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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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2023-24	Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk (President) Rtn. Ms Manjit Kaur (Secretary)
2024-25	Rtn. Dilpreet Singh (President) Rtn. Mrs Prabhjot Kaur (Secretary)

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Rotary Quotes Inspire Us



“Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that ‘Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.’”

PRIP Shekhar Mehta



**PP Rtn.
Sukhpreet
Singh Giani**

From Editor's Desk

Inspiring activities by the club leadership

As the new Rotary Year began on July 1st, we congratulated our out-going president, Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai for a wonderful year. However, more was in store for the Club and Immediate Past President. Rotary District recognised and awarded the efforts of Dilpreet Singh. He received the citation for the District Special Recognition for Regional Language Inclusion for the Rotary year 2024–25. This distinction acknowledges the IPP's initiative to translate and promote the Rotary Four-Way Test in Punjabi; a move aimed at enhancing ethical values and inclusivity through our regional language.

At the same time, the new team under Rtn. Aameep Sinha started the year with a bang! A sustainable giving on

the Annapurna day in the form of four air coolers and other essentials at a senior citizen home. The club also lauds the contribution of a Friend of Rotary who contributed in providing a sewing machine to a Cancer Patient. This sewing machine is an attempt to provide means for livelihood.

The first meeting of the year saw an unprecedented attendance where we ran out of chairs! This is the second time in less than three months!

The team has lined up the statutory installations, and a number of community service projects. You can plan and block your dates based upon the information so contained in the “Forthcoming events”.

This issue contains an article under expert opinion written by Rtn. Gurjot Singh Kaler on the emerging threat to the plastic money.

An attempt has been made to give a structure to “Rotary Quotes Inspire Us. Enjoy reading, share the issue with your friends to showcase the good work being done by the Club.



Well Begun is

The First meeting of the Rotary year 2025-26 meeting was held on July 10th at 5:30pm at Hotel Aroma, Sec 22, Chandigarh and commenced with PP Rtn Gurcharan Singh Arora collaring President Rtn. Aameep Sinha who called the session to order after the recitation of the National Anthem and the Four-Way Test.

While welcoming the esteemed members, Rtn Aameep Sinha expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the members for their trust & support to him. He further shared his sincere appreciation to the Board members for their willingness & commitment to serve on the board for the RY 2025-26.

Taking over as President, for him is akin to the relay race where the baton is passed to him to keep up the momentum established by his predecessors. He acknowledged the visionary leadership of the IPP Rtn Dilpreet Singh.

He further shared the RI Mission for the current year as “UNITE FOR GOOD “& that of our District 3080 as “HUM-Humanity unites Mankind”. With this vision in mind, he invited the club members to contribute their ideas and

insight since their participation and guidance are vital to embark upon projects at different levels.

Rtn Aameep Sinha outlined the projects already accomplished as well as in the pipeline, as given below:

1. July01,2025- Keeping in line with the tradition so far, Annapurna was celebrated on the FIRST DAY OF NEW ROTARY YEAR at Kartar Aasra by providing food items as well as **four (4) room coolers for the benefit/comfort of about 30-35 inmates.** They rejoiced by singing songs, etc. Joy at the function doubled with the overwhelmingly participation of Fellow Rotarians in spite of continuous rain on that day.
2. July04,2025- To meet a part of the urgent financial **needs of a Cancer patient, Ms Karan Kaur, a Sewing machine was given to her.**

91st Meeting

This project was funded by a Friend of Rotary for which we are grateful.

3. July 05, 2025- (District project) With the contributions from 18 members (including PHF Karam Ibadat Singh Giani s/o PP Rtn. Sukhpreet S. Giani) for ten bags each, Club has placed order with the District & paid full amount to procure School bags. These will be distributed to the needy students, a small step to promote education.

Projects under consideration:

1. **Rotary Wheel (District project)**- Each club in the district is entitled to get two (2) Rotary Wheels (2ft-4ft in size) free of costs. However, club has to specify the location along with the permission from the concerned authorities and also bear the cost of its transportation as well as installation.

a) PP Rtn Ravijeet Singh has offered to install the Indoor wheel at his basement visited frequently by varied groups

b) PP Rtn Sukhpreet Singh Giani suggested to install the Outdoor wheel on the wall of St Soldiers School, Mohali for which we need to talk to the school.

2. **Solar Lights (District project)**- Each club in the district is entitled to get two (2) Solar Lights at subsidised rates but will have to bear the costs of transportation as well as installation. Rtn Dilpreet Singh will Chair the project & suggest suitable locations which can be intimated to the District authorities.

3. **Drishti Prakash**- Under this initiative, eye sights of the school children are examined by the team of Dr Aditya Sharma & glasses provided free of costs. This initiative will be chaired by Rtn Dilpreet Singh along with Rtn Iqbal Singh, Rtn Jagdeep Singh apart from the Club President, Club Secretary and the President-Elect Rtn Manjit Kaur Ji. Future President-Nominees too will be nominated to this committee.

4. **Drishti**- This project initiated during RY 2023-24 will continue to function by conducting eye check-up camps at different locations apart from Perch. Cataract surgeries will be provided free of costs. Rtn Kuldeep Singh Dhody will continue to chair the project.

5. Installation ceremonies are planned as given below:

a) Installation of the new team of the Club 25/7. PP Rtn Gurcharan Singh Arora suggested to nominate Chairperson & Master of ceremony for this function

b) Vidya Valley School Interact club: 19/7

c) DPS, Mohali Interact club: 01/08

6. **Advt for Shubhkarman**- Idea was mooted by PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani for the benefit of both the advertiser as well as the club by raising funds. Rtn Aameep Sinha asked Rtn Ankit Beri Ji to work out & issue a detailed note in line with the ideas/rates discussed.



7. **Cloth Bank-** PP Rtn HS Marwah's initiative has given the push to this noble project. Club Project Chair Rtn Manpreet Kaur may kindly decide the suitable date for its formal launch.

Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary expressing gratitude to the members for their participation and valuable suggestions in line with the

Mission of Rotary, quoting C J Peterson: "hearts that beat to the tune of kindness, can change the rhythm of the world", so much in line with Rotary Motto: Humanity unites Mankind & Unite for Good. President formally closed the meeting with a thump of the wooden hammer.



Rtn.
Aameep
Sinha

Address by the President

Respected Club members
Welcome to the 91st meeting of our prestigious club! and the first meeting of R.Y. 25-26

First and foremost, I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our esteemed members for the trust and support you'll have shown me.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the board members for their willingness and commitment to serve on the board of Rotary Year 25-26

To me, this experience is akin to a relay ^{race}, where the baton has been passed to me, and it's my responsibility to uphold the momentum established by my predecessors. Well, I would like to acknowledge

the visionary leadership of our ^{Immediate} past president Rtn Dilpreetji. and ^{and} Exceptionally wonderful year he led. ^{This year RY 25} - ~~Our~~ mission is 'Unite for Good' and our District slogan is 'Humanity Unites Mankind.'

So, with this vision in mind, I kindly invite all our club members to contribute their ideas and insights. Your participation and guidance are vital as we embark on diff club, district and rotary projects.

Recognition for Regional Language Inclusion

IPP Dilpreet Singh is Honoured by RI District 3080

our diverse community,” says IPP Dilpreet Singh Boparai.

IPP Rtn. Dilpreet Singh



District 3080 has bestowed upon IPP Rtn. Dilpreet Singh the District Special Recognition for Regional Language Inclusion for the Rotary year 2024–25.

This honour acknowledges the initiative of the IPP to translate and promote the Rotary Four-Way Test in Punjabi; a step aimed at nurturing ethical values and inclusivity through the richness of our regional language.

“Together, we've taken Rotary's ideals closer to our roots — making them more accessible, relatable, and inspiring for

expresses his gratitude to the members, “Thank you all for your encouragement, collaboration, and belief in the power of linguistic and cultural engagement. I look forward to building on this momentum as we continue fostering fellowship and meaningful impact.”

Yet Another Recognition

IPP Dilpreet Singh as a VIP Guest Speaker at VDMA



Beyond the Club

VDMA (German Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers Association) organized a symposium on July 11 2025 on European Technology for Indian Manufacturing. VDMA

mechanical engineering and allied sectors. Their India chapter plays a significant role in promoting innovation, fostering international collaborations, and supporting industrial excellence across borders.

Chief Guest Mr. Sebastian Borchmeyer,

“ While my representation was on behalf of the Association, the discussions deeply resonated with Rotary’s core values—especially our commitment to ethical leadership, community service, and inclusive growth. It was both an honour and a strategic opportunity to reinforce Rotary’s presence in forward-thinking platforms,” IPP Rtn. Dilpreet Singh

(Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau) is one of the largest industrial associations in Europe, representing over 3,000 member companies in

First Secretary for Economic and Global Affairs, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany appreciated the efforts made by VDMA in organizing this session. IPP Rtn Dilpreet Singh Boparai (General Secretary) Mohali Industries

Association (MIA) was the VIP Guest and addressed the members present. Fellow Rotarians Rtn. Jagdeep Singh and Rtn. Iqbal Singh, among other notable industrialists from the region also represented MIA there.

The event was attended by members of the Industrial Fraternity of the region.

The evening brought together senior leaders and decision-makers for powerful conversations around building agile, tech-driven supply chains in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

The program featured an economic keynote, a panel discussion on supply chain transformation, an overview of DBS Bank's support for industry growth, and an engaging Q&A session. The formal agenda was followed by a vibrant evening of networking over cocktails and dinner. "This particular event brought together policy advisors, technical experts, and community leaders to explore sustainable industrial advancement, skill development, and digital transformation," shared IPP Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai.

IPP Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai further added, "While my representation was on behalf of the Association, the discussions deeply resonated with Rotary's core values—especially our commitment to ethical leadership, community service, and inclusive growth. It was both an honour and a strategic opportunity to reinforce Rotary's presence in forward-thinking platforms."

Rtn. Gurdeep Singh Arora

Gurdeep Arora, a passionate entrepreneur holds a BTech and MBA, is proud of his roots that go back the prestigious town of Kanpur. His father late S Surjit Singh Arora was MSc Chemistry and was a central govt employee who had a dynamic personality on social as well as religious front. He has cultivated a diverse skill set that bridges both technical expertise and business acumen.

His career began at Raymond as Assistant Manager for the Park Avenue brand, which laid a solid foundation for his entrepreneurial journey, later ventured into establishing his own startup focused on ready-made shirts.

He has progressed to be a manufacturer and trader of exquisite Lucknawi Chikankari suits and handicraft embroidery suits, catering to all major cities across India and the UAE. His business continues to grow, with a strong network and supply chain across these regions. On the personal front, he is supported by his wife, Ann Amarpreet Kaur, who is the principal of Sacred Heart School in Fatehgarh Sahib. The couple is blessed with a son, Harsimar Singh Arora, who is a BTech graduate from Thapar University and has joined the family business as a Sales Manager, further strengthening the family's commitment to success.

Rtn Gurdeep takes an immense pride in being a resident of Kharar, where he owns a home in Nijjer Chowk. "My

professional journey has not only been about building a business but also honing my skills as an orator and manager," says Rtn. Gurdeep Singh

Arora. Over the years, he has earned recognition as a good manager and a freelance journalist, with many of his articles being published in leading daily newspapers.

"Joining Rotary Midtown excites me because it aligns with my personal values of giving back to the community and serving humanity. I am eager to contribute my business experience, leadership skills, and enthusiasm to help achieve the noble goals of Rotary," says Rtn. Gurdeep.

Rtn. Gurdeep celebrates his birthday on December 3rd, and the Arora Couple celebrate their marriage anniversary on November 23th. Rtn. Gurdeep lives with his mother who is MA BEd and served as a teacher.



Know your Rotarian



**Rtn. Gurjot
Singh Kaler**

From Skimming to Electronic Pickpocketing: The Evolving Threat to Your Plastic Money

Expert Opinion

As the world embraces the digital age, plastic money—debit and credit cards—has become a central tool for transactions. From roadside stalls to luxury stores, we are swiftly moving toward a cashless economy. While this shift brings speed and convenience, it has also given rise to new forms of cybercrime, particularly ATM skimming and electronic pickpocketing.

Though cards have made life easier by reducing the need to carry cash, the hidden risk is alarming—your card can be cloned, compromised, or misused without ever leaving your pocket. What's worse, many victims only realize something is wrong after the money is gone. In many parts of India, ATMs have quietly

become the scene of card data thefts. Skimming involves placing a fake device over the genuine Automated Teller Machine (ATM) or Point-of-Sale (POS) card reader. This counterfeit reader copies the magnetic stripe data from your card. Simultaneously, a hidden camera or a dummy keypad records your Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Earlier, scammers had to physically return to the ATM to retrieve this device and extract the data. But with newer tech, modern skimmers can now transmit the stolen information wirelessly—often via Bluetooth—allowing criminals to operate remotely. Once they have both your card data and PIN, they create duplicates and empty your account without triggering suspicion.

Electronic pickpocketing is more discreet and, in some ways, more dangerous. It targets RFID-enabled contactless cards—the ones we use for tap-and-pay convenience at shops and

transport stations. All it takes is a scammer with a hidden RFID scanner in a crowded place. As they pass near you, the scanner wirelessly reads your card's data—without you noticing a thing. Although this data usually doesn't include your PIN or Card Verification Value (CVV), it can still be misused for small online purchases, phishing scams, or sold on the dark web.

Skimming often leads to large unauthorized withdrawals using cloned cards, while Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) pickpocketing typically enables smaller tap payments or opens the door to identity fraud. Despite their differences in technique, both forms of card fraud lead to financial loss, emotional distress, and a deep sense of being violated. Victims often describe the experience as more disturbing than traditional theft because of its silent, invisible nature.

How to Stay Safe

You don't need high-tech tools to protect yourself—just awareness and a few smart habits. Here's how to stay one step ahead:

If You Use ATM or Chip Cards:

- **Shield Your PIN**
Always cover the keypad with your hand or wallet while entering your PIN to block hidden cameras or prying eyes.
- **Inspect Before You Insert**
Check the card slot and keypad. If anything looks loose, bulky, or

misaligned, it might be a skimming device. A quick “jiggle test” can help detect tampering. Avoid using machines that reject your card or behave oddly.

- **Use Secure ATMs**
Prefer machines located inside bank premises or monitored areas. Avoid isolated or dimly lit ATMs, especially at night.
- **Turn On Transaction Alerts**
Enable SMS or app alerts for all card activity. Immediate notifications allow you to react quickly to unauthorized use.
- **Use Tap-to-Pay When Available**
If your card supports contactless payments, use that feature instead of inserting your card. It reduces the chance of falling prey to skimmers.
- **Switch to Digital Wallets**
Apps like Google Pay, Apple Pay, and Samsung Pay generate encrypted, one-time-use tokens instead of exposing your real card number. They add a layer of safety—especially at places like petrol pumps, where card tampering is more common. Just remember to protect your phone with strong passwords or biometric locks.
- **Always Keep the Card in Sight**
When paying at hotels, fuel

stations, or restaurants, make sure the card machine is brought to you. Never hand over your card casually or let it go out of view. Whenever possible, use a credit card instead of a debit card, as it doesn't link directly to your savings and provides better fraud protection.

For Contactless (RFID-enabled) Cards:

- **Use RFID-blocking Wallets**
These wallets or sleeves prevent wireless scanners from reading your card through clothes or bags.
- **Carry Only What You Need**
Limit the number of RFID cards you carry to reduce your exposure.
- **Watch Out for Small Charges**
Fraudsters often test stolen cards with low-value transactions. Even tiny charges should be reported immediately.
- **Turn Off Tap-to-Pay If Unused**
Most banking apps allow you to disable the contactless feature. If you don't use it often, it's safer to keep it off.

If You Suspect Fraud, Act Fast

1. **Block Your Card Immediately**
Use your bank's app or call the helpline to freeze your card before more damage is done.

2. **File a Police Report or Use the Cybercrime Portal**

Visit your local police station or file a complaint online at www.cybercrime.gov.in. You can also call the national cyber helpline at **1930** for assistance.

3. **Get an FIR or Written Acknowledgment**

You'll need this for legal and banking procedures. Insist on a copy to support your refund request.

4. **Request a Chargeback from Your Bank**

Provide all evidence—SMS alerts, complaint copies, screenshots—and ask your bank to reverse the fraudulent transaction.

In today's digital world, criminals don't need to steal your wallet—they just need to compromise your card. Whether it's through skimming devices or silent RFID scanners, card fraud has become a faceless, silent threat. But with the right habits, awareness, and timely action, you can protect yourself and your hard-earned money. Stay informed. Stay alert. And most importantly, stay in control.

Annapurna Project at Kartar Aasra, Chandigarh

Keeping up the tradition of commencing the new Rotary year by seeking the blessings of the Almighty, RY 25-26



team organised the Annapurna day at Kartar AASRA, Chandigarh. Making a humble attempt to serve the Senior In-mates, Rotary provided 4 Room coolers and Food items.

Mrs Nandita Ahluwalia of the trust welcomed the members of RCMM & explained the activities at the Kartar AASRA expressing immense satisfaction with the arrangements & its trustees.

PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Virk outlined the transformation from a Joint Family Culture to the Nuclear families, thus emphasising the needs of Old Age Homes in the modern times.

President Rtn. Aameep Sinha prayed & sought the blessings of the Almighty as well as the fellow members of the Club.

Chief Guest AG Rtn Harpreet Singh Rekhi appreciated the activities of our club which he has been following with interest and congratulated the new team for it's initiative to organise ANNAPURNA DAY on the very first day of RY 25-26.

Planters were presented to the Chief Guest, Mrs Ahluwalia & S Baljeet Singh Ji. The Annapurna day was concluded with the vote of thanks by the Secretary expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, all the Fellow Rotarians who contributed liberally towards this project and the Trustee/In-mates of the Kartar Aasra.

SEWING MACHINE PROJECT

KINDNESS IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL & SO THE ROTARY

The club present a Sewing Machine to a cancer patient so that it may help her to earn a part of her expenses thus sustaining herself with honour & dignity. A friend of

In Service of the Community



Rotary came forward to fund the machine costing Rs 8000/- Machine was handed over to Ms Karan Kaur on July 04,2025 at Woodsbury Kindergarten, Phase X Mohali.

The project was attended by Rotary President Rtn Aameep Sinha, Club Secretary Rtn Kuldip Singh Dhody, Chairperson Rtn Manpreet Kaur, Director Club Public Image Chair Rtn Ankit Beri, Club Treasurer Rtn Rajeev Makkar & Mr Guy Roland Osy from Ivory Coast.

92nd Meeting – Installation

When : July 25th

Further details will be shared on the club's what's app group.

Installation of Interact Club of Vidya Valley School

When : July 19th

Further details will be shared on the club's what's app group.

Installation of Interact Club of The Tribune School

When : July 30th

Further details will be shared on the club's what's app group

Installation of Interact Club of Millenium School

Further details will be shared on the club's what's app group.

Charter Presentation & Installation of Interact Club and Early Act Club at Delhi Public School

Further details will be shared on the club's what's app group.

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Forthcoming Events





Greetings

Happy wedding anniversary

Let's wait for celebrations in August