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COMMENSURATE WITH WORLD BRAILLE DAY: ZONAL PROJECT

Rotary Dinner in Dark (RDID) is the iconic signature project of RCS. Consequent to success of our earlier RDID's there has been a chorus of demands for conducting it for the younger age bracket as well for other Rotary Clubs.



In consonance with ibid demands, RCS held an additional RDID at Sip-n-Dine on 04 Jan 24 from 6.30 pm onwards on the occasion of the "World Braille Day" – a wonderful & touching tribute to the persons visually impaired.

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After collaring of President, National Anthem & the 4-way test, the meeting was H/O to PP Rtn. Manjit Chairperson of RDID. She explained to the audience in detail the aim & vision of this RDIDs and the earlier one's conducted. Rtn. Aneesh Bhanot the originator & person behind the success of RDIDs including during Covid period where the meetings were held virtually was applauded by all. The RDID video was also shown to the attendees.

The aim of this zonal event was fully accomplished, spoke the AG Mohit Singla mentioning the 56 registrations received. He appreciated the efforts of RCS, in particular the President & Chairperson.



Before the participants were briefed & lined up for RDID, the Presidents of Zone 6 Clubs sat alongside the AG & our President. The AG, Presidents & Rtn. Rita Kalra were felicitated by RCS including the DRR Rtn. Chinmey.

The Participants, the young Rotaractors were thoroughly impressed & their perceptions post RDID underwent a drastic change. Most commented on the ability & agility of the visually impaired. The respect of all for the RDID team was apparent. Some even spoke on how they relished &



concentrated/focused on enjoying the dinner as nobody was watching them. RDID team led by Shiv, Amarinder, Harjot with only one female member were introduced to the audience. Rtn. Sham Rawal ensured majority of the Rotaractors expressed their views.



The RCS members & the supportive staff were given separate dinners in SIP N DINE. Kudos to RCS for another Zonal project, in particular RDID for younger generation

RCS AT SNEHALYA- Masti Ki Pathshala

RCS has adopted Snehalya, where we have regular monthly interactions & visits. This time it was coordinated by Rtn. Jaspal Singh & sponsored by our President & Rtn. Vineet Makkar. Jagsifat our hippo rapper singer S/o of President Dr. S.S Makkar entertained the



children with his rap music as well shared his vision of life, journey in Canada & various anecdotes. A day which brought happiness, laughter & which touched these young orphan children lives. Snacks, sweets & juices were shared with all. The event was attended by PP Rtn. Manjeet Kaur, Dir Community Service, R'anne Harjinder Kaur, R'ptr. Col. Pervinder Singh. Kudos to the organizer, sponsors & the attendees.



EWS ACTIVITIES ON 6 JAN 24

Activities for EWS children were planned on 06 Jan 24 at Olive Greens (GTO Ground) Academy at Berwalli, Village Panchkula. This was meticulously organized and planned by Rtn. Col. RS Gadhok. The 45 DON BOSCO Navjeevan Society Children were shown Training by NDA aspirants at the Academy. They were briefed on the training aspects and respective obstacles by Staff. The children were then made to do the obstacles including 6 feet wall, zigzag & balance strips, rope climbing et all.





It was rich & enriching experience for these young children. Kudos to PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur for organizing this wonderful event despite fog & winter blues. The children were treated to Tea & Snacks thoroughly relished by all. Rtn. Manjit & R'ptr Col. Pervinder along with Rtn. Gadhok & Mrs. Gadhok also addressed the children boosting their enthusiasm & morale. Many expressed keenness to join Armed forces. They were briefed on the procedures & allied aspects of preparations.

Singapore Couple Exhibit RCS Extended Family Adage: Donate cycles to Needy

RCS is known as a Family Group albeit an extended family system cum organization. True to this adage, five new cycles and two old ones were given to needy EWS students to save their time & effort, viz increase their productivity & efficiency. Only those 7 were selected who are good in studies. This project of 7 January 2024 was sponsored by Ms. Namrata & her hubby Mr. Akshay. The





couple is based in Singapore and sponsored this project through their parents PP Rtn Manjit & R'ptr Col. Pervinder. God bless the donors for this wonderful & humanitarian gesture. Namrata is the daughter of our Director Community Service.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MARRIAGE OF NEEDY GIRL



A needy girl, Ms. Nishu Kumari's marriage was actively helped & assisted by RCS Members. The marriage was solemnized on 8/9 Feb, attended by some members. Financial help of Rs. 30000/- was given to the parents Srimati Radha, whose husband had expired during Covid. This amount



has contributed & shared by Rotarians Parminder, Rtn KP Singh, Rtn Maninder Manda, Rtn Dr. VD Singh, Rtn Dr. Kuldeep Singh and Rtn Dr. SS Makkar.

The couple is happy & well settled with the mother, showing signs of contentment & bliss.

LOHRI CELEBRATIONS 9 JAN 24 **FUN & GAIETY**

With temperature dipping in North India RCS decided to warm it up with Lohri celebrations for families on 9 Jan 24 at rear area of Sip-n-Dine. Lohri is a very popular winter Dogra



& Punjabi folk festival celebrated in North India. It marks the harvest of



rabi crops & the passing of winter solstice. The legend of Dulla Bhatti (Rai Abdullah Bhatti), regarded as hero in the region, rescuing the Punjabi girls forcibly taken as slaves.

Peanuts, popcorn, rewaris were all relished & put in the central fire with dhol & boliyas aglore. It was one of the coldest days of Chandigarh in last 8 years. This did not dampen our members from dancing to the Bhangra beats & the dholi's boliyas. The ladies tried outwitting the men with their shakes & moves, but it was on equal match. The plastic surgeons regaled all of us with their style & off beat moves. Spirits warming up (Cheers L Group) made our members come out with their singing talents especially Monika, Tayal, Guneeta et all in chorus. As per RCS traditions all couples were gracious to exhibit their individual moves – a delight for all.



The sumptuous traditional hot meal was the attraction which all members were waiting for. Not to be left behind the President & Secretary ensured proper meeting protocols were also forward – even though they had a much smaller table, than the normal one. Kudos to the bonhomie of RCS Extended Family.

BRINGING JOY & SMILES: LOHRI WITH EWS CHILDREN 13 JAN 24



A fantastic and a very participative Lohri celebrations was done in Vikas Nagar colony near Manauli Village. An event led by Mrs. Shradha, associated with Don Bosco Society was equally matched by RCS. From our side the lead was taken by our ever helpful & energetic Rotarians Simran Matharu & Rtn. Raman Makkar. Samosa's biscuits & Lohri Sweets & moongfali packets including pop corns brought great joy & satisfactions on these 32 EWS children. Songs, dances &



skits were performed by these kids in gusto & style with the festivals. It left us aghast on their skills & talent.

The event was organized by PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur Director Community Service who unfortunately could not be present for the occasion.



PROJECT CANCER SCREENING & TREATMENT 16 JAN 24 AT NAVJIVAN SOCIETY CENTRE BY HOMI BHABHA CANCER HOSPITAL TEAM

Cancer screening was organized on 16th Jan 24 at Don Bosco Navjivan Society for ladies with special emphasis on cervical & allied areas. A total of 40 ladies were screened & follow up measures cum precautions conducted. This project



was organized by our Dir. Community service, PP Manjit Kaur. It was under aegis of Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, New Chandigarh (Punjab) and assisted by "Sahayata". A total of 36 women were referred for further treatment at this hospital.

2. A very meaningful & effective cancer detection & treatment under the experts is bound to improve the quality of life of these women. The in-charge wrote to RCS a Long-mailed letter expressing adulations on this wonderful humanitarian project.



75TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ADOPTED VILLAGE GURHA: 26 JAN 2024

RCS true to its tradition always celebrates Republic Day at our adopted villages. This year the 75th RD was celebrated with gusto & style at Gurha Village in the Government Primary School as 26 Jan 24 from 11 am onwards. It was a captivating event witnessing the metamorphosis of great culture & style bringing joy & smiles to the children & the villagers in abundance.

The following was organized & enjoyed by all:

- Hoisting of the tricolor & singing of National Anthem
- This was followed by patriotic songs & group dances.
- Class wise painting competition. 5 painting were selected for prizes.
- Quiz featuring national symbols. Winners were given study tables.
- Children were also given LCD writing screens.
- The ceremonies ended with tea & snacks further augmenting our bondage with the populace & surrounding environment.

The village & the panchayat members were very appreciative of the event of RCS for the development & uplifting of the school & village. A total of 51 LCD note pads were distributed. These were sponsored by our President (E) Rtn K.P. Singh while IPP Govind Miglani gave a CVS & Bed study boards.

The following attended this glorious event

- President Rtn. Dr. S.S. Makkar
- Secretary Rtn. Parminder Sandhu
- IPP Rtn. Govind Miglani
- PP Rtn. Sham Rawal, TRF chair
- Rtn. Vineet Nagpal
- Rtn. Jaspal Singh
- R'anne Harjinder Kaur
- President (N) Rtn Rajesh Chadha



Celebrations at Snehalaya: 26 Jan 24

The RD was also celebrated at Snehalaya Centre at 9 pm on 26 Jan 24. Traditional Songs & snacks were shared with inmates. Their vigor & style of celebrations was exemplary. Our Director Community Service PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur & R'ptr Col. Pervinder Singh organized this very noble & touching event.



FREE MEDICAL CHECK UP & EYE CAMP 28 JAN 24 AT GURHA VILLAGE

RCS organized free medical mega & Eye Camp at Gurah Village on 28 Jan 24. Sunday was specially selected for the camp to ensure maximum participation of villagers & populace around.

The camp was organized by Guru ka Langar Eye hospital Sector 18, Chandigarh along with Doctors of RCS. The following was organized: -

- Blood Sugar & BP Checkup
- Diabetes vision Assessment
- Cataract Assessment & Referrals for free treatment
- Free spectacle after evaluation

The camp was organized from 10 am to 2 pm encompassing screening for BP, Sugar, weight and special attention for eyes & eye health. Follow up was assured to all for end-to-end treatment. This RCS event in collaboration with Guru ka Langar Eye Hospital was very well received. Dr. Manisha Chauhan also conducted counseling sessions for students & individuals. Dr. Meenu Sharma delivered an excellent session emphasizing the importance of maintaining a healthy life style, including a well-balanced diet. A total of 135 plus were screened. 35 spectacles were distributed. 3 Children had lazy eyes and 40 persons with dry eyes were treated.



RCS members were very liberal on donations. IPP Govind Miglani arranged pharmacist teams, besides spectacles, blood sugar strips incl disposables, Rtn. Parminder Sandhu provided sanitizers while Dr. Kuldip gave laptop to School teacher Ms Ruby. The following Rotarians attended the event, Govind Miglani, Sham Rawal, Vineet Nagpal, Dr. Kuldip, Manisha Chauhan, Maneet & Meenu Sharma.

