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PROGRAMME

**Empowering Persons with Disabilities
Strengthens Human Solidarity for Everyone**

Chief Guest:

Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu

MLA, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

Date: **May 05, 2017 (Friday)**

Time: **7.00 p.m.**

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

Western China Medical Mission - An enriching Rotary Experience

In our regular meeting on April 28, 2017 President Rtn. Amarjit Singh was pleased to welcome the Keynote speaker, our own Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra. He was formally introduced by PDG Shaju Peter. Born and brought up in



Dr. Sanjay Kalra

the city beautiful Chandigarh, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra is a graduate from Maharishi Dayanand University (1985), Rohtak and Post Graduate in Prosthodontics from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (1990). He is a Diplomat of International Congress of Oral Implantologists, Fellow of Pierre Fauchard Academy, Fellow of International College of Dentists, Fellow International Congress of Oral Implantologists and Fellow International College of Continuing Dental Education. He is one of the directors of Indian Board of Prosthodontics and life member of various professional organizations like IDA, IPS, ISOI, ESOLA and Indian Academy of Aesthetic and Cosmetic Dentistry. He has been into teaching for the last 23 years and was principal at a Dental College in Panchkula for 5 years. He has 22 publications to his credit. Dr. Kalra owns a leading multi specialty dental practice at Panchkula for the last 27 years. He has earned a reputation of adopting latest technology and treatment techniques as also strictly adhering to the ethics of dental practice. He has been into a lot of philanthropic and awareness activities through his Dental Health Awareness Society. Now as an active Rotarian of Chandigarh Midtown he uses his smile express extensively for free dental treatment to the needy. He is extensively into photography, travelling and gardening. He has authored a Coffee Table Book titled 'Expression Beyond Impressions - A journey through the lens' and has come out with a calendar of his photographs called Lens & Patterns - the Poetic Expressions. He has been winning the garden competitions for his terrace garden in Panchkula for the last 15 years and also maintains a HUDA Rotary (not Rotary club...!) in Sector 3 Panchkula. His wife, our President Elect Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra is the women behind his success and is the Senior Administrator at Civil Hospital, Sector 6 Panchkula. His son Dr. Ruchir is pursuing Masters in Prosthodontics at AB Shetty Mangalore. His daughter Aarushi is pursuing Masters in Economics at Delhi School of Economics.

Dr. Kalra said, "My visit to Chengdu China for western China medical mission was a truly educative and unforgettable experience. This was a medical mission organised by HEWRAG based in Alaska managed by Co-Chairs Jane Little and Sheila Hurst in collaboration with Rotary Club Chengdu and Shanghai Guo Fange Foundation." Ri Yuan group was the main sponsor of the event.

Day 1 started with introductions of team followed by talk on telemedicine

by Dr Hang Dar. The team consisted of 7 international and 10 local consultants. There were 11 volunteer Rotarians from USA, South Africa, China, Singapore and India. The 30 interpreters from Chengdu were students from different colleges. After lunch the team moved to Qinglai.

Day 2 started with visit to village qao he, which was the mission site. The whole team was spell bound with the mystic beauty of the location of mission. It was like landing in Switzerland. The team setup Registration area, examination area, investigations, supplies and public education area. The different registration forms were finalised. This was followed by cross cultural team building activity called find someone, which was a unique way to get to know the whole team. They visited organic farming matching grant project in collaboration with Rotary Club Taiwan where children with disabilities are trained in organic farming techniques. After schezwaun dinner and customary ganbei with bijo by the host, they attended the famous Chinese changing mask opera. They were enthralled by the variety of entertainment programs presented by the artists and found the changing masks opera item most interesting.

Day 3 started with a long queue of patients from the surrounding villages. The process of registration and initial examination was highly organized under the stewardship of Josie of South Africa. The examination was carried out by the medical and dental specialists and treatments prescribed. Various investigations were carried out by Carol from North Carolina. Acupuncture : The traditional Chinese medicine for pain management by Dr Hang Dar was the greatest success. Public awareness talks had a whole hearted response from young and old. Topics included Oral hygiene and brushing, personal hygiene, anti tobacco and anti alcohol by Sheila, Harley, Edwin, Mark, Katey and Dr Kalra. It was heartening to see the effort put in to prepare the models and charts for easier understanding of the locals.

Day 4 and 5 saw an increasing rush of patients from far and near. During the three days 596 patients were examined including 118 dental patients. 218 investigations were carried out.



Rtn. Dr. Vishal Dua presents a memento to Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra. Looking on are President Amarjit Singh and Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney

Some glimpses of Chinese experience



Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Shweta & Rtn. Dr. Vishal Dua



Dr. Sanjay Kalra presents punctuality award to Rtn. Salil Chopra

The next two days were all the more hectic with visit to 16 schools of surrounding villages. 2920 students were made aware about correct method of brushing, personal hygiene and harmful effects of tobacco and alcohol.

Gala Rotary dinner at Crown plaza city centre also had a slide show of pictures taken during the mission running on a large screen. Dr Kalra exchanged our club's Flags with Antonio of Rotary Club Chengdu, Mark of Rotary Club Singapore and Matt of Rotary Club Den Mar.

The visit was concluded with a tour to Panda breeding farm at Chengdu. Dr Kalra ended his presentation by saying, "Overall it was a most educative and enjoyable mission with all the team mates working in unison for a greater cause. She She... Thankyou...!"



PDG Shaju Peter introducing the keynote speaker



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Dr. Vishal Dua



Rtn. Arjan Singh reports on the scholarship program



Scholarship cheques presented to girls who are seen with President Amarjit Singh, Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney and Rtn. Arjan Singh

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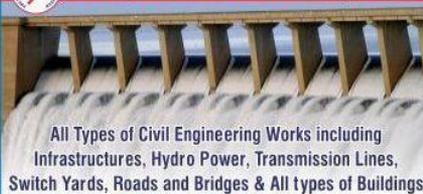
 

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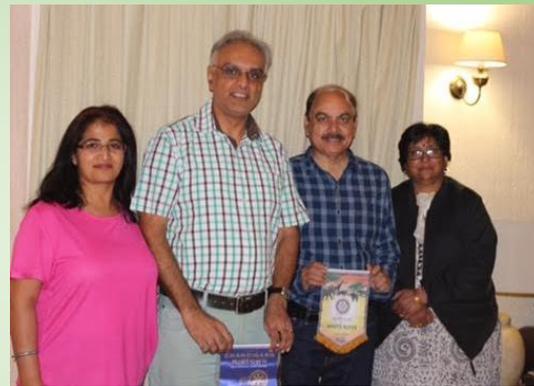
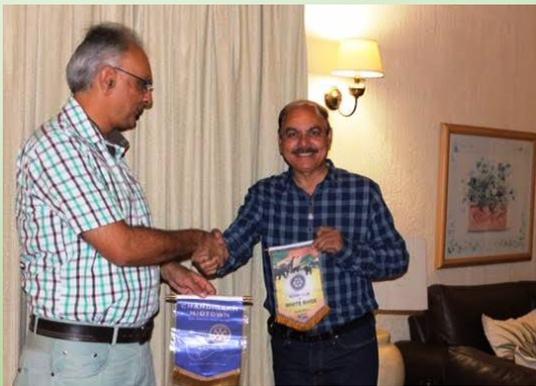
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Toilet Block and Hand wash station handed over to Govt School on WinS Day



On WinS day on 22nd April 2017 we handed over the toilet block to Govt Primary School in Manimajra. This was built by our club through global grant, having separate toilets for girls. Hand washing demo was given to students. Hand wash station with 10 taps and having fibre glass roof was also handed over to Govt. Sr. Sec. School in Mauli Jagran.

Exchange of club flags with Rtn. Salil Chopra at Kruger, South Africa



President Rtn. Hitesh Motiram and First Lady R'tann Neha Motiram of Rotary Club of White River visited Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'tann Renu Chopra from almost 60 kms away from their place of stay at Kruger Park Lodge, during their recent visit to South Africa. Salil and Hitesh exchanged their club flags with each other. It was an enjoyable evening. Though their names sounds Indian, but Hitesh belongs to South Africa and Neha is from Zambia, having Indian origin parentage. Hitesh gave Salil his project list too and is keen to visit India and also our club. They were surprised to know the number of Rotarians in our club as they have 60 members in their club.

Condolences

With a heavy heart PP Rtn. Ritu Singal informs about the sad demise of her beloved mother Mrs. Raj Gupta on 26th April 2017.

Ritu says, "Mother holds her children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."

Our deepest condolences to PP Ritu Singal and all her family members.

Kirya ceremony will be held on Sunday, 7th May 2017, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Shri Laxmi Narain Mandir, Sector 6, Panchkula.



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In his communication District Governor Rtn. Raman Aneja is pleased to inform you that with effect from **01 May 2017**, RI World Headquarters has revised the exchange rate

From: USD 1 = INR 68.00
To: **USD 1 = INR 65.00**

This rate would remain effective till further notification.

The exchange rate is applicable for all payments to Rotary International South Asia Office and contributions to Rotary Foundation (India).

Please note that RI rate applicable is dependent on the date of receipt of Cheque/draft in Rotary International South Asia Office and not on the date of preparation of Cheque/draft or date of dispatch.

Congratulations Prof. Rana Nayar and Sanjay & Ritu Bhatia



Our heartiest congratulations to Rtn. Prof. Rana Nayar for being presented the prestigious

Sahitya Akademy Award

Siddharth Bhatia s/o Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and R'ann Ritu Bhatia got a silver medal in the university. Many congratulations to the proud parents.

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva May 07

Wedding anniversary

R'ann Lalita & Rtn. Chandra Parkash May 09

R'ann Vinny & Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva May 10

R'ann Santosh & PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta May 11

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