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Childhood memories of Radio

The Monday meeting on 26th. August, 2024 was a special meeting when the members of the Novel Bunch society also joined to welcome our guest Speaker Mr. Hardeep Chandpuri. The meeting started with updates on the projects which include Rotractors and Rotarians gathered in huge numbers at the sec 17 plaza to pray and protest for immediate justice for the incident at RG Kar hospital, Calcutta, Janmashtami was celebrated with the Bal Bahar children and sweets were distributed by the inner wheel club, Installation ceremony of the incoming president Simran Nayyar of the Interact club at AKSIPS 45 smart school was held on 24th august 2024, 637 students of the Government Model Senior Secondary School KhudaLahora were sensitized on the on issues of clean water consumption , personal hygiene, toilet habits and sanitation precautions, a talk on menstrual hygiene was given and 300 sanitary pads were distributed amongst the girl students at the Government

Model Senior Secondary School KhudaLahora, Two heart surgeries were performed under the heartline project at fortis hospital 1st , baby girl Bhavana daughter of Mr. Subash Kumar , working as a labourer from Kullu and seven-year-old Vidita from , from the remote village of Sakhauli in District Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh daughter of Sh,. Chander Sen private security guard, Rotary Club Chandigarh organised a half day RYLA, with the Interact Club members and other students of DAV School, sector 15, Chandigarh on ' Preserve Your Beautiful Environment' and A medical mission of 25 delegates which include doctors and volunteers went to Ethiopia led by PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra . IPP Rtn Anil Chadda and Rtn. Dr Kuldeep Dhawan, Medical Director were also part of the mission.

Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra started by informing the club members that the medical mission had been under planning since long time and finally left for Ethiopia on the



11th of August 2024.

He said that this mission was basically a vocational training team, capacity building program for the doctors in Ethiopia. Ethiopia has good medical colleges, but the facilities are outdated and lack in specialization and complex surgeries. Some surgeries were done for the first time. Specialized equipment like a cystoscope for pediatric surgery, was received for the first time in Ethiopia. This time the focus of the mission was on laparoscopic surgeries, urology, dermatology, plastic surgery and orthopedic surgery. The mission was very successful. They completed about 200 surgeries and around 500 procedures in all. The learning and the capacity building that the mission has been able to achieve will go a long way in helping the people in need. Rtn Madhukar Malhotra then presented the flag from the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Rtn Sartaj Lamba was called upon to introduce the guest speaker for the day Mr. Hardeep Singh Chandpuri who

has done more than 10000 radio shows across 10 countries , is the owner of his brand Radio Buzz in Chandigarh .He is a proud Limca record holder for his brand Academy of Broadcasting also the founder of Fon Tree Publishing, co-founder of NovelBunch and co-founder of Bale Boli, the COO of 90.8 Capital FM Chandigarh and 90.8 Apna FM Ambala. He also features head of the daily Guardian newspaper.

Our guest speaker started by giving us the invent and use of radio in the earlier days and its significance. it was used mainly as a mode of communication and specially on ships. The radio on the ships was the only way for the ship to relay its position or communicate a distress call. The titanic being a prime example of this, the radio being its major USP of the ship at the time was also the key in sending a distress message to the closet ship for

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

NEXT MEETING

Building Emotional Intelligence
by Mr Shivam

Know your member

Rtn. Pradip Bhandari

Mr. Pradip Bhandari come from a family who have been in legal profession for four



generations and currently in practice as lawyer and mediator in Punjab and Haryana High Court. The

area of specialization includes litigation in court, settlement of Disputes through mediation in addition drafting of Wills family settlement Trusts etc. He graduated from Panjab University in 1986 and did LL.B from Poona University in 1989. He was standing counsel for Government of India from 2000 to 2006 and advised, handled litigation for many Government departments of State of Punjab and Haryana. He blessed with daughter Bhuvi and son Vibhu. He joined Rotary with the idea to give back to society from which I have benefited in my journey of professional and personal life and presently residing in sector 18B Chandigarh.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

4 Sept

Rtn Dr Upneet Lalli 9464541238

5 Sept

Rtn Amit Jain 9814125627

7 Sept

Rtn Partap Aggarwal 9814087402

8 Sept

PP Rtn Vinod Kapoor 9872400651

Anniversary Greetings:

4 Sept

Jasvinder Batra & Tanou Batra 9815925255

WINS project

Wash Session Report Date – 27th August 2024 Time – 11:00 am to 2:30 pm School Name – Government Model High School Sector 12 Chandigarh Name of the Principal – Ms. Gurjit kaur Name of the Coordinator – Ms. Laxmi Topic for the Session –



Wash (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Session No. of Students covered – 829 students Class - 1st to 10th Facilitators – Mr. Inderpal, Ms. Vinita Shah, Mr. Rajinder, Mr. Rahul, Ms. Mamta Brief About the session – 1. 6 separate sessions were held for the students to instil the sensitivity towards clean water consumption, personal hygiene, toilet habits and sanitation practices according to their level of understanding. 2. To make these sessions more effective visual aids like placards were used along with fun activities and practical demonstration of handwashing and oral hygiene techniques. 3. The team also inspected the toilet facility at the school premises and the same was found to be up to the mark. 4. We would also like to extend our appreciation towards Ms. Ranjan

TB Elimination

August 29, 2024: Our TB Eradication project, in collaboration with the Civil Hospital authorities, was successfully conducted at the centers in Mauli Jagran, Dariya, Manimajra, and Indra Colony, benefiting a total of 340 individuals. The Rotary Club of

Chandigarh played a key role in this initiative by providing patients at our designated centers with a monthly supply of protein-rich diets and educating them on the importance of maintaining this diet alongside their prescribed medication. The inflow of patients began at 9:00 AM and continued until 11:30 AM. During this time, we had the opportunity to discuss with many patients their health status and how the combination of consistent medication and a protein-rich diet is impacting their recovery. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Patients reported that the



regular supply of medicine, coupled with nutritional support, is significantly accelerating their recovery, with many nearing full recoveries.

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Installation of Interact Club Bhawan Vidyalaya

On the 27th of August 2024, in a ceremony filled with excitement,



Bhawan Vidyalaya, sector 27, Chandigarh celebrated the installation ceremony of president Intr. Kanish Garg and his team. The ceremony embodied the theme, 'The Magic of Rotary'. The young leaders stepped forward to embrace their roles, inspired by the Rotary Club's motto: Service Above Self. The event commenced with a soulful prayer, followed by a motivational song by the school choir. Newly elected President Kanish Garg introduced his team, who received their badges from the Chief Guest, Shri Jatinder Kumar Kapur, and Rtn. Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, Rotary Club Chandigarh. PRIP Shri R.K. Saboo, Chairman Bhartiya VidyaBhavan, offered his heartfelt felicitations to the new team commending their dedication to service and their potential to make a profound difference. He guided the young interactors to connect to the people in order to understand their problems. Shri Jatinder Kumar Kapur, President of Rotary Club Chandigarh.

Plantation Drive by Interact Club MDAV Sector 22 School

INTERACT CLUB, MDAV School, Sector 22, Chandigarh held a big plantation drive in the sprawling grounds of Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, sec. 23-A, Chandigarh. Despite the sweltering heat, the children were enthusiastic. Principal Ms. Neena, of GMSS School was present with gardeners in the plantation. MDAV teacher in



charge Suruchi and teacher Mr. Surinder helped children plant close to 30, shrubs, trees and Bamboos. President Rotary Club Chandigarh, Jatinder Kapoor participated along with Rtn. Teena Virk. It was encouraging to have President Rotary Club Chandigarh Central join us in the endeavor.

Langer Sewa

ROTARACT CLUB HSJ DENTAL COLLEGE, PU, and Rtns. Arun Aggarwal and Teena Virk from ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH, contributed to holding a Langer Sewa in the university, near the Govt. Model High School, sector 25, PU, Chandigarh. The Rotaractors participated fully under the leadership of their president Nayana, VP Malika, Secretary Saakshi, past president Mehr and dozens of rotaractor's. Nearly 450 people enjoyed the langar. Rotaract in charge Dr. Vivek and other faculty members were present to help. RCC President, Jatinder Kapoor came to encourage and support all.

RYLA

On 31st August 2024, ROTARACT CLUB CHANDIGARH, in collaboration



with ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH, organized a RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS), at RVTC, Sector-18, Chandigarh. This third RYLA 2024 under the aegis of Rotary Club

Chandigarh, was on, 'LEADERSHIP & THE INPUTS REQUIRED'. It aimed to motivate and bring a diverse group of young leaders together and engage them in a transformative leadership development experience. Various topics including, Yoga for life, the importance of mindfulness, unlocking potentials within yourself, to building a confident image, to choosing happiness, to activating the sub conscious & many more topics were dealt with. Grateful to keynote speakers Rtn. Dr. Nidhi Vinayak, Ms. Amrita Sodhi, Ms. Rachna Budwal, Dr. Surinder Singh, Rtn. PP CJ Singh & Col. Daljeet Singh Cheema. District Ryla Chair, Dr. Sanjay Kalra and Dr. Aman Bhatia, RCC Rotaract Chair addressed the participants. The event was fun and



filled with performances. Differently abled Artist Pawan mesmerized all with his singing. Interactor Bhavraj, from Interact Club of St. Johns high school gave melodious performance singing and playing guitar. Choosing Ms. RYLA & Mr. RYLA titles, showcased immense talent. DRR Rtr. Shashank Kaushik & members of his board, Rishab, Aman & Shaurya graced the event with their presence. 65 Rotaractors from the city, from District 3080 participated. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Rtr. Ishita Malik, secretary of RACC.

The event was chaired by Rtr. Dr. Manu Gupta, along with the The RYLA team led by President Rtr. Moin Khan and his hardworking members. Rotarians, President Jatinder Kapoor, IPP Anil Chadda, Jt. Secretary Arun Aggarwal, PP Vinod Kapoor and Shri Krishan Kumar visited to encourage the RYLA team. The event was coordinated by Teena Virk, Director Youth Services.

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rescue, the RMS Carpathia. Music on radio was a much later use of the radio, it was only in the early 30's where radio was used for music.

The talk then became more interactive with the members of the club, where Mr. Chandpuri asked them to recall any childhood memories of radio from the more senior members. The members were very excited to relate experiences from the past, about shows like hawa mahal, taking licenses to own a radio, stamps being related to radio and so forth, this being the time when radio being a major source of entertainment and its ability to make you transcend time. He further stresses on the ability of radio to act like a "theatre of the mind", its ability to take you to a time which you have lost or forgotten, it has the ability to make you imagine and relate to what you are hearing in your own way, unlike a television where you are forced to imagine only what you see.

He told the members of his journey from the time when he gave up his immigration to Canada and came back to India, not knowing what to do, to taking up radio as a profession. He narrated how English radio was not at all accepted and lyrics of the

songs that he wanted to play on the radio had to be first submitted for the songs to be played. He thanked Rtn. Charanjit Singh for his support and encouragement in his journey without whom he would not have been able to reach where he is today.

The radio is a medium which covers almost 100% audience in India and perhaps the reason why private channels are not allowed to broadcast news on the radio. But because of its penetration radio does play many roles beyond just the relay of music and entertainment. It sometimes plays the role of a healer. He explained this by citing an example post the 9/11 attack in America when a lot of non-Americans were feeling a backlash, a private channel in New Jersey gave a voice to all those who wanted to make sense of what they were feeling, vent their anger and the radio jockeys helped and guided them through their tough times.

No radio talk can be complete without the mention of Sh. Ameen Sayani, his contribution and impact on the world of radio in India or the commentary in impeccable Hindi by Sh. Jasdev Singh. The members shared many stories about their growing up in these times and looking

forward to listening to the radio shows by Sh. Ameen Sayani. They further related to the times when the commentary by Sh. Jasdev Singh on radio was the only connect between them and a cricket match or hockey match being played anywhere within or outside the country.

Mr. Chandpuri further stressed on the fact that radio has played an important role in putting stress on the right diction for a language, the proper pronunciation of words and the right use of words in a language. Radio has helped carry messages and motivate people in the field of agriculture by informing the farmers about different kinds of crop and helping them grow the same.

He concluded by pointing out that all in all whatever innovations in technology or advent of other mediums of communication may happen, radio can transcend boundaries of language and will always have a special place and can never go out of fashion or stop being part of people's life.

Rtn. Pankaj Katia then gave the vote of thanks and thanked the guest speaker for his in-depth overview of the radio world and giving us a trip down memory lane with so many moments to carry back. He further thanked Rtn. Vinod Chaddha for the fellowship.

NEWS

Polio case in Meghalaya

It is with deep concern to write that the recent polio case reported in Meghalaya. On August 21, 2024, India woke up to a shocking news about a polio case reported from Tikrikilla in West Garo District, Meghalaya. More alarming was the subsequent revelation published on August 29, 2024, of low vaccination levels of 75% and below in the States of Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh. The World Health Organisation, which certified India as Polio-free country in 2014, has said that, "Circulating vaccine-derived polio virus (CVDPV) occur in places where routine immunization or supplementary immunization activities are poorly conducted. Circulating VDPV can impact the entire community." This reminds us of the vulnerability we still face despite our collective efforts to eradicate polio.

Rtn. Ashok Mahajan, Advisor, India National PolioPlus Committee

4th. Interact Club formed

Chartering of the fourth Interact Club of this year, led by the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Uptown. A huge congratulations to President Vijay Kumar Dhall for taking the initiative and successfully establishing this vibrant new Interact Club. This achievement marks a significant milestone in our district, and we are incredibly proud of the dedication and leadership shown by President Vijay and his team. The Interact Club will be a

beacon of service and community engagement, inspiring young leaders to make a positive impact in our society. **Rtn. Atul Tangri, Dist Interact Chair, Dist 3080 (2024-25)**

Pre Training seminar for AG and ALF 2025-26

Pre AG and ALF training seminar was held on 1st. September, 2024 at Yamuna Nagar which was hosted by Rotary Club Yamuna Nagar. It was well attended by all AG and ALF all over the district to gain the knowledge on the jobs and responsibilities. DG Rtn. Raj Pal Singh opened the session with his best wishes for successful



incoming year 2025-26. PDG Rtn. Ajay Madan, District Training Facilitator 2025-26 expressed his views on the purpose, responsibilities and accountability of each participant during the year 2025-26. During the question-answer session DG Elect Rt. Ravi Parkash answered the questions raised by the AG/ALF. In the Technical sessions, PDG Rtn. Manmohan Singh spoke on the memberships, PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra spoke on the Rotary Foundation and PDG Rtn. Praveen Chander Goyal spoke on the

public image and also shared their experiences. They also expressed their views on the involvement and enthusiasm of AG/ALF which will play a crucial role in the success of the year 2025-26. In event runs for almost four hours with special thanks to event chair Rtn. Kapil Gupta, president Rtn. Karan Dubish, and all the members of RC Yamuna Nagar for their excellent arrangements and commitment. **Rtn. Anil Chadda**

