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Picnic at Baghe Gulistan

The Monday meeting was full of fun at Baghe gulistan when Rtn. Jaswinder Batra and Ann's Tanu Batra are coming forward to host this event. A beautiful farm house named as Baghe gulistan situated at Abhipur village road Mullanpur owned by lovely couple located hardly five kilometer from Chandigarh. Our President Rtn. Jatinder Kapur invited the member of our club on the Monday meeting on a Picnic meeting. The meeting was started as per the normal protocols with the national Anthem followed by announcements on the activities done by the club in the last week. The fun started with interactive participation by all the members when Rtn. Prem Mahendru takes over the meeting.

200 yards race was played both for male and female participants to come out in active mode and to motivate them, small prizes were distributed to the winners. The venue was so good that most of the members took the round of the venue to enjoy the beauty of nature and company of fellow Rotarians. Antakshari was played by forming the two groups amongst the participants wherein all the members enjoyed the event together with showing their hidden treasures. The evening programme cannot be completed without listening to the songs of Rtn. Dr. Malik and Punjabi songs of Rtn. Rajinder Kaur and Ann. Mrs. Gupta. In last all the members served with drinks and dinner well chosen by Ann. Tanu Batra who worked so hard to make this



evening event a memorable one. This is evident from the acknowledgements by the members out of which we chosen some of them to spell few of the feelings as shared by our members.

**As you all are aware that our visionary Club President Rtn Jatinder Kapur Ji & our Club's Club Secretary Rtn Prem Mahindru Ji took excellent decision for organising our regular Monday Club meeting as "Picnic Party" at Baghe Gulistan beautifully maintained

farm house belongs to sweet couple Rtn Jaswinder Singh Batra, Ann'e Tanu Batra Ji & their lovely son. Host Batra family welcomed each Rotarian

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NEXT MEETING

Dr. Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal
Global Ambassador World
Cancer care talks to us on
Cancer Care on 7th April 2025
at Zone 8 Clubs Meet at
Rotary House at 6 pm.

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



-Medical mission program was conceived by Past Rotary International President Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo in 1998 when he led his team to Uganda in African continent. Inspired by this move, similar initiative was taken in India when first medical mission was led in India at Kalahandi, Odisha one of the poorest district in the state in 2006. In India most of the missions were led by PDG Rtn. Subhash Garg and this year the mission was planned to Morena, Madhya Pradesh. The mission was planned from 26th. March, 2025 to 2nd April, 2025 and this was the second mission planned to Morena. It is a free Mega health camp organized in association with Sate Government and local administration and inaugurated by Chief Minister Sh. Mohan Yadav. A project by Rotary District 3080 in association with Rotary District 3053 wherein PDG R.S. Parmar, with 25 doctors and 18

volunteers participated in the program. From Our club, President Rtn. Jatinder Kapur, PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo Ann. Usha Mam participated in this event to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

-215 food packets for TB patients are being distributed in Mauli Jagran.



This is a continuing programme since October, 2022 when the project was taken in association with Health

Department, Chandigarh Administration under Pradhan Mantri TB abhiyukt Abhian. It is pertinent to mention here that Rtn. Dr Aditya Jindal, one of the leading doctor of our city and member of our club, recommended the intake of good nutrition food which is supportive in the treatment of TB patients.

-Inner Wheel Club members visited Bal Bahar, an Ice Cream Cart was arranged for the children and they were all provided with new pair of undergarments. Archana mam sponsored the project.



NEWS

The MBCT Hockey Nursery's Hockey Grounds at ITI Bassi Pathana are being meticulously maintained to ensure optimal conditions for training. Amareshwar Singh Goraya, ADVISOR MBCT along with Coaches Jasbir Bajwa & Hansraj Chabra and the Groundsman Gurdeep Singh have been ensuring to worn out grassy patches



in the Dee area and other places has been re grassed. Over 56 cubic metres of washed river sand has been procured and is being spread evenly over the grounds. MBCT is committed to providing the best grassy grounds to train the young hockey trainees.

-I, Rtn. Surinder Kaur, Past president take this opportunity to thank Rtn. Madhukar Ji and Ann Neeru Malhotra and your dear daughter Smriti for the magnanimous donation of Rs.5 lacs under the CSR of her company "RESBIRD Technologies Pvt Ltd" to the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Blood Resource Centre. This donation will help to serve the underprivileged patients suffering from cancer, dengue, cardiac diseases etc with subsidized life saving

Apheresis platelet blood products i.e. SDPC (Single Donor Platelet Concentrate)

-Aashna Gakhar daughter of Rtn. Anil Gakhar and Ann Aradhana Gakhar well written the need of the city and the projects undertaken by Chandigarh Smart city when it came to the notice of the citizens of Chandigarh that the company is going to be closed.

GUEST COLUMN |

Aashna Gakhar

Chandigarh's not so smart move

On March 20, 2025, Chandigarh Smart City Corporation (SCC) left a bitter taste in the mouths of its citizens. The corporation, which was supposed to be a smart move, has turned out to be a big mistake. The corporation has been running the city for the last few years, but it has not been able to deliver on its promises. The corporation has been running the city for the last few years, but it has not been able to deliver on its promises. The corporation has been running the city for the last few years, but it has not been able to deliver on its promises.



-EARLYACT CLUB certificate being presented by Rtn. Teena Virk, Director Youth Service, to Principal, sister Venita at Sacred Heart Senior Secondary School, sector 26, Chandigarh. Teacher incharge Nalini and Interact Club incharge Manisha were present too.

-The Rotaract Club of Chandigarh has taken a significant step in supporting education by adopting Education First in Sector 25 and 4 other schools across Chandigarh, Panchkula, and Mohali under the Rotaract Happy Schools initiative.* As part of this initiative, the club has donated



computers for a fully equipped computer lab, essential furniture to

enhance the learning environment, and stationery for more than 1,200 students. This effort aims to provide better infrastructure and resources to students in need, fostering a more conducive learning atmosphere. Moin Khan, President of Rotaract Club Chandigarh, stated, "Education is not just about books; it is about opportunities. With this initiative, we aim to create an environment where every child has access to quality learning and the tools they need to succeed."



रोटरी क्लब सर्विस ट्रस्ट ने सेक्टर 25 के 'एजुकेशन फर्स्ट' को रोटरेक्ट हैप्पी स्कूल के रूप में अपनाया



फोटो: अजीत कौशल

अर्थ प्रकाश संवाददाता

चंडीगढ़। रोटरी क्लब सर्विस ट्रस्ट, चंडीगढ़ द्वारा प्रायोजित रोटरेक्ट

बेहतर बुनियादी सुविधाएँ और संसाधन प्रदान करना है, जिससे उनके लिए एक अनुकूल शिक्षण वातावरण तैयार किया जा सके।

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Picnic at Baghe Gulistan...

,organised sports, singing competition "Antakshari", singing, dancing on dancing floor, drinks & dinner were also served I enjoyed throughly each event & now conveying my thanks to Club President, Club Secretary & host Batra family. Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu

**We r highly thankful to all the members who showed their gracious presence to make the PICNIC event a grand success. We r highly grateful to the host Rtn Jaswinder Batra and his family for their super arrangement and the great hospitality given to all of us during our visit to their farm house Rtn. Prem Mahendru

**Mr. President and the entire team deserves congratulations for the Picnic cum regular Rotary meeting. It was excellently organised, lovely outing. Thank you President sir, and also Mr. And Mrs. Batra Rtn. Jagesh Khaitan

**There are no words to describe our gratitude and appreciation for the fabulous evening along with the warm hospitality of both you and Tanu ji. I'm sure a lot of efforts of both of you went into organising yesterday's occasion and of course in the way you have accomplished to make a paradise in the countryside. Rtn. Arvind & Sadhana

**Fantastic evening, Anu ji and Jaswinder ji.. Everything was perfect. the fun..frolic..food..your warmth..brought us all together. Rtn. Nandani Khanna

**Thank you both for an awesome evening yesterday. Your hospitality was beyond comparison, yours and Anu ji's personal touch- was so wonderful. Thanks once again for hosting all of us at your beautiful & very well kept farm. Rtn. Cinni & PJ

**This is to convey my thanks to both of you for creating a mesmerizing environment, a warm

and welcoming atmosphere, coupled with delicious and myriad choices in food, last evening in your elegantly nurtured farm, House aptly named as Baghe Gulistan.. Your hospitality was par excellent. Both of you worked so hard for us. Result is evident. You both succeeded in flooring each one of us. Rtn. Surinder P Kaur. **It was a fantastic evening yesterday... special thanks to the Batra family for their warm hospitality n delicious food n thanks to the President n team for organising the wonderful evening Rtn. Vijay Wadhawan The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the lovely couple.

Compiled by Rtn. Anil Chadda

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

- 1 April Rtn Dr Seema Gupta 9876028775
- 1 April Rtn Madhu Marwaha 9646058795
- 4 April Rtn Deepika Prashar 7837130047

Anniversary Greetings:

- 5 April Rtn Jaiwant Singh Kang 9815120001 & Jaspreet

With Best Compliments from
Rtn Jagesh Khaitan



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ENGAGING THE MEMBERS

As a leader, you should:

- Complete the basic learning plan to understand how to effectively manage learning events
- Invite members of the club to participate in the discussion
- Prepare any materials you want to use, such as flip chart paper or markers for brainstorming
- Consider sending the input Performa to participants before the session and bringing the results to the discussion
- Consider printing the What Makes Up the Club Experience flyer (included in the course) to give to each participant
- Arrange for someone to take notes during the discussion

At the beginning of the session, ask the group to determine guidelines for the discussion. Some common guidelines are to listen to understand rather than to respond, avoid interrupting, and allow everyone a chance to speak.

You can ask the group:

- What do you do to engage both longtime members and new ones?
- Does our club ask both longtime and new members what they want from their club experience? How can you advocate for the club experience you want?
- How do we keep members informed and involved in the decisions we make?
- Do our club activities reflect the current interests of our members or maintain what we have done for years?
- Do our members know about the many ways to get involved in Rotary beyond the club?
- How can our club better accommodate members' needs?
- What should our club do to ensure that guests feel welcome and members feel that they belong?
- Are our meeting and event locations accessible to everyone, regardless of

their vision, hearing, cognitive, and physical abilities?

- What does our club do to recognize and thank members for their efforts?

And after discussion

- Determine as a club what specific action you want to take next.
- Identify a small group to work on implementing the ideas discussed, develop timelines, and assign tasks to members.

LEAVING OF MEMBERS

Why are you leaving? This is a question you should ask all members who decide to leave your club. No matter what the answer is, you can use this information to try to prevent the same issue from causing others to leave. Use the Exit Survey form to determine why your members leave and start a conversation about what your club can do to keep members in the future. Your club membership committee can review and tailor the survey to your club's needs. Or you may choose to create an online form or conduct an in-person interview.

Using an online survey tool which are helpful in managing response data. Taking this survey may be the final contact that a member has with Rotary, and it's very important. If you conduct the survey online, put someone in charge of managing the process whenever a member leaves the club. If you use a paper survey or an in-person conversation, ask someone who is a good listener to talk with the resigning member. The interviewer will need to relay the results to the membership committee and club board. Regardless of the method, it's important to make it a positive interaction so that the member leaves with a positive regard for Rotary.

Step 1: Ask permission Ask the resigning member if he or she is willing to take a confidential exit survey. Explain that the purpose of the survey is to determine whether there are problems that should be addressed to help prevent further losses of valued members and to improve the club for others.

Step 2: Provide the survey Give the

member the survey and ask them to complete it at their earliest convenience. You can edit the survey included in this document and attach it to an email or use an online survey tool. If the member is unable to complete the survey online, use a paper form and provide a stamped, addressed envelope.

Step 3: Discuss the results Once you receive the completed survey, discuss the results with your club's membership committee. If the member is leaving for a reason other than relocation, discuss what your club can change to prevent current or future members from leaving for similar reasons. Compare this member's responses to those of other recent exit surveys to identify trends. Stress the importance of confidentiality and respect for all viewpoints.

Step 4: Take action This step is crucial for your club's membership development. You invest time and resources into attracting and engaging members; protect that investment by addressing member losses. While not every exit survey will require action, they do merit consideration.

Create a plan and delegate its tasks. Update your club's Member Satisfaction Survey based on the responses of resigning members over the previous year.

