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Presidential Message - February, 2025 Stephanie A. Urchick, President 2024-25



This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate The Magic of Rotary — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change. One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship program, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world. For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships

have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries. These centers cultivate expertise in fields like conflict resolution, sustainable development, and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This program exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change. This month during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace center in Istanbul. This center will focus on training leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact. Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organizations or hold leadership roles in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank. One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius has worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership. His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts. Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact. The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies The Magic of Rotary — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose. As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service. Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.

Lohri & New Year Celebration

Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown celebrated Lohri & New Year on January 12, 2025, at The Greens Resort, Fatehgarh Shukarchak Village on a sunny winter afternoon. Hosted by our esteemed member Rtn. S.S. Chhina, the event was a perfect blend of warmth, joy, and festivities. Project Chairman Rtn. Vinod Sharma arranged a mesmerizing musical performance by Mr. Abhishek Mohindru & Ms. Indu Sehgal, who captivated the audience with a 40-minute nonstop duet performance. The celebration continued with a traditional Lohri bonfire, followed by a delicious and hot lunch. Members of Inner Wheel Club of Amritsar Midtown also joined, making the event even more special. A memorable day filled with music, camaraderie, and festive cheer!















Republic Day Celebration

On 26th January 2025, RC Amritsar Midtown proudly celebrated Republic Day at Bhavan's SL Public School, Amritsar (10:30 AM).

Chief Guest: MLA Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh

Guests of Honour: Rotary Governor Dr. PS Grover, DGE Rohit
Oberoi & DGN Anil Singhal & other Rotary Clubs of Amritsar
Zone were also present.

The event featured the National Flag unfurling, an NCC march-past, a school band performance, and a cultural program. PDG Avinash Mohindru expressed gratitude to all attendees.









Republic Day Celebration

26th January 2025, RC Amritsar Midtown proudly celebrated Republic Day at Institute of Blinds, Amritsar (11:30 AM)

Chief Guest: Major General Balbir Singh (Retd.) YSM

The event saw participation from Inner Wheel Club and Rotary Clubs of Amritsar Zone. The visually impaired students gave marvelous stage performances. PDG Arun Kapur extended his heartfelt thanks to all present.









Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown Establishes Two Interact Clubs





Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown proudly launched two new Interact Clubs at Bhavans Amritsar and Bhavans Islamabad, marking a significant step in nurturing young leaders. The new leadership teams for both clubs were formally established, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty. The event saw the presence of esteemed Rotarians from various clubs in Amritsar, along



with District Chairperson of Interact Ms. Neeru Issar, who shared insights into the vision and functioning of Interact Clubs. School Director Dr. Anita Bhalla and Principals Ms. Sonia Sehdev and Ms. Vanita Mahendru extended their support in fostering leadership among students. Prominent Rotarians in attendance included PDG Avinash Mohindru, DGN Anil Singhal, President MM Goyal, Secretary Harpreet Singh, PP Rishi Khanna (Project Chairman), Raminder Singh Sodhi, Brij K Gupta, RK Dhall, Rana Mahajan, and Dr. Pawan Bhatia. Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown remains committed to developing future leaders and expanding the Rotary movement among youth through meaningful initiatives like Interact Clubs.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPEAKER MEETING

Day & Date:

Friday, 14 Feb, 2025 Time: 7 PM SHARP

Venue: Bhavans SL Public

School, Amritsar,

Service: Soup & Snacks

Mahashivratri Celebration

Day & Date: Wednesday, 26 Feb, 2025 Programe: Maha Shivtari Celebration

Time: 6.30 PM SHARP

Venue: Chinmaya Mission, Ranjit Avenue, Asr Service: Dinner Hosted by Singhal Family. Please note the change of day and time.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

04 Rtn. Dr. Rabinder Waan & Dr. Mrs. Baljeet Kaur

07 Rtn. Nirmal Sharma & Mrs. Neeru Sharma

09 Rtn. Himanshu Mahajan & Mrs. Nitika Mahajan

12 Rtn. Suneet Mahajan & Mrs. Sudha Mahajan

15 Rtn. Dr. Surinder Gupta & Dr. Mrs. Asha Gupta

16 Rtn. Dr. Karan Sharma & Dr. Mrs. Sujatha

18 Rtn. Rajinder Kapoor & Mrs. Neeru Kapoor

18 Rtn. Adv. Amit Khanna & Mrs. Ruchika Khanna

20 Rtn. Parveen Mehra & Mrs. Sangeeta Mehra

21 Rtn. Rishi Khanna & Mrs. Nishikha Khanna

22 Rtn. Arun Kapur & Mrs. Kanchan Kapur

24 Rtn. Rana Mahajan & Mrs. Ramesh Kanta



01 Rtn. Dr. Pawan Bhatia

02 Rtn. Gagandeep Singh

05 Rtn. Raminder Singh Sodhi

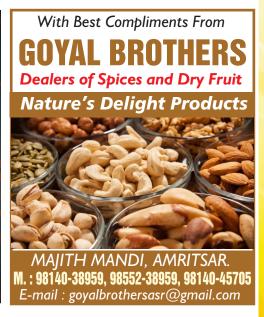
06 Rtn. Sandeep Sehgal

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