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The installation ceremony of the 29th president of RCS, Dr. Surinder Makkar, a renowned plastic surgeon of the Tricity, was held on 4th July 2023 at Hotel Aroma. It was a grand, glittering event attended by a galaxy of Rotarians & friends from the city.

The Chief Guest was Dr. Dharam Pal, IAS, Advisor to the Administrator U.T. Chandigarh. The Guest of Honour was Rtn. Arun Mongia, District Governor, RID 3080 accompanied by First lady Rtn Charu Mongia. Rtn. Mohit Singla, AG Zone 6, was the special Guest.

The Event Chairman was Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon (Retd.). This year's installation was characterized by a no. of firsts in the history of the Club, besides the event being conducted in style, elan and with all protocols.

The installation started with a traditional welcome, national anthem & lighting of lamps. The collaring of DG and President Govind Miglani was done by Rtn. Manjit Kaur & Rtn. Raman Makkar. Four way test was recited by all, led by Rtn. Manjit Kaur.

The Firsts of Installation : Some of the historical first time (records) in RCS history during the installation were:-

- The RCS President (Dr. Surinder Makkar) announced a donation of Rs. 10 Lakh to TRF (endowment fund) in the memory of his parents.
- Nine New Rotarians were inducted in the ceremony with 6 Lady Rotarians & 3 Male Rotarians.
- The Board of Directors & Club Officers were introduced along with their Assistant Directors. All the latter were young Rotarians, ready to learn & fulfill their responsibilities and roles next Rotary Year.

Address by Outgoing President: The outgoing President Rtn. Govind Miglani gave out the diligent & meaningful work done in RY 2022-23, in a short & crytic manner. In particular, the work done in adopted village Gurha & the efforts to improve connectivity & infrastructure with the place was highlighted. This aspect was specially acknowledged & recognized at the District Awards function of 30th June 2023. He also informed on the new project of Medical Equipment Bank, the RDID, the scholarships & the computers to the visually challenged worth over Rs. 7 Lakh. Projects of the Club on girl child, skill management & environmental protection were elaborated in detail. All were informed on the large no. of awards to the club, & recognition of Rotarians at Award function held on 30th June 2023. As an IPP he promised continued support & help to the incoming team.

Exchange of Collars: After exchange of Presidential Collar, the new President Dr. S.S. Makkar was applauded. Thereafter Secretary Parminder Preet Sandhu was handed over Club Charter by outgoing secretary Dr. S.S. Makkar.

Introduction of President: President Dr. SS Makkar was introduced elaborately by Rtn. Dr. V.D. Singh as not only being an accomplished Tricity plastic surgeon, but as a congenial human being, a sportsman & a fitness freak besides a humanitarian at large. He has been on a number of RI Medical Camps, both pan / ex India & some of these he attended even before becoming a Rotarian.



Address by President: Dr. S.S. Makkar gave out his vision statement & goals for the RY 2023-24. His passion & philosophy of involving the complete Club & all Rotarians was highlighted as a Key Area. In an elaborate audio visual Presentation the projects & tasks for the year were indicated. Projects, girl child development, skill management & environmental protection will be as continued actions of RCS Dr. Makkar promised to involve & reactivate the Club's earlier adopted village of Chotti Perch, besides improving infra structure & connectivity of Gurah village, including Happy Schools. Cycles for girl child, each one plant one, medical & blood camps, say no to plastics, grow Rotary through trees & helping the poor were announced. The RDID scholarships for the disabled, project Muskan will be done at District level with additional gusto & Stress. He also informed on the 4 project done prior to installation. He also conveyed to all that 3/4 dinner meetings will held every month with minimum charges to members.



Special Message of PRIP Raja Saboo: PRIP Raja Saboo could not be present for the installation being abroad. His special inspiring & encouraging message was read by Dr. Vineet Makkar. A very appropriate message of good wishes & all help for projects was promised by this mighty patriarch of R1 & our District 3080.

Introduction of DG: The DG was introduced by Rtn. M.L. Gupta, who in a short analysis conveyed the dynamism & practability of Rtn. Arun Mongia. Details were elaborated through a well prepared audio visual presentation highlighting the background and achievements of the District leader & family.

Address by DG: The DG in his spirited style congratulated the outgoing President & Team 2022-23 for their good work. He said he was impressed with RCS, its functioning & capabilities. This was evident by the responsibility given to the Club to conduct the biggest event of 23-24 i.e. District Conference 'ANAND' on 10-11 Feb 2024, and Brig D S Dhillon has been nominated as Chairman. He highlighted in great details the critical areas & the objective cum focus areas for RY 2023-24. These included establishment of a skin bank, two new blood banks, eye hospital, donation of 21 dialysis machines besides. Rs. 40 Lakh worth of school benches in the District. Cycles for school going girls & help for the under privileged, visually challenged were explained, besides rain water harvesting, donation of vendor umbrellas, forest tree plantation & environmental protection. He promised to the Club, district and Global grant for any good projects.

Introduction of Chief Guest : The chief guest Dr. Dharam Pal, IAS was introduced by Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon as a person of impeccable integrity & ethics. This was evident when he was Secretary Home, Delhi Govt. Over three decades of the advisor's career, professional work & achievements both pan / ex India were highlighted. In particular, the UN assignment of 7 years at Kosov, as Municipal Administrator & as Delhi M.C. His leadership & management training at premier institutes was explained including the large number of recognitions & awards, especially the SKOCH Gold Award & e Governance Awards. His contributions to the UT in last 2 years was elaborated with friendly & transparent systems set by him.

Address by Chief Guest: Dr. Dharam Pal in his speech said he is a friend of Rotary & promised all help & assistance to the club for uplifting the down trodden. His connections with Rotary in City was intimate. Sanitation waste management awareness, besides road sense & traffic management should be our priority. He appreciated the work by outgoing team & said he was very impressed with the vision & tasks outlined by President S.S. Makkar. He offered his best wishes to the new team of 2023-24.

Felicitations: Felicitation & token of appreciation were given to Chief Guest, the DG, first lady Rtn. Charu Mongia & AG Rtn. Mohit Singla. Earlier Dr. & Mrs. Makkar felicitated the outgoing President Govind Miglani & R'ann Ambika Miglani. In a rare gesture to acknowledgment of all present, Dr. S S Makkar specially felicitated & honoured his mentor & professional guru Dr. Ravi Mahajan, Aman Deep Hospital who came specially from Amritsar for the ceremony.

Induction of New Members: Nine new Rotarians were inducted in the installation. There were 6 lady & 3 Gent Rotarians. Each member was presented with a Rotary kit, and framed certificate of membership with Rotary ID. They were pinned by Chief Guest, D.G. & Rtn. Charu Mongia. New Rotarians were :-



- \*Dr. Vineet Makkar-Gynecologist
- \*Dr. Monica Singh-Clinical Psychologist
- \*Dr. Priya Mahajan-Pathologist
- \*Dr. Meenu Sharma -Preventive &Social Medicine
- \*Dr. Parminder Chawla-Physician
- \*Ms. Kanwaljit Sandhu-Perfume Manufacturer
- \*Mr. Rajesh Chadha -Motivational Trainer
- \*Col. RS Gadhok-Consultant & Trainer
- \*Mr. Jaspal Singh-Civil Engineering

Vote of Thanks: Vote of thanks on behalf of all RCS members was effectively given out by Rtn. Ashok Laroia. He highlighted the amazing dynamism & positivity of the occasion & thanked one & all for their gracious presence.

Master of Ceremonies: The MC for the occasion was Rtn. Dr. Dharinder Tayal who in his traditional style, wit & humor ensured flawless & interesting evening.

The meeting was followed by traditional RCS bonhomie & hospitality well known in Rotary Circles.

## **BOARD MEETING: 11TH JULY 2023**

The first meeting of RCS Board 2023-24 was held on 11th July 2023 at Sip-n-Dine at 7 pm. Imp decisions on projects & finances were discussed & taken. The following were presant besides the President & IPP Govind Miglani: -

- Parminder Sandhu - Secretary
- Brig D.S. Dhillon - Director Club Service
- Dr. Kuldip Singh - Director Vocational Service
- Mrs. Manjit Kaur - Director Community Service
- Maneet Matharu - Director Youth Service
- Sham Rawal - TRF chair
- K.P. Singh - Treasurer and President (E)
- Shiv Sharma - Sgt-at-Arms
- Dr V D Singh - Vice President
- Special Invitees - Rtn Monica, Col Parvinder Hundal and Rtn Vineet Makkar

## **Zonal New Members Orientation – 12th Aug. 2023**

A Zonal orientation of 4 zones for new members is planned to be held at Rotary House, Panchkula on 12th August 2023. All new members within 3 years will be attending this training from our club.



## Let Rotary Grow Tree Plantation Drive



With the Monsoon in full swing an extensive special tree plantation was organized in three stages as under:

### 1st July 2023

8 AM – “Each one grow one” was implemented by Rotarians planting a sapling & uploading photograph with placards of “Let Rotary Grow”. Thereafter plantation was done at residence of President in sector 69, Mohali followed by a special breakfast.

9.45 am – Tree plantation with select Rotarians & Interactors of St. Stephens School Chandigarh was done in Sector 43. This area will be specially protected, nurtured and monitored by our known families of nearby areas.

21st July 2023: - This was conducted in vacant areas in 21 Sector. Ornamental & fruit trees were planted here by Rotarians followed by delicious snacks at residence of Rtn. Dr. Kuldip.

Plants & sapling: - There were specially selected & given to each members, by Rtn. Manjit Kaur. All trees were medicinal, fruit & ornamental types.



### Annapurna 1st July 2023

A Special Annapurna for patients & attendants was organized at GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh on 1st July 2023 from 10.45 am onwards. Besides the President, Secretary, those present were Brig. D S Dhillion, Rtn. Manjit Kaur, Rtn. Ashok Laroia, Dr. Vineet Makkar, Rtn. Sham Rawal, R'ann Indus Laroia, Col. Pervinder Hundal & interactors of St. Stephen School.



## Donation of Steel Dining Tables for Elders at Gurudwara Phase 4, on 2nd July 2023

On a long outstanding demand & the inconvenience to elders, Phase 4 Gurudwara were presented with 10 Steel tables to be used in Langar Hall for convenience. The management of Gurudwara specially thanked Rotarians & Siropas were presented. Those present besides President, Secretary were Rtn. Dr. Vineet Makkar, Brig. D.S.Dhillon, Mrs. Manjit Kaur, Sham Rawal, Rtn. K.P. Singh, Col. Pervinder Hundal.



## Skill Management: Say No to plastics

At our skill management centre at Baltana, an awareness drive to free city of plastics with an adage "Say No to Plastics" was held. Waste cloth bags at cost of Rs. 50/- each were collected in large no. by Rotarians to replace plastic bags. Besides awareness, the monetary help will support the young girls involved in preparation of bags.

## Installation of Shemrock Interactors

At an impressive & dignified ceremony, organized on 21st July 2023, installation of the new year of Interact Club of Shemrock School Mohali was undertaken by Director Youth Service Rtn. Maneet Matharu,



Sham Rawal, President & Secretary were present for the occasion. It was a delight to see young School children with out of box thinking to help the under privileged.



## CAB 25th July 23: Celebrations of Anniversaries & Birthday

A new monthly venture to celebrate members Anniversaries & Birthday, for the month of July and August 23, was held on 25th July. This idea was conceived by our President to ensure continued and connected informal fellowships. July 2023 event was managed & coordinated by Rtn. Manjit Kaur at Route 99, Mohali. The celebrities who gave the party were besides Rtn. Manjit, R'anne Nitika, R'anne Monica Sashikant, Rtn. Priya Mahajan, Rtn. Shiv Sharma & Rtn. Raman Makkar. It was good knowing where, how, when, why they were born & their journeys'. A token recognition for the celebrities was planned by Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon. Besides "the icing on the cake" was the cake itself, chocolate balls, kulfi & faluda aglore & the delicious snacks & food with pink lemonade. The Club bonhomie curtesy Col. Pervinder Hundal & Rtn. Manjit Kaur was limitless.



## Impromptu Assistance for Cancer Patient

On a request through Zone 6 for helping a needy Cancer Patient, Secretary Parminder Sandhu organized an anonymous donation of Rs. 21000/- for the medicines. This will go a longway to help & alleviate the individuals hardships.

## Admission Fees: Visually Challenged

Visually challenged are dear to the Club Members. On request cum recommendation of Rtn. Shiv Sharma, a meritorious visually challenged Ms. Anita Devi of the institute for the Blind, Sector 26, Chandigarh was helped with her admission fees of 12000/- for higher studies by Rtn. Ashok Laroia.

## Medical & Health Checkup Camp 23rd July 2023



A medical & health check up camp was organized at our adopted Gurha village. A special thalassemia awareness & blood tests were conducted by Rtn. Dr. Priya Mahajan & her team. Rtn. Dr. Rajas Rawal & Asha workers recorded blood pressure. Free blood sugar tests were under taken which were provided by IPP Rtn. Govind Miglani. A follow up camp as a prelude to this will be held at Gurah Village Shortly.

A detailed interaction & talk by Rtn. Dr. Vineet Makkar for the ladies & children on anaemia, vitamin deficiency diseases and management, vaccinations & precautions during child birth were highlighted. Stationery items & gifts were also given to children & elders. Rtn. Dr Kuldeep singh demonstrated to children, the method of brushing of teeth and distributed free brush to visitors of camp. It was a delight & encouragement to see Sita Devi in the camp, aged 105 years. Those present were President, Secretary, Rtn. Sham Rawal, Col. Parvinder & Rtn Manjit.



## Talk on Urological Problems: Club Meeting

In our regular club meeting of 18th July 2023, a detailed interactive talk by a renowned urologist of the Tricity Dr. Manoj Sharma was held at Sip-n-Dine on common Urological Problems. In a simple audio visual presentation, members were informed on the problems related to kidney, urinary pathway, stones, bladder, prostate, leaking or obstruction of urine. Early detection of problem & management was highlighted. Interesting Q&A sessions followed. Rtn. Dr. V.D Singh earlier had introduced the guest speaker and also presented a US Club Flag, President's badge to President Dr. Makkar besides a gift for the IPP Rtn. Govind Miglani.

## Visit to Snehalya, Maloya

Rotarians of club visited Snehalya on 30th of July and interacted with children staying there. The children performed prayer, dance, sang songs. Snacks were distributed to children after the interaction. This was an effort to revive our club's old project. The superintendent, teacher were asked about the gaps there, which could be filled gradually with efforts of RCS team.

