Service Above Self Awardee PP B.L. Ramsisaria*



*Best Club in Zone 3 and RI Presidential Citation received from DG Col. Dilip Patnaik by President R.T.P.S. Tulsi and other Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown*



*PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and DG Col. Dilip Patnaik present Rotarian of the year award to Rtn. Salil Chopra*



*Award for Best Bulletin in the District presented to Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra by DG Col. Dilip Patnaik and PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar*



*For hosting RYLA Vishesh, PDG Manmohan Singh presents award to President R.T.P.S. Tulsi. Looking on are PDG Shaju Peter, IPP Deepak Sood and Secretary Salil Bali*



*District Governor 2014-15 Col. Dilip Patnaik hands over the collar to District Governor 2015-16 David Hilton. Looking on are Dr. Taposhi Patnaik and Mrs. Patricia Hilton*

## **Installation Ceremony**

### **Of Kanan Diwan as President and her Team for 2015-16**

At CII Convention Centre, Sector 31, Chandigarh on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### **Minute to Minute Programme**

Chairman Installation: PP Ajit S. Gulati    Master of Ceremonies: PP Gurdip S. Deep

19.00 hrs.	Registration begins	
19.30 hrs.	Arrival of Chief Guest	To be received by all Past Presidents, Aide to Chief Guest PP T.S. Anand and Preeti
19.45 hrs.	Collar to President, Call to order	Sergeant-at-Arms PP Prem Anand
19.46 hrs.	National Anthem	Bir Gulati and Parul Bali
19.48 hrs.	Lighting of Lamp (Invocation by Neeru Khattar )	Chief Guest, Usha Saboo, PDG shaju Peter, President and Secretary 2014-15 & 2015-16 (PP B.L. Ramsisaria to assist)
19.53 hrs.	Prayer	Malabika Sedngupta
19.55 hrs.	Bouquets of welcome. To Chief Guest To Mrs. Usha Saboo	PE Kanan Diwan PDG Yoginder Diwan
19.57 hrs.	Welcome remarks	Installation Chair PP Ajit Gulati
20.00 hrs.	The Year 2014-15	President R.T.P.S. Tulsi
20.15 hrs.	Installation of President 2015-16 Kanan Diwan Handing over of Club Charter	Secretaries Salil Bali and Sanjay Bhatia
20.18 hrs.	Introduction of President Kanan Diwan	PP Dr. Balram Gupta
20.22 hrs.	The Year Ahead Introduction of her team	President Kanan Diwan



20.30 hrs.	Felicitations	Mrs. Usha Saboo
20.40 hrs.	TRF Recognitions	PRIP Raja Saboo
	Major Donor recognition to PDG Yoginder and Kanan Diwan	
	MPHF Pin to Salil Bali, Agastya Sahore and Shanti Kumar Ramsisaria	
20.37 hrs.	Induction of new members	PRIP Raja Saboo
20.41 hrs.	Micro Loan to new beneficiary	PP Prem Anand
20.43 hrs.	PRIP Raja Saboo – An audio-visual profile	PDG Shaju Peter
20.50 hrs.	Address by Chief Guest	PRIP Raja Saboo
21.10 hrs.	Presentation of memento to IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi	President Kanan Diwan
21.11 hrs.	Birthday and Anniversary celebrations	Mrs Usha Saboo to do the Honours
21.16 hrs.	Expression of gratitude	PP Ritu Singal
21.19 hrs.	Adjournment	President Kanan Diwan
	Cocktails and Dinner	

### **From the desk of President 2015-16 Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan**



*President 2015-16 Kanan Diwan and  
PDG Yoginder Diwan*

Every midnight of 30<sup>th</sup> June each year, the Rotary Wheel completes a circle. The old order maketh way for the new. It has thus rolled on for 110 years and shall, it seems, continue to roll. But, does it really run in the same fashion? If it were to continue exactly the same way, Rotary world would not have grown from its initial membership of 5 to 1.2 million Rotarians, nor covered from one community in Chicago to almost 35000 Rotary clubs, covering almost the entire world. It is the result of endeavors of the new teams and added membership of every club

structures built by its predecessors. In this context, Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown is lucky that its foundations were well laid by its founders, and structures well designed and built by successive presidents and their teams. So, has it been till the able team headed by President Ravi Tulsi who has just handed over the baton to yet another enthusiastic team, who are raring to go.

Every year the new Rotary International President gives a new theme, an inspirational slogan to Rotarians world over. But, the fundamentals and ethos on which this shining edifice is built continue to be the same. The high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives; standing up for human dignity, compassion and peaceful change for the oppressed, are the guiding principles that determine our path to the goals of Rotary.


In the new Rotary year, as we begin to tread on this path of Service, I am conscious of the fact, that we have just 365 days to accomplish the goals that our Board of Directors have set for ourselves. Therefore, we must get into the yolk without losing any time. This reminds me of the words of our great Poet Rabindra Nath Tagore, "Let us not spend our time, stringing and unstringing our guitars while the song we come to sing, remains unsung."

I am glad that each of the directors have voluntarily drawn out plans of their respective Five Avenues of service; some of them more than I expected. They have dared themselves and me, to come up to their expectations. Looking at their enthusiasm, I have no doubt that together, we shall achieve our goals. This enthusiasm must have

each year that Rotary world stands today with all its accomplishments, and the gifts it has provided to humanity.

It is also a fact that each new team builds on the foundations and

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emanated from their experience of working with and soliciting the support of the members of our club. Any organization is as strong as its constituents; so every Rotary club is as strong as the devotion of its membership.

We were born Lucky with the Lord bestowing such gifts upon our lives; Gifts of love, education, skills, health, wealth and nurturing by our families. We owe it to Him that having been showered by such a bounty we ought to show our gratitude by way of giving return gifts to His other creatures, who got left behind for lack of opportunities.

In the words of our Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran, "You know what your club needs and has to offer. You can help traverse this course together, I will ask you to give your faith, I will ask you to give your dedication, commitments and compassion. I

will ask you for all these gifts and even more than that, to be a gift yourself. It is not the material value of the gift we give, but how much of ourselves with it, that will matter to the receiver. We have a choice, whether to keep our gifts to ourselves or use them to be a Gift to World."

Dear members, I am grateful to you for reposing your confidence in me to lead this prestigious club this year, and assure you that I will work to the best of my ability in strengthening the traditions of our club. In the same breath I urge you all, that in this journey of 365 days, to be my co-travelers, so that we reach the finishing line in good time.

God be with you,  
Kanan

## PDG Shaju convenes Level 1 meeting at Noida

The Level 1 meeting of the TRF teams was co-convened by 3 ARRFCs from Zone 4: PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Deepak Talwar and PDG Jogesh Gambhir on June 20, 2015 at the Entrepreneurs Association Auditorium, Noida. Attended by over 40 delegates from various districts from the region, the programme was organized by RRFC Madhu Rughwani. The Chief Guest was Rotary Foundation Trustee PRID Sushil Gupta.

Representing 3080 at the Meet were DGE David Hilton, DGSC

Chair Chetan Agarwal and DPPC Chair PP Dr. Bhanu P. Armar. As AFFRC, PDG Shaju Peter will be responsible for all affairs of the Rotary Foundation in Districts 3070, 3080, 3090 and 3012.

In the goal setting exercise DGE David Hilton set a target of US\$ 500,000.00 for 2015-16 against the overall target of US\$ 1.6 million from the 4 Districts under the jurisdiction of PDG Shaju Peter.

## Our new website is Live

PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Counsellor, Internet & Social Media informs that our newly updated website for Rotary year 2015-16 ([www.rotarychdmidtown.org](http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org)) has been made live before turning of

the year, and for this full appreciation to Mr. Anup Sharma for his professional support and cooperation.

## Acknowledgment with thanks: PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra for sponsoring the bulletin

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