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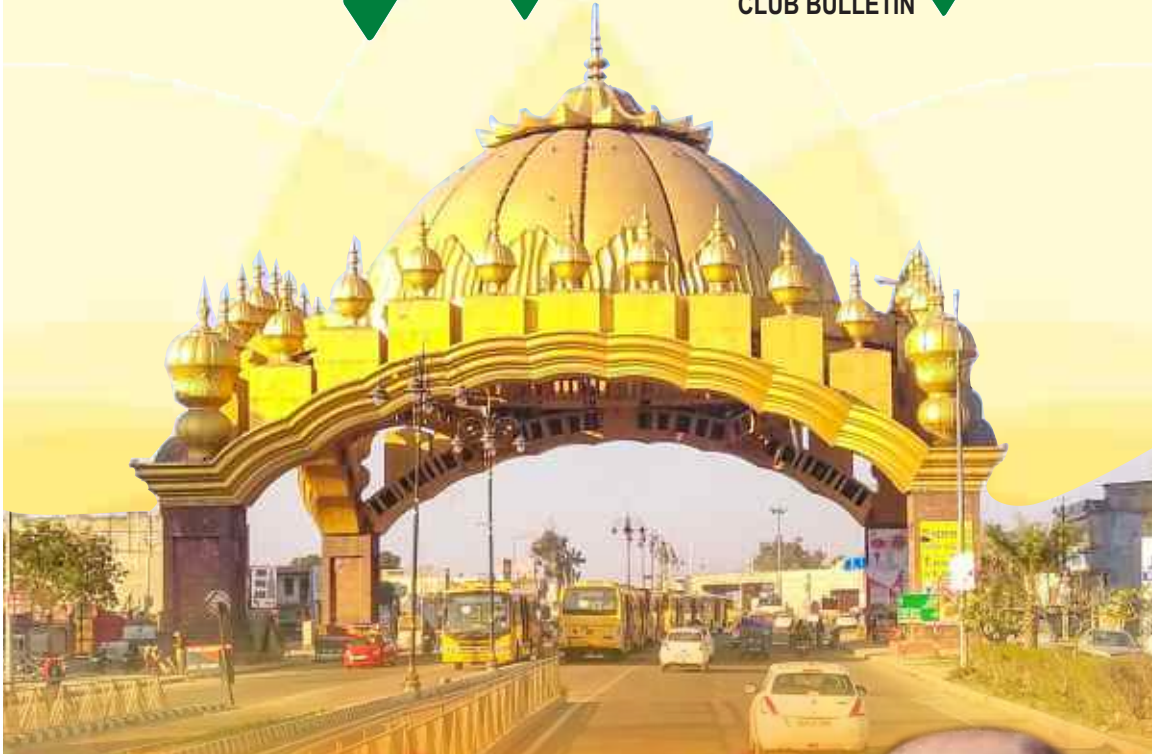
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RI President's Message...

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it. Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S. It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome. When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother. A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice. When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories. But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grand-mother. We watched the video together in the

community center. When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning. I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother. Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family. Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience. As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club-other members of our Rotary family- feel like they truly belong.



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President

Union Budget - 2024

FRIDAY
9th August, 2024

Meeting No.: 2081 The regular meeting of Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown was held on August 9, 2024, at Bhavan's SL Public School. with a well-attended gathering of members. The guest



speaker for the evening was CA Vinamar Gupta, who delivered an insightful presentation on the Union Budget 2024. His comprehensive explanation of the topic was well-received by all present. The Punctuality Lucky Draw was won by PP Rajesh Bhardwaj. The meeting concluded with a warm session of fellowship over soup and snacks.



Project Meeting

SUNDAY
11th August, 24



The Senior Citizens Committee of Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown, in collaboration with Chinmaya Vanprasth Samsthan, organized an event at Bhavan's Ashray-Ananda an old age home for seniors. The event featured guest speakers Dr. Tapish Shukla and Dr. Rahul Sharma from Fortis Hospital, Amritsar, who addressed the attendees on pain management and memory loss prevention, respectively. The meeting saw enthusiastic participation from senior citizens of our club and other clubs. Project Chairman PP Baldev Singh successfully arranged the event, which concluded with light refreshments. PDG Avinash Mohindru emphasized the importance of holding similar talks regularly.





Independence Day Celebrations

THURSDAY
15th August, 24

On August 15, 2024, Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown celebrated the 78th Independence Day with a special project meeting at Bhavan's SL Public School, Amritsar. The event commenced with PDG Avinash Mohindru welcoming the Chief Guest, Rtn. Dr. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, MLA, along with DG Dr. PS Grover and DGN Anil Singhal, who were the Guests of Honour. The National Flag was ceremoniously unfurled by the Chief Guest, followed by a march past by the school's NCC cadets and Scout Wing. The students of Bhavan's SL Public School escorted all the guests to the Kumar Sadan for the outstanding cultural performances. While addressing the gathering Rtn. Dr. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh MLA North, emphasized the importance of Independence Day and the value of service to the nation. The celebration concluded with a fellowship lunch, allowing members and guests to enjoy a meal together and engage in meaningful conversations.



Membership Development Seminar "Varidhi"

**SUNDAY
25th August, 24**

VARIDHI- RI Rotary District 3070 Membership Development Seminar was held on 25 August 2024 at Nirvana Resort Ludhiana hosted by RC Ludhiana. S. Kultar Singh Sadhwan Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha was the chief guest. Rotary Coordinator PDG Rajesh Agarwal from Kota Rajasthan was the keynote speaker. DGN Anil Singhal, DMC Dr SPS Grover, ARC Dr Dushyant Choudhary, DGE Rohit Oberoi were the other speakers. Seminar was well attended by 308 Rotarians of Rotary District 3070. Many Rotaractors and visiting guests added grace to the occasions. Our Club was represented by DGN Anil Singhal, President MM Goyal and PP Dr KK Bhalla.



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Sri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration

Monday
26th August, 24

Meeting No.: 2082 : Sri Krishna Janmashtami was joyfully celebrated at Chinmaya Mission, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar, on Monday, August 26th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The program began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by soulful renditions of bhajans. The event was graced by members from various clubs of RI District 3070 and the Inner Wheel Club Amritsar Midtown, adding to the festive spirit of the celebration. The evening concluded with a Preeti Bhoj hosted by Rtn. PP Ashwani Malhotra and his family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR MEETING No. : 2083

Day, Date & Time : Friday 6th
September 2024 at 7:30 pm
Agenda : Teachers' Day Celebrations
Chief Guest : S. Harbhagwant Singh, DEO (Secondary) Amritsar
In the Presence of **Pujya Acharya Pradyuman Ji**
Chief Acharya Pitanjali Yog Peeth Ashram, Haridwar
Venue: Bhavan's SL School,
Service : Dinner

Please note change in date & time.



REGULAR MEETING No. : 2084

Day, Date & Time : Friday 27th September 2024 at 7.00 pm

Service :

Agenda : Regular Meeting

Soup and Snacks

Venue: Bhavan's SL Public School, Amritsar



BIRTHDAYS September

17th Rtn. Rajesh Bhardwaj
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