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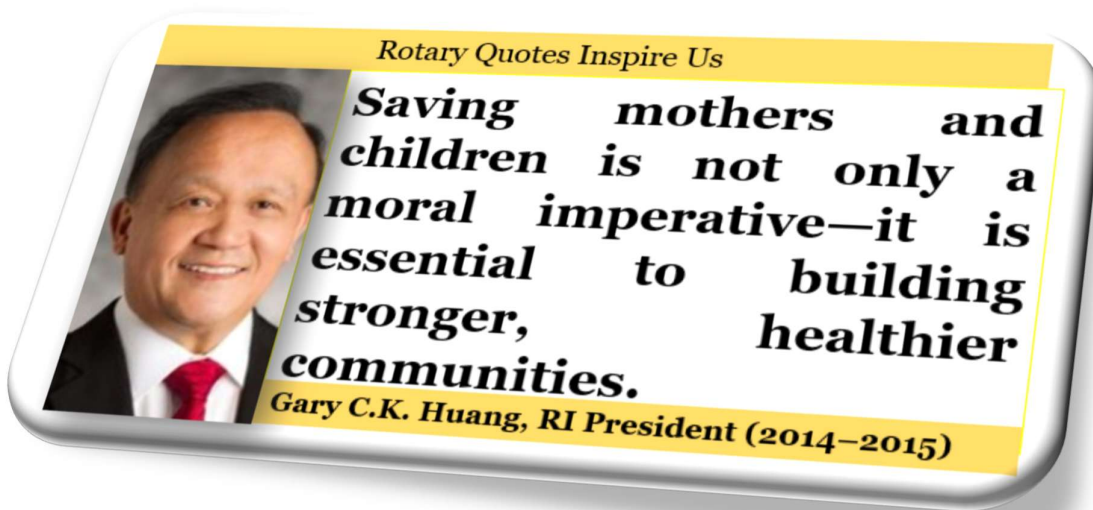
The club meets on second and last Friday, if you are visiting the Tricity and intent to attend our meeting, pls call the President.

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PP Rtn.
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From Editor's Desk

Lighting Hope Through Service

I am reminded of what Past Rotary International President Gary C. K. Huang once said: "Light up Rotary by serving others and bringing hope into their lives." These words truly come alive when we reflect on the meaningful initiatives undertaken by our club in recent days. Each effort, in its own way, has contributed to lighting a lamp of hope, dignity, and awareness in the lives we touched.

At our 106th meeting, we had the privilege of hosting an enlightening address by Senior Advocate **Anil Malhotra** and Professor **Bernard Ryan** on the compelling topic "*Marriages are made in heaven, solemnised in Punjab, and separated in Canada.*" Their deep insights into the legal and social complexities of cross-border marriages broadened our understanding of a sensitive and increasingly relevant issue. It was a session that truly reflected Rotary's commitment to knowledge-

sharing and societal awareness. The details are further in this newsletter.

Taking forward our commitment to **Vocational Service**, the club initiated **Vocational Training in Music & Singing**. This initiative is a step towards empowering underprivileged children, enabling them to discover their potential and equipping them with skills that can help them lead a life of dignity and self-reliance. In nurturing talent, we are also nurturing hope.

In another significant step, a **Rotary Peace Pole** bearing the message "*May Peace Prevail on Earth*" was installed at **Vidya Valley School, Kharar**. This simple yet powerful symbol stands as a constant reminder to young minds and the community that peace begins with each one of us and must be nurtured every day. Rotary's true essence lies in compassion in action. In a heartwarming gesture, a friend of Rotary, **S. Jaspreet Singh**, extended generous financial support for the **eye operations**, a poverty-stricken individual. By facilitating treatment for both his eyes, this act has not only restored vision but has also rekindled hope and possibility in his life.

As we look at these initiatives together, we see not just activities, but a reflection of Rotary's soul—service that uplifts, empowers, and transforms. Indeed, through our collective efforts, we are

living the message of lighting up lives
with hope.

Let us continue this journey with
renewed commitment, ensuring that
every action we take brings light into
someone's life.

Yours in Rotary,



Marriages are made in heaven, Solemnised in Punjab, & separated in Canada

106th Business (dinner) meeting of our Club commenced with PP Rtn Gurcharan Singh Arora collaring the President Rtn Aameep Sinha, who called the session to order, followed by the recitation of the National Anthem and the Four-way Test.

Following are the highlights of the meeting held at Hotel Shanti Sagar, Sec 118, TDI, Mohali:

President Rtn Aameep Sinha welcomed the club Rotarians, Chief Guest Senior Advocate Anil Malhotra, Professor Bernard Ryan, Sr Advocate Rtn Salil Bali along with a friend of Rotary Mr Prithpal Singh, an NRI from London.

Review of Projects carried out during second Fortnight of February:

a) March 13, 2026: ROTARY CLOTH BANK- The guiding principle of Rotary emphasises humanitarian service by improving the quality of life of communities through initiatives like education, healthcare, clothing the needy and mitigating hunger.

Students and staff of Brookfield International School made a commendable contribution by collecting a large number of clothes, carefully segregating them age- and gender-wise benefitting about 750 persons.

b) March 16, 2026: BOTH EYE OPERATIONS OF MUNSUR KEYAMUDDIN- A friend of Rotary S Jaspreet Singh has very kindly offered his financial help to get BOTH THE EYES of a poverty-stricken Mr Munsur

Keyamuddin treated for multiple problems including Cataract surgeries. Rtn Dr Aditya Sharma successfully treated both the eyes of Mr Munsur at a highly economical cost of Rs 18600/-and restored his eyesight.

Peace poles and its relevance, especially in a scenario of frequent community unrests. Director & Principal of the school along with President Rtn Aameep Sinha, Rtn Manpreet Kaur, Rtn Gurdeep Arora & the Secretary joined the



c) March 17, 2026: VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN MUSIC & SINGING- In the pursuit to make hapless children lead a respectable life by learning skills which help them in earning their livelihood, President Rtn Aameep Sinha has initiated a vocational training program to teach music & singing to the children under "SMILE".

These children will get further opportunities to perform and get professional training free from government of Chandigarh.

d) March 19, 2026: INSTALLATION OF PEACE POLE- Rotary Peace Pole with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" was unveiled today at Vidya Valley School, Kharar. Secretary Rtn KSDhody briefly explained the significance & background of Rotary

occasion.

Address by Senior Advocate Anil Malhotra & Professor Bernard Ryan:



Rtn Ankit Beri introduced Mr Anil Malhotra as a highly qualified practising lawyer with LLM from London. For 40 years, Anil has handled civil, constitutional, matrimonial, criminal and overseas litigation on behalf of non-resident Indians abroad, representing overseas clients in all Indian Courts including Supreme Court of India.

He further introduced Mr Bernard Ryan as a Professor at Leicester University,

UK with expertise on



immigration laws of England, especially as applicable to India.

Mr Anil Malhotra: He initiated his address by saying “Marriages are made in heaven, Solemnised in Punjab, & separated in Canada”. While it was said in a lighter vein, it conveyed a very serious issue facing the couples of North India, Kerala, etc. These marriages performed under Hindu Personal law

binds the couples back in their motherland even if separated in the foreign land. He advised such couples to sign a MOU after separation in foreign land to be submitted jointly in the Indian Courts for permanent separation. Any alimony should be disbursed only after getting the decree of separation from Indian courts certifying that the couple is legally separated. He touched upon many other burning issues like Unethical marriage practices encompassing Marriage trafficking/Marriage smuggling, Surrogacy, Live in marriages, etc.

Mr Bernard Ryan, an expert of immigration laws in England mentioned very clearly that laws are getting countries by extending period to get permanent work permits.



Vice President Rtn Damandeep Singh expressed gratitude to Anil Malhotra for his in-depth knowledge & apt handling of the burning issue of “Sustainable marriages abroad, its challenges and break down”. Members benefitted immensely from the highly interactive session with the Guest speaker.



He further thanked Professor Bernard Ryan for enlightening the members about the prevailing situation about the tightening of noose on immigration aspirants.

Club Secretary, Rtn K S Dhody thanked Senior advocate Rtn Salil Bali for his gracious presence & making the discussion with the Guest Speakers lively.

He invited everyone to join hands in wishing Happy Marriage Anniversary to

our PP Rtn Amarjeet Singh Virk & Ann Sukhwinder Kaur and Happy Birthdays to Rtn Manu J Singh, Rtn Parwinder Singh & Rtn Jaideep Singh. Celebrating the all important occasion, the cake was cut along with the Guests followed by Fellowship & Dinner.



Peace Pole Installed



occasion along with the staff and the members of Interact Club.

Rotary Peace Pole, 8 feet tall pole, originated in Japan in 1955 is a symbol of commitment to community, understanding, and "Service Above Self". Each of the 250,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries display "May Peace Prevail on Earth". One such pole was unveiled today at at Vidya Valley School, Kharar.

Secretary Rtn K S Dhody briefly explained the significance & background of Rotary Peace poles and its relevance, especially in a scenario of frequent community unrests.

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Vocational training in music to children under SMILE program



In the pursuit to make helpless children lead a respectable life by acquiring skills which help them in earning their livelihood, President Rtn Aameep Sinha has initiated yet another vocational training program to teach music & singing to the children under “SMILE”.

Having gained confidence in singing & music, these children will be performing in the presence of Governor on June 21, the world music day.

These children will get further opportunities to perform and get professional training free from government of Chandigarh.

That can really take them on the path to become self-sufficient in due course of time.

Gift of Sight

Rtn Dr Aditya Sharma successfully treated both the eyes of Mr Munsur at a highly economical cost of Rs 18600/-and restored his eyesight, the project was supported by a friend of Rotary S Jaspreet Singh.

107th Club Meeting

**Friday April 9th
2026**

Details will be shared at Club What's app group.

Greetings

Rtn. Kulwant Singh
April 20

Rtn. Narvinder Singh
April 14

HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU!

Rtn. Dilpreet Singh & Ann Charanjot Kaur
April 12

Happy wedding anniversary

Rtn. Pawan Sachdeva & Ann Veena Rani
April 17