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**Meeting No. 3706**  
**Thursday 6th October at Tavern**  
**Meeting at 5:30 pm**



## **Condolence Meeting was held on 15th Sept. 2022**

The meeting on 15th September 2022 was a special meeting confined to condolence messages by Rotarians, in memory of Late PP Bishan Mohan Agarwal. PE Feroz Ali, chairing the meeting in the absence of President Manoranjan tripathi I.G. (Retd.), described him a dynamic personality whose memories will linger, for a long time.

PDG Ranbir Singh, reminiscing about Bishan Bhai, referred to him as a simple, soft spoken and smart Rotarian from the reputed family of "Pooran Chand and Sons". PDG Ranbir Singh related those fond memories of the early seventies, when, as a Rotaractor, he had the opportunity of attending several Rotaract meetings in Bishan Mohanji's house, where Bishan ji played a perfect host. Though a Rotarian, he acted as a guide and mentor to Rotaractors for many years and under his guidance, Rotaractors undertook many projects.



As a Rotarian, Bishan Bhai took active part in rotary activities and as a leader took prompt and correct decisions in the interest of Rotary. Moreover, he had the ability to influence others with his convincing opinions on any issue, a trait which rated him as an intellectual. His contribution towards the welfare of the society was immense. So much so, that his shop, "M/s Pooran Chand and Sons", was referred to as the headquarters of Rotary Mussoorie, where you could find Rotarians engrossed in serious discussions on how to solve problems faced by the town people. The decisions arrived at, were implemented for the well being of the citizens. Such was his commitment towards Rotary and towards the citizens of Mussoorie.

Winding up these fond memories, PDG Ranbir Singh felt that the most appropriate tribute to our departed Rtn. Late Bishan Mohan Bhai would be to follow his ideals of commitment to Rotary.

## PP Suresh Agarwal expressed his feelings by saying

मैंने बिशन भाई साहब को उनके स्वभाव, व्यवहार, अनुभव व मुस्कुराहट से जाना है। वे एक प्रभावशाली व्यक्तित्व के थे। जो समय-समय पर संस्थाओं के हित में फैंसले लेने की व सुझाव देने की हिम्मत व प्रयास करते थे। वे जो ठान लेते थे उसे अवश्य पूरा करते थे। उनका हृदय अत्यंत कोमल स्वभाव का था परंतु उनकी कार्यप्रणाली में अनुशासन व स्पष्टता होती थी। उनकी वाणी में मिठास थी। बिशन भाई हँसने की कोई न कोई राह निकाल लिया करते थे। लॉज व रोटरी के लिये वे पूर्ण रूप से समर्पित थे। उनकी अनुपस्थिति भी हमें प्रेरणा देती रहेगी। उनकी मसूरीवासियों के प्रति संवेदना थी। उन्होंने कई प्रकार से बहुतों को लाभान्वित किया। उनका अभाव हम सभी को बहुत चुभेगा। हम ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करते हैं कि उनकी पवित्र आत्मा को शांति प्रदान करे व उनके परिवार को इस दुःख को सहने की शक्ति प्रदान करें। उनकी दर्द भरी कविता मुझे सदैव ध्यान में रहती है। उसकी चन्द पंक्तियाँ मुझे याद आ रही हैं—

ये भीगे—भीगे नैन सिहरती बैन

बिखरती अलकें

मेरे आँसू क्या पोंछेगी

तुम अपनी पीर संभालो

मैंने जीवन में एक दोष बस यही किया

जो भी था उसको हँस के बस स्वीकार किया

मैं दर्द दवा को साथ—साथ पी लेता हूँ

मिल जाये गरल भी हँस के मैं पी लेता हूँ

अज्ञान नगर, सुनसान डगर हो चाहे

मैं फिर भी अपनी राह ढूँढ ही लेता हूँ

ये भीगे—भीगे नैन सिहरती बैन

बिखरती अलकें

मेरे आँसू क्या पोंछेगी

तुम अपनी पीर संभालो



PP Manmohan Karanwal spoke on a similar vein about our dear Bishan Bhai, whom he had known as a 12 year old child. Apart from Rotary, Bishan ji was involved in numerous social activities and organizations. Himself a very good badminton player; Manmohan ji informed how Bishan Bhai encouraged young sportsmen to form The Mussoorie Sports Association. He was actively involved in conducting tournaments in Badminton, Carom, Cricket, etc. and by conducting such tournaments, the standard of games improved considerably. Bishanji was an elegant skater and his silken smooth skating movements, were a treat to watch.

PAG Shaillendra Karanwal was equally expressive in conveying his sentiments about Bishan Bhai whom he remembered being called as “Sankat Mochan” for his ability to find a solution to any problem. It was Bishanji who motivated Rtn. Shaillendra to join Rotaract and subsequently graduate to Rotary Mussoorie. One striking quality which Rtn. Shaillendra remembered was the manner in which Bishan ji would resolve differences.

PAG Aalak Mehrotra, couldn't come for this special meeting but sent a message which was read out by PAG Vipul Mittal. He termed Bishanji's demise as colossal loss for Rotary Mussoorie. He was a person who despite the age difference, difference in social status and the class, would easily gel with the youngsters and make them feel at home. Aalok ji remembered the days when

Bishanji's family home, The Garden Reach Estate was a second home to youngsters like him. That was the time, in late sixties and early seventies, when he came in contact with Bishan Bhai who introduced him into the Rotary world through Interact, Rotaract and finally Rotary. It was through his insistence and inspiration that an Interact Club was setup in RN Bhargav Inter College. It was his amiable style that motivated youngsters in Rotary to climb up the hierarchal ladder in Rotary. His in-depth knowledge, sincere advice given along with periodic laughter instilled confidence in everyone who came into contact with him. He will always be remembered as lovable Rotarian who rendered distinguished service to Rotary Mussoorie.

Among the younger generation of Rotarians; Rtn. Sandeep Sahni referred to "Bishan Uncle" as a father figure. He said that he spent a lot of time, specially while returning from school, at Bishanji's residence, the Garden Reach, where Lata aunty (Bishanji's lady wife) would serve snacks and milk. He remembered the days when his dad bought an Ambassador car and both families went on a trip to Rajasthan. He remembered the days when Bishanji taught him the nuances of Billiards, Snooker and Pool.

There were many other speakers who wanted to convey their thought; but time constraints prevented them to voice their sentiments. All speakers made special mention of Bishanji's charming lady wife Lataji, who was a perfect home maker and was always with him, be it The Skating Rink, the evening stroll along the Mall or at other social gatherings. Ann Lata ji will always continue to be a member of our Rotary Mussoorie family and all Rotarians will be at her beck and call, whenever required.

Bishan Bhai's nephew, PP Nitish Mohan Aggarwal was the closest to him and could not overcome his emotions, when asked to speak.

The common sentiment for Bishan Bhai was that his amicable nature, charm and poise were qualities to be emulated by one and all.

### **RYLA - District 3080**

This year Dist. 3080, RYLA programme is being hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh and is scheduled from 30th Sept - 2 Oct 22, at Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. From Rotary Mussoorie four students are going to participate this year. All the students are from Mahatma Yogeshwar Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir Inter College, Mussoorie.



Riya Shah



Sagar Singh Rawat



Sakshi Rana



Utsav Joshi

## Meeting

On Thursday 6th October 2022 at 5:30 pm, at The Tavern

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* Distribution of Diwali Sweets at ITBP Academy Mussoorie
- \* Family Diwali Dinner

### Committee Meetings held

- RYLA
- Vocational Training Centre

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 06 Oct - Rtn. Sandeep Sahni 54 years
- 11 Oct - PP Manmohan Karanwal 73 years
- 18 Oct - PP Mohd Saleem 65 years

### ROTARY SERVICE

- 04 Oct-PP Manmohan Karanwal 43 yrs 1979
- 06 Oct-PP Sharad Gupta 17 yrs 2005

### Rotary Family wishes speedy recovery to

- PP D.K. Jain , who has undergone cataract operation on 22 Sep
- PP Pramode Sahney, who met with a small accident in Delhi

### Board Meeting - 25th September 2022

The Second Board Meeting of Rotary Mussoorie was held on 25th September 2022 at Hotel Sun & Star, hosted by Secretary, Rtn. Deepak Aggarwal.

The meeting was chaired by President Manoranjan Tripathi I.G. (Retd.). After the approval of last Board Meeting minutes, President informed the board members about projects done so far. All the Directors gave a report on action taken so far and informed about the upcoming projects. All the bills were passed by the board for payments.

It was proposed and decided that this year Rotary Mussoorie will not send Diwali Sweets to Jawans through District; instead we would distribute 51 Kgs of sweets to ITBP Jawans in Mussoorie.

It was also decided that a Cultural programme if possible, will be arranged with the help of school students at ITBP Conference Hall, at the time of Diwali celebration with ITBP personnel.

It was also decided that Rotary Diwali Dinner will be organized on 20th Oct 2022. In which Annes and Annets will also be invited. Details will be worked out and conveyed to all.

### **RYLA contd..**

These students have been sponsored by PDG Ranbir Singh, PAG Aalok Mehrotra, PP Manmohan Karanwal & PP D.K. Jain. The organizing committee has waived off the registration fee of Rs. 5000/- for the teacher accompanying the students. Our thanks to President Manoranjan Tripathi I.G. (Retd.), Director Youth Service - PAG Suvigya Sabharwal, PP Manmohan Karanwal & Secretary Rtn. Deepak Aggarwal for coordinating this project, and making travel arrangements till Chandigarh and back. Team lead by teacher M/s Sonia will be leaving for Solan on 29 September 2022 and will return on 3rd October 2022.



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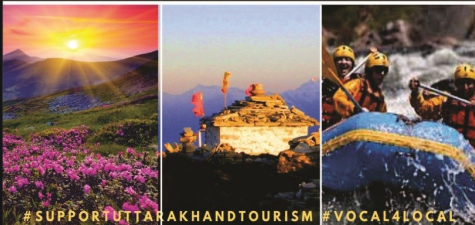
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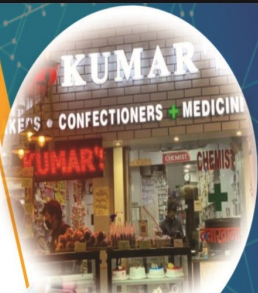
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