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## PROGRAMME Club Assembly

Date: **July 08, 2016 (Friday)** Time: **7.00 p.m.** Venue: **Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh**

### Serving the humanity



*First meeting of Rtn. Amarjit Singh as President of our Club*

In our regular meeting on July 01, 2016 IPP Rtn. Kanan Diwan handed over the baton to our new President Rtn. Amarjit Singh, and wished him the very best. President Amarjit informed that our Chief Guest Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Secretary, Social Welfare UT, Chandigarh could not make it to our meeting as she was not well. He welcomed all present to the first meeting of Rotary year 2016-17 with a Kabir couplet;

*Mera mujh mein kuch nahi, jo kachu hai so toh  
Tera tujh ko saupate, kya lagat hai moh*

Amarjit said RI President John Germ has given us a wonderful theme. As God exists in every human being, we can pay back by serving the humanity



*IPP Kanan Diwan*

In her address IPP Kanan Diwan thanked all the Past Presidents and all the Rotarians of our club for making the last Rotary year a success. She said, "We have spent some very beautiful moments serving together which I will always cherish."

She was pleased to announce that on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 we had completed the school rooms project and handed over to the school Principal and teachers of Govt. Middle School, Raipur Kalan. She thanked Rtn. Rajinder Rai who got his part of work completed in record time.

IPP Kanan also thanked Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra who initiated the installation of Rotary chaupal in Civil Hospital, Panchkula after it was dismantled at Rotary serai in GMCH-32 Chandigarh due to paucity of space. The chaupal, a prominent Public image for Rotary, which provides shade to the visitors, has been set up close to herbal garden and nursery setup by our club in the Civil hospital.

Kanan also thanked Counselor PDG Shaju Peter, Event Chair PP Ajit S. Gulati and their team members for making District Awards function a big success.

She informed that she received a mail from IPDG David Hilton who wrote, "I wish to thank and congratulate you, Counselor PDG Shaju Peter, Event Chair PP Ajit Gulati, Organizing Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney, Master of Ceremonies Gurdip Singh Deep, Dr. Rita Kalra and other members of the team for an excellently conducted function. The meticulous arrangements and flawlessly conducted programme had the stamp of class and was appreciated by all present. Heartiest congratulations and a big thank you once again for organizing a most memorable function. I once again commend the high standards of excellence of the club and the selfless service to the community during the year under your able leadership and guidance." David also expressed that the Skill India Programme under the leadership of PP R.K. Luther is unique and highly commendable.



*National Anthem by Harleen D/o  
President Amarjit Singh and Sanmeet  
D/o Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney*

President Amarjit Singh said, "IPP Kanan Diwan has set the standard of our club very high. I congratulate her for the wonderful year."

Amarjit invited PDG Shaju Peter for sharing his valuable thoughts. Shaju said, "I was extremely proud on the day of District award function because we did a magnificent job."

My congratulations to our permanent Event Chair PP Ajit Gulati." He congratulated Kanan for a successful and an eventful year, for which she received District Governor's citation in the awards function, along with recognition for our club's support to TRF and USD 100 per capita contribution, community service award for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, PP Harish Sethi for organizing District Golf tournament and major donor recognition to PP Indrajeet Sengupta.



Shaju said he felt proud because there were many stars from Chandigarh Midtown like PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta who was awarded Lifetime Achievement Award, Rtn. Salil Chopra for his many hours of dedication towards Swachh Bharat mission, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, a 'walking dynamo' in social service who did extremely well in organizing Interact clubs in the District. Shaju said that for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in succession our Editor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra has been awarded for the bulletin. Presenting the award of the Best Bulletin in the District, the DG specially mentioned in the citation that it is not only for the hard copy but the presence on the Internet all across the world and the image that it has created over the last so many years.

Shaju took the opportunity to play his role as DRFC Chair. He expected Rotary India to achieve its target, and this may take India to No. 3 position in world towards contribution to the Rotary Foundation. He pointed out that the highest collection for the Rotary Foundation in our District was in 2012-13 during the tenure of PDG Manmohan Singh with a contribution of USD 4,92,000. Our new District Governor Raman Aneja has set a target of one million!



**DRFC Chair PDG Shaju Peter**

Shaju said, "We have to just double the best achievement we have made." He added, "Our club's USD 100 per capita of last year has to be increased to USD 200 towards our club's contribution for achieving the target set by Raman."

Charity begins at home, and Shaju's couple of minutes talk resulted in contribution of USD 650 in the first meeting of the year.

Looking towards President Amarjit, Shaju remarked, "Our responsibility as a Club would be over as I expect you to achieve USD 200 per capita towards TRF." Shaju concluded, "We have a certain momentum and inherent ability in our club, and I am sure Amarjit will do that without any doubt."



**PDG Shaju Peter presents birthday gifts to PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta and Rtn. Ashok K. Puri. Looking on is President Amarjit Singh**



**Addl. District Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali presents a cheque of \$ 250 to DRFC Chair PDG Shaju Peter**



**PDG Shaju presents punctuality award to IPP Rtn. Kanan Diwan. Looking on is President Amarjit Singh and Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney**



**Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney gives report on Annapurna Day celebration**



**Herbal garden being setup by our club at Leper's Colony**

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## 'Eat, Pray and Love' Annapurna Day celebrations and Setting up of Herbal Garden in Leper's Colony

Annapurna Day was celebrated by our club at Leper's Colony Chandigarh on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, the first day of RY 2016-17. Langar was served to 180 Residents of Leper's Colony. STEVIA Herbal Garden was also setup with more than 80 plants. Mrs. Sudesh Raghav, Principal of GMSSS Sector 46-C, Chandigarh not only donated the plants for this noble cause but was personally present to supervise the plantation along with Mrs. Varinder Kaur (SS Mistress) and Mr. Om Parkash (Punjabi Lecturer).

PDG Shaju Peter with R'ann Lovy, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP Subhash Bindra, PP Vinod Jawa, PP Gurdip S. Deep, PP Prem Anand, PP Deepak Sood, IPP Kanan Diwan, President Amarjit Singh with first lady Sunita and their daughter Harleen, VP Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Secretary Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Mr. Kulbir Singh a prospective member of our club and Rotaractors from Chandigarh Midtown attended in large number which made this function successful.



Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown serving langar at Leper's Colony

## Intercity Showcasing Literacy and WiNS Project

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## Our Club website updated District website launched

Our Editor and Counselor Internet Committee PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra was pleased to announce that as being done in the previous years, our club website [www.rotarychdmidtown.org](http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org) has been updated on 01 July 2016.

Dr. Vohra, who is also the District Chief Editor, has initiated the launch of our District website [www.rotary3080.org](http://www.rotary3080.org) which is now operational with effect from 01 July 2016, after a gap of several years. The District website will have all important Rotary information including the Governor's Monthly Letter (GML).

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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President Rtn. Amarjit Singh - USD 100  
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PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa - USD 100  
Rtn. Salil Chopra - USD 100

### Donations for Annapurna Day

Rtn. Salil Bali - Rs. 4000/-  
Mr. Rajesh Chopra - Rs. 4000/-  
(Hotel President)

### Installation Function



Installation of President  
Rtn. Amarjit Singh and  
Team 2016-17 will be held  
on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July  
2016 at CII, Sector 31,  
Chandigarh

The Chief Guest will be the  
High Commissioner for  
Pakistan, Mr Abdul Basit.

### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Asha Aggarwal July 09  
R'ann Chanchal Rai July 10  
R'ann Parul Bali July 11  
R'ann Moon Inder Sandhu July 12  
R'ann Manjit Kalsi July 13

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. M.S. Manaktala July 08  
PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta July 12  
Rtn. Charanjit Rai July 13

### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Nirmal & Rtn. Lt. Cdr. A.S. Nagra July 10  
R'ann Dr. Seemha & Rtn. Rajinder Rai July 11

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