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Rtn. Om Prakash Sukhija passes away

Rotary Club Chandigarh lost a committed, dedicated and compassionate member on 3rd January, 2025. A Rotarian for over 54 years, Om Prakash Sukhija was a respected and a senior member of our club. Having joined Rotary Club Dehradun in 1971, he joined our club after shifting to Chandigarh. He served as secretary of RC Dehradun and as a member of the Board of Directors once in our club. However, for most part, he preferred to serve the club as a member without holding any formal position on the Board. He deeply loved Rotary's values of service and fellowship. He never sought any recognition as his heart lay in selfless service, particularly toward empowering girls and women.



Chairman of RVTC administration committee, he would visit the club office everyday for a couple of hours to oversee the working of the staff. He got the surroundings of Rotary House cleaned regularly by approaching the area counsellor. He helped the club staff maintain a proper filing system.

He helped in getting the building insured and took care of the regular maintenance of the building.

He was known for his honesty and integrity throughout his professional career. His company chairman would entrust him with big and sensitive cases of claims and other

insurance matters. He would always get the choice of postings on merit. He would often indulge in random acts of kindness. Once he just took off his new jacket and gave it to a club staff on noticing that he was not wearing enough warm clothes on a cold winter's day. On another occasion, he bought a glucose meter for another club staff so that he could measure his sugar levels every day. He often said, "I find Rotary's diverse membership enriching and knowing so many friends from different vocations is a boon".

OP's elder daughter Puja and her husband are part of Rotary family in Delhi. He persuaded his younger daughter Arti and her husband Rohit to join Rotary Club Chandigarh. Both the daughters are continuing with his legacy. We hope that his wife Prem Sukhija will find strength to bear this irreparable loss. While we have lost a member of the club, she has lost her partner of over 55 years. May God Almighty keep a watch over the family of our former member Rtn. Om Prakash Sukhija.

Rtn. AP Singh

Known for his punctuality, OP Sukhija was fond of wearing branded clothes and was always immaculately dressed. He lived the phrase 'Simple living and high thinking'. Always conscious about the needs of those around him, be it friends, colleagues or staff in office or at home, he would help them at the first opportunity. A loving husband, a doting father, a true friend and a mentor to his grandchildren, OP was indeed a complete man. OP Sukhija was always forthcoming if the club president called him for contributing to any cause. He would never refuse. He would share his views candidly during business meetings. If ever he accepted to be a committee Chair, he would discharge his responsibilities diligently. I remember when he was

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Abha Joshi Sharma, President is an architect residing in



Chandigarh. With an illustrious career of 36 years behind her, she has been serving as the Senior

Architect with the Government of Punjab. She also has served in the Chandigarh Administration for 4 years as a Senior Architect. She is also an MBA (HRM) with her Thesis project on a unique subject "Role of Spiritual Quotient in Leadership Effectiveness". She believes that the SQ or spiritual quotient is unique to each and every Human Being which guides to the Path and Purpose of their Lifetime. Her Passion is to live life to the fullest.

A woman of many talents, Abha's passion is not limited to only architecture. She is a prolific poet, effortlessly crafting sublime prose that is enhanced even more with her serenading voice. She is keenly seeking the Spiritual path and has been organising Group meditation sessions for various sections of society. Her keen interest is working for the Children and youth.

She joined Rotary in 2015 and no looking back since then. She is also a staunch proponent of community service and an active and passionate Rotarian being a member of the Rotary Club Chandigarh having served and participated at key club positions like Secretary (2019-

20) and Director of projects. She has initiated the Human Milk Bank Project at Civil Hospital Mohali as Director Special Projects. It was launched in January 2024. She has also been spearheading New and innovative projects of the club. She is also a member of the IWN chapter of CII.

For her one helps oneself by helping others and Elevating others is truly Elevating oneself. She believes in living life like a rainbow - vibrant, colorful and with spontaneity. Her dictum "SIMPLY BE" - YOU ARE YOUR OWN LIGHT.

Dr Rajinder Kaur, Vice President is ex professor from



Government college for girls Sector 11 Chandigarh. She is Gold medalist in MA (Music Vocal) from Punjabi

University Patiala & PhD from Punjab University Chandigarh. Passionately involved in giving back to the society she joined Rotary in the year 2000.

She was director under the Late President Mr GS Lakhmana. Have been participating in pulse polio

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NEXT MEETING

Jas K Shan Wellness Coach
Talks to us on Living your best Chapter on 20 January, 2025 at Rotary House at 6pm

WE MEET EVERY MONDAY AT ROTARY HOUSE AT 6:00 PM

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program of Rotary for many years. Now associated with blood donation camps of her own company. Apart from Rotary she has been selecting needy students every year from GCG Sector 11, Modern senior school Patiala & around Chandigarh in giving financial support as required. Supporting financially "WE" A Group of Indian contemporary Women Artists- Chandigarh & other disabled Fine Arts students for last 20 years. Supporting games particularly Golf by contributing in holding women tournaments & supporting caddies of the golf club. In the Rotary year 23-24 became a member of Arch klump society by contributing over USD 2,50,000.

She is a keen golfer too. Presently, Managing Director of a company engaged in detergents, chemicals & solar power.

Arun Aggarwal, Secretary is a postgraduate in History and an MBA from UBS, Punjab University. After 20 years in my family advertising business, I transitioned to real



estate in 2014 and also work as a training resource consultant. With a passion for social service, have led initiatives in education, blood donation, and food distribution, earning recognition as a COVID Warrior by Blood Bank, PGI. Inspired by PP Anil Chadda,

joined Rotary Club to expand his efforts. Rotary has provided a meaningful platform to serve society, and remain actively involved in various impactful projects.

Aman Baldev Aggarwal, Joint Secretary a student of Lawrence School Sanawar, completed his Mechanical Engineering with in first class with distinction from Pune University



and went on to complete his Master's in Business Administration in Finance & Marketing from Punjab University. After completing his education Aman formally joined the family business in the year 2003, looking after the hospitality venture Sip 'n'

Dine a Indian fine dining restaurant in Chandigarh. Today the restaurant holds the distinction of being one of Chandigarh's finest restaurant and banquets for almost 33 years.

He was then entrusted with expanding the trade arm of the organisation through its company Superlinks in the international market. Superlinks got international exposure by exporting Spices, Dry Fruits & other eatable items to the Indian restaurants in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Having a hospitality background and sensing an opportunity the company opened an Indian restaurant in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the brand name Delhi Royale and soon went on to become

one of the finest Indian restaurants in Kuala Lumpur, getting many awards and being featured in many leading publications.

The company under his leadership went to expand its business in the medial field. They opened an office in Malaysia to provide the entire spectrum of gloves in international quality at cost effective pricing to both medical and non- medical sector the Indian and overseas market and expanding into other medical disposable products there by making the company a formidable force in this segment. Today, his flagship company Superlinks is aspiring to have a presence across the world

His father Mr. Baldev Aggarwal being an imminent Rotarian, Aman was inspired at a very early age to participate and be part of social activities. He formally joined the Rotary Club of Chandigarh in the year 2020 and has been actively involved in the club activities since then. He is also an active Free Mason and has been holding many administrative posts in the organisation. Being an avid golfer he is a member of both the Chandigarh and Delhi golf club. He is a keen reader and loves to swim.

CA. Baldev Garg, Treasurer is a qualified Chartered Accountant in practice under the firm name of M/s Baldev Kumar & Co., Sector 35D, Chandigarh since 1994. He has a



working experience of more than 30 years, whereby he has advised many businesses how to grow and expand successfully. He represented Chandigarh, Mohali & Panchkula Branch of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India as Chairman during 2001-02. He also

represented North India CA Association as Secretary and Vice-Chairman during 2007-08 and 2009-10 respectively. In December 2014, Government of India, Ministry of Finance appointed him as an Independent Director on the Board of State Bank of Patiala (now State Bank of India) for a period of 3 years. Presently he is one of the directors of Chandigarh Angel Network (CAN). He has keen interest in Startup investing and has invested in more than 35 Start-ups in last 3 years.

He is on the Board of Directors in 3 Startups. He is treasure of Higher Education Learning for poor (HELP) a society registered under Section 80 G of Income Tax which provides financial help to meritorious economically backward students for pursuing higher education, in last 10 years around 500 students benefitted from it. Also, Chandigarh Police has enrolled him as an Expert Professional to Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Chandigarh Police in December 2023.

Shuchita Luthra, Director is a distinguished architect with over three decades of experience in creating innovative and functional designs. A

proud alumnus of the Chandigarh College of Architecture, she has successfully led diverse



projects across India and internationally, with expertise in industrial, retail, and residential spaces for prestigious corporate clients. Her design philosophy seamlessly integrates architectural elements with interior palettes, delivering

solutions that are both practical and visually captivating.

Beyond her professional achievements, Shuchita is an active community leader. Since joining Rotary in 2004, she has contributed significantly to various social initiatives. Her most notable contribution includes designing the Peace Monument, commemorating 100 years of Rotary and 50 years of Chandigarh. Her design won a competitive selection process among top architects, showcasing her creative vision and commitment to meaningful projects. Over the years, she has held key leadership roles within Rotary, driving impactful community programs with passion and dedication.

Shuchita is the co-founder and principal designer of two design firms, alongside her husband, Sandeep, a Structural Designer who shares her love for aesthetics and precision. Together, they bring a unique synergy to their professional endeavors. Their daughter, Ritvika, an architect, and son-in-law, Ankush, a director at a leading cybersecurity firm, resides in Toronto, furthering the family's legacy of excellence and innovation.

Balancing a thriving career and an active personal life, Shuchita exemplifies grace and resilience. Her ability to manage professional commitments, family responsibilities, and community service with equal dedication speaks to her unwavering passion and determination. At her core, she remains a devoted wife, a nurturing mother, and a compassionate contributor to society, inspiring all those around her.

Lalita Grover, Director has done her graduation from Meerut University and a PG in Anthropology from Punjab University Chandigarh. She worked with a reputed firm affiliated with the Canadian education system. Presently taking care of the



family business, as a partner with the husband. Joined Rotary in 2016, worked in different capacities as Secretary in 2017-18 and Director for three consecutive years. Felt happy taking care of Vidya Sadan continuously for four years, and helped

students to improve their knowledge of the English language by taking classes twice in a week. Always tries to touch the lives of as many as she can. Trying to contribute according to the capacity in society and keeping herself low profile makes her feel satisfied. Share trading is

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her first love. The commitment to take care of animals is also one of her passions.

Dr. Bhavneet Bharti, Director stands as a shining example of leadership, compassion, and dedication within Rotary and beyond. As the Director Principal of Dr. BR Ambedkar State



Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohali, she embodies the spirit of service above self. A socially conscious pediatrician with an illustrious career, she combines professional excellence with a heartfelt commitment to societal well-

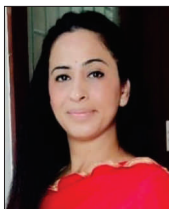
being.

Dr. Bharti's contributions as a women leader extend beyond her clinical expertise. She played a pivotal role in establishing Punjab's first human milk bank, a Rotary-backed initiative. This revolutionary project, a first in the state, has been instrumental in saving countless newborn lives by ensuring access to lifesaving nutrition for vulnerable infants. The success of this initiative has set a benchmark in public health and underscored Rotary's commitment to maternal and child health.

Her compassionate leadership shines through her advocacy for foster care and adoption. As the first foster mother in Chandigarh, she has demonstrated the power of individual action to bring about meaningful change. Dr. Bharti firmly believes that every child deserves a loving family, and her personal journey of fostering reflects her unwavering dedication to this cause. She often shares, "One adoption may not change the world, but for that child, the world is forever transformed."

An accomplished academic, Dr. Bharti has served as a Professor of Pediatrics at PGIMER, Chandigarh, and holds advanced qualifications, including a DNB in Hospital and Healthcare Administration and a diploma in Environment and Child Health from the WHO and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her research interests include Social Pediatrics, child nutrition, immunization, school and community health, and more.

Dr. Rosy Katyal, Director educationist by profession running Colleges at Derabassi by the name Longowal Group of Colleges. Three colleges comes under the group 1. WC



ITI2. Longowal Polytechnic College 3. Longowal Academic College.

She is into this profession from the last 22 years . I have done Masters as well as PhD. In Electronics .My husband Dr. Kapil Katyal has also done Masters and PhD. In Electronics and we both are doing our best to take our college to heights .

She had joined Rotary Club Chandigarh in 2021-2022 because of my dream to do something for the society . Presently Sergeant At Arms for the year 2024-25 and doing my duty with my heart. Awarded many times as a best teacher .Two times finalist of Mrs Chandigarh and have a desire to give back to the community and the world so I have joined Rotary and I am proud to be a Rotarian.

Shivya Sehgal, Director is a practicing lawyer at Hon'ble High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh Persuasive and Enthusiastic legal professional with 15 years' experience in legal field. She has also been



appointed as Repoter of India Law Reports (Punjab and Haryana High Court Chapter). She is also on the panel of Punjab National Bank for conducting cases. After her schooling from DAV Public School, Ludhiana and Graduation in

B.A.(Economics Hons.)from Government College for Women, Ludhiana, she completed her LL. B. From Panjab Univeristy, Chandigarh in the year 2009. Being always very keen to study and learn more, she also did Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resources from Symboisis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune and LLM from Kurukshetra University. She was always a very active and spirited student and involved herself in all kinds of extra curricular activities. She was nominated as President of Rotaract Club, GCW, Ludhiana for the year 2005-2006 and was later awarded "Best Rotaractor" Award for the same year and has participated in various RYLA being a Rotaractor. This is where she came in close contact with Rotary, its mission and working and always wanted to be part of this fraternity.

Prem Mahindru, Director MA (Pol . Sc.) LL.B, MBA (USA) QLTT (UK) ,CAIIB (Mumbai) , Solicitor Supreme Court of England & wales Advocate Pb. & High Court,Consultant to MNC s on legal matters , international laws & Preventive litigation In UK Europe & Asia



,President Bharat Vikas Parishad N2 Chandigarh (Biggest Branch in India having more than 506 members , whose main aim is to cultivate patriotism among citizens and to help the weaker sections of society especially in schools

),President Intellectual Forum Chandigarh (A society of more than 120 members to promote only knowledge and knowledge) , President Saanjh Ambala (A literary organization to promote Mushaira & Kavi sammelans) , Past President (2018-19)Rotary Club Industrial Area , Ambala (Declared the Best President) , Secretary 2024-25 Rotary club Chandigarh .Mr Mahindru is in the governing councils of so many senior citizens societies in Chandigarh

He is a Hard-core Traveler who has visited more than 70 countries. Mr Mahindru loves to contribute to the society in his spare time to make someone life better who are downtrodden.

Anil Chadda, Director did his schooling from Chandigarh and graduation in commerce from Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, Sector 26, Chandigarh . After completion of graduation , he was qualified as chartered accountant in 1988



from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi. Since then, he is in practice as chartered accountant with specialisation as auditor and taxation advisor under the name A K Chadda & Co. When India was on the mode computerisation , he did his

super specialisation as Information system auditor in 2003 and worked on number of projects in professional field . He has Started his journey as Rotarian in 2007 as a member in Rotary Club of Chandigarh and was nominated as secretary 2008-9 ,a treasurer in past six years ,as District treasurer during the year 2010-11 and a Director, Club services during the years 2021-22 and President 2023-24. Being an active donor he has been recognised as PHF and benefactor member. He also got the presidential citation from Rotary International in 2016-17 and awarded as Best President during 2023-24 while serving for Rotary Club Chandigarh. Blessed with lovely wife Rajni and two sons Sahil, advocate as Tax practitioner and Abhinav practising as

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

14 Jan Rtn Pankaj Khanna 9815012864

Anniversary Greetings:

14 Jan PP Rtn Arvind Mahajan & Rashmi 9876011457

17 Jan PP Rtn Charanjit Singh & Neeraj 9316133924

18 Jan Rtn Nitin Peshawaria & Tanisha 9814016187

18 Jan Rtn Manish Gupta & Archana 9878037993

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chartered Accountant .Now managing a startup company engaged in the business of first time launched in India a Virtual Accounting system.

Dr Nidhi Kapoor, Sargent at Arms has a Ph.D. in Economics from Mumbai University with extensive experience of working in education over a period of 18 years. She has worked extensively in curriculum analysis, content development and implementation of Early Grade Literacy interventions



Rajendra K Saboo



Teena Virk



Jatindra Kapoor



Madhukar Malhotra



Parveen C Goyal

across multiple states. She has consulted with the government and various organizations to transform the quality of teacher support systems and teacher education programs. She is currently engaged in her family business and oversees multiple retail stores of Tanishq, Titan, Helios and Eyewear in Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal.

In addition to the elected members of board, PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo, PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra, PDG Rtn. Parveen Chander Goyal, Rtn. Jatinder Kapur as IPP and PN Rtn. Teena Avninder Virk have been nominated as the members of the board of directors for 2025-26 in terms of bylaws of the Rotary club chandigarh.

NEWS

-TRF Cadre members DGE Dr Shahul Hameed from Singapore accompanied by his spouse Ms Michelle from Singapore and Rtn Dr Noel Adlidio cadre member from Philippines visited Chandigarh on 8th January on way to Yamunagar for a Global Grant audit/review. Rtn Dr Noel visited our projects in the morning - Rotary peace monument, Bal Bahar, Vidya Sadan and Rotary blood resource center. In the afternoon they visited Rotary House and Hall of fame.



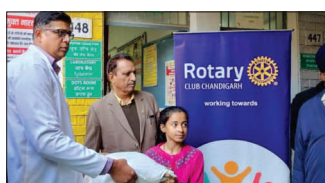
-Rtn. Hari Om sharma have been appointed as the professional member of the advisory council to Administrator, Chandigarh.

-Rtn. Maninder Sidhu has been promoted as Principal, Government College for women, Chandigarh.

Obituary

-It is with deep sorrow to share the passing of respected Sardar Kuldeep Singh Chadha father of Rtn Col GS Chadda, who left peacefully at the age of 98. His last rites are scheduled for 12 Noon tomorrow 8th Jan 25 at Balongi (Mohali) cremation ground. Please keep the family in your prayers as they navigate this difficult time. May God bless the family.

-Mrs Prabha Sarda wife of Rtn Mr Gopal Sarda left for abode at Alchemist Hospital Panchkula . May her soul rest in peace.



Projects

-Diet kits distributed at Dhanas and Maloya Health Centre to TB Patients of this area yesterday on 11th Jan

-Vehicle sponsored by our Club for TB awareness is going to different health centers in the city. Health workers from Chandigarh Health department are accompanying and carrying out TB tests on persons (target groups) above 60yrs in villages to identify new cases if any. This is part of the screening campaign jointly with us.



-Deepak, an accident victim was provided with prosthetic leg at Happy Feet Mohali at a cost of Rs.1.4 lac. The entire cost of the prosthetic leg was provided by PP Rtn Vinod Kapoor. Rtn Krishan Kumar also contributed Rs.10000/- for this cause .Thanks to both the Rotarians for this noble cause giving.



-On 6th of December, before the start of regular meeting, four members of Rotary Club Chandigarh, came forward to help five residents of hutment colony of sector 25 with bedding sets. Mr. Kanwar Pal Singh, running a free educational hub in the area, identified Mannat, Tamana,



Lucky, Love Kumar and Pinku, in dire need of beddings in this acute winters. 5 mattresses, 5 Quilts, a pillow and a few warm sheets were provided.

Youth

The INTERACT CLUB of MDAV SCHOOL, sector 21, Chandigarh, visited the colony for economically weak section of society in

sector 38 West and distributed eatables, daily use items and cosmetics to women and children. They were accompanied by their teacher incharge, Ms Suruchi. The spirit of service and community engagement being the main purpose of the drive.

