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Heartline Project

The members of the Heartline Committee, Rotary Club Chandigarh, visited this Saturday, Fortis Hospital to meet the patients and their families. The visit was well-coordinated by the Fortis staff, ensuring a hassle-free experience for members to connect with patients who are still recovering in the ICU after their successful surgeries. Attending members included President Rtn. Jatinder Kapoor, IPP Rtn. Anil Chadda, Rtn. Vijay Wadhavan, and Rtn. Gurvinder Saggi. This week, two children were admitted for heart surgery: Divya, aged 2yrs, from Saharanpur, and Dharamvir, aged 9yrs, from Garhshankar. Both surgeries were made possible with the support of partner clubs RC Saharanpur and RC Panchkula. We extend our gratitude to Rtn. Anil Chadda, District Chair Heartline Project, for his active support and coordination with partner clubs. Baby Divya comes from a poor family, with her father, a daily wager, struggling to meet the family's basic needs. The family expressed deep gratitude for the life-saving support they received from Rotary Club Chandigarh.



Baby Dharamvir is the son of a rag picker, and his family lives in extreme poverty. He lost his sister earlier to cancer, as the family couldn't afford her treatment. Reaching the hospital was challenging for them, as they couldn't even afford transport fare. Witnessing the family's gratitude for the life-saving surgery was a truly heartwarming experience.

We lost our past President Rtn. Piara Singh Matharu

On 30th September, the Rotary Club of Chandigarh gathered to honor and remember our dear friend and past president, PP Piara Singh Matharu. Serving as our president in 2017-2018, PP Piara Singh Matharu was a visionary leader who brought about significant change, most notably launching the Saketri project, a hallmark of his dedication to community service under the leadership of PRIP Raja Saboo.

PP Piara Singh Matharu was not only a remarkable Rotarian but also a distinguished first-generation entrepreneur who, through sheer hard work and an unwavering commitment to his values, built two successful factories under the name EMCO Switchgears. His contribution to society, both through his professional endeavors and his service to the Rotary Club, stands as a testament to his tireless spirit and dedication to the greater good. He was a leader who guided with justice and a human being whose kindness and integrity touched all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Behind every great man is a great woman, and Mrs. Surinder Matharu has always been his pillar of strength. Her support, love, and dedication were crucial in enabling Mr. Matharu to achieve so much, both personally and professionally. During the meeting, several esteemed



members of our Rotary Club shared their heartfelt memories of PP P.S. Matharu. Our President, Rtn. Jatinder Kapoor, Secretary Rtn. Prem Mahindru, PP Rtn. Manmohan Kohli, and PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra all spoke warmly of his contributions, leadership, and friendship.

We were honored by the presence of Mrs. Surinder Matharu, their two sons, and their families. The loss of PP P.S. Matharu is deeply felt, not only by his family but by all of us in the Rotary family. His legacy of service, dedication, and love will continue to inspire us for years to come. **Compiled by Rtn. Sartaj Lamba**

I met S. Piara Singh Matharu when I came to Chandigarh in 1976 to set up the project called Punjab chemicals and pharmaceuticals Ltd at Dera Bassi. His



brother was doing some fabrication work for us, and we asked him if he knew of some electrical Contractor and he said my younger brother has done electrical engineering, and he does some electrical work panels, and all for the Department and industries around.

S. Piara Singh Matharu did the entire panels for our plant, and that was the takeoff for him to become a big entrepreneur. He was consulting me and talking to me about various things. S Piara Singh Matharu remained a very humble, gentle and affectionate person, and I think any Rotarian who was in contact with him will second that there was no one who had a bad word for saying he was always soft-spoken and quietly do what was required to be done, donate where it was required. May he rest in peace, God bless. **Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra**

S Piara Singh Matharu was a very humble and supportive person. He had the clear thoughts on what he is saying whenever I met him on various occasions besides in the regular meeting. Even during my tenure as a resident, he was very supportive and guiding factor in performance of my responsibility. **Rtn. Anil Chadda**

NEXT MEETING

Ms. Kanwar Deep Kaur IPS, SSP
Chandigarh talks to us on Policing in Chandigarh on 7th October, 2024 at Rotary House 6 pm

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

PROJECTS

Donation given to an orphan girl on her wedding



Little Laxmi, barely ten years old got up one day to the sounds of three wailing siblings and a distraught mother. Her father had left them in utter depression of poverty and in his inability to provide for the starving family. Mother couldn't bear the loss and died of disease and starvation. Four kids were left at Nariniketen. Years later, Laxmi, now 21 yrs. old, is looking forward to getting married, mid October. A few of us from our Rotary Club Chandigarh, were fortunate enough to be able to help her in her wedding preparations. Grateful to President Jatinder Kapoor, PP Vinod

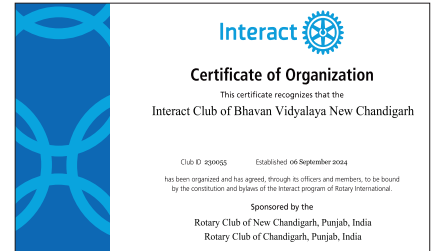
Kapoor, Dr. Seema Gupta for adding to my cash contribution. We gave her a Shagun of Rs. 10,100/- . Ever so grateful to dearest Rtn. Rosy Katyal and Rtn. Lalita Grover for contributing half a dozen beautiful wedding clothes with an embroidered clutch bag, awesomely packed. Thank you Rtn. Kiran Malhotraji for your contribution to the collection. Rtn. Teena Virk

Installation of Rotaract Club Nexus

Honored to join the charter/installation ceremony of 'Rotaract Club Nexus', sponsored by Rotary Club City Beautiful & Rotary Club Panchkula Greens, initiated by District Rotaract Treasurer Lakshay Dhalia. The chief guest, Mr. Vivek Attray was accompanied by guest of honor, Rtn. Deepak Gupta, District Chair Blood Donation. Presidents Sourabh Bansal and Saurav Gupta presided over the function Rtn. Teena Singh



Formation of Interact Club of BHAVAN VIDYALAYA NEW CHANDIGARH



We are thrilled to announce the chartering of the ninth Interact Club of this year - INTERACT CLUB OF BHAVAN VIDYALAYA NEW CHANDIGARH, jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of CHANDIGARH & NEW CHANDIGARH. A huge congratulations to Presidents Jatinder Kapur and Avantika Asthana 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 Presidents Jatinder & Avantika and their team. The Interact Club will be a beacon of service and community engagement, inspiring young leaders to make a positive impact in our society. Congratulations to all involved, and here's to a year filled with service, leadership, and growth!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

- 7 Oct Rtn Dr Gautam Munjal 9872540550
- 8 Oct Rtn Ritu Nakra 9815314135
- 9 Oct IPP Rtn Anil Chadda 9814013641
- 10 Oct Rtn Ashwani Chopra 9815422112
- 10 Oct PP Rtn Darshan C Mehandru 9463916943

Anniversary Greetings:

- 11 Oct Rtn Om Prakash Sukhija & Prem 9815005435
- 11 Oct Rtn Dr Bharti Goel & Dr Sameer Goel 9646121606
- 12 Oct Rtn Kulbir Dogra & Anju 9815100111
- 13 Oct Rtn Parveen Aggarwal & Meenu 9814008323
- 13 Oct Rtn Subhash C Kohli & Manju 9814009232

News

District Directory released

On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, it is an honor to have our esteemed Past Rotary International President, Rtn Rajendra K. Saboo, release our



District Directory 2024-25. This directory symbolizes our commitment to service, unity, and fellowship, and will serve as a key resource for our district's growth. I extend

my heartfelt appreciation to District Secretariat and District Editor Rtn. MP Gupta for their unwavering dedication and hard work in creating this invaluable

directory. Let Navratri's spirit inspire us to further embrace Rotary's ideals of "Service Above Self" as we work together for a brighter future. District Governor Rtn Rajpal Singh



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Rtn Jagesh Khaitan

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