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Club of Mohali Midtown
Rotary International District 3080



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Inspiring good deeds

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***Front page picture – Project carried
out by Interact Club of Tribune School
on Dec 26'2023**



The President Writes

The spinning wheel of life

As I sit to write my views, Today is last day of another year. Another year is ending and a new year is coming. Weather is very chilly, gusty! No body would like to go outside. Six months of Rotary Year has also gone. Looking back to last six months looks very encouraging. With the active participation of fellow members, the Club has been able to undertake and successfully accomplish numerous projects. In the nascent years, the Club is successful in making its presence acknowledged, but much more remains to be done. Ending of a year took me to a flashback memories about 3 decades back, when we friends used to wait for 31st December to go out, sometimes to Shimla, where thousands of youngsters gather on Ridge & Mall Road. At the struck of clock at 12 night, starting wishing each other Happy New Year by hugging even strangers, even though on next morning they may not be in position to recognize one another. It gives a pleasant feeling that everyone must lead life happily in such friendly atmosphere, having no ill will against one another and wishing for their welfare.

This is indeed the real goal of life, which everyone yearns to lead, it remains in the sub-conscious mind all the time. But now with the passage of time and the children entering into that age group where we were 3 decades ago, I find the spinning wheel of life moving the same way, the difference being that now the occupants are children and we have been placed in the position where our parents were. Now I can feel the emotions of our parents, but I feel ashamed to feel the same at such belated stage. But then I realize that this is life, where the circle is moving continuously, only the players go on changing generation after generation. Time is a great teacher, one learns with passing of each day. Each moment is new, as we have to make no effort in leading the life, it goes on with every moment. We have to realize its purpose to make optimum utilization of every moment.

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55th Meeting

Welcoming the new year!

- Rtn. Poonam Gupta bags the punctuality award



The 55th meeting of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown held on Saturday, 30th Dec., 2023 at ACCORD, Aroma Hotel, Chandigarh at 7.00 P.M.

PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani collared the President. The President called the

meeting to order. PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani initiated the National Anthem which was sung by all, recited the 4way Test and then passed on the mike to President.

The President welcomed the Rotarians & Anns. The President on behalf of all the Fellow Rotarians wished Rtn. Krishna Birdie & Andy Lekh Raj Birdie on their marriage Anniversary to have happy blissful married life

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN:

DISTRIBUTION OF WOOLLEN CLOTHS: The President Informed that the Club Dec 26th with the active participation of Tribune Model Interact Club distributed woollen cloths to needy families living in Slum areas near Nada Sahib Gurudwara & also at Sanjay Colony near Elante Mall. President shared in detail how the Interactors had planned for the project.

The clothes were collected by the students, well packed, well labelled bags; all caught the attention of the visiting Rotarians. The interactors remained enthusiastic throughout the project as they could understand the importance of giving! Their efforts brought smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries.

DISTRIBUTION OF SHELTER KITS: The President Informed that the Club has already shortlisted needy families for distribution of remaining Shelter Kits but due to cold/chilly weather and foggy conditions these could not be distributed and the same will be distributed shortly.

RCMMFAC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: The President informed the house that the RCMMFAC Committee has approved grant of Financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- to one Sh. Balwinder Singh for purchase of Computer for his daughter. The Beneficiary has been sponsored by Rtn. Aameep Sinha.



UPCOMING PROJECTS/EVENTS: The president informed that the District Administration has shortlisted 20 Aanganwaris at the request of the Club. The club will be providing essential support and articles to these 20 Aanganwaris in the first fortnight of January 2024.

The President also appealed to the Club members to attend the District Conference of RD3080 being held on 10-11th February 2024 at Chimney Heights, Zirakpur and informed some Rotarians from the Club had already got their registration completed.

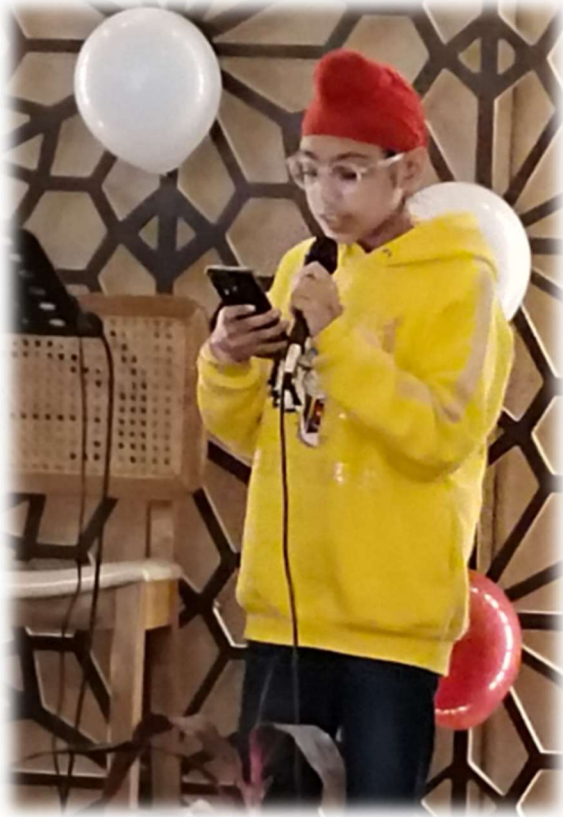
The President also informed that Rtn. Hardeep Singh on having been appointed as Returning Officer to elect Future President for RY 2025-26 has already initiated the election process which will be completed in first week

of January 2024.

Rtn. Poonam Gupta bagged the punctuality award.

The President adjourned the meeting. The members celebrated New Year eve with fun frolic Tambola.

The Members & Anns enjoyed the fellowship and Dinner, where the icing on the cake as the performance by young Tavasees Singh Son of Rtn. Damanpreet Singh. Tavasees Singh held the audience captive with his soulful rendition of songs



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Why Rotary inspires?



Rtn. Manjit Kaur-Club Secretary

“ *Joining Rotary wasn't just about giving, it's about finding a family dedicated to making a brighter world, one act of kindness at a time.*

Throughout the year, my favorite Rotary moments have been a tapestry of joy, compassion, and community impact. Witnessing the sheer happiness of blind school children touched my heart, reminding me of the power of simple gestures. Donating warm clothes to children ignited smiles that warmed not just their bodies but our collective souls. Celebrating Diwali with the children of Apna Ghar was a vibrant spectacle of shared joy and cultural exchange. The festivities echoed the spirit of unity and togetherness. The eye camps, where people received sight-saving treatments, were moments of profound gratitude and a testament to Rotary's commitment to healthcare. Participating in health education talks with knowledgeable professionals shed light on crucial wellness insights. The journey has not only been enriching but also a source of empowerment, realizing the positive impact of education on our well-being.

The involvement of children in interact clubs showcases Rotary's dedication to nurturing future generations into compassionate and responsible individuals. Thrilled to be a Rotarian! Since joining, my heart has overflowed. From lighting up children's smiles with Diwali celebrations at their orphanage, to gifting bicycles for long school journeys, and the joy of Annporna - every project reminds me that service truly transforms. Joining Rotary wasn't just about giving, it's about finding a family dedicated to making a brighter world, one act of kindness at a time.

Past President writes

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Bermuda Triangle

By PP Rtn. Harcharan Singh Marwah

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



Bermuda Triangle/ Devil's Triangle, sensationalism versus facts are quite interesting. The allure of the Bermuda Triangle has often led to sensationalized theories and hoaxes. Separating fact from fiction is crucial to understanding these incidents. Logical analyses by experts like Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki have debunked some mysteries, emphasizing the role of human error and adverse conditions. Investigating the context and evidence behind each incident can dispel myths, paving the way for a more rational understanding of the Triangle's reputation. **Bermuda Triangle** a section of islands of the North Atlantic Ocean off North America in which more than 50 ships and 20 airplanes are said to have mysteriously disappeared. The area, whose boundaries are not universally agreed upon, has a triangular shape that reaches approximately from the Atlantic coast of Florida to Bermuda to the islands known as the Greater Antilles.



Reports of unexplained occurrences in the region date to the mid-19th century. Some ships were discovered completely abandoned for no apparent reason; others transmitted no distress signals and were never seen or heard from again. Aircraft have been reported and then vanished, and rescue missions are said to have vanished when flying in the area. However, wreckage has not been found, and some of the theories advanced to explain the repeated mysteries have been fanciful.

Although theories of supernatural causes for these disappearances abound, geophysical and environmental factors are most likely responsible. One hypothesis is that pilots failed to account for the agonic line the place at which there is no need to compensate for magnetic compass variation as they approached the Bermuda Triangle, resulting in significant navigational error and catastrophe.

Another popular theory is that the missing vessels were felled by so-called “rogue waves” which are massive waves that can reach heights of up to 30.5 metres (100 feet) and would theoretically be powerful enough to destroy all evidence of a ship or an airplane. The Bermuda Triangle is located in an area of the Atlantic Ocean where storms from multiple directions can converge, making rogue waves more likely to occur.

According to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there is no evidence that mysterious disappearances occur with any greater frequency in the Bermuda Triangle than in any other large, well-traveled area of the ocean,” and boaters and fliers continue to venture through the triangle without event.

Bermuda, self-governing British overseas territory in the western North Atlantic Ocean. It is an archipelago of 7 main islands and about 170 additional (named) islets and rocks, situated about 1,050 km east of Cape Hatteras (North Carolina, U.S.). Bermuda is neither geologically nor spatially associated with the West Indies, which lie more than 800 1,300 km to the south and southwest. The archipelago is about 40 km long and averages less than 1.6 km in width. The main islands are clustered together in the shape of a fishhook and are connected by bridges. The largest island is Main Island, 22.5 km long and 1.3 Km wide. The Peak, at 259 feet (79 metres) on Main Island, is the highest point. The capital is Hamilton. About three-fifths of the population is of full or mixed African ancestry, including immigrants from the West Indies or their descendants, Cape Verdeans, and descendants of slaves brought from other parts of the New World or Africa before Britain outlawed the slave trade in 1807. Whites (people of European ancestry) constitute another one-third of the population and include those of British and American descent as well as descendants of Portuguese labourers from Madeira and the Azores who have immigrated to Bermuda since the mid-19th century.

In the service of the Community

Projects accomplished between Dec 15'2023 to Dec 31'2023



On Dec 26th, Tribune Model Interact Club distributed woolen cloths to needy families living in Slum areas near Nada Sahib Gurudwara & also at Sanjay Colony near Elante Mall. Interactors got an allround applause from the Rotarians present there for President how well the Interactors had planned for the project. The clothes were collected by the students, well packed, well labelled bags ! They had managed every minutest link of the chain with utmost care and meticulous planning. The interactors remained enthusiastic throughout the project as they could understand the importance of woolen clothes for the needy in these winter days. Their efforts brought smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries.

ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made (1905) by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads.

In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. So, the present gear wheel, with 24 teeth and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association."

- **The gear teeth** around the outside represent **the fact that work is to be done.**
- **The six spokes represent the inner direction and path of our Vocational Service, through the representation of our membership via the classification system.**
- **Similarly, these same spokes represent an outward distribution path of Rotary's ideals of service and the Four Way Test... going out toward the community, vocations and businesses that our members represent.**

A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added to signify the wheel was a "worker and not an idler". The keyway in the center of the hub is of great significance, because it represents the individual Rotarian member, who is the key factor in every club. Quality members are the keys, needed for the hub to engage with the shaft and turn, putting the energy into motion and creating the power for the gears to do their work.

At the 1929 Rotary International Convention, it was determined that blue and gold would be the official colors of the organization, so the wheel was designed with these colors. The four blue bands within the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service. And the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

The Rotary wheel is also referred to as "**The Mark of Excellence**".

Did You Know?

Do you know which Rotarians have to travel the farthest to make up by attending another Rotary club's meeting?

That would be the members of the Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia, which is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and is the club that is most remote from any other. The southernmost Rotary meeting is that of the Rotary Club of Base Marambio-Antartida in Antarctica. To visit the northernmost club, you must travel to the Rotary Club of Svalbard, Norway, on the Svalbard island group north of the Norwegian mainland.

It is said that there is a Rotary meeting being held someplace in the world every hour of every day. ***If you attended one meeting per day, it would take more than 80 years to visit all of the 34,000 clubs in the world***, and by then, no doubt there would be thousands more new clubs to visit. But today, Rotarians don't even need to leave their homes to make up meetings. Rotary e-clubs allow you to make up online, 24 hours a day, and join in discussions with Rotarians from every part of the world.

Forth Coming Events

- **56th meeting of the club on Jan 12th 2024**

Congratulations

Birthday Wishes

Rtn. Manjit Kaur Jan 4

Rtn. Gurmail Singh Jan 11

Marriage Anniversary Wishes

Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawla & Ann Savinder Kaur Jan 6

Rtn. Damandeep Singh & Ann Prabhjot Kaur Jan 13

Rtn. Harjeet Singh and Rtn. Dr. Travinderjit Kaur Jan 16

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