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PROGRAMME

Installation of President and Team 2016-17 of
Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown

Date: **July 29, 2016 (Friday)**

Time: **7.00 p.m.**

Venue: **Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh**

Wash in Schools – WinS Program

The WASH in Schools (WinS) is a program created to motivate Rotary clubs to develop sustainable water, sanitation, hygiene (collectively referred to as WASH), and education projects using the expertise and resources available through two of Rotary's areas of focus which are basic education and literacy and water and sanitation.

From July 22, 2016 WinS program of our club is under progress starting before 1600 children and staff of Govt. Model High School, Manimajra. Rtn. Salil Bali as Coordinator hosted the event. In their address President Amarjit Singh and PDG Shaju Peter explained the purpose of this unique project. Rtn. Salil Chopra spoke on Swachhta, PE Rtn Dr. Rita Kalra gave a talk on adolescence. Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra spoke about personal hygiene with practical demo on brushing teeth and hand wash. The function was also attended by AG (Zone 2) PP Deepak Sood, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Sachin Adokar with R'ann Dipali, Rtn. Jeetan Bhambri, Rtn. Nitin Kapur and Rtn. Suman Gupta.

Along with Interactors we also conducted a program for 140 students of classes 9 and 12 of Govt. Model Sr Sec School.

On July 23, the acceptance and commitment of 450 students of Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Manimajra town was noticed when they and even the staff of the school repeated the slogans and sang with us 'Hum Honge Kamyab.....'



R'anns and Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown participating in WinS program

Energy, Poverty and Environment



Ms. Grace Zorida

In our regular meeting on July 22, 2016 our Chief Guest was Ms. Grace Zorida, Consul, Canadian High Commission, Chandigarh. She was welcomed by President Amarjit Singh. Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar introduced the Chief Guest. Ms. Grace Zorida has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science & International Relations, and a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution. She was born in South America, raised in Canada, educated in Europe and is temporarily living and working in India. She has travelled to more than 30 countries.

In her talk Ms. Grace, who has been actively engaged in trying to understand the challenges facing the humanity in its effort to build an advanced civilization, shared her thoughts on the subject of 'Energy, Poverty and Environment' in the context of successes of innovations. She said internet is a great innovation and a very useful source to gain information and to see what is happening in the world. She also discussed solar energy as a significant source of alternative energy which is also a great technological advancement as it is sustainable and indefinitely renewable by converting sunlight to electricity. She said even if our energy bill doubles we shall still be able to pay it. But millions of poor people around the world suffer when costs go up.

She appreciated the vision of Rotary's Founder Paul Harris and complimented Rotarians for serving the world since 1905. She said, "It is the commitment to humanity that creates millionaires who use their value systems to bring the change in the world." She added that in 1933 Paul Harris mentioned about humanity in India where Muslims, Hindus and Christians live together, and this is how it should always be.



National Anthem by R'ann Sudha Puri and Harleen d/o President Amarjit Singh



Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar introduces Chief Guest



Report by Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney



After vote of thanks PP Gurdip S. Deep presents a memento to Ms. Grace Zorida



Ms. Grace Zorida presents birthday gifts to R'ann Sonam Grover and Rtn. Atul Grover, Rtn. Gobind Khandelia and punctuality award to Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia. Looking on is President Amarjit Singh



PDG Shaju Peter at Shimla as Guest of Honour



Minister being inducted as Hony. Rotarian

PDG Shaju Peter was at the Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Shimla where Rtn. Manu Aggarwal took over as the President from Rtn. Kapil Mahashe in a glittering function at Hotel Holiday Home on Sunday July 03, 2016.

Shaju complimented the club for conceiving the ambitious project of a Cancer Sarai adjacent to the Cancer Hospital to house cancer patients from far flung regions of the State undergoing treatment, on temporary basis. The foundation stone was laid of the 4-crore project during the last Rotary year. The club is planning to complete the project in the next 3 years. The project received special recognition from IPDG David Hilton at the recently held Intercity of Shukriya.

PDG Shaju was privileged to induct Chief Guest Mr. Kaul Singh Thakur, Minister of Health, Government of Himachal Pradesh as an Honorary Rotarian.

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to R'ann Neena Jauhar and Rtn. Tejbans Singh Jauhar on the sad demise of her revered mother Mrs. Mohinder Kaur Gujral on 19th July 2016. Antim Ardas was held on Sunday, 24th July at Sector 11 Gurudwara Sahib, Chandigarh.

Installation Ceremony of Interact Clubs

Installation ceremony of Interact Club was held on July 16, 2016 at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School Manimajra and attended by Assistant Governor Zone – 2, PP Deepak Sood, District Interact Chair PE Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Amarjit Singh, Secretary Sundeep Singh Sawhney, IPP Kanan Diwan, Rtn Ashok Puri with Sudha Puri, Rtn. Nitin Kapur with R'ann Shivani Kapur and R'ann Dipali. Charter was presented to Vice Principal Rita Sethi. Rotarians also planted 20 herbal plants in the school campus.

Another installation ceremony was also held at Govt. Model High School Manimajra Complex attended by Rotarians mentioned above, and joined by Vice President Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn Ravinder Jain and Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra who started the program with an inspiring speech to the students. He explained how swachta abhiyan is getting local support and now they will carry out this mission of cleanliness at Chandigarh Railway Station.

Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney explained the importance of Interact Clubs.

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Installation of Interact Clubs - Rotarians with Interactors

Interactors were presented lapel pins by AG Deepak Sood, District Interact Chair Dr. Rita Kalra, President Amarjit Singh, IPP Kanan Diwan, VP Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Ashok Puri and Rtn. Ravinder Jain. Musical program was arranged by the students and a speech given by one student on swachta abhiyaan was applauded by all Rotarians. 15 herbal plants were planted in school campus.



District Interact Chair Dr. Rita Kalra inducts member of Interact Club. Looking on are Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney and Rtn. Nitin Kapur

Principal Rajesh Kumar thanked the Rotarians for their support. President Amarjit Singh congratulated the new Interact clubs at both the schools and advised them to participate with full force in future programmes. Assistant Governor Deepak Sood explained the importance of cleanliness to the students.

Tree plantation and Chaupal



Tree plantation by Rotarians and Interactors



Rotary choupal and nursery with herbal garden

Swachhta cum water saving campaign at Chandigarh railway station

On July 17 & 24, 2016 it was another unique Swachhta campaign at Chandigarh railway station. We had taken permission from Chief Commercial Manager Mrs. Parveen IAS, based at Ambala. Large number of Rotarians entered the bogies to address people to avoid use of toilets when train is stationery and that thousand liters of water is used to clean the lines at station. We were joined by our President Rtn. Amarjit Singh, PP Vinod Jawa, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Sachin with R'ann Dipali Adokar, Rtn. Salil Chopra, R'ann Renu Chopra, Rtn.

Jeeten Bhambri, Rtn. Ravinder Jain, Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal with R'ann Asha and team of Interactors led by their President Pooja. It was a very successful campaign. We also reported to deputy station master that the toilets were dirty and a torn garbage bag full of filth was lying unattended at platform No. 2.

On July 24 another fruitful campaign at the railway station ended with fellowship, Maharashtrian lunch hosted by Rtn. Sachin Adokar and R'ann Dipali at their place in Zirakpur. Thanks to this young couple.

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Swachhta cum water saving campaign at Chandigarh railway station



Swachhta cum water saving campaign inside Shatabdi train

Birthday of Spouses

PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan July 31

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra July 30

Rtn. Om Parkash August 02

Rtn. Ashish Singla August 03

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Neeru & Rtn. R.K. Khattar July 29

R'ann Dr. Sudha & Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain August 02

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