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Children Day celebrations!

“बचपनकेसबे... “Children day celebration started with this melodious song. PP Rtn Neenu Vij and Rtn Seema Gupta were Emm Cee s for the occasion. Right in front of us beautiful Art Works was displayed made by budding Artists who are between the tender age of 4-15years. These children are yashasvika age 4, Anhad Uppal and Ishani Uppal age 11 and 15 years, Tripat Singh age 8 years. Sketches by daughter of Rtn Rosy Katyal were also displayed.

“Childhood is being like drunk everyone remembers what you did, except you.”

Whosoever quoted this is so true.

Neenu Ji and Seema Ji involved Rotarians as well making them mimic their grandchildren, singing rhymes, their funny pronunciations etc.

“Age is just a number” it’s true for toddlers as well specially when at the age of 4 Nurvi Garg talk about Traffic Lights in her poem recitation. Divyansh Sehgal read out an article about nature’s cry for pollution, published in his school magazine.

Other than excelling in studies these small wonders amazed us with skills like singing



songs, reciting self-composed poems. These are Tripat Singh age 8, Ustat ki age 9 years respectively. Kiara Kumar age 10 years credited a short stories book in her name, presented a dance as well.

Colorful Origami work was displayed on the table by Navdeep Bharti.

Yet another eye-catching dance performance presented by Ananya Goel.

We were not only entertained by poetry, dances and artworks

of young children but instrumentalists were also there to showcase their talents. Manit katyal , Mithilesh Katyal both the brothers 10 years, 16 years of ages played Piano and Guitar.

Meeting concluded with the beautiful dance performance by Sagarika Mukherjee from the school Bhavan Vidhalaya.

Gifts were distributed to all the participants of children day celebration. Fellowship was well organized by Rtn. Anurag Chopra.

All the performances were performed by the Grand Children of our worthy Rotarians. Rtn Sakshi Katyal presented formal vote of thanks.

Rtn. Lalita Grover



NEXT MEETING

Komal Jaiswal Farmer
Permaculturist Talks to us on Story of saffron and Honey from soil to your plate on 25 November 2024 at Rotary House at 6 pm.

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

Fellowship and friendship



10th, 11th and 12th of November was my blind foray with a group of Rotary ladies from different parts of the district 3080. The family went, 'WHO', 'WHERE', 'WHY'???? I had an invite to join the group, from the DGN, whom I shouldn't ignore. Remember I am going to be a measly president under her. Well, Waheguruji, I again jumped at the deep end. But voila, what a super experience!!! To explain the concept in the words of my new friend PP, Past AG Meenakshi, "Maitri, Magic, Milap: Empowering Rotary Women's Wellness, a transformative 3-day workshop from November 10-12, 2024, at the serene

Rajgarh, Himachal Pradesh, was a meticulously crafted program designed to foster: Maitri (Friendship): Bonding and connections among Rotary women; Magic (Personal Growth): Empowering sessions for mental, physical, and emotional well-being through Yoga & Meditation; Milap (Unity): Celebrating diversity and inclusivity through Treasure Hunt, Painting workshop." We experienced inspiring talks, special thanks to the awesome survivor, PP Ritu Singal, various interactive sessions, and rejuvenating activities amidst nature's splendor. Then

followed the Closing Ceremony with dance, music, individual titles and personalized gifts.

The amount we talked and shared unfiltered, the amount we laughed, we sang, we danced, we hugged, left us bonding as friends for life. All women unapologetic, Well educated, high achievers and all Past Presidents and a number of them Past AG's and so easy to back slap, joke and laugh with. DGN was Rita to all. 'Ji' was prohibited. Hey, it is such fun to be Rotarians. Thanks Dr Rita, Ritu & Sartaj for taking care of us.

Rtn. Teena Virk

Honorary Member in Rotary Club

People who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club.

No honorary member of a Rotary club shall serve on district or Rotary International committees, by virtue of that honorary membership, regardless of past club, district, or RI offices held by the honorary member.

There is a proposal to the Council on Legislation to be held in April, 2025 at Chicago. - The number of Honorary members in a club shall be restricted to 5% of the total membership strength of the club. This is indeed a welcome move and will help the club to be stronger and

focused. Honorary membership is used to recognize people who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service and embody Rotary ideals, or those considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary's causes.

They are;

- (a) be exempt from paying dues;
 - (b) not vote;
 - (c) not hold any club office;
 - (d) not hold classifications; and
 - (e) be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club, but have no rights or privileges in any other club, except to visit without being a Rotarian's guest.
- Honorary membership should not be confused with Rotarians whose excused

absence is approved by a club's board. To count in a club's membership numbers in Rotary's database, one must be reported as an active, RI-dues paying member. An active member can be an honorary member of another club but cannot be an active member of another club. But as clubs and its members, we must remember that the Honorary members are selected by the incumbent President and the Board.

The Board's views may not be the same every year and it will be prudent for the new Board to consider the continuation or otherwise of all the Honorary members of the club at the close of the year got terminated unless the board specify its continuation. The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

YOUTH SERVICES

Humanity Against hunger

ROTARACT CLUB LEGIS SOCIAL, in Collaboration with ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH, successfully conducted, the event, 'HUMANITY AGAINST HUNGER' 4.0, a food donation drive, at PGI Hospital Chandigarh, on 13th November 2024.



During the event, over 110 packed thalis were distributed to patients and families waiting outside the hospital premises. The drive

specifically aimed to support those enduring long hours in the sun, many of whom had been waiting for their medical treatments since

early morning. The turnout highlighted the pressing need for food support in such locations, and the atmosphere was filled with gratitude and positivity as the recipients expressed their appreciation to the organizers. The event was presided over by Rtn Jatinder Kapoor, President Rotary Club Chandigarh and Rtn Arun Aggarwal joint Secretary, Rotary Club Chd. The event was headed by Rtr. Riya Sood, President Rotaract Club Legis Social.

MEMBERSHIP IN ROTRACT CLUBS

Membership in a Rotaract Club

A Rotaract club is an organization of young adults who take action through community and international service, learn leadership skills, and participate in professional development.

Membership in Multiple Rotaract Clubs

1. No member shall simultaneously belong to more than one Rotaract club, or be an honorary member in the same club.
2. Active Rotaractors may be elected as honorary members to more than one Rotaract club.
3. No Rotaract club shall elect a number of honorary members to exceed the number of active members in the club.

Honorary Membership in Rotaract Clubs

1. Rotaract clubs may elect honorary members, for a term set by the club board.
2. Honorary members in a Rotaract club shall be active Rotaract members in another club or community members who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service to Rotaract, who shall:
 - a. be exempt from paying dues;
 - b. not vote;
 - c. not hold any club office;
 - d. be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club, but community members who are not active Rotaract members shall have no rights or privileges in any other club.

Rotaract Age Limit Policy

A Rotaract club may establish upper age limits, provided that the club obtains the concurrence of its members and records it in their bylaws.

NEWS



RI Director Rtn Anirudh Roy Chowdhary alongwith his wife Rtn Shipra Roy Chowdhary visited Chandigarh on 13th November, 2024 to invite PRIP Rtn.R.K.Saboo and Usha ji to Kochi Insititute to be held in the first week of Dec. 24. They came from Kolkata by after noon flight and left in the evening flight. In between they visited Saboo's residence and RVTC and appreciated the Vocational Training Centre and our project. They also visited Hall of Fame.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

- 20 Nov PP Rtn D P Singh 9814015859
- 22 Nov Rtn Harvinder Kaur (Babi ji) 9814001195
- 23 Nov Rtn Dr G P Malik 9814074000
- 24 Nov Rtn Arun Aggarwal 9888000890

Anniversary Greetings:

- 18 Nov Rtn Sandeep Gulati & Srishti 9872667466
- 18 Nov Rtn Pawan K Katia & Poonam 9814007711
- 18 Nov Rtn Pankaj Khanna & Diviya 9815012864
- 18 Nov Rtn Lt Gen Paramjit Singh & Seema 8500271313
- 18 Nov Rtn Shivya Sehgal & Vaibhav 9876165793
- 20 Nov Rtn Dr Manish Rai & Jaswinder Kaur 9878707711
- 21 Nov Rtn Dr Ravjit Singh & Nivedita 9876337922
- 21 Nov Rtn Pradeep K Kumbhat & Vineeta 9876741898
- 22 Nov PP Rtn Manmohan Singh & Ritu 9814004840
- 24 Nov IPP Rtn Anil Chadda & Rajni 9814013641
- 24 Nov Rtn Abhitesh S Sandhoo & Sabina 9872700011

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Engaging a newly inducted member in club

Most members who leave Rotary do so within a year or two of joining. Making a strong connection with new members will help inspire them to become active, longtime members. Here are few suggestive measures which enable the current team to retain and motivate them to support the cause of Rotary.

New member orientation

Take the time to hold new member orientation sessions separate from your regular meetings in order to help new members learn more about Rotary and your club. In a smaller group like this, they can ask lots of questions.

An effective orientation can be the difference between someone who stays in Rotary for a year and someone who stays for life. This orientation can include: An explanation of Rotary's history, A discussion of the club's service activities and social events, A talk about the culture of your club, Ideas about how the new member can get involved, A discussion of leadership development opportunities, A direct connection with a mentor, An explanation of Rotary recognition programs and Involving new members and giving them a say in their club's future will strengthen both the club and the members' commitment to Rotary.

Getting all members involved

Rotary offers many opportunities for members to get involved in what interests them, and not just at the club level. District events and programs provide ways that members can get to know people outside of their club, have fun, and develop new skills. Members can also participate in Rotary programs that connect members all over the world. By taking leadership development courses and accepting new roles, members can build skills that transfer to any setting.

Discussing these opportunities with new members during their orientation and reminding them about these options periodically is something all club leaders can do. You can also stay informed about new programs and courses from Rotary and remember that different opportunities will appeal to different members.

Making the meetings worthwhile

Your members are volunteering their time to be part of the club and make a difference. They have lots of choices for fun ways to volunteer, and meetings that follow the same format every time can become dull. To make sure your members believe that the club meeting is a good use of their time, try activities that appeal to people's differing interests and that keep the meetings lively and interesting.

Implement activities

One way to get members involved during club meetings is to make the gatherings interactive, so that all members get to talk and even move

around. For example, have everyone find someone they don't know well or haven't talked to in a while and find out three new things about them. This can often make members feel more comfortable with each other. If your club meets virtually, you can use breakout rooms to converse in smaller groups.

Because your club works to address issues in your community, consider allotting time during some meetings for members to talk about what's happening in the community that they are excited or worried about, or to let people know about upcoming events. Members may enjoy learning more about each other and the community, and the discussion could inspire ideas for new projects.

Have a series of speakers address your club about various topics and invite community members to join in. For example, you could have a Rotaractor talk about their club, a community leader discuss their organization, a Rotary program alum talk about their experience, or other presenters.

Designating a person who is responsible for planning lively club meetings can help keep meetings enjoyable for everyone. This will energize your members and attract new ones. When a guest visits your club, they'll see interested and dedicated people who are also having fun — and they'll likely want to return. The more variety your club meetings offer, the more attractive the experience is to many groups of people.

Inspiring action to make an impact

The No. 1 reason people join Rotary is to make a difference in their community or around the world. Your members will feel proud and involved when your club carries out meaningful service projects.

Building personal connections

Making connections is one of the top reasons people join Rotary, and the No. 1 reason that they stay. Members can develop friendships and connect in so many ways, and it's important that clubs facilitate this by incorporating activities and opportunities for members to get to know one another and have fun together.

Sometimes meeting agendas are so full that there isn't time to socialize. Members may want more time to talk so they can get to know one another. Consider adding 15-30 minutes to your club meeting just for socializing. Dedicating some time to networking during your club meetings is an option you can use if some members want more time to socialize, but can't stay longer.

Seek a volunteer to plan regular social gatherings separate from club meetings. Consider asking someone who has been less

engaged, because it may be an opportunity for them to plan activities they're interested in, learn new skills, and get more involved. One reason members might not feel engaged is because they feel excluded or believe that others might not share their perspectives.

Encourage members to go on an international exchange or host international visitors. These reciprocal opportunities are planned by districts and focus on cultural immersion, service opportunities, or professional exchanges in collaboration with a district in another county.

Encourage members to be part of the international community of Rotary by joining a professional, hobby, or culture-focused fellowship. These international groups have events and activities that connect members with others who share their vocation, interests, or backgrounds.

Encourage members to use their professional expertise on an international scale by joining an action group that aligns with their vocation. Action groups organize regular events within their areas of specialization, and these events are great ways for members to get more involved in a cause they want to support globally.

Implementing more creative options

Sometimes, no matter how much you try to get someone involved, your efforts might not be successful. Don't give up! You can try some more creative ideas. Regardless of what methods you use to engage your members, it's important to show them that you care and to stay connected with them. If someone hasn't attended a meeting in a while, contact them and find out why. Staying in contact acknowledges people in a way that makes them feel that their unique characteristics are valued and that their participation matters.

