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## PROGRAMME

**Eat better, Feel better**

*Chief Guest:*

**Ms. Manisha Arora**

**Chief Dietician GMSH 16, Chandigarh**

Date: **May 27, 2016 (Friday)** Time: **7.00 p.m.** Venue: **Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh**

## Rotary is Changing

Rotary is changing. In our regular meeting on May 20, 2016 PDG Shaju Peter gave a review of the Council on Legislation (CoL) held in Chicago on 10-15 April 2016. Shaju said, "One of the reasons why Rotary has survived for over 100 years is for the fact that we change with times." He explained that in other words, "CoL is the 'Parliament of Rotary' the objective being to



**PDG Shaju Peter**

look into our rules and regulations which governs our organization, and change them if found necessary."

CoL takes place once in 3 years at Marriott Hotel in Chicago, which is a 5 days affair. In 2013 Shaju was the representative from our District, and this year it was PRID Yash Pal Das.

The Council is an assembly of one representative each from each Rotary District in the

world. There were 534 Districts in 2013 which dropped down to 529 in 2016. Shaju informed that every Rotary Club and every Rotary District of the world, and the RI board of directors have the liberty to propose to the Council an enactment or a resolution which results in hundreds of proposals from all over the world. The delegates from each district deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions. Enactments seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents, and resolutions express an opinion or make a recommendation to the RI Board. Finally it comes to an electronic voting and majority decision changes the rule books.

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Shaju said, "This CoL has been absolutely revolutionary, and Rotary is changing." Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern

the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect from 1 July.

The RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

Shaju's informative presentation displayed the following decisions of CoL 2016;

- Admission Fees Abolished. No admission fee for new members.
- Clubs can decide their meeting frequency and attendance rules so long as they meet at least twice a month.
- If you have a baby you are exempt from attendance for a year.
- The 85 Rule is applicable only if a member has been a Rotarian for minimum 20 years.
- The clubs will have the freedom to do away with the classification rules.
- Only Past Governors can contest election for membership in the Nominating Committee which selects RI Director.



**National Anthem by Sanmeet and Jasmehar daughters of Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney**

- For a Challenge to be valid minimum 20% of the clubs should concur.
- RI Dues goes up by 4\$ every year for the next three years. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19 and \$68 in 2019-20.
- CoL will deal with only Enactments. Council on Resolutions will

meet every year electronically.

"The effects of your decisions will ripple to every corner of the world for years, decades, even centuries to come," said Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran in his closing remarks on 15/04/2016, the last day of CoL.

## Toilet Project



**President Kanan Diwan thanks PDG Shaju Peter for wonderful review of CoL**

In continuation of the report in our bulletin No. 45 dated May 10, 2016, President Kanan Diwan was happy to announce that funds against global grant No. 1635463 for US\$ 42607 has been remitted in our bank on May 19, 2016. This is for our sanitary/toilet project for Govt. schools in and around Chandigarh. She said, "This was the result of the hard work put in by all of us, specially PDG Shaju Peter, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia and

DRFC PDG Madhukar Malhotra."

The President pointed out that during our survey for the toilet project we came across Govt. Middle School in village Raipur Kalan. This school was in a pitiable condition having classes in the verandah and in the open or under the trees. Since Rotary India has special focus on Literacy we got permission from the DPI to construct two class rooms which was result of keen efforts of Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur, PP R.K. Luther, PP R.K. Goyal, VP Ashok Puri and PP Pallav Mukherjee.

This project will cost about Rs. 2.50 lakh for which donations came from President Kanan Diwan - Rs. 1,01,000/-, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia - Rs. 51,000/-, Rtn. Salil Chopra - 30 bags of cement and Dr. Indu Rastogi (of UK) - Rs. 22,000/-.

There is still a short fall of about Rs. 60000/- for which generous donors are requested to do the needful.



**PDG Shaju Peter presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal. Looking on are R'ann Kund Bala Goyal, President Kanan Diwan and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia**



**PDG Shaju Peter presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on is President Kanan Diwan**



**Accompanied by her daughters Sanmeet and Jasmehar, and husband Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney, R'ann Simranpreet Kaur Sawhney gets her birthday gift from PDG Shaju Peter**



**PDG Shaju Peter presents the punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Manisha Sahni. Looking on are President Kanan Diwan and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia**

## Rotary India Global Dream - Each One, Reach One and Teach One



**Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra**

President Nominee Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra informed that Rotary India Global Dream, an initiative of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), is committed to Total Literacy with a campaign of Each One, Reach One and Teach One. RILM intends to make the summer vacations fun for the children while engaging them in meaningful service to the society. Under this project there is a

simple process that involves a student to teach reading, writing and arithmetic to a non - literate adult for just 30 minutes a day, and in 45 - 60 days the adult becomes literate.

A toolkit consisting of just three books is the student's only requirement in the teaching process. This toolkit has been specially

designed in accordance with State guidelines, to ensure quick learning outcome for each adult and ease of use for the volunteer teacher.

With this pack, children of even 12 years of age can easily teach and persons between the ages of 14 to 75 years can learn with ease and at considerable speed. The ultimate goal will be to take each adult learner through the National Literacy Mission's Basic Literacy Examination in early August. The learner will then receive a certificate from the National Institute of Open Schools. All this is being done through an understanding with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

The kit consisting of 3 books costs Rs. 100/-. Examination fee for each person will be Rs. 50/-. To book your kit please call Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra on her mobile No. 9878880550.

## Charter Day Celebration



Our club was chartered 39 years ago on May 18, 1977. The board meeting held on May 18, 2016 at Hotel President happened to be the Charter day of our club. Only Charter member present in the board meeting PP B.L. Ramsisaria cuts the cake along with President Kanan Diwan, PDG Shaju Peter and other Rotarians

## Our hearty Congratulations



Jasmehar Kaur Sawhney, daughter of Director Youth Service and Secretary Elect Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney won Gold Medal and merit certificate in Reading Challenge competition organized by British Council and YPS, Mohali.

Jasmehar was also honoured in our club meeting by President Kanan Diwan, PDG Shaju Peter and Secretary Sanjaya Bhatia

## Teaching students the skills



Motivational talk and video presentation on Rotary, setting goals and save water by Rtn. Salil Chopra to students of Govt High School, Indira Colony on 20/5

## Swachh abhiyan



Swachh abhiyan at Sector 20 market in Panchkula on 15/5 in which street children and senior citizen join Rtn. Salil Chopra

Rtn. Sanjaya Bhatia

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## 2016 Rotary International Convention



*From Rotary Chandigarh  
Midtown those who are  
going to 2016 RI  
Convention are;*

*President  
Rtn. Kanan Diwan and  
PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan*

*President Elect  
Rtn. Amarjit Singh*

*President Nominee  
Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and  
Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra*

*Past President  
Rtn. R.K. Luther*

*Past President  
Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep and  
R'ann Maniki Deep*

### **Acknowledgement with thanks**

#### **Donations for School room project**

President Rtn. Kanan Diwan	Rs. 1,01,000/-
Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia	Rs. 51,000/-
Dr. Indu Rastogi (of UK) (Sister of President Kanan Diwan)	Rs. 22,000/-
Rtn. Salil Chopra	30 bags of cement

#### **Change of residential address**

Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney has since shifted to:  
H.No. 1551, Phase 10, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali - 160062

### **Birthday of Spouses**

R'ann Uneza Khandelia	May 30
R'ann Rekha Azad	June 01
R'ann Rashi Khosla	June 02

### **Wedding Anniversary**

R'ann Rekha & PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan	May 29
R'ann Indu & Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra	May 31

### **Punctuality Draw**

Won by Rtn. Dr. Manisha Sahni

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