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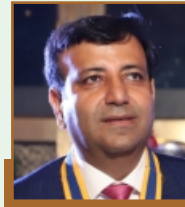
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Jennifer Jones
RI President



Ashok Kantoor
District Governor



Vikas Dhingra
President



J.M. Singh
Club Secretary



Tree Plantation Activity

1 July-2022

"He who plants a tree, plants a hope."

Lucy Larcom

Rotary wagon moves on year after year from one year to the next. After concluding R.Y 2021-22, with a bang, new Rotary Year 22-23 has begun with a new hope. A hope to bring together all the members of our club even closer & happier.

The first event of the new Rotary year was held on 1st July 2022 at District Park Safdarjung Enclave where tree plantation as Van Mahotsav activity was undertaken. DG Rtn. Mr. Ashok Kantoor graced the occasion with his presence. During his conversation with those gathered for the event, he emphasized the value of fellowship which can be heightened when all members are involved in various community projects & fellowship events alike.

PP Rtn. Ranjan Chopra ensured participation of district members, as besides our Chief Guest, other participants included First Lady R'Ann Alka Kantoor, AG Rtn. Aroon Rungta, AG Rtn Manoj Srivastava, PP Rtn. Sarika Yadav, and Distt. Secretary Rtn. Rajesh Gupta, Rtn Ravinder Goel, Rtn Deepika. More than 15 Rotractors also participated in this event.

PP Rtn. Pankaj Agarwal, (I wonder if there is any child, man or woman residing in Safdarjung Enclave who doesn't know about Pankaj & his social activities) was instrumental in organizing the event wherein more than 100 non-Rotarians also joined in.

The ceremony concluded with breakfast at Evergreen Sweets, Green Park.



Dist Installation

1 July-2022



OUTSTATION CLUB ASSEMBLY, Aagaz ek Nayi Shuruat

2-3 July-2022

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. In line with this aphorism, the first Outstation Club Assembly for RY 2022-23 was held at a cool resort-Lal Niwas, Neemrana. Like for past many years, R.Y. starts with bachelor spirit for club's boys on adventure streak. New President Vikas & Club Sec JM, right from the start were active from Safdarjung Club serving breakfast to two groups one for ladies & other for men on two adventure trails.

In the bus it was much fun, making every one of the male group to participate with introductions, jokes & songs alongside munching snacks with lassi, jal jeera & soft drinks etc. On reaching the resort, after sumptuous lunch & rest there was a football match which was more of fun than play, ending with pakoras & tea. The day ended with cultural evening & a late night dinner.

The next morning was spent sipping tea at the pool, some were on a walk in the greens & some lazing in beds. We were all made to wear youthful tee-shirts, specially designed by the organizers for the meeting. After a sumptuous breakfast, all joined in conference hall for The Club Assembly Meet. After the National Anthem, PP Rtn. Sandeep Pal Mandal collared the President Rtn. Vikas Dhingra and Rtn. C P Rajan Kochhar collared the Club Secretary Rtn. J M Singh. The president shared his vision for RY 2022-23, the Club Treasurer Rtn. Yogesh Kalra presented the budget for RY 2022-23 and PP Rtn. Shashi Verma placed his views on the Rotary Delhi Southwest Foundation. Ample time was given by President for members to share their views for the year.

The Rotary Theme of IMAGINE this year, conceived by Lady R.I. President Jennifer Jones (first lady President in history of Rotary International) is keeping everybody in high spirits. The club members suggested innovative ideas to increase participation and fellowship in various club meetings and get together(s). When wise heads meet there is sure space for progress. These inter alia included organizing a Sports Day, hosting District Cricket Tournament, rewarding fitness enthusiasts in the club, involving children of our club members etc. Other important agenda items were also taken up which can be read in detail in the Minutes of the Meeting.

Last but not the least, the R' Anns too enjoyed their outstation fellowship to the fullest at Lemon Tree, Resort at Sohna Road, Gurugram. Why should boys have all the fun? Ladies are no less as organizers, than men, rather other way around.

Ever since these two groups were innovated, fact is men are less guilty & ladies are less envious!

Everybody parted ways with somewhat heavy hearts, yearning for more such activities soon.



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LADIES OUTSTATION TRIP

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Maa ki Rasoi

10 July 2022

Maa ki Rasoi-food to the underprivileged is a project conceived and initiated by PP Mukesh Agarwal in the RY 2019-20. This project continues to live on because of the support of our fellow Rotarians who have been continually contributing cash & kind for this noble cause. It is inherent in every Rotarian to part with some money for the poor, initiating a good gesture, picked up by many of us, to contribute to this Rasoi on their children or grand-children birthdays & why not on their anniversaries too.

The 1st Maa ki Rasoi for this rotary year was held on 10th July at Indira Camp, Lodi Colony where delicious rajma-chawal and ice cream were distributed to approximately 850 underprivileged people.



Free Eye Check Up

13 July 2022

Our Club organized a Free Eye Check-Up Camp in association with "Centre for Sight" & RWA Rosewood Apartments at Vasant Kunj on 13th July. 61 people got their eyes checked at the mobile camp.

We are grateful to AG Rtn. Aroon Roongta for his support, simultaneously we extend our thanks to DRR 22-23 Rtn. Ankit Singh from Rotaract Club of Vedanta for giving 3rd DRR in the last 6 years.

I recollect, many years back one US doctor addressed our Speaker Meeting, in which he wondered why we have millions of poor blind people, who can see if we had saved cornea of lacs of people who died. Only if they or their kith & kin had pledged their eyes, rather than getting them burnt on piers or buried in graves. Alas tragedy is this does not go well with superstitious ideologies! At least we insist that all our Rotary families are aware of pledging eyes.



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The Installation Ceremony; change of leadership team in the Rotary Club of Delhi Southwest was organized in a spectacular event, executed to perfection by the Club Team on July 17th, 2022, at the Grand Dream, Okhla.

Rtn. Vikas Dhingra received the baton of President from the Immediate Past President Rtn. S B Singh. The chief guest for the evening was the District Governor Rtn. Ashok Kantoor. He was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Alka Kantoor. Several eminent officials of Rotary District 3111 including District Secretary Rtn. Rakesh Talwar, District Governor Elect Rtn. Jeetinder Gupta, District Governor 2024-25 Rtn. Mahesh Trikha, Past District Governors along with their spouses graced the occasion. A spectacular parade was conducted by all the charming Club ladies, R'anns & Lady R'tns dressed up in beautiful cream-colored satin saris, (gifted by the club) same one worn by every lady, , bringing a surprise cheer from the assembly.

Our District Governor profusely complimented the club for its performance in every aspect. Lauding all the preparations done so far, he was sure that the club will wholeheartedly participate in all the district thrust areas. He expressed confidence that with the enthusiastic and committed leadership of Rtn. Vikas Dhingra and Gen. Sec. J M Singh, the club will progress further, achieving great heights in their year.

He laid down his vision for the current year which includes 100% digitization of District 3011, restoration of water bodies near Delhi/NCR among other activities. He also inducted the new Board of Directors for 2022-23 and welcomed to the fold several new members as Committee Chair.

The new President of RCDSW Rtn. Vikas Dhingra, in his



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passionate acceptance address, quoted the Rotary ideal of "Service above Self" and lauded the efforts put in by immediate Past President Rtn. S B Singh & Club Secretary Rtn. Mani Bajaj. Our IPP has undoubtedly raised the bar in all activities carried out during his term. Rtn. Vikas Dhingra stands undeterred and has since accepted the challenge of living up to the expectations of the club members and district personnel.

He unveiled the plans of RCDSW for 2022-23 which included membership development & retention, undertaking many more projects & fund-raising efforts, conducting youth programs etc. He exhorted the members of the club to contribute to the projects with determination and compassion.

Last but not the least, three prospective members were inducted as fellow Rotarians, with pinning by DG Kantoor. The ceremony finally concluded with free flow of drinks, music, masti and off course a well laid-down dinner.

Here's wishing all the very best to the Club President Rtn. Vikas Dhingra, Club Secretary Rtn. J M Singh, Club Treasurer Rtn. Yogesh Kalra and the entire team of Directors and Committee Chairs.

"The future belongs to all those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Eleanor Roosevelt



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Organ Donation Camp

24 July 2022

An organ donation camp was organized in association with RWA Narang Colony, at Janakpuri Gurudwara Sahib on the 24th of July 2022. A total of 30 donors pledged their organs by filling up the pledge form. All of them have been registered with National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO). Rotractors from two Rotaract clubs also assisted in seamless functioning of all activities at the camp.



Urjita-Energised Imagination-RI President Jennifer Jones's, Delhi visit

29 July 2022

Jennifer Jones made history earlier this month when she became the 117-year-old Rotary International's first woman R.I. President. During her visit to India after the election, she told media persons that she hoped to break many stereotypes involving women in higher posts and said India is no longer a "help-seeking nation" but a "help-giving" one.

"I hope I am able to show the world that I can do better by getting involved to break gender barriers and be an inspiration for younger women who can say 'If she can do it, so can we,'" she said, adding that she also wanted to encourage conversations on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). With 1.4 million members across 200 countries, India accounts for over 50 per cent of the global annual membership growth of the humanitarian and service network. Jones could visit only five of the 39 Rotary districts in India. Happy that she could include in five, our Rotary district 3011.

The theme for this year is 'Imagine Rotary' and the focus will be on seven key areas which will include clean water, sanitation, environment conservation, basic education, health care, women, and childcare, and ensuring peace. "The Rotary Clubs in India have developed themselves so very well and their enthusiasm is admirable as it has transformed India from being a help-seeking nation to a help-giving nation," said Jones, whose home Club is 'Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland', Ontario, Canada.

The event was held at Hotel Andaz Aerocity where a major attraction was the fun filled baarat procession of RI Present Rtn. Jennifer Jones and her husband Lord Nick Krayacich. We identified two baaratis dancing around the buggy. They happened to be our club's president Rtn. Vikas Dhingra and club secretary Rtn. J M Singh



From the Desk of Club Editor "REFLECTIONS"

This is the first issue of E- Bulletin for the month of July of this Rotary Year. Those of you had privilege or cared to read & reflect on last year's 12 issues of Reflections, would have seen how much efforts Rtn. Mani Bajaj who had marvelously done the dual job of Club Secretary and Co-Editor (along with me as Editor), to the satisfaction of IPP S.B. Singh who insisted that we complete all the 12 issues & collectively we did!

Little did I wonder when brand new, young & dynamic President Vikas Dhingra, no less enthusiast, insisted that last year's spirit should continue. I consider myself lucky that one after another, I can work with charming young lady Rotarians, and this time it's Rtn. Geetika Jhamb, to help me as Co-Editor. Our Editorial Board also includes young Sec J.M. Singh with printer as always PP Lalit Vohra.

In my more than 25 years in this club, never seen one gorgeous Closing "Thanks Giving Ceremony" followed by an outstanding opening "Installation Ceremony", both one better than other. Our DG Ashok Kantoor who like one old Bollywood film "Kal, Aaj aur Kal" has been our chief guest for three consecutive years. In his opening address he was visibly so impressed with in the arrangements in grand ambience of the banquet hall where the charming ladies of the club in similar golden satin saris paraded with Rotary flags welcoming the district guests & our own fraternity. Rightly said "morning shows the day", this opening shows the way to the eventful year ahead full of all the avenues of Rotary Services- Club, Vocational, Community, Youth & International Services, besides the biggest strength of our club fellowships.

Last rotary year was unique in the sense that we had our own Indian R.I. President Shekhar Mehta. This year would be memorable for many years to come, as this year we have a Lady R.I. President, Jennifer Jones, first time in last 117 years of Rotary, to lead the Rotary World. She has addressed women of the new world, as she says "I hope I am able to show the world that I can do better by getting involved to break gender barriers and be an inspiration for younger women who can say 'If she can do it, so can we!'"

Sorry for your very long reading, if you have the patience ?



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