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Artificial Intelligence is a Part of Your Life

On Monday, 22nd July 2024, the meeting was graced by the presence of Mr. Bhavuk Chawla, an IT technologist and the founder and CEO of DataCouch. He was introduced by Rtn. Arun Aggarwal and shared his vast experience in artificial intelligence, a crucial topic in today's world. Mr. Chawla, a Google Certified Machine Learning Engineer with two decades of professional IT experience, obtained his engineering degree from Delhi College of Engineering and an MS from BITS Pilani. He is also a globally recognized instructor, having delivered sessions for Adobe, Apple, Google, and many other Fortune 500 companies. During his presentation, Mr. Chawla explained how artificial intelligence is an integral part of everyday life.

Starting your day with an Alexa alarm at 7 AM, having a power alarm clock, and enjoying music as per your choice is a manifestation of artificial intelligence. When you commute to work, Google Maps helps with traffic situations, and Uber taxis use AI for efficient service. Applications like Zomato and Swiggy, watching videos on YouTube, and checking news updates are all driven by AI.

Artificial intelligence can assist in identifying issues in your daily life. For instance, ChatGPT is commonly used for recognition and assistance. Let's draft a press release for a conference we attended to see how AI is a helpful tool. Uploading a picture of the conference, the application can automatically recognize faces, the backdrop, the audience count, the language of the event, and the nature of the function. While AI reduces human intervention for correcting mistakes, it can still be instructed to review and correct names if necessary, preparing a draft release efficiently.

Consider another example: taking a picture of the inside of your refrigerator. The application can recognize items that need reordering, analyse your calorie intake habits, and identify issues



with your diet. Similarly, by uploading a picture of your medical test results, the application can analyse the report, highlight issues, suggest solutions, and estimate the cost of fixing these issues.

Although AI is often invisible, it works behind the scenes in places like department stores. It captures your picture, analyses the items you pick and purchase, calculates the total amount of your bill,

tracks your visit frequency, and even assesses your mood. Based on this data, it generates personalized offers, determines your buying power, and understands your satisfaction levels, aiding in the store's marketing efforts. Uploading a bill from your purchase, AI can recognize the items, analyse your buying behaviour, and identify spending patterns.

The meeting was well-attended, with members engaging in an interactive session with Mr. Chawla. The vote of thanks on behalf of the club was delivered by Rtn. Vivek Gupta. The fellowship for this meeting was organized by Rtn. Santosh Gupta in celebration of her birthday.



NEXT MEETING
Warriors of Medical mission
Hotel Aroma

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

Musing : Ten "I"s in Getting and Grooming New Members



- Investigate - (To find new members)
- Identify - (Spot the right persons)
- Inform - (Tell them about Rotary)
- Inspire - (Explain success stories)
- Invite - (To the club meetings)
- Introduce - (To the members)
- Induct - (In a grand function)
- Involve - (The new member in club meetings and proceedings)
- Include - (Them in service committees)
- Instill - (Rotary values and make them love the organization)

Upcoming Events

- **29.7.24 8 AM**
Van Mahotsav by Interactors of Sacred Heart School
- **29.07.24 9 AM**
Distribution of Nutritional Kits to TB Patients at Mauli Jagran and Daria
- **29.07.24 5 PM**
Anna Seva by Rotaractors of Legis Social at Bal Ashram, Cheema Chowk, Airport Road, Mohali
- **30.07.24 10 AM**
Visit to Human Milk Bank at AIMS Mohali by PRIPs Kalyan Bannerjee and PRIP K R Ravindran

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

29 July
Rtn. Nagina Bains 9814204840

30 July
Rtn. Brijesh Kumar 9878023500

31 July
Rtn. Rohit Seth 9814011898

31 July
Rtn. Abhishek Verma 8146770044

Anniversary Greetings:

29 July
Rtn. Pawan K. Pahwa 8872799908 & Geetu

Member's Section



Some months back, I encountered a case of an orphaned girl's marriage from Mouli Jagran, a slum area where I worked last year. The girl's relatives desperately needed help. My dear friend, Rotary Ann Rashmi Mahajan, stepped forward, and together we provided the girl with fancy clothes and money. Recently, I received a request to help two widows, a mother and daughter-in-law, with two small children. Their house was in disrepair with a broken, leaking roof. My dearest in-house donor, Ravi Virk, an industrialist, sent his team to assess the situation. The next day, masons and labourers arrived with materials for a new roof. God is

kind. I will visit the repaired home to meet both ladies and their children for the first time on Friday afternoon. - **Rtn. Teena Virk**

Rotary is not just a club; it's a way of life. Once you become a member, a gradual change occurs in your thinking and behaviour. Compassion, empathy, and the four-way test become ingrained in you. When a member sees or feels something, others stand up to support. That's the beauty of Rotary! - **Neenu Vij**



I attended two weekly Wednesday meetings of the Royal City Rotary Club in New Westminster, Vancouver, on 10th and 24th July. They have breakfast meetings! It was great interacting with them, exchanging flags, and sharing details about our club and community service. I celebrated becoming a grandparent with them by sharing doughnuts. It's wonderful to make new friends through Rotary! - **Rtn. Col Alok Batra**

The live matches will be shown to the MBCT Hockey Nursery on a big screen at the MBCT Community Centre, Nimwala Chowk, Bassi Pathana at 4 PM on the mentioned dates. All residents of Bassi Pathana, adjoining villages, and members from my club are invited to join the Paris Olympic Fever with MBCT Hockey Nursery in Bassi Pathana on any convenient day. - **Rtn. Hassan Singh Majje**



PDG Praveen Goyal and Ann Basu attended the installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Narwana as Guests of Honour, with DGE Ravi Prakash. Rtn. Shashi Kant Garg was installed as the President for 2024-25. - **Rtn. Praveen Goyal**

Rotary Club Chandigarh has become the first Peacebuilder Club in our district. Let us aim to have at least 20 Peacebuilder Clubs in District 3080. - **Rtn. Rajpal Singh, District Governor 3080**

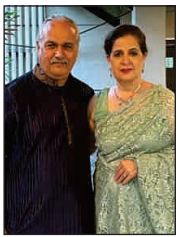


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Know Your Member

Rtn. Ripudaman Vats

In 1968, started his career at a young age, in Nairobi, Kenya. And in 1984, he moved to Athens, Greece, and was working with Sockkisha (now Sockkia), a Japanese MNC. He had started out as an Administrative Manager in Sales,



responsible for Eastern European, African and Middle Eastern countries. He grew up the ranks in Sockkia, and in 1990, moved to Singapore, as the Regional Sales Manager,

responsible for South-Asian, African and Middle Eastern Countries. He was at the post of the Regional Director of Sockkia, in India. It was a tough decision to leave as he thoroughly enjoyed extensively travelling, meeting people of all cultures and tasting different delicacies. When he left Singapore to return to Panchkula, India, and established his own company – Survey & General Equipment. Which deal in Land Surveying Instruments and Material Testing Equipment for Civil Engineering and construction companies. At present, my Mother, Mrs. Nirmal Sharma, stays with me, my wife, Mrs. Namarta Vats and son, Mr. Akash Vats. My wife had taught Hindi in Singapore for almost 15 years as she had been a faculty member of the Hindi Society, duly recognised by the Ministry of Education, Singapore. Pre-Covid, she was also running a Travel Agency. He also has two daughters, Ms. Upasna Vats and Ms. Aekta Vats. They are both based in Delhi since 2011. Aekta is an independent legal practitioner and specialises in Criminal and Matrimonial Law. She practices at the District Courts, High Court and Supreme Court. I am passionate about sports. I love watching football, tennis, cricket, golf and hockey.

Travelling for work has widened my social network owing to which he was encouraged to be part of the Rotary Club. This was only possible due to his introduction to Mrs. Neenu Vij ji, by our dear friend, Mr. Suresh Keerthi, who was also my neighbour in Singapore. He is humbled that Mrs. Neenu Vij ji invited us to attend one of the Club meetings enabling us to become part of the Rotary Club family. He look forward to attend and be part of the activities and blend in the culture of the Rotary Club.

YOUTH SERVICES

Prakash by Rotaract Club Chandigarh



Rotaract Club Chandigarh, in collaboration with Virasat-E-Karmyogi, organized a book and stationery donation event at Access Life Childhood Cancer Care Centre, Sector 23, Chandigarh, on 25th July 2024. This initiative was under 'Project Prakash: Leaving a Mark on Impressionable Minds,' as envisioned by Rotaract District Organization 3080's Literacy Avenue. It was a fun interactive session with 20 young cancer patients, aged six months to fourteen years. Eighteen Rotaractors entertained the children with crafts like paper cutting, drawing, and painting, learning about their battles with cancer. Rotaractors distributed dozens of drawing books, colours, pencils, notebooks, and various other stationery items.

Ms. Isha Nehru, in charge of the care centre, showed the immaculate premises with well-organized systems to the visiting Rotarians and Rotaractors. A staff of eight dedicated people, including an in-house counsellor, ensures the hygiene and care at the centre. President Rotaractor Moin Khan applauded the efforts of event head Rotaractor Sanyam Yadav, who was well assisted by Rtr. Yoshita Sharma and Rtr. Unnattee Sharma. Senior ex-president Manu Gupta fully supported the event. Rtn. Arun Aggarwal, Jt. Secretary, Rotary Club Chandigarh, and Rtn. Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, Rotary Club Chandigarh, joined in the effort.

Tree Plantation

A magical morning was spent among a proactive group of 20 interactors at AKSIP School, Sector 45, Chandigarh. The tree plantation drive started with President Jatinder Kapoor planting the first of many mango trees, followed by Rtn. Teena Virk and assisted by Director Dr. Jasmine Kalra, Director Administration Mr. Sidhaant Kalra, Principal Pamila Kaur, and teacher in charge of the Interact Club, Ms. Urvashi Sharma. Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, Rotary Club Chandigarh, addressed the interactors about her vision of social service, empathy, and the journey called life. Cupcakes brought by Rtn. Teena Virk were distributed among the Interact Club members, with a promise of working consistently and constantly for a better world.

First RYLA of the year

The first RYLA of the new Rotary year 2024-25 was organized at Rotary House on 27th July with the Interact Club and other students of MDAV School, Sector 22, Chandigarh. A total of 60 students, three teachers, and a helper participated. This RYLA on 'Mental Health' was inaugurated with a talk by Dr. Sanjay Kalra, District Chair RYLA. He applauded this FIRST RYLA IN DISTRICT 3080 for 2024-25 and spoke about the history and concept of RYLA. His talk was followed by a session on meditation and healing by President Jatinder Kapoor and Rotary Ann Neelam Kapoor.



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Dr. Simmi Waraich, an expert in adolescent psychiatry and women's mental health at Fortis, Mohali, addressed the students on 'Learning Coping Skills and Building Resilience while Navigating Life Successfully.' Children of MDAV, accompanied by their music teacher Ms. Kaur, presented a beautiful medley of inspirational and patriotic songs.

A welcome break for snacks was followed by a motivational speech by the famous orator, Col. Cheema. His topic, 'Make the Best of the Wonderful Times You Live In,' encouraged students to build on their strengths and focus on positivity despite the negativity in the world. The session ended on a high note with happy activities, games, and storytelling by Rtn. Dr. Nidhi Vinayak, Co-Chair RYLA Committee.



PP Rtn. CJ Singh conducted the morning perfectly as the master of ceremonies. He, along with Jt. Secretary Arun Aggarwal, ensured all printed materials were in place. Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, was the coordinator. President Jatinder Kapoor presided over the function. Rtn. OP Sukhija, PP AP Singh, and PP Arvind Mehan supported the event with their presence. Special thanks to our distinguished guest, Neera Kapoor, Nidhi's sister-in-law, and to all who contributed to the event's success.



25th Kargil Vijay Diwas

Rotaract Club Legis Social and Rotary Club Chandigarh came together for the event 'Shaurya Gatha' on the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July 2024. Members of both clubs visited the War Memorial at Chandi Mandir to pay respect to the martyred soldiers and those who fought for our motherland. President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Rtn. Jatinder Kapoor, Youth Affairs Director Rtn. Teena Virk, and Rotaract Club Legis Social President Riya Sood laid the wreaths. Accompanying members



included Jt. Secretary Rtn. Arun Aggarwal, Rtn. Madhu Marwaha, Co-Chair Rotaract Committee, and Rtn. Dr. Aman Bhatia, Chair Rotaract Committee, along with Rtr. Aryan Gupta and 12 other members. Col. Jasdeep Sandhu facilitated the visit and arranged a momentous tour of the Western Command Museum, treating the group to a sumptuous tea.



At 6 PM, members visited the war memorial in Sector 3. It was an event filled with patriotic spirit. The event was headed by Rtr. Maan and Rtr. Mehak. Paying tribute to the martyred soldiers of the Kargil War filled our spirits with pride and gratitude. We are grateful to our armed forces for their service and sacrifice to the nation.



Blood Donation and Medical Camp

Rotaract Club SGGs College, Sec. 26, and Rotary Club Chandigarh collaborated with the Tent Dealers Association and RCW-42 to hold a medical camp and dental check-up and treatment camp with the help of Sukhmani Dental College.



Under the dental camp, 60 patients were checked and treated. Simple extractions, fillings, and scaling were performed. Rotary Club Chandigarh provided medicines, brushes, and toothpaste, and SGGs College provided 100 toothpaste tubes. The college rotaract team was led by their teacher in charge, Dr. Deepratan. President Harshvardhan and IPP Rajkaran, accompanied by Secretary Swati, motivated dozens of rotaractors and students to participate.

Nearly 250 people visited the camp. Volunteers from Manav Kaliyan Parishad helped manage the crowd. A sumptuous lunch was offered by the collaborators. President Jatinder Kapoor, Jt. Secretary Arun Aggarwal, and Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, were present to assist the rotaractors.

CRPF Raising Day

Rotaract Club Legis Social and Rotary Club Chandigarh visited the CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) campus on the occasion of CRPF Raising Day, recognizing the sacrifices and contributions of CRPF personnel in maintaining national security and order. This year marks their

86th year of formation.

The event commenced with President Rotary Club Chandigarh Rtn. Jatinder Kapur addressing the gathering, followed by Rtr. Club Legis Social President Riya Sood and Secretary Mayur Kansal. Nearly 60 CRPF personnel were present. Commandant 5 Signal Vishal Khandelwal spoke extensively about the history, sacrifices, and emotionally challenging lives of CRPF officers, emphasizing their critical role in safeguarding the nation's integrity and internal security. The presentation deeply resonated with the audience.

As a gesture of appreciation, Rotaractors brought handmade cards, thanking the CRPF personnel for their service. Rotary Club



Chandigarh contributed specially made mugs in honor of the raising day to each CRPF personnel present. The event was impactful, and the warm welcome and hospitality of the CRPF men and officers touched us deeply. Fifteen rotaractors, including event in-charge Rtr. Maan Kaur (Treasurer) and Rtr. Mehak Kaur (Director SDG), accompanied by Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, and Rtn. Madhu Marwaha, participated in this event.

