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The President Writes

Service Above Self

“Service Above Self” is a golden principle in Rotary and Rotarians around the world follow the same. Rotary’s main objective is service towards the community. In its abstract meaning it signifies service towards Society even at the cost of some disadvantage to the individual.

On the other hand, the Rotary especially, the Rotarians are motivated to first take care of their avocation/profession, then to take care of their families and finally to devote time and energy for Rotary.

On simple analyzation both the concepts seem to be contradictory to one another. Mostly because of these self-contradictions the Rotarians remain confuse as to whether to give precedence to the self or to the society at the cost of ‘Self’. This has proven to be the biggest hurdle not only in the growth of Rotary but also in retention of Rotarians for a longer period. But on an in-depth analysis of both the concepts, one will find no contradictions amongst two concepts rather these are complimentary to one another. Service above self doesn’t signify Service towards Society to the disadvantage to oneself rather there could not be any service towards society or even to anyone unless there are feelings of oneness with the individual or a group to whom one is rendering service. When one is serving others or society with a feeling of belongingness the real satisfaction comes with the smile or even a sparkle in the eyes of the one to whom service is being rendered. No individual or even a group can be capable enough to render service to the complete satisfaction may be due to lack of resources, means or even manpower. Here comes the role of Rotary Organisation, which works in different layers from individual Club to Zones to Rotary Districts to Rotary International making ways and means to help each other with the unlimited resources, means and even manpower, which can’t be underestimated not it is an exaggeration. It has proved beyond doubt not only its relevance but utility worldwide. We at the club level are the most significant constituent of Rotary organization attached directly with the society and recipients. The Rotarians as such owe immense moral obligations towards the Society and must come forward to serve the Society with compassion and belongingness.

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Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk
President (For Rotary Year 2023-2024)

My first lesson in Rotary.

March and April of the year 2003 were eventful months! Rotary District 3080 was hosting a Group Study Exchange Team from Sri Lanka, and a team from 3080 was gearing up to visit the Island. By end of February, the team from 3080 was finalized. The team of four included Ms. Priyanka Singh working with The Tribune; Ms. Monica Gupta was then working with Shivalik School, Mohali and Mr. Anil Raja Vijan (now late) was working with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Dehradun. And your truly being the fourth members. At that time, I was working with Swaraj Engines Limited. It was not an easy task to get selected in that “Fab ‘Four’”. Interviews at the club level were followed by written test and group discussions at Roorkee; and followed by the final interview. At Roorkee about 240 candidates nominated by various clubs of 3080 had competed. The team was led by Rtn. Dr. RS Bedi of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Central. Festivity was in air, the visiting team from Sri Lanka consisting of Mr. Harin Gomes, a lawyer; Mr. Rushdi Khan; Ms. Charnika Munasinghe, and Ms. Arunika Wickramasinghe, a marketer had left the Rotarians spell bound with their presentations, their demeanor during various club visits and specially with their cultural performance at the District Conference in Dehradun.

The clubs in the tricity had invited us for the meeting when they were hosting the GSE team from Sri Lanka. We were feeling a bit frazzled due to the exemplary performance of the visitors, however we were picking up few finer points from their presentation to supplement ours what we were to present in the clubs there in Sri Lanka. Our presentation was desired to be “better than perfect” by our team leader Rtn. Dr. RS Bedi specially with PRIP Raja Saboo expected to be there in Sri Lanka as the representative of the Rotary International President.



She had exemplified what Sabrina Bryan had once said, “You can do anything as long as you have the passion, the drive, the focus, and the support.”

At the same time, the world cup of cricket was going on in South Africa. (The world cup was held from 9 February 2003 – 23 March 2003). We used to wonder how could Ms. Charnika Munasinghe who was media manager of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka miss not to be with the cricket team in South Africa. However, never dared to ask her due to the fear that we should not attempt anything against the protocols and decorum of The Rotary. Later, we realized we were not the only one to be haunted by this question, as one fine day during a press conference a reporter asked her the same question. She replied, “Cricket is a passion with me and I was with the team in South Africa when I decided to take a month off. World Cup of Cricket happens every four years but to be with the GSE team- It is for a once in a lifetime opportunity!”. We had got an answer without asking her and her answer provided a deeper insight into Rotary and other aspects of human commitment. Rotary consists of people who share a passion for and commitment to enhance communities and improving lives across the world. Ms. Charnika’s reply also forged our viewpoint that it is not easy to get associated with Rotary. Get associated if you are passionate about it. She had exemplified what Sabrina Bryan had once said, “You can do anything as long as you have the passion, the drive, the focus, and the support.”

Club's contribution in flood relief is recognized by Punjab Government



Social service being conducted by Rotarians of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown especially rising to the occasion to provide timely help to flood affected families during recent unprecedented floods has been recognized by Government of Punjab. As many as four Rotarians from the Club President Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk, Club Secretary Rtn. Manjit Kaur, Director Community Services PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh & Rtn. Jagdeep Singh were honoured and awarded by Sh. Aman Arora, Industries Minister, Punjab on Independence Day. In the face of adversity, members of the club alongwith the awarded Rotarians emerged as beacons of hope during the recent floods. Their selfless actions and unwavering dedication brought much-needed aid to those affected. With a united spirit, they provided essential food supplies, bringing comfort to the distressed communities.



PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh

The club was there at Village Rurka on the evening of July 9th on the call of the administration, when the village was inundated with close to four feet of water. The club provided ration to the villagers and for next three days, cooked food in association of Gurdwara Sahib Phase IV, at the shelter in Phase VI. On July 10, when the members were serving food the affected, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann visited the site and applauded the members. The Club's outstanding efforts in flood relief did not go unnoticed.

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serves as an inspiration, reminding us of the importance of community-driven initiatives and the positive impact they can have,” **Rtn. Jagdeep Singh**



President Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk appreciated the efforts of the members and said, “I accept the Award with all humility on behalf of all the Club members. I congratulate all our Club members as it would not have been possible without their active participation. It is a good moral booster for all our fellow Rotarians to motivate them to serve needy people more vigorously to make their lives better.”

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47th meeting

- **President congratulated on the grand success of Indian Scientists on the successful landing of Lander on Moon.**
- **The President also congratulated the fellow Rotarians as their Social service having been recognized by The Govt. of Punjab.**
- **Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawla won the award for maximum number of plastic cards in the wallet**
- **PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh won the award for having the lowest possible currency in the wallet**

The 47th meeting of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown was held on Thursday, 24th Aug., 2023 at ACCORD HALL, Aroma Hotel, Chandigarh. President congratulated that it is a matter of pride for all of us on the grand success of Indian Scientists on the successful landing of Lander on Moon. The President also congratulated the fellow Rotarians as their Social service having been recognized by the government of Punjab as 4 of the Rotarians from the Club i.e. The President, Secretary, PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh & Rtn. Jagdeep Singh have been awarded by the Govt. of Punjab on the Independence Day on 15th August. The President also congratulated PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh on behalf of the Club on his successfully completing Law Graduation.

The President Informed that the Fellow Rotarian Dr. Aditya Sharma successfully organized two more Free Eye-Checkup Camps on 13.08.2023 at Village Jagatpura & on 20.08.2023 at Village Maloya and further that free Cataract Surgeries for 4 patients out of the Patients diagnosed in the checkup camps were conducted on 21.08.2023.

President informed that as many as 10 Rotarians from the Club participated in Orientation Seminar, "Rotary Ki Pathshala" conducted by RD3080 on 12.08.2023 at Panchkula.

The President informed the House that 20 Bicycles ordered by the Club have been received and that the First All Women Project of Distributing Bicycles to Girls & Girls Students will be organized shortly.

The President informed the House that the Charter of New Interact Club Tribune Model School has been received from Rotary International and the Charter Present Ceremony and Installation of President & Board will be held on 02.09.2023 and on the same date the Club will organize 'Tree Plantation' Project in the School.

The President also informed that on 03.09.2023 the RD3080 is organizing Membership Development Seminar at Dehradun. The President appealed to all members to attend the Membership Development Seminar. The President Informed that the Vice President Rtn. Iqbal Singh, PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh, IPP Rtn. Ravijeet Singh, PE Rtn. Dilpreet Singh & Club Membership Chairperson Rtn. Jagdep Singh had already confirmed to attend the seminar at Dehradun on 03.09.2023.

Rtn. Poonam Gupta proposed the formal Vote of Thanks. The President adjourned the meeting with traditional thumping on table with wooden hammer and invited all Rotarians, Anns Rotaractors to enjoy the TEEJ Celebrations. The Rotarians specially the Women Rotarians, Anns and Rotaractors celebrated TEEJ with traditional Bangles wearing, Menhdi, Phulkaris, Gidda, Bolians and dance. Fun making events were organized for the members. The women Rotarians also enjoyed the Cake Cutting ceremonies with all fun frolic moments.

Members attend Organ Donation Awareness

Drive

Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown participated in Organ Donation Awareness Drive organized by RD3080 today on 26/08/2023 at IMA Hall, Sector 35-B, Chandigarh. 8 Rotarians from Club attended the Awareness Drive and Charter



President Rtn. Gurcharan Singh, Rtn. Amarjeet Kaur besides the President and Secretary submitted form for donation of organs.

Glimpses of Teej Celebrations







IPP Rtn. Ravijit Singh Shares His Technical Acumen with Budding Technocrats

IPP Rtn Ravijit Singh was invited for a Panel discussion by Chandigarh University and Ultratech Cement for panel discussion for all batches of architectural and civil engineering students. Other members of the panel included Architect Manmohan Khanna of Ultratech Mumbai R&D Centre and Architect Perry Chawla of Ultratech - Head North region.



A Budding Star is Discovered

Young Tavasees Singh, aged 9 studying in class 4th in Yadavindra Public School left audience spell bound with his extempore performance at "Maa Tujhe Salam, a Tribute to The Freedom Fighters" at Punjab Kala Bhawan, Sector 16 Chanigarh on Aug 14'2023. Tavasees is son of Rtn. Damandeep Singh and is learning music. He was there in the audience, however got motivated to render a song on the stage. Well done Tavasees.



Presidentg Elect Rtn. Dilpreet Singh is Elected as General Secretary of MIA

In the recent elections held at Mohali Industries Association, President elect Rtn. Dilpreet Singh was elected as General Secretary.



PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh is a Law Graduate too

PP Rtn. CA Harjeet Singh completed his degree in law from Punjabi University, Patiala.

Know your Rotarians



RTN JAGDEEP SINGH

Rtn. Jagdeep Singh was born at Malout, Punjab to Dr. Sant Singh and Sardarni Kailash Kaur. He did his schooling from -Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa Senior Secondary School, Malout, and later shifted to DAV College, Abohar. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical from Bangalore University (1993). He moved to Mohali in 1993 and after doing one year of apprenticeship from Punjab Tractors Limited, Mohali he started his own business in 1994. M/S Making Ways Auto Industries, has been ever growing since and now provides gainful employment to fifty. Rtn. Jagdeep is a charter member of the club and was the vice president in the year 2022-23. He is married to Mrs. Harinderpal Kaur. The couple is blessed with daughter - Amranpreet Kaur who is an Architect; and a son Gurmanjot Singh who is pursuing Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering Final year from Chitkara University.

Rtn. Jagdeep was awarded by the state of Punjab in Aug 2023 for his dedicated service to the community in combating the situation arising out of floods in the district SAS Nagar. Rtn. Jagdeep also contributes to the development of the industry in Mohali. He holds the position of vice president in Mohali Industries Association (MIA). Rtn. Jagdeep Singh celebrates his birthday on Sept 1, and marriage anniversary on Oct 20.

RTN IQBAL SINGH

Rtn. Iqbal Singh spent his early childhood in village Bakanarpur in Distt Mohali. In the year 1992, he set up his industry Coments, manufacturer, supplier and traders of Commercial Kitchen, Table & Washing & Catering Equipment and Metal Trolleys.

Rtn. Iqbal Singh is married to Ann. Sarabjeet Kaur. The couple is blessed with two sons. Elder one Hussan Preet Singh is studying in Canada and the younger one Ramanjit Singh is a student of Bachelor of Business Administration at Chitkara University. Rtn. Iqbal Singh recollects that he used to visit projects of Rotary along with Mr. Anand of Jal Industries and was motivated by the spirit of Rotary. He compliments PP Rtn. Poonam Gandhoke who inducted him to Rotary.

Rtn. Iqbal has brought around 25 members to Rotary. Rtn. Iqbal Singh was the joint secretary of Mohali Industries Association for five years.

Rtn. Iqbal celebrates his birthday on Sept 20 and the couple celebrate their marriage anniversary on November 11.



Past President writes

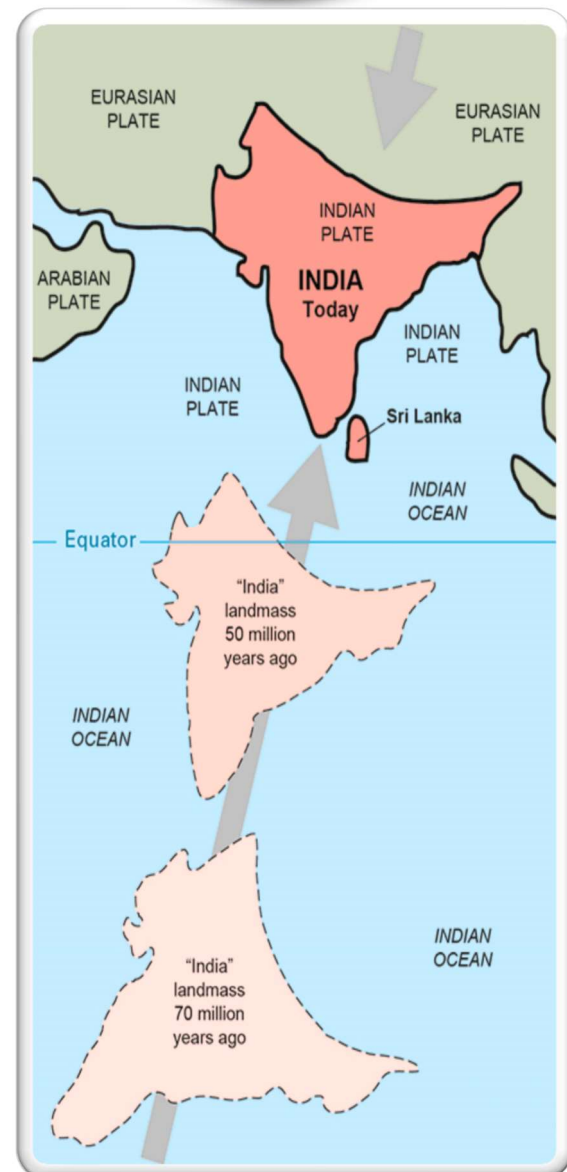
Know The Mother Earth 2

The Himalayas: Geological concept of its origin when two continents collided

By PP Rtn. Harcharan Singh Marwah

This is second part of series being written by Rtn. Marwah

Do you know that Himalayas was a vast ocean called Tethys Sea. Among the most dramatic and visible creations of plate-tectonic forces are the lofty Himalayas, which stretch 2,900 km along the border between India and Tibet. This immense mountain range began to form between 40 and 50 million years ago, when two large landmasses, India and Eurasia, driven by plate movement, collided. Because both these continental landmasses have about the same rock density, one plate could not be subducted under the other. The pressure of the impinging plates could only be relieved by thrusting skyward, contorting the collision zone, and forming the jagged Himalayan peaks. About 225 million years ago, India was a large island still situated off the Australian coast, and a vast ocean (called Tethys Sea) separated India from the Asian continent. When Pangaea broke apart about 200 million years ago, India began to forge northward. By studying the history and ultimately the closing of the Tethys, scientists have reconstructed India's northward journey.



About 80 million years ago, India was located roughly 6,400 km south of the Asian continent, moving northward at a rate of about 9 m a century. When India rammed into Asia about 40 to 50 million years ago, its northward advance slowed by about half. The collision and associated decrease in the rate of plate movement are interpreted to mark the beginning of the rapid uplift of the Himalayas. Artist's conception of the 6,000-km-plus northward journey of the "India" landmass (Indian Plate) before its collision with Asia (Eurasian Plate).

Solid lines indicate present-day continents in the Indian Ocean region, but no geologic data exist to determine the exact size and shape of the tectonic plates before their present-day configurations. The dashed outlines for the "India" landmass are given for visual reference only, to show the inferred approximate locations of its interior part in the geologic past. The "India" landmass was once situated well south of the Equator, but its northern margins began to collide against the southward-moving Eurasian Plate about 40 to 50 million years.

Fifty kilometers north of Lhasa (the capital of Tibet), scientists found layers of pink sandstone containing grains of magnetic minerals (magnetite) that have recorded the pattern of the Earth's flip-flopping magnetic field. These sandstones also contain plant and animal fossils that were deposited when the Tethys Sea periodically flooded the region. The study of these fossils has revealed not only their geologic age but also the type of environment and climate in which they formed. For example, such studies indicate that the fossils lived under a relatively mild, wet environment about 105 million years ago, when Tibet was closer to the equator. Today, Tibet's climate is much more arid, reflecting the region's uplift and northward shift of nearly 2,000 km. Fossils found in the sandstone layers offer dramatic evidence of the climate change in the Tibetan

region due to plate movement over the past 100 million years. At present, the movement of India continues to put enormous pressure on the Asian continent, and Tibet in turn presses on the landmass to the north that is hemming it in. The net effect of plate-tectonics forces acting on this geologically complicated region is to squeeze parts of Asia eastward toward the Pacific Ocean. One serious consequence of these processes is a deadly "domino" effect: tremendous stresses build up within the Earth's crust, which are relieved periodically by earthquakes along the numerous faults that scar the landscape. Some of the world's most destructive earthquakes in history are related to continuing tectonic processes that began some 50 million years ago when the Indian and Eurasian continents first met.

Projects Accomplished

(Between Aug 15 2023 to Aug 30 2023)



Third Free Eye Medical Camp

Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown organised 3rd Free Eye Checkup Medical camp at Ratput Dharamshala in Village Maloya on 20/08/2023. 122 Patients benefited by Free eyes checkup, they were also provided free medicines. 22 Patients were diagnosed for Cataract surgeries. There surgeries will be conducted free of cost by Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma. The Club feels proud of fellow Rotarian Dr. Aditya Sharma for his selfless service to the Society.



Free Eye Surgeries

Four surgeries were performed by Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma. These patients were identified at the free medical camp at Jagatpura.

Did you know?

11 Some Rotary Firsts:

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the U.S. was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Northern California was chartered in Eureka in 1923.

Forth Coming Events

- **48th meeting of the club on Sept 8'2023**
- **Charter Presentation and Installation of a new Interact**

Club sept 2'2023

- **Nation Builder Awards Sept 9'2023**
- **Kits for the flood affected**
- **Cycles for the girl students**

Congratulations

Birthday Wishes

Rtn. Jagdeep Singh Sept 1

Rtn. Poonam Gupta Sept 5

Rtn. Iqbal Singh Sept 20

Marriage Anniversary Wishes

Rtn. Manraj Singh Pawar and Ann Karishma Pawar Sept 4

Rtn. Gurcharan Singh Arora and Rtn. Amarjit Kaur Sept 14

Rtn. Dr. Manu Bhushan Mengi and Ann Dr. Abha Sept 23

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