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ESTEEMED VISIT OF PRIP HOLGER KNAACK, TRUSTEE CHAIR OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Past RI President Holger Knaack, the current Trustee Chair of the Rotary Foundation, and his charming wife Susanne, visited Chandigarh, accompanied by Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya. Their whirlwind visit began with a stop at Rotary House with a ceremonial Indian welcome of garland and tikka, henceforth they admired the Hall of Fame established in honor of PRIP RK Saboo. Holger took a moment to pen his thoughts in the visitors' book in the Boardroom of RC Chandigarh, expressing his appreciation for the tribute. He then interacted with the club members present, led by President Abha J Sharma, sharing insights and warmth. The couple then headed to their hotel to freshen up before joining Rotarians from



District 3080 for the Rotary Foundation Dinner. At the dinner, PDG Parveen Goyal presented a illustrious brief of

fellow Rotarians to Past RI President Holger Knaack, a true leader and visionary. As RI President in 2020-21, his theme



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Monday meeting

The Monday meeting commenced with the President giving regular updates on ongoing projects, followed by warm birthday and anniversary greetings to members. The President Abha J Sharma spoke about the visit of PP AP Singh to the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, Rotary Club of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Rotary Club of Kitchener Westmount, Ontario, Canada and he handed over the flags. The highlight was an engaging discussion on E-waste



management, an issue of growing importance in today's world. Adding youthful enthusiasm and perspective, two Interact students Arpita from Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School and Vanshika from MDAV Sector 22 also spoke on the subject, sharing their insights and reinforcing the need for



awareness at all levels. The meeting concluded on a high note with a delicious fellowship hosted by Rtn. Ranjit Powar, which was deeply appreciated by all present. The keynote was delivered by Gautam Sharma, an award-winning brand marketing leader with vast

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Monday 22nd September

My journey in Rotary Spirits

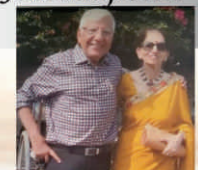
Dr Balram Gupta



6 pm at Rotary House 107A, Sector 18A, Chandigarh

Monday 22nd September
6 pm

Fellowship Host



PP Rtn Ramesh Bhatia & Mrs Rina Bhatia



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Visit of the Rotary Foundation Trustee...



DG Ravi Prakash:
Rotary
Foundation
Dinner -where
passion meet
purpose.



✦ Rotary Foundation Dinner – Chandigarh ✦

What an incredible honor for our district to host none other than Past RI President & Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation, Holger Knaack, along with his inspiring wife Susanne and esteemed Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya!

They toured the Rotary House in Chandigarh and were deeply impressed by the Hall of Fame dedicated to the legendary PRIP R.K. Saboo.

The highlight of the evening was our Foundation Dinner – where passion met purpose! Together, we raised an amazing \$85,000 USD for The Rotary Foundation, charging ahead toward our historic goal of becoming a 1 MILLION DOLLAR DISTRICT for the first time in RID 3080! 🎉

In a moment filled with pride, PRIP Raja Saboo was honored with a prestigious Citation of IPPC Award and Crystal for his extraordinary contributions to Polio Eradication. 🌟

Dr. Bharat Pandya electrified the room with news that India contributed over \$38 million last year, making it the 2nd largest donor country globally! The night also shone a spotlight on our magnificent Major Donors.

And Holger? Absolutely magnetic! He left everyone inspired with his powerful message: "I choose to be happy all the time – and so should everyone else." 😊

It was more than a dinner—it was a celebration of fellowship, generosity, and the unstoppable #ServiceAboveSelf spirit!



'Rotary Opens Opportunities' inspired countless individuals. Currently, he chairs the Rotary Foundation Trustees. PRIP Holger's dedication to Rotary and community service is remarkable. He is a Major Donor, Paul Harris Society member, and Bequest Society member. With his wife R'n'n Susanne, he's hosted over 40 Rotary Youth Exchange students. PRIP Holger's leadership and commitment to social responsibility are an inspiration. Thereafter, DG Ravi Prakash welcomed the Chief guest and everyone and anchored a short meeting, announcing a target of USD one million contribution to the Rotary

Foundation for the district in the current Rotary year. PRIP RK Saboo was honored with a Citation and a Crystal from the International Polio Plus Committee and the Rotary Foundation for his exemplary contributions to polio eradication efforts in India and globally. In his acceptance speech, PRIP Rajendra K Saboo spoke highly of PRIP Holger's leadership and dedication. Dr. Bharat Pandya shared an inspiring update, noting that India was the second-largest contributor to the Rotary Foundation last year, with over 38 million dollars. DRFC Manmohan Singh, a past Governor, recognized the Major Donors present. Throughout the evening,



Holger was at his charming best, smiling continuously and spreading joy. He encouraged everyone to contribute to the Rotary Foundation and emphasized the importance of choosing happiness. After a memorable evening of photo opportunities, networking, and fine dining, PRIP Holger and R'n'n Susanne retired early to prepare for their early morning departure.

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Monday Meeting

experience across B2B, consulting, e-commerce, edtech, media, and industrial marketing.

He is at the forefront of comprehensive waste management and recycling solutions serving industries, hospitals, hotels, and educational institutions across Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, and Jammu & Kashmir. The company is an authorized recycler under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) guidelines, handling plastic waste, e-waste, municipal solid waste, spent machine oil, and used cooking oil in full compliance with FSSAI standards. Beyond recycling, Surya also provides training workshops, advisory on ESG/CBAM/BRSR



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CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

25 Sept Rtn Dr ID Shukla 9316117989
25 Sept Rtn Col Guljit Singh Chadha 9815104205
27 Sept Rtn Dr Ravjit Singh 9876337922

Anniversary Greetings:

22 Sept PP Rtn. Ramesh G Bhatia 9316003355
Rtn Rina
25 Sept Rtns PJ Singh & 9815330910
Dr Rajinder Kau 9815330911

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Distribution of 100 School Bags to children of GSSS, Village Bunga under Distt. Project "NANHE DEEPAK"

It was a great source of Happiness while sharing some good moments with school children. They were delighted to receive Brand new School bags Sponsored by PP Vinod Kapoor ji. Much Thanks to him. Rtn. partner Sh. Sanjay Sharma, Village Sarpanch, School Principal and Teachers were present on the occasion.



A passionate R'nns green initiative



It's truly inspiring to see Rtn Savita Kumar's dedication to transforming the green area in RVTC! Despite her age and challenging weather conditions, she tirelessly monitors the gardener's work, provides instructions, and even spends her own money on plants, manure, and maintenance. Her recent efforts to remove a long-standing heap of garbage and plant beautiful flora under the Rotary board are commendable. Let's come forward and join hands with her to make our Rotary House a stunning reflection of our collective spirit. Together, we can create a vibrant and welcoming space that showcases our commitment to community service and beauty.



