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PROGRAMME

Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate In memory of Late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta

Friday, January 22, 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Homage to Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta

Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta was the Charter Secretary and President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown in 1979-80. Born in 1942 he passed his law in 1962, but he was under age to practice as a lawyer as he was too young and had to be 21 years old to start his practice. He was enrolled as a lawyer on February 28, 1963, and was

as a 'bold Judge' always performing his duties 'without fear or favour'. Known for his 'quotable quotes', he was also praised for his humane approach in handling sensitive issues. On November 01, 2002 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court by the President of India, and retired on January 21, 2004. He was also an active blogger who completed 50 years in law in February 2013.



Justice J.L. Gupta as Chief Guest in our meeting on March 27, 2015 talked about his heroic struggle in combating cancer



Well known for his wit, humor and sharp memory, Justice J.L. Gupta had a vibrant inter active session with the audience. Standing behind him is his brother PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta

As a lawyer he was one of the best and his greatest quality was that he was always accessible. He was always very pleased to meet us, as a guest or chief guest, in our meetings or events which he always considered as home coming.

Justice Gupta was the first Secretary of our Club, the first Paul Harris Fellow of our Club, the first from our club to be a Judge of a High Court and the only one from our Club to be the Chief Justice of High Court.

When his books, a collection of his writings and on fighting cancer, were released on December 13, 2015, by Chief Justice of India Justice Tirath Singh Thakur, no one could really imagine that Justice Gupta's end was so near. After battling brain tumour for more than three years, he

designated senior advocate on December 10, 1982. As a practicing advocate, he was a part time member of the teaching faculty at the Law College, member of Panjab University's law faculty, besides member Board of Studies in Law. He was elevated as Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge on March 15, 1991. During his tenure, he delivered several landmark judgments on criminal, civil and taxation side, besides on constitutional issues. He also remained in the news for his judgments, and was always appreciated by the Bar

passed away on January 03, 2016 at Delhi at the age of 74, due to pneumonia.

Our regular meeting on January 15, 2016 was dedicated to pay tributes to Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta. In addition to PP Dr. Balram Gupta and R'ann Shashi, Justice Gupta's daughter Nidhi, grandson Madhav and granddaughter Nandhisa were also present in the meeting.



PDG Shaju Peter, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, PP B.L. Ramsisaria and PP Ajit Singh Gulati

PDG Shaju Peter described the passing away of Justice Gupta as a towering personality, "who has smiled his way to eternity." The courageous manner in which he fought his disease has established the fact that your mind and will power has a tremendous bearing in the healing process of

any disease. Justice Gupta was a gifted person who could fight his disease with valor and optimism. He was also a promising writer. We have been reading his articles in the Tribune which were not about law or justice but about everyday incidents. Writing has gone down in his family, and Shaju appreciated the book recently released by his niece, Dr. Shruti. Referring to his blogs Shaju said, "When should we have someone who may be like Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta."

An affectionate tribute by PP Dr. Balram Gupta to his elder brother

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Remembering a brother!

BALRAM K GUPTA

My brother Justice J.L. Gupta - was born on January 22, 1942. I on July 4, 1944. I have spent 71 years and plus with him. In fact, all my years, months and days were with him. Many more years than with my mother or father or wife. We almost grew up together. He passed away on January 3, 2016. It is difficult to think of myself without his umbrella. What a strength he gave to the whole family. He was not even twelve. Papa wrote a piece for him. He spoke at the All India Radio, New Delhi. It was a joy for the family. He continued with public speaking. He nursed it at school. Polished it in college. Excelled at it in the university.

Used it throughout his life. Usefully. Meaningfully. Innovatively.

Written and spoken communication were his strength. He carved a place for himself. Name too. He gave an image to the whole family. He was an idol. A role model. He was popular. Loved and liked. Throughout. He did law at the age of 20. Waited for a year and joined the legal profession in 1963. The first one in the family. He completed his 50 years of Legal and Judicial Journey in 2013. What a journey! He played his strokes (throughout) as an opening batsman. Opening bowler too. Each stroke better than the other. Every stroke had his class. I had the opportunity of watching him in - action. In office. In the court. From his clients, he knew how to extract the facts. In the court, he was unmatchable. He had the

knack of grappling all situations.

In 1991, he was elevated to the bench. He was a court-room genius. Both sides. As a Lawyer. Also as a Judge. Rare but true. As a Judge, I knew him only through his judgments. I never entered his court-room. Even when he was not holding court. He wrote his Judgments in simple English. Short sentences. Easily understandable. Digestible. In common-man's language. He was full of compassion. As a Judge. As a lawyer. His thinking was, how to mould the relief. So that justice is done. At the family level, we were blessed to have him as the eldest sibling after our parents. He looked after our parents. Any parent would be proud to have such a son. So caring, so affectionate and even willing to do anything, anytime. The whole

family cannot forget his bounties of a big heart blended always with his personal humane touch. The touch was always warm.

His last public bonding. To bid goodbye. His launch of two moving books on December 13, 2015. His memoirs. He welcomed everybody fondly with courtesy. Firm memories. Firmer handshake. Personally speaking, I was exceptionally fortunate to have him as my elder brother. What a human being. At every step, he was pillar of strength. When the heart is full, the pen is tight. The last three and a half years of his life journey - full of inspiration. Fought so well. Lived so well. His journey is over. He is no more. His fragrance will continue. His warmth will ever be felt. May his breed multiply. May each one of you be blessed with a brother like him.

Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta was given in the above article in 'Daily Post'. He shared his experience as younger brother of Justice Gupta as they grew up together. He said, "To think of myself without his umbrella is so difficult. What a strength he was for me and the family." Balram talked about his journey right from his school days, college days, in the university, as a great lawyer, joining our club as a charter member, and then his judicial achievements as a great Judge. He was a great human being. Balram recalled that just before going to Kerala High Court as Chief Justice in 2002, he addressed our club about the RI theme of that year, 'Sow the seeds of love', which he had projected in a very justified and meaningful manner. Balram said, "May his breed multiply so that each one of you could have a brother like him."

PP B.L. Ramsisaria said, "Our hearts are full of sorrow and

PP Ajit Singh Gulati said, "Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta was an institution, and his loss is not only for the family but for the city of Chandigarh." The presence of people from all walks of life at his prayer meeting shows how much people loved him. Ajit also shared the bulletin which was published when he was installed as our President in July 1997, and Justice Gupta was the Chief Guest of the installation function. That bulletin reported the words of wisdom and the inspiring speech he had given on the occasion.



Meeting presided over by Vice President Ashok Puri



PN Dr. Rita Kalra and PP Saroj Jhawar National Anthem



R'ann Sudha Puri Invocation



PP Deepak Sood E-Learning



Agrim Minhas Spoke on 'Be a gift to the world'



Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia Glimpses of the Week



DYS Sundeep Sawhney Program Next



PDG Shaju Peter presents birthday gifts to R'ann Indu Luthra and R'ann Saroj Jain. Looking on are Vice President Ashok Puri and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia



PDG Shaju Peter presents wedding anniversary gift for R'tnn Simranpreet and Rtn. Sundeeep Singh Sawhney



PDG Shaju Peter presents punctuality award to Rtn. Ravinder Jain. Looking on is Secretary Sanjay Bhatia

Lohri celebrated at Ashiana



Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown conduct the event



Lohri celebrations



Snacks brought by PP R.K. Luther, PP Deepak Sood and Rtn. Salil Chopra

Some more glimpses of week gone by

(Report in last bulletin No. 28)

Inauguration of our Service Project – Community Toilet Block at Makhanmajra



Adviser to the Administrator Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev, Chief Guest of the function inspects the toilet facility with President Kanan Diwan



Vice President Rtn. Ashok Puri, Chair of the event, gives floral welcome to Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev



PDG Shaju Peter having a lively conversation with Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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Many Rotarians of our club attended the function



Ladies singing Lohri songs

Teacher Training Program by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown



Teachers participating in E-Learning Training Program



Feedback session and thanks giving by PP Deepak Sood

Medical and Dental camp at village Maloya



Health Camp at village Maloya

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sarita & Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva
R'ann Purnima & PP Rtn. Deepak Sood
R'ann Monika & Rtn. Chitranjan Aggarwal
R'ann Pushpa & PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa

January 24
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January 25
January 28

Punctuality Award

Won by Rtn. Ravinder K. Jain



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