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PROGRAMME

District Conference - Panchsheel

Highlights by:

PDG Shaju Peter

Friday, February 26, 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

The Rotary Foundation

Our regular meeting on February 19, 2016 was presided over by Vice President Rtn. Ashok K. Puri who talked about the importance of the Four Way Test in our professional and normal life. He made all present to take a pledge of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Vice President also briefly highlighted the hectic programmes of the previous week and Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia gave a presentation of the glimpses of the activities during the week which has also been reported in the bulletin.



PP B.L. Ramsisaria

Our senior most Past President Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, popularly known as 'BLR' and 'bhisham pitamah', having thorough knowledge about Rotary, gave a very impressive, informative and interesting presentation on The Rotary Foundation. He explained that the mission of The Rotary Foundation

(TRF) is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Discussing the origin of Rotary Foundation BLR said, "In 1917, RI's 6th President Arch C.

Klumph proposed that an endowment fund be set up 'for the purpose of doing good in the world' with initial contribution of \$ 26.50."

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$ 5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity of Rotary International. There are 15 Trustees of the Rotary Foundation appointed by the RI President, with the agreement of the RI Board. The Trustees manage all business of the Foundation. The trustees chair serves for one year as head of the trustees. Each trustee is appointed to a 4 years term.

Six areas of focus of TRF are: 1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution 2. Disease prevention and treatment 3. Water and sanitation 4. Maternal and child health 5. Basic education and literacy 6. Economic and community development.

Showing some pictures of Rotary Foundation programs BLR talked about 'Every Rotarian, Every Year' (EREY) and toilet blocks. He also discussed the Rotary Foundation funding which was very well illustrated in the presentation.

He further explained TRF grants which are: Global Grants, District Grants, Peace Studies and Polio Eradication – our success story in India and soon we look forward to a Polio Free world! District grants are block grants made to districts to support smaller projects locally and internationally. Global grants support larger projects of \$ 30,000 or more with sustainable, high impact outcome in one of the six areas of focus.

In order to throw more light on TRF grants he highlighted the successful toilet project of our club: Community Toilet Block at Vill. Makhan Majra (Rs. 4,50,000), school toilets at village Maloya



PP B.L. Ramsisaria presents the book, 'Introduction to Rotary', to Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra and Rtn. Dr. I.S. Viridi. Looking on are Vice President Ashok Puri and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia



(Rs. 40,000) and our recently approved global grant for funding toilet blocks, access to clean water along with hygiene training for 5 schools in Chandigarh (Rs. 27,50,000).

Making an elaborate fund raising appeal PP Ramsisaria requested our Rotarians to contribute;

- ☞ On the occasion of birthdays/anniversaries, birth/marriage of a child/grandchild and make memorial gifts.
- ☞ Request every member to contribute some amount (say \$ 10 towards newly approved Global Grant).
- ☞ Every member to become PHF (Rotarians who contributes US\$ 1,000 to TRF). This will make our Club 100 % PHF.
- ☞ Every member to become EREY (Rotarians who pay \$ 100 every year).
- ☞ Paul Harris Society Member (Rotarians who contribute US\$ 1,000 each year): At least 10 members from our Club.
- ☞ Benefactor (Anyone who makes an outright gift of US\$ 1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund: minimum one from our Club.
- ☞ Major Donor (Total contribution to TRF US\$ 10000): 5 new major donors
- ☞ Endowed Funds (Endowed Contribution \$ 25,000 minimum from which spendable earnings can be directed either to Share or the World Fund (can be contributed in 3 instalments): 2 named endowments.

PP Ramsisaria also spoke about various other programs: Keep India polio free, Action plan for 'Children Task Force' for school children to raise funds to support Rotary's efforts for a Polio-Free World and the World's Greatest Meal (WGM) which is a project aimed at raising awareness, and funds for Rotary International's polio eradication campaign.

He concluded his wonderful presentation by saying, "Your contributions are the key. Experience the 'Joy of Giving', and become a proud donor."

PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta said, "I have always considered BLR as a walking encyclopedia on Rotary." He thanked PP B.L. Ramsisaria for the demonstration of a knowledgeable, educative and inspiring presentation.



National Anthem by R'ann Pushpa Jawa and R'ann Malabika Sengupta



Invocation by Rtn. Rekha Sawhney



Meeting presided by Vice President Ashok Puri



Glimpses of the week by Secretary Sanjay Bhatia



A proud TRF donor PP Indrajeet Sengupta shares 'Joy of Giving'



Vote of thanks by PP Dr. Balram Gupta



PP Dr. Balram Gupta presents a token of appreciation to PP B.L. Ramsisaria



PP B.L. Ramsisaria presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Renu and Rtn. Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra



PP B.L. Ramsisaria presents birthday gift for R'ann Shashi to PP Dr. Balram Gupta



BLR presents punctuality award to PP Indrajeet Sengupta. Looking on are VP Ashok Puri and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia

Panchsheel District Conference

Governor of Uttarakhand Dr. K.K. Paul inaugurated Panchsheel District Conference by lighting the ceremonial lamp on February 20, 2016 at Dehradun. In his address, Dr. Paul said that Rotary International had made many achievements in the field of social welfare, working selflessly for humanity. He acknowledged Rotary as the most progressive voluntary organisation in the world which is involved in public service. There is no better example than Rotary as far as the best utilisation of human resources for selfless public good was concerned. This could be a source of inspiration for other organizations. The energy and dedication shown by Rotary in working for the relief of people who suffered in the natural calamity

of 2013 at Kedarnath and Rudraprayag areas was greatly appreciated.

In the context of Uttarakhand, he also called upon Rotarians to work towards a clean Uttarakhand by focusing on environment conservation and launch a campaign of eradicating polythene from the state. Rotary's support was also needed to make the Swachh Bharat mission successful in the state. He also sought support for setting up of blood banks in Rudraprayag, Tehri, Champawat and Bageshwar.

He wished the conference success and said he was confident that society would benefit from the deliberations.



Governor Dr. K.K. Paul inaugurates the District Conference. Looking on are RIPN Ian Riseley and DG David Hilton

Rtn. David Hilton, Governor of Rotary District 3080 welcomed Governor Dr. Paul and presented him with a memento. The Governor also released the souvenir of Rotary District

3080 on the occasion.

Swami Chidananda Saraswati from the Parmarth Niketan, RI President Nominee Ian Riseley from Australia, RI President Representative and PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo were present. Senior Rotarians from all over the country and abroad and large number of Rotarians of District 3080 attended the two day conference.

From our club those who attended the District Conference were PDG Shaju Peter, President Kanan Diwan with PDG Yoginder Diwan, PE Amarjit Singh with R'ann Sunita, Rtn. Ashok Puri with R'ann Sudha, PP Deepak Sood, Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra and PP Gurdip S. Deep with R'ann Maniki.



RIPN Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet with DG David Hilton and Patricia



RIPN Ian Riseley and Juliet with PRIP Raja Saboo, DGE Raman Aneja and Meenu



Polio awareness rally at start of the District Conference



The award ceremony

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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 Wedding : November 27
 Member from : February 2016
 Positions held : Member
 Spouse : Sonia Virdi
 Vocation : Social Worker
 D.o.B : June 11
 Children : Shona (D)
 Amy (D)



Mrs. HARVINDER KAUR
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 Wedding : July 07
 Member from : February 2016
 Positions held : Member
 Spouse : Arunjit Singh
 Vocation : Retired
 D.o.B : December 06
 Children : Vikramjit (S)

Teaching Students the Skills

The 60th programme of the current Rotary year, initiated by our club towards total literacy was held at Smart Integrated Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Sector 12-A, Panchkula for 70 students of class X on moral values and hygiene. They had very good interaction with Rtn. Salil Chopra after seeing the videos and powerpoint presentation. They learnt about the path of success through Bharatiya cultural values, attachment to parents, values of helping others and about Rotary.

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Shradha Sachdeva

February 28

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu

February 26

PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill

February 29

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

Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta



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 Wedding : June 29
 Member from : February 2016
 Positions held : Member
 Spouse : Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra (PHF)
 Vocation : Govt. Doctor
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 Children : Ruchir (S)
 Aarushi (D) (PHF)



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