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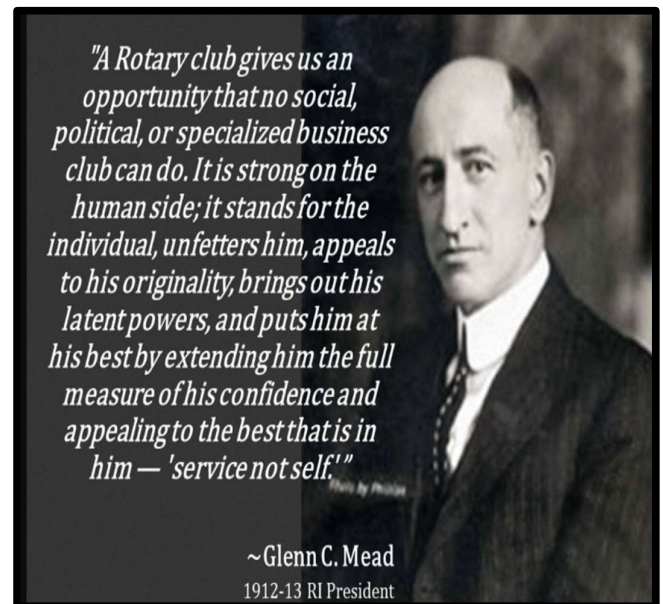
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The club meets on second and last Friday, if you are visiting the Tricity and intent to attend our meeting, pls call the President.

Club Stalwarts

2021-22 Rtn. Gurcharan Singh Arora (President)
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Rotary quotes inspire us.....



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A newsletter doesn't happen on its own

Every year, clubs around the world say “thanks” to one president and “welcome” to another. As an editor of this Newsletter for yet another year, I have to express gratitude to the IPP Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk, as he used to be ready with his “message from the president” well in advance thus enabling me to meet the deadlines. Outgoing secretary Rtn. Manjit Kaur also made her contribution, by generating the minutes of the meeting well in time. These two columns being the essentials for the “Shubh Karman”, the leadership in such a fine form is motivating in their own sweet and silent manner.

July is the month when we Rotarians take on different responsibilities, share ideas for the year, and pledge a new to assure *Service Above Self* and renew our commitment for the community and Rotary Ideals. The time is best to do our best specially when the Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick has given is the theme for the year- The Magic of Rotary. She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary. Since, the Newsletter (s) highlight all those aspects; the editors have an imperative role to play.

A newsletter doesn't happen on its own. It takes input from the members. My sincerest thanks to all those who contributed their articles for the newsletter specially PP Rtn. HS Marwah. A special note of thanks to Rtn. Vishwas Arora who designed the template for the

last year and converted the “editor” in me who had to learn and do the work of graphic designer too. That transition was smooth, as I have firmly believed in the quote by Pablo Picasso. “I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.” And that learning is being translated into a new design for this year.

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My sincerest thanks to everyone who posed for photos, shared at the club group, and forwarded other information. And not to forget the members and Rotarians from other clubs who took time to read all that was written.



PP Rtn.
Sukhpreet Singh
Giani

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From Editor's Desk



Rtn. Dilpreet Singh
President
2024-25

President's Message

The roadmap we have ahead is one of

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I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As you are aware that I am on a tour abroad. Nonetheless, the club what's app group gave me all the information of the activities being carried out under the leadership in the last fortnight under the leadership of IPP Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk. The club has achieved newer heights under his leadership and I congratulate the outgoing team for the excellent work done.

I must acknowledge that I was excited to know that our dedicated Club Secretary Rtn. Prabhjot Kaur shared the vision of the board; and Club Treasurer Rtn Manpreet Singh Chawla presented the budget for the year 2024-25; and the enthusiastic response that the members gave.

As the President, my focus will be on a) Service to the Community, b) Public Image and c) Inclusion.

The roadmap we have ahead is one of innovation, community engagement, and growth. **I am confident that under our collective leadership and with the support of each member, we will achieve new milestones and create a lasting impact in our community.**

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Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She will serve RI as president in 2024-25. **She becomes the second woman to take office as president of Rotary International.** She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

RI president Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Rtn. Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and traveled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-



STEPHANIE URCHICK
2024-25 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Communist Poland. RI president Stephanie has helped to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.

Know Your Leader

Know Your Leader

President Rtn. Dilpreet Singh is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Mohali midtown. He was born on Dec 10th 1981 at Chandigarh to Mrs Gurdip Kaur and S. Prithipal Singh Boparai. Rtn. Dilpreet holds a degree in **Bachelors in Information Technology** from Dehradun Institute of Technology, Dehradun (2005) and **Masters in Operations Management** from Glasgow Caledonian University (2007). He moved back to India in 2009 and joined the family business. Since then, he has been a helm of affairs at VK Engineering Works, Mohali. He assumes a larger responsibility as VK Engineering Works is a tier 1 supplier to Mahindra Swaraj for Precision machined Engine parts.

Rtn. Dilpreet is happily married to Dr. Charanjot Boparai and the couple celebrates their anniversary on 12th April 2008. Dr. Charanjot is running AllSmiles Dental Clinic in Sector 35 Chandigarh and does her bit for the society by organising free dental camps for the needy and imparts free necessary guidance on dental hygiene to young students by



organising seminars and camps. The couple is blessed with two sons.

Prabek Singh Boparai is studying in Class 9th and is a budding cricketer too; and Gurek Singh Boparai is a student of Class 7th and is a keen football player. Prabek and Gurek have brought laurels to St. John School with their brilliance in academic and sports.

Rtn. Dilpreet has been the member of the Board of the club since its inception. He was the first Vice President of the club, and two years back received the award for the best secretary. He is also carrying out an important assignment in Mohali Industries Association as General Secretary for 2nd consecutive year.

Rtn. Rajpal Singh was born in Ambala Cantt. in a family engaged in the business of retail and distribution of machinery parts. He did his schooling and graduation from Ambala Cantt before moving to Saharanpur, where he joined his family business. In addition to Saharanpur, his business is well established in Dehradun as well. He is also involved in the business of Real Estate Development.

Rtn. Rajpal Singh joined Rotary Club, Saharanpur in the year 1991. He served as the Club President in 2001-02 and was awarded 'Best President' in the district. He served as Assistant Governor in 2004-05 and was awarded as the 'Best Assistant Governor' in the district. He has also served as the Chairman of Membership Development Committee, Chairman of Community Service, Faculty Member at PETS/SETS multiple times and District Rotary Public Image Chair. He is a hard-working man with a clear vision to strengthen the Rotary Organization, enhance its public image and execute meaningful projects of social service.

Being a businessman by profession, he has been working ardently to defend the rights of manufactures and traders for more than 25 years. During this time, he has served as the President of Saharanpur Machinery Merchant Association multiple times. Currently he is Patron of the Association. He also serves as the State Organization Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Udyog Vyapar Pratinidhi Mandal, one of the largest association of manufacturers and traders in Uttar Pradesh. He has also played a leading role in many movements and conventions with regard to trader's issues. He is a founder member of Prabhuji ki Rasoi, an organisation started by Lok Kalyan Samiti, Saharanpur, which serves nutritious free food to around 500 poor and disabled

daily. This community kitchen is supported and directed by Saharanpur District administration, Saharanpur Nagar Nigam and various social service organisations.

During covid-19 pandemic, Prabhuji ki Rasoi played a key role in serving the society.

Rtn. Rajpal Singh is a suave, simple, social and a preserving person. Inspired from his mentors and parents, a nature of serving the helpless and needy is evident in his outlook. He has been serving as an active member in the affairs of Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Saharanpur from many years. Besides serving as the Vice President and Executive Member of the Gurudwara Management Committee, he has been working on several other positions.

His entire family is actively involved in religious and social work. They celebrate festivals of all religions with full vigour.

His wife, Inderbir Kaur is a homemaker and very active in the city's social circle. They have two children, a daughter, Jasneet Kaur, who is married and settled in Chandigarh and a son, Harneet Singh, who is married and settled in Gurugram.



District Governor Rtn. Rajpal Singh

Know Your Leader

Rotary Theme 2024-25

The Magic of Rotary

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick has given us the 2024-25 presidential theme as **The Magic of Rotary** and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization’s power to save lives.

“Don’t misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words,” Urchick had told the incoming district governors at the

Rotary International Assembly on 8 January’2024. “It’s up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member.”

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

“One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, ‘Show me the magic again,’” she said. “Obviously, the water filter wasn’t magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small



part in that certainly changed my life.”

Revisiting the year

- **President expresses Gratitude**
- **Incoming team presents vision and budget**

The 67th Club Assembly meeting of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown held on Wednesday, 26th June, 2024 at ACCORD, Aroma Hotel, Chandigarh at 7.30 P.M.

Sergeant at Arms, PP Rtn. Harcharan Singh Marwah collared the President. The President called the meeting to order. Sergeant at Arms initiated the National Anthem which was sung by all, recited the 4-way Test and then before passing on the mike to President, the Sergeant at Arms, PP Rtn. Harcharan Singh Marwah expressed gratitude to the Rotary team RY 2023-24 for successful completion of their term.

The President welcomed the Rotarians & Anns. The President on behalf of all the Fellow Rotarians wished Rtn. Dr. Tarvinderjeet Kaur, PP Rtn. HS Marwah, PN Rtn. Aameep Sinha, Rtn. Vikramjeet Kaushik & Rtn. Jasjot Singh on their Birthdays and also wished Rtn. Vishwas K Arora & Ann Bhawana Arora on their Wedding Anniversary falling in the 2nd fortnight of the month of June and wished them to have happy blissful life.

The President in his heart touching address mentioned that the year has come to an end and that it had been a very wonderful year. The President expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all



fellow Rotarians for their love, affection, cooperation and guidance throughout the year.

The President said his team has sincerely tried to follow the benchmark as has been set up by the Charter President Rtn. Gurcharan Singh and matched by the team of IPP Rtn. Ravijeet Singh. The President in his address said that while looking back to the year though a large number of projects have been done in year. He and his team have a feeling of satisfaction that during this period the Club has launched the Club's Web Site immediately on start of the RY on the day of installation in the very first week and that it could have been possible due to unrelenting support of Rtn.

67th meeting



Jashinderbir Singh & Ann. Chandandeep Kaur as well as PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani & Rtn. Vishwas K Arora.

The Digital Directory was also launched on installation. The Club's Newsletter 'Shubh Karman' which was being released once in two months was made fortnightly and the same was not only being released regularly on time but achieved the distinction of being one of the most sought after club newsletters of RD3080. The President expressed special thanks to PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani for making it possible. The President also expressed satisfaction that during this period not only the existing Rotaract Club & Interact Clubs were made vibrant but one new Rotaract Club was associated, which proved to be one of the best Rotaract Clubs and two more Interact Clubs were chartered and installed.

The President also made special mention of fellow Rtn. Aditya Sharma who single handedly organized as many as 9 Free Eyes Check-up camps in different villages and conducted many free Cataract Surgeries of such patients, which ultimately culminated in collaboration with Sahibzada Ajit Singh Trust in running once in a week Eye Clinic at Village Parchh, Mullanpur in the

last week of June 2024, where the Club is sponsoring Cataract Surgeries and that in such a short span of 3 months as many as 37 Cataract Surgeries have been performed and it could prove a long sustainable project in the coming years.

The President also expressed gratitude to the RD3080 for providing 10 Shelter Kits and 20 ROs out of District Grants. The President Informed that all the Shelter Kits had been distributed to the needy persons and the project reports as to utilization of Shelter Kits have been duly uploaded on the Rotary India.org, however, so far as the District grant of 20 ROs is concerned. These were delivered in the last week of January 2024 and it was resolved that these ROs be donated /installed in Govt. Schools in rural areas in District Mohali. The DEO, Mohali was approached to supply the list of Govt. Schools in Rural areas surrounding Mohali after identifying the same, but earlier due to Model Code of Conduct on account of recent Lok Sabha Elections and then due to Summer Vacations in the Schools these could not be donated & installed in the already identified Govt. Schools in rural areas surrounding Mohali as shortlisted by DEO, Mohali.

On his and Director Community Services PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh personal

communication with DG Rtn. Arun Mongia, the DG was kind enough to extend the utilization period, upto 20th July, on account of ongoing summer vacations in the schools with a condition that after utilizing the District Grant the same be communicated to him.

The President in his emotional address said that all this would not have been possible without the sincere support and cooperation of the fellow Rotarians.

Towards the end of his address, the President informed that they had started the year by organizing ANNAPURNA on July 01, 2023 at Institute for Blinds, Sector 26, Chandigarh and they would love to finish their tenure by organizing their last project at the same Institute on 28/06/2024 by donating a big Chapati Tawa and appealed to fellow Rotarians to grace the occasion for a grandeur finish.

The President also informed that RD3080 is holding Annual Award Function 'AABHAAR' on June 30th in Hotel Hyatt, Chandigarh and appealed the fellow Rotarians to attend the same in the large number.



PP Rtn. Harjeet Singh Ji in his address congratulated the team for successfully completing the year and also expressed that in the short span of 3 years the Club

has made its mark in the District. He also congratulated PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani for the awesome compilation of Club Newsletter 'Shubh Karman' and wished good luck to the incoming team.

Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawla, Treasurer Elect presented budget of RY 2024-25, already passed in the Joint BOD meeting on 07.06.2024. The House unanimously passed the budget.



In the absence of PE Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai, the vision of the incoming team was presented by Rtn. Prabhjot Kaur, Secretary Elect. The Secretary Elect in her short but impressive address put stress that the incoming team will work by taking along all the members and will focus primarily on 3 Core Principles i.e. Community, Public Image & Inclusion. The President expressed his desire to honour the Board Members and fellow Rotarians for their whole hearted support throughout the year and requested PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani to conduct the further Proceedings.

PP Sukhpreet Singh Giani in his address congratulated the team for their outstanding performance.

The President honoured the Board Members and the fellow Rotarians as well as Rotaractor Avneet Kaur, Secretary, Rotaract Club of Mohali City.



Rtn. Manjit Kaur, Secretary delivered the formal Vote of Thanks, by expressing gratitude for the fellow Rotarians and Anns, for their love & affection throughout the year and invited all for cake cutting ceremony followed by sumptuous dinner.

The President adjourned the meeting with traditional thumping on table with wooden hammer.



The members celebrated the Birthdays of Rtn. Dr. Tarvinderjeet Kaur, PP Rtn. HS Marwah, PN Rtn. Aameep Sinha, Rtn. Vikramjeet Kaushik & Rtn. Jasjot Singh as well as Wedding Anniversary of Rtn. Vishwas K Arora & Ann Bhawana Arora by cutting the cake.

The Members & Anns enjoyed the fellowship and Dinner.



Behind every successful.....?

Certainly behind a successful Club Secretary is the spouse !

In the picture-Outgoing Club Secretary Rtn. Manjeet Kaur with spouse Rtn. Parvinder Singh.

Rtn. Parvinder Singh won all around applause for supporting not only the club secretary but also being a dynamic and valuable asset for the club.



Glimpses





On June 28th, the Club handed over iron griddle (tawa) to the Blind School in Sector 26, Chandigarh. The club had started the year with Annpurna at the same school by providing cooking stoves. The project was also attended by Assistant Governor Rtn. Sukhvir Singh Sidhu



2 more Cataract Surgeries were done in the fortnight by Fellow Rotarian Dr. Aditya Sharma under Club's ongoing Project 'Drishti' As of now total 37 surgeries have been performed under Project 'Drishti'

Accolades

Club is duly recognised at the District Award function “Aabhar”

The outgoing District Governor and his team organised the annual award

good work done in the year. Under the best community service project, the district recognised the Flood Relief activity carried out by the club in July - August 2024. Also, during the visit of the District Governor Rtn. Arun Mongia the Club had signed a MOU with Sahibzada Ajit Singh Trust and Rtn. Dr. Aditya



function on June 30th at Hotel Hyatt in Chandigarh. In a very well attended event, the Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown bagged as many as six prestigious award –

- Best Zonal Club**
- Best Zonal President**
- Best Zonal Secretary**
- Best Official visit of the District Governor in the zone**
- Best Community Service Project.**
- Best Bulletin in the District**

These recognition in the form of the district awards are the testimony of the

Sharma for carrying out free eye surgeries. This project has now become a flagship project for the club with 37 surgeries being conducted in the last quarter.

IPP Rtn. Amarjit Singh shared his thoughts with the club members on the club what’s app group and said, “Thanks a lot, to all fellow Rotarians for their whole hearted support, love, affection as well as cooperation failing which, it would not have been possible to do whatever little we have been able to





achieve. The recognition of the team is nothing but admiration of fellow Rotarians. Once again I thank from the core of my heart. We will continue work in unison to take club to new heights in the coming years. Best of luck to the new team.”

work and collaboration have made this experience truly remarkable. Thank you for being an exceptional team and for making this an unforgettable chapter. Together, we have achieved greatness, and I am proud to have been part of this outstanding team.”

Outgoing Club Secretary Rtn. Manjit Kaur expressed her sentiments, by thanking the members and said, “I am immensely grateful for the unwavering support and dedication each of you has shown throughout our journey together. Our amazing tenure has been marked by incredible teamwork and a shared commitment to excellence. The awards we won today are a testament to our collective effort and passion. Your hard

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She expressed confidence in the team of 2024-25 and said, “To the upcoming Rotary Mohali Midtown Team-Your journey is



just beginning, and I am confident you will achieve incredible success. With passion and commitment, you will continue legacy and create an amazing tenure of your own. I truly believe in your potential; the future is going to be amazing. Good luck!”

Did You Know?



Chesley R. Perry was Rotary’s first secretary

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Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former Chicago Public Library employee, served as Rotary’s first secretary and is known as “the builder of Rotary International.”

While Rotary’s president changes every year, only 12 people have served as general secretary, a role that’s equivalent to a chief executive — and at 32 years, Perry served the longest. In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs unanimously selected Perry for the role

- GENERAL SECRETARIES OF RI**
- Chesley R. Perry, 1910-42
 - Philip C. Lovejoy, 1942-52
 - George R. Means, 1953-72
 - Harry A. Stewart, 1972-78
 - Herbert A. Pigman, 1979-86; 1993-95
 - Philip H. Lindsey, 1986-89
 - Hugh M. Archer, 1989-90
 - Spencer Robinson Jr., 1990-93
 - Geoffrey S. Large, 1995-97
 - S. Aaron Hyatt, 1997-2000
 - Edwin H. Futa, 2000-11
 - John P. Hewko, 2011-present

then known as secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he’d devote would remain unspecified.

By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and Perry’s pay was increased.

Perry’s own office on LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, USA, served as the first headquarters of the association. By 1911, Rotary had established an office in the First National Bank Building at the intersection of Dearborn and Monroe in Chicago. Perry concurrently served as editor and business manager of The Rotarian from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary’s first international office, in Zurich, Switzerland, in February 1925. He oversaw the expansion of Rotary as it grew during his tenure from 16 clubs in the United States to more than 5,000 worldwide. His title was officially changed to general secretary in 1941-42, his final year in office.

Perry had announced his plans to retire in 1940, but agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his successor, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, “I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me.” After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, which he’d joined in 1908. But he wasn’t done being a leader, and served as club president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title “secretary emeritus” to honour his years of service, but he again declined, preferring the role of ordinary Rotarian.

Perry died on 21 February 1960 at the age of 87.

A Saint & Great Warrior Akali Phula Singh

This is the concluding part of the series.

Contd. from last issue

Akali Phula Singh made it routine to steal much wealth and weapons from rich rulers until he was confronted by Maharajah Ranjit Singh for the act after which whatever Akali Phula Singh required was provided by Maharajah Ranjeet Singh. The Nihangs aim to be at selfless

enforced all the qualities of the ideal Nihang.

Some

prominent

English Sikh

scholars were

against Akali

Phola Singh

like Max MacAuliffe. Many of

the English writers also

ignore the Nihangs victories

and on often attribute Dogras

to



PP Rtn.
Harcharan Singh
Marwaha



service (seva)

of the world though

they are especially generous to the poor and weak. Akalis are known to be of great integrity and they are known to not break their hukam. Nihangs often slept on horses many days at time and it is their rule to be always on the move and to not stay at the same place for too long. They prefer the sword over gun^[70] but are also trained to be excellent marksmen. In warfare they are the first to attack and usually do not retreat in battle, rather they just keep charging. They do cries of Akal Akal loudly. Akali Phula Singh

substitute when Nihangs fought battles. Akali Phula Singh talked in a unique slang-like Punjabi which was not understood by the British and often misinterpreted. Akali Phula Singh was sent to assist the Nizam of Hyderabad by Maharaja Ranjit Singh, whom dispatched a force of 300 Akali troops for the cause.

Past President Writes

Maharaja Ranjit Singh married Moran Sarkar, a Muslim nautch girl. This action, and other non-Sikh activities of the Maharaja, upset the Sikhs community and Akali Phula Singh. When Ranjit Singh visited Amritsar for his daily listening of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib nobody spoke to him. Ranjit Singh could not bear nobody talking to him so he asked for forgiveness. Akali Phula Singh being the leader of the panth ordered Ranjit Singh to be flogged and he immediately agreed.^[86] Upon getting in the position to receive the whipping with a naked back and leaning against the tamarind tree in front of the Akal Bunga (Akal Takht) Akali Phula Singh asked if it was enough that the Maharaja was ready to receive the punishment and should be forgiven without getting the actual whipping. He asked the Sangat who had gathered around if they agreed that he should be forgiven that they should respond with the Sat Sri Akal battle cry in response the entire Sangat cried out Sat Shri Akal in approval.

Akali Phula Singh's samadhi was built at Pir Sabaq, 8 km from Nowshera to Attock, where he was killed. It had a large piece of land attached to it and was a popular place of visit for Sikhs, Hindus, and Pathans especially during Vaisakhi and Dussehra. The Nihangs served langar there up until the creation of India. Akali Phula Singh's land in Amritsar is still run by the Nihangs at the Akali Phula Singh Burj which was built by Maharajah Ranjit Singh himself as a tribute to Akali Phula Singh. The total land attached

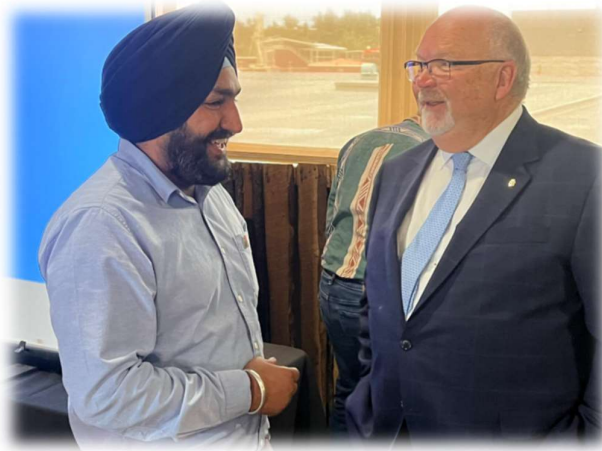
to Akali Phula Singh Burj was originally over 13 acres but now that number has been greatly reduced.



Statue of Akali Phula Singh outside the Partition Museum in Amritsar

Rtn. Dilpreet Singh attends meeting at Calgary, AB

President Rtn. Dilpreet Singh attended the meeting of Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park on June 27th (then President elect). He carried out flag exchange with President Rtn. Bryan Walton.



The exchange of the flags was duly covered in the newsletter of Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park.

Today's Meeting:

Sharyl Madigan introduced our guests today. Followed by our Welcome song

Micheal Zacharki asked Penny Leckie to draw the 50/50. The pot was \$165. Don Mintz won the pot. Congratulations!



Banner exchange

Dilpreet Singh Boparai, President-Elect 2024-25 of the Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown - District 3080 He exchanged a banner today!!



Stanley Cup Playoffs are done John Fitzsimmons Won \$500 He is using the money to help out some Ukrainian kids this summer.



Greetings



Happy wedding anniversary

Let's wait for celebrations in August