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GETTING ANGRY IS PUNISHING YOURSELF FOR MISTAKE OF OTHERS

TRAFFIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME: 1 DEC. 23 SAFE DRIVING IS LANE DRIVING

RCS in collaboration with Chandigarh Police carried & continued active traffic "Awareness Programme" for the Children. This was done by means of a talk, presentation & live demonstration & settings. It was conducted on 01 Dec. 23 at Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School, Sector 20 from 12 0' clock pm onwards.

Chandigarh traffic police staff briefed & spoke to the gathering of students, teachers & staff. Safety & precautionary measures, wearing of helmets,



speed, challans & fines et all was covered. In case of mishaps actions to be taken was informed to all. Diligently crossing of roads, cycle tracks & pedestrian paths was elaborated to everyone. The response of young children was evident from the questions & the answering of impromptu questions & skits. Our Rotarians also addressed the gathering. No underage (juvenile) driving was highlighted.



The event was attended by the President, Secretary, PP Rtn. Maneet Matharu Director Youth Service, Rtn. Simran Matharu, Greetings Chair.

All members & children carried placards of "Lane Driving is safe Driving". Various traffic signs & boards on roads were explained.

10TH Blood Donation Camp: Dedicated to Thalassemic Children: 02 Dec. 23

"Share a little – Care a little "was the theme of the 10th Blood Donation Camp Organized in association with PGIMER Blood Bank by the Management of Shahpur Gurudawara, Sector 38-B, Chandigarh on 02 Dec. 23 from 9.30 am to 3pm. The venue was the Gurudawara complex (opposite Community Centre). It was co-partnered by HDFC with active assistance, participation & guidance of RCS.

It was coordinated & organized by Rtn. Jaspal Singh alongwith the main players on behalf of RCS.

Bon Voyage: DG (E) Rtn. Rajpal Singh: By RC Roorkee Midtown: 03rd Dec. 23

Rotary Club of Roorkee Mid town organized a very befitting & in a grand manner the Bon Voyage to DG (E) Rtn. Rajpal Singh & Rtn. Inderbir Kaur. Event Chair was PP Rtn. Mujeeb Malik. The event was conducted at Golden Leaf Banquet, on Haridwar – Roorkee Road (near RTO) on 03 Dec. 23 from 10am onwards.

The personal invite by DGN Ravi Prakash & R'ann Shalini Prakash was sent to all clubs. PDG Hemant K Arora was the counselor for the event, which was conducted on a grand & lavish scale. The traditional fanfare was the highlight of bringing the DG(E) to venue.

RCS wishes Rtn. Rajpal DG 2024-25 & Rtn. Inderbir Kaur happy journey & great experiences. RCS was represented at the event by PP Rtn Brig. D S Dhillon. The event saw practically a very large attendance of 17 PDGS 2 x prep also, Raja Saboo & Rtn. Shekar Mehta and about 750 Rotarians. DG(E) was driven in customary vintage car to the Resort.

Earlier the DG(E) was welcomed at Saharanpur en-route to Roorkee.

Historic Visit of 60 Snehalya (EWS) Children to

7th Military Literature Festival Chandigarh

On 3 Dec. 2023 Snehalya Boys went on a historic mission cum visit to the 7th Military Literature Festival at Sukhna Lake Complex. Here they learnt about Indian Army's amazing heroic deeds & got the inside scoop on how they too can join the Army albeit Armed Forces & become real life heroes. The Kids even checked around the arms, ammunition, Army dresses & the weapons. Some got themselves photographed with live soldiers & weapons.

Shourya Chakra awardee Maj Sandeep Kumar & Kirti Chakra Awardee N/Sub Satish the real life & Nations's heroes shared their awesome adventures & inspired these EWS Children.



The visit was planned & coordinated by our Director Community Service PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur. Kudos for this ingenuity. It was Josh, Jazba & Junoon for these Children on 3 Dec. 23.

Core Team District Conference ANAND: 5 Dec. 23

The core team led by DG Arun Mongia met at Chimney heights Zirakpur to tie up modalities of the conf. Others who attended were PDG T.K. Ruby, PP Brig. DS Dhillon President Rtn. SS Makkar & Dy. DG Narinder Singh. AG (Zone 6) Rtn. Mohit Singla.

CONDOLENCES:

RCS family lost another stalwart, our ex Rtn. Col. Balbir Singh on 29th Nov. 23. Cremation was held at Manimajra on 01 Dec. 23 at 1 pm. Antim Ardas was held on 05 Dec. 23 from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. Col. Balbir Singh ws a very effective Roterian and a thorough well-bred gentleman to the core. Our heartfelt condolences to the family. Many Rotarians attended the Antim Ardas.

Healing with Art by Dr. Suneet Madan: 05 Dec. 23 RCS Meeting

Our Regular meeting on Tuesday was of a different, flavor & colour. It was to meet and experience the effects of colors & art. It was conducted by Dr. Suneet Madan an accomplished artist, poet, story writer besides an IT professional on 05 Dec. 23 from 7.30 pm onwards at Press Club Sector 27.

All members had brought pencils, crayons & sketch pens as instructed. A very interesting, educative & an eye opener concept. The Guest Speaker Dr. Suneet was recently honoured by the 5th World Poetry conference as a Guest of Honour as a "Master of creative Consciousness". She lived up to this title at our 5th Dec. 23 meeting. The meeting brought the "child" in entry member.

The MC of the event was Dr. Manisha. She eloquently & methodically covered the meeting in her own style in "Shudh Hindi". The Guest Speaker was introduced by PP Rtn. Sham Rawal TRF Chair. Not to be left, behind he introduced in high pitched sounding hindi words, some of which went over the heads of members. The multifarious talents including her rich background & heritage of the speaker was covered very well.















Dr. Madan started the meeting by introducing the aspects of art & colour & how imp is it to practice same. She gave her own example of being bed ridden after an accident & how she started painting with her hands & fingers and that being her first maiden attempt at Art. She asked all members present to pick by one Mandela picture design of their liking & colour it in any manner. It as a treat to see the concentration of members in drawing & their coloring patterns, bringing to fore childhood memories. The amazing part of the session was the speaker analyzing the character & traits of members on the patterns chosen, the colours choices & the design outlay. How true, the members amazing expressions & 'wow' attitude summed up the success of the meeting & experience of RCS family. A heavily attended meeting, it had to be curtailed because of time constraints.

Earlier five RDID Scholarship cheques & certificates were handed over to recipient by the donors along with the President & Secretary. The President thereafter outlined the projects done to date & one's planned near future. He also requested 100% registration for District Conference ANAND, which the club is hosting. The Secretary outlined birthdays & anniversaries in particular the CAB lunch on 17 Dec. at Rtn. Maninder Nanda's Gulfarms.

The meeting started with Sgt-at arms Rtn. Shiv collaring the President, reciting the Four Way Test & the singing of National Anthem along by members. The persons who were handed over RDID scholarships of Rs. 25000/- were as under: -



SNo	Student	Donor
a)	Student 1	Rtn Dr Priya Mahajan
b)	Student 2	Rtn Dr Meenu & R'ptr Dr Manoj Sharma
c)	Student 3	Rtn Dr Monika and Rtn Dr V D Singh
d)	Student 4	Rtn Sneh Popli and R'ptr Sushil Popli
e)	Student 5	Rtn Maneet and Rtn Simran Matharu
f)	Student 6	Rtn R S Gadhok and Mrs Gadhok

PRINTING PRESS: <u>EWS Students Visit "The Tribune"</u> Newspaper Office: 9 Dec. 2023

In another marvelous aspect of promoting & uplifting EWS children, RCS planned & conducted a visit cum briefing at the "Tribune' complex in Sector 29 Chandigarh. The was organized & coordinated by our energetic Director Community Service PP Rtn Manjit & R'ptz Col. Pervinder Singh on 9 Dec. 23 from 11 am onwards.

The children not only saw the printing press, but also understood the mechanics of a national daily & the procedures & the round the clock work. The EWS students & their



teachers were briefed by select staff, especially Mr. Aman Gulati who went above board providing a comprehensive tour of every department, explaining each process with clarity in a manner & style understood by these young children. It was an eye-opening project with lots of knowledge, on ground experience & the employment avenues. On their popular requests visit to the other tricity daily newspapers & printing press will be organized soon.

POETIC MEETING PUNJAB KALA BHAWAN 13 DEC. 2023: BY VISUALLY IMPAIRED

A wonderful high order recitation of poems & poetic knowledge cum live recitation was organized under the "Theatre for THEATRE" Chandigarh with active assistance of Rotaract Positive Abilities and RCS. It was organized on 13 Dec. 23 at Punjab Kala Bhawan, Sector 16-B Chandigarh. The theatre was at full capacity showing the tremendous response & interests of the Tri-City.

The recitation of poetry & poems by the visually impaired was par excellence & amazingly of a high order, implying their historic abilities & latent talents. A wonderful joyous experience for all. Our Rtn. Shiv Sharma also amazed each & everyone with his poetic charm, baritone voice & flawless rendition. GOD BLESS

these amazing participants.

President Dr. SS Makkar spoke to the audience & congratulated the participants.









6th RCS Board & HSS Rotary Shivalik Society Meeting: 12 Dec. 23

Our 6th RCS Board meeting was held from 6 pm on 12 Dec. 23 at Secretary Rtn. Parminder Sandhu's office "Next Care Inc", Industrial Area, Chandigarh. The agenda & discussion points were as under: -

- > Approval of 5th BOD meeting points.
- > RDID updates.
- > RDID planned for Rotaractors on 4th Jan 24 Braille Day.
- ▶ Upcoming Annual Meeting of 19th Dec. 23 and selection of Team RY 24-25.
- ➤ Inter District project on cleanliness drive on 25 & 29 Dec. 23
- Upcoming District Conference 10 & 11 Feb. 24
- > HSS Rotary Shivalik Briefing by Chairman Rtn. Dr. VD Singh
- Proposal of Charging Children of Rotarians attending Dinner Meeting.
- Misc. Points

PP Rtn. Sham Rawal Filled in Secretary's role with IPDG pitching in snacks & refreshments.

ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY - 14 DEC. 23

RCS celebrated the World Energy Conservation Day at St. Stephen's School at 8.30 am onwards on 14 Dec. 23. Very appropriately the main gate of the school was chosen for maximum effect & participation. Reflectors on Cycles & Rickshaws moving to & fro were fixed to ensure safety onwards. A very apt project keeping the aspects of winter mist & fog & accidents on the score. Placards were made to

sensitize the local populace with quotes as "Love Wheels-Move the Body", "Enjoy your childhood cycling". by made Local trolleys cycle also were stopped reflectors fixed besides briefing them



on safety & care on the roads of tri-city.

The event was coordinated by PP Rtn. Maneet Matharu, Director Youth Service & PP Rtn. Manjit Director Community Service. Kudos, to all.



Our CAB for months of Nov. & Dec. 23 was collectively organized & celebrated at Gul Farms from 11.30 am onwards. Gul Farm belongs to our Rtn. Maninder Nanda who is always a gracious host. A great Sunny Bonhomie &

Celebrations of Lavish splendour & tastes to delight of all. The buddies celebrating were: -

- Dr. & Mrs. Kuldip
- > Rajesh & Guneeta
- > Dr. & Mrs. Surinder Makkar
- Jaspal Singh
- > Dr. & Mrs. VD Singh
- Maninder & Aman Nanda
- Gunjan & Mamta
- Ashok Laroia

Our CAB for Nov. & Dec. 23 was a combined big show as a picnic lunch at the salubrious Gul Farms, behind Chandigarh Club, Khuda Ali Sher. The event witnessed a very large attendance of RCS family & guests. A scenic & a very well laid out farm. The personal touch, style & décor of Maninder & Aman Nanda was evident. The Fresh Farm Kinoo Juice

was a hit besides the free flow of delicious snacks, fish and the liquor. A warm excellent afternoon well spent. The cake was cut by Maninder nanda, dr surinder makkar, KP singh, dr Kuldeep singh, Ashok Laroia, Rajesh Chadha, Mamta & Jaspal. A non-Creamy cake was a delight for all Rotarians ordered from Monika.

The Cap (topi) passing game was amazing & & everybody participated. The homely tambola with endless lines breakfast, lunch, dinner & house prizes, kept everyone glued. It was announced by our veteran PP Rtn. ML gupta assisted by R'ann Maninder Manda. Kudo to all. Deep appreciation to to Nanda's & all the CAB members.



INTER ZONAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT DPS YAMUNANAGAR

An inter zonal cricket matches were conducted by RID 3080 on 9 & 10 Dec. 23 at Yamunanagar. Our Zone 6 were active participants. The average age of our zonal team was 60 plus as compared to average age of 30 plus of other teams. But not to be left behind we put up excellent spirited show against zone 3 & zone 18. Out Team comprised of PP Rtn. Brig DS Dhillon President Dr. SS Makkar, PP Rtn. Sham Rawal & PP Rtn. Dr. V D Singh. Brig Dhillon was the Capt of the zone 6 team. Each participant was awarded a certificate of appreciation. A gala pool

side dinner was organized for all players on the 9 Dec. 23. The overall champions were the Panipat zone, who





narrowly won from Yamunanagar zone. It was great fun frolic with true Rotarian Spirit springing in the winter air.

ANNUAL MEETING 19 DEC. 23: SIP-n-DINE.

The annual meeting of RY 2022-23 was conducted at SIP-n-Dine on 19 Dec. 23. The agenda was as under

- > President's Report
- > Selection of Team 2024-25, Returning officer
- > CA financial audit report RY 2022-23
- District Conference ANAND briefing

After collaring the President, National anthem & the 4-way test, Rtn. Dr. SS Makkar outlined the various projects under Rotary 7 areas of focus. He congratulated all the members for the great work & cooperation . He also outlined the oncoming event at Fatehgarh Sahib on 26 & 29 Dec. 23 in which RCS is participating in Inter District Project.

Thereafter PP Brig. DS Dhillon gave out points as the Returning Officer. True to RCS tradition no names were sent for elections or nominated on the floor of the house. Rtn. K P Singh was confirmed as President (E) & he said he'd formulate team soon. After some deliberations & suggestions by members the following leadership roles for oncoming Rotary years was confirmed & announced by the Returning officer after acceptance by the individual members:

> President for RY 2024-25 - Rtn. KP Singh

- > President for RY 2025-26 Rtn. Rajesh Chadha
- President for RY 2026 -27 Rtn. Priya Mahajan

Congratulations to the concerned Rotarians for heartily accepting to lead the club & take it to soaring heights coming year. Kudo & accolades to the three selected by RCS.

Thereafter IPP Rtn. Govind Miglani in a short crisp manner outlined the CA audited report for RY 2022- 23. One copy was handed over to the President & one to Club Asset Officer PP Rtn ML Gupta.

PP Brig. DS Dhillon was then requested to brief the house on "Anand – the Joy". District Conference 2023-24 to be held at chimney heights on 10-11 Feb. 24. He outlined in detail all the relevant aspects of the conference, our role as hosts, responsibilities & what all is involved as this big event. Aspects of a dress identity & various options were also deliberated the responsibilities are to be further refined & a separate IP will be formed for same.

Rtn. Rajesh Chadha handed over the Brampton Rotary Club flag to the President. He had visited this club as tour to Canada. He outlined the various aspects of the club functioning, their projects & the visiting Rotarians. It was suggested that a global grant project to be done with this club near future.

Secretary Rtn. Parminder, then announced the Birthday & Anniversaries coming days. He also dwelled on RDID for Rotaractors planned on the 4 Jan 24, Thursday & requested all members to be present for this regular meeting besides encouraging the participants.

SENIOR EWS STUDENT -VISIT TRAFFIC PARK SECTOR 23 - 15 DEC. 23

On the auspicious occasion of Shri Gobind Singh's Gurpurab, Senior EWS students were taken to the traffic park in Sector 23,

Chandigarh from 11 am onward. These students were informed on the traffic rules, regulations,

signage & how to react to the traffic



signposts. Why is it necessary to strictly follow the traffic norms was understood by all. They took a pledge not to violate any traffic rules thereby saving lives. The visit was organized & planned by PP Rtn. Manjit Hundal & R'ptr Col. Parminder Singh.

TALK ON LIFESTYLE DISEASES AND **PREVENTION**

On 20 Dec. 23 NAVJEEVAN CENTRE Rtn. Dr. Meenu Sharma gave a very useful talk on "Lifestyle Diseases and their prevention on 20 Dec. 23 at Navjeevan Centre & Don Bosco, Sector 24. It was a very informative talk and audience really appreciated & got deeply involved. It was organised by PP Rtn. Manjit



Hundal for the BA programme students at Don Bosco School Navjeevan Centre. Dr. Meenu Sharma is from Community Medicine Deptt. GMSC – 32. This health talk was very well received. We had co-partnered with Rotaract Club of SD College for this event.



THANKS GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S SUPPORT STAFF



Keeping up with the past years' tradition, Interactors of St. Stephen dedicate a day long program to recognize the contribution of support staff. It has now been practice that the outgoing Interactors' team, who are at their final year of the high school appreciate the hard work they have been observing during their school years. On 23rd of December 2023, the current years' team planned a meticulous program once again. They played fun games with the staff, invited Red Cross Trainer, A

vocational training expert, distributed woolens, prizes for winners in the games and finally served them sumptuous food themselves.

RCS has been marking their presence and also supporting financially for this occasion.

We applaud the "Gratitude" of young ones towards those without whom their learning stands incomplete





RCS CELEBRATES XMAS WITH CHILDREN



23 from 3 pm onwards. Christmas carols, red caps, and Christmas tree were all part of this wonderful celebrations. The children were told of the importance & significance of this celebration world over. Spirit of sacrifice & forgiveness was driven to the participants. The RCS Santa distributed gifts to the children. Special dance programmes & recitation were a treat for all. Cakes & snacks were the highlight served by PP Rtn Manjit Kaur, Rtn. & first Lady Vineet Makkar & R'ptr Col. Pervinder Singh along with 100 geometry boxes.



The celebrations ended with peace, prosperity & good will for all.

X-Mas was also celebrated with some special children. Magic show & refreshments were shared with the children. The event was sponsored by PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur's daughter Namrata & her family. Great thought to help the under privileged



INTER DISTRICT: Awareness Project of Cleanliness in "Fatehgarh Sahib Shaheedi Jod Mela" – Saka Sirhind

A very thoughtful & service oriented project touching life's of people in line with PM Modi's Swach Abhyaan was carried out on 25 Dec. 23 & 30 Dec. 23 as under:-

- a. <u>25 Dec. 23</u> An awareness drive from Fatehgarh Sahib to Landran by visiting over 40 Langar Sewa sites and distribution of Garbage Bags & educating all the Organizers & Sewadars cum the Public of garbage & necessity.
- b. **30 Dec. 23** Collection & disposal of the waste garbage bags from the langar sites & cleanliness.

The project resonated very aptly with the 10th Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Jee Saka Sirhind & the sacrifices of the Guru's Family. Kudo's to the persons behind this noble & befitting thought. The project was the joint initiative of 10 club, of Rotary Districts 3080 & 3090. It was coordinated by respective Rotary District Zones. The AG's coordinating were AG Mohit Singla (3080) & AG Amit Sood (3090)



The following clubs participated:

* RID 3080 - RCS Chandigarh Shivalik, Chandigarh Uptown, Silver City Mohali, Zirakpur & Derabassi Club.

* **RID 3090** - RC's, Fatehgarh Sahib Gold, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib, Rajpura and Mandi Gobindgarh.



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"ਸਫ਼ਾਈ ਅਭਿਆਨ"

ROTARY CLEANLINESS DRIVE IN VILLAGE ATEWALI (FATEHGARH SAHIB

30-12-2023

Time: 12.00 Noor

Sahib at Vivaan Resorts for briefing & collection of garbage bags. Thereafter respective teams moved on Landran &

Fatehgarh Sahib roads, educating the sewadars & staff on importance of cleanliness & garbage management. Kudos to Project Heads Rtn GS Grewal from RID 3090 & Rtn. Dr. SS Makkar from RID 3080 for planning & executing it so well.

The project & Rotarians received blessings from the society & masses for this wonderful venture. A total of 18 Rotarians participated from our Zone 6, with 7 from RCS out of a total 30 involved in the project. RCS was led by President Rtn. Dr. S.S. Makkar, Rtn. Vineet Makkar, Rtn. Raman Makkar & her daughter, Rtn. Jaspal Singh & PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon.



On 30 Dec. 23 in a similar repeat drive, DGs of both districts DG Arun Mongia & DGs Ganshyam Kansal along with respective AGs and President of all 11 Clubs participated. Ceremonies were held at Adv. Grewals farm with a working lunch. Both DGs confirmed that this project 'Saka Sirhind' cleanliness drive from 26-30 Dec. will be a permanent feature of their districts for next few years.

From our Club besides the President, PP Brig. D.S. Dhillon, Rtn. Jaspal, Rtn. Dr. Vineet Makkar, Rtn. Raman Makkar, R'ann Harjinder participated with full vigour on 30 Dec. 23. A very unique & different project, with out of the box thinking & innovations with out of excellent dividends for all.

