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KNOW THE POTENTIAL CAPABILITIES OF NEW MEMBERS

The regular Dinner Meeting No. 1256 was held on 1st August 2023 at Sip-n-Dine on a very appropriate day with & a very apt topic- "Know your New-Member's". August is the start of Rotary Special designated month "Membership & New Club Development". The meeting was in two major parts: -

- Part I: Development & self introduction by new members about themselves, their families, background & how they view Rotary as their assets.
- Part II: A short orientation by PP Rtn. Harshvir Singh, the Club Trainer

PART I

The meeting started by collaring of the President by Sgt. At Arms Rtn. Shiv Sharma, who recited the 4 way Test besides the National Anthem. Needless to say Rtn. Shiv is a visually impaired individual.

The President Rtn. Dr. S.S. Makkar welcomed all and spoke on the under mentioned points: -

- The timely & exhaustive 2nd edition of "Shivalik Times" was applauded. He congratulated PP Rtn. Maneet Matharu, PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon & Secretary Rtn. Parminder Sandhu for the efforts & help. All members confirmed receipt of the Bulletin.
- The projects done in July 23, the recent visit to Snehalya, where in PP Rtn. Manjit, Col. Pervinder Hundal and PP. Rtn. Sham Rawal, besides the President & Secretary were present. Members appreciated the revival of this project, the spirit of the children and said such visits & follow up should be a regular feature for RCS.
- He mentioned on the medical & screening camp at Gorah Village, Tree plantation drive & the Interact Club installation of Shemrock School. Details of all projects in July 23 (14) have been covered extensively in Shivalik Times.
- He desired the members who have not registered for ANAND – THE JOY, district conference 2024, should do so immediately before 3 Sep. 23 to acquire early bird concessions. He also requested members for registering for "Membership Development Seminar" of District to be held at Dehradun on 03 Sep. 23. He desired all Directors, Asst. Directors, Club Membership & PR Chairs and all members who joined last 3 years to attend this seminar. Registration fees is Rs. 1800/- Rs. 3000/- for a single & with spouse respectively.

PART II

Thereafter meeting was handed over to the club trainer PP Rtn. Harshvir Singh for further conduct. Harshvir in his amicable & informal style motivated & extracted maximum from new members. The following elucidated on themselves.

- Rtn. Priya Mahajan outlined her journey from Amritsar & deep connections, with Rotary, besides her positive spirit for willing work.
- Rtn. Dr. Meenu Sharma came with a fractured foot indicated her resolute spirits and helping the public through her current work to be further accelerated with Rotary.

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AS MUCH*



c) Rtn. Dr. Monica Singh along with her spouse, PP Rtn. Dr. V.D. Singh elaborated her background, army connections / participation in Rotary Medical Missions, besides her passion for singing & dancing.

d) Rtn. Rajesh Chadha & R'ann Guneet mentioned their early RCS journey, the missed period & their commitment towards Rotary.

e) Rtn. Jaspal Singh & R'anne Harjinder Kaur gave out their background & thanked everybody for accepting as they are. On popular demand, Jaspal regaled the audience with his nut cracking & hilarious anecdotes.

f) Rtn. Dr. Vineet Nagpal Makkar, also our first lady specified how it took her a long time to become a Rotarian after interaction at Gurah village last year. The President Dr. S.S Makkar was the strong anchor by her side.

Honorary member: Our earst while Rtn. Ojaswee Sharma (National Film Award Winner) accepted the RCS invite for honorary membership of the Club presented through the President. With humility & reverence he narrated his journey, involvement with RCS & aspects of film making.

Thereafter PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon outlined some essentials of Rotary & its vastness. Rotary is a constant process of learning & relearning. Same was exhibited by him with some catchy questions for which majority had no answers. He saw the potential of new members to lead at club & beyond club level, for which Rotary Leadership capsules are imperative. Now that the members wearing Rotary pins, become ambassadors of Rotary hence their conduct & ability to serve humanity is important. Members often are asked "What is Rotary" & invariably no two Rotarians give same answers. He gave out a sample definition of Rotary as: -

"Rotary is an organization of Professional & Business people, united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage ethical standards in all vocations & build good will & peace in the world".

He outlined that Rotary is a philosophy in Action & the actions are at our end.

PP Rtn. Harshvir Singh highlighted the importance & aspects of the Rotary identification Pin, its background, evolution & meaning. The necessity of every member wearing this pin & the benefits it accuses across the globe were out of proportion. He covered same with examples of his visit to Germany for a business event where he became famous & most sought after, with the rotary Pin. PP Rtn. Maneet Matharu, he said could not cover the 4 way test due to paucity of time. Same will be done later.

NUKKAD NATAK: SWACH BHARAT –Say no to PASTICS



On 05 Aug. 23, Interact Club of St. Stephens School, Chandigarh staged a live promo cum a Nukkad Naatak to promote & make public awareness of cleanliness- Free Plastics. This was done from 10 am onwards and staged at in a very crowded & built up area of Burail, 45 Sector. Diseases & Problems accuring out of dirty environment, water & unhygienic habits were highlighted by the young Interactors. Public response & participation was very good. The event was coordinated by Director Community Service PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur & Col. Pervinder Hundal. The teachers incharge of this wonderful spirited event were Ms Jaidaka, Ms. Kapila & Shri Rohit who is also involved with some Swachh Bharat NGOs & who trains & conducts these Nukkad Naatak also addressed the local populace.

The finale & the icing of this grand event was presenting plants & saplings, to keep Chandigarh green & clean given to each & every one present besides the shopkeepers around. Cloth bags & non polluting waste recycling bags were also distributed to reduce plastics. On popular demand this Naatak will be restaged at a number of crowded places in Chandigarh. The event was attended by PP Rtn. Manjit, Col. Pervinder Hundal, PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon besides the President & Secretary.



2nd BOARD MEETING: 8TH AUGUST 2023

1. The RCS 2nd Board meeting was held on Tuesday 08 Aug. 2023 at 6.30 pm in the office of Club Secretary Rtn. Parminder Singh at Industrial Area, Phase 1, Chandigarh. Besides the President & Secretary meeting was attended by Vice President PP Rtn. Dr. V.D Singh, Treasurer & PE Rtn. K.P. Singh, Director Community Service PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur, Director Youth Service PP Rtn. Maneet Matharu & TRF Chair PP Rtn. Sham Rawal. Special Invites were Col. Pervinder Hundal & Rtn. Dr. Vineet Nagpal. The President welcomed all to the meeting & thanked them for their active participation. Secy. outlined the minutes of the first board meeting. Same were approved. Pending points of 150 badges for Interactors and balance sheet / accounts for Ry. 2022-23 were discussed.

2. The following was discussed :

- PP Rtn. Dharinder Tayal's club 85 application approval.
- Briefing on installation ceremony of Rotaract Shivalik.
- Rtn. Manjit outlined the projects in pipeline, including visit to the home for aged, skill development Centers, Teej festival, Snehalaya visit, Rakhi making competition, Anapurna, Disease prevention talk etc.
- Salary for skill development trainer at Baltana. Same was approved.
- Need for project funds, Unfilled vacancies, RDID & Nation Builder awards were also discussed.
- Meeting closed with Tea & High snacks.



PRATISHTHA: INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF RAC CHANDIGARH SHIVALIK



“Pratishtha”, ceremony for installation of Rtr. Garima Madan & her team was held as 05 Aug. 23 from 1.30 pm onwards. This festive grandness was conducted at Rotary House, sector 18, Chandigarh. The Chief Guest was PP Rtn. V.K. Sharma, DRCC. The Team was introduced by the President Rtr. Garima Madan & duly pinned every member. She spoke on the projects & vision for the coming year. Gen. Secy. Sakshi Gandhi managed the flawless event. PP Rtn. V.K. Sharma spoke on importance of youth, albeit the Rotractors & how they can benefit the community around & applauded the projects, & contributions of the Rotaract Club. This makes Rotary Strong & meaningful. The event was attended by President & Secretary besides, PP Rtn. Sham, Rtn K.P. Singh & Rtn Dr. Rajas Rawal.

77th Independence Day flat Hoisting

On the occasion of our 77th Independence day flat Hoisting was done at our adopted Gurah village school, on the outskirts of Chandigarh. This was followed by dance performance & patriotic songs by children. The significance and importance of the day, the history, sacrifices & the need to preserve this was informed to all. Besides the President & Secy, the event was graced by Rtn. Dr. Vineet Nagpal, PP Manjit, Col. Pervinder, PP Rtn. Ashok Laroia, R'ann Indu Laroia, PP Dr. V.D. Singh, Rtn. Priya Mahajan & PP Rtn. Sham Rawal. The Principal thanked RCS for the active support & help. Meeting ended by all enjoying refreshments with the children & staff.



GIRL CHILD RIDES TO SCHOOL: NO LONG WALKS

As a part of Rotary District 3080 project, selected, senior Girl children of Gurah Village will not be walking to School anymore, as they would be cycling their way through. Girls whose houses were far and who knew cycling were given cycles free of cost. 13 cycles were presented on the 77th Independence Day. The smiles & confidence of the Girls was evident PP Rtn. Ashok Laroia sponsored the cycles.



FOLLOW UP MEDICAL CAMP: GURAH VILLAGE

Free medical camp was conducted at Gurah Village Temple in July 23, as a process of making our community health conscious. Based on the Pathological reports, Medicine worth Rs. 4000/- were given to the needy. Follow up of all others was undertaken. Rtn. Priya Mahajan organized the medicines & tests along with 6 volunteers. The follow up camp has build up a lot of interest & confidence around in our camp.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - BURAIL VILLAGE

Not to be left behind & on demand from Burail Village Children, 77th Independence Day was celebrated with gusto & traditions by us. Sweets, stationery & gifts worth Rs. 6500/- were distributed, cultural & drawing competitions were conducted. This event was immediately after functions of Gurah Village. The popularity of RCS projects is the envy of very many in the area.



BALTANA VILLAGE GIRLS: CYCLE DISTRIBUTIONS

To ensure & expand our reach & coverage, 7 girl children were selected & given cycles, the selection mode was strict. This will go a long way to built confidence amongst the Girl & improve the attendance & efficiency for school. Happiness & smiles were observed on Parents, Teachers & Children It is a proposed to donate more cycles on coming months.



At our adopted skill centre at Baltana Village, Teej & Mehendi celebrations were done by Rtn., Ladies & Girls on 17 Aug. 23. The impromptu dances, Jokes, anecdotes, singing & dances were performed with par excellence ease & style. Bangles & Bindis were special attractions & distributed to all at the centre. Event culminated with Mendi designs, tea & snacks.

Teej celebration by RCS extended family ladies was also done at Nari Niketan, Chandigarh. Aim was to help & keep them involved in our Indian traditions & rituals. Happiness on their faces encourages us all for further interaction & involvement.

ANNUAL TEEJ CELEBRATION : 17 AUG 23



ANNAPURNA, GMC & HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS & PATIENTS

As a part of our Constant endeavors to bring solace cum ease the hardships of patients & their attendants we organize regular free Langar at 32 sector, GMC & Hospital one was done 24 Aug 2023. Same was done along with Volunteers & Members of RCS costing approx. 12500/- Rs. Over 400 enjoyed this service. This has become a very big attraction in the area & there is a constant demand for same.



HOMAGE & ODE TO SARBJITS : RCS EXTENDED FAMILY : REGULAR MEETING

A special & different sort of our regular RCS meeting of significance & great relevance was held on 22nd Aug. 23 at Sip-n-Dine. It was a remembrance, an ode cum tributes to admired RCS couple, Rtn. Sarbjit & R'ann Parkash Kaur, who left for their heavenly abode on 12 May 2016 & 18 June 2023 respectively. Two daughters of Sarbjits, Achint & Jasneet were present for the solemn meeting.

The President explained the importance of the day's meeting, its need & requirement of keeping alive connections with RCS members / ex members. He welcomed the kin of Sarbjit.

The meeting was then handed over to PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon for further conduct, Brig. Dhillon while expressing gratitude to the bereaved family members, thanked them for gracing the occasion in their hour of peril. He also apologized on behalf of RCS for not keeping in touch. The house was informed on the sequence of events leading to Mrs. Sarbjit's death & our inability to provide timely help & solace. He requested the President to create our RCS Extended family protocols, procedures & outline an SOP for knowing the welfare & whereabouts of ex members & their families. Needless to say once a part of RCS Extended family, always will remain a part & parcel of us. Brig. Dhillon also specified on what should go behind & beyond the traditional bonhomie & breaking bread together.

Thereafter individual members / couples were requested to give their remembrances.

PP Rtn. Sneh & Sushil Popli spoke on their first acquaintance with Sarbjit at Bank of Punjab & how they deeply intricately & involved with the couple in Rotary.

PP Rtn. Ashok & R'anne Indu Laroia spoke in glorious terms on the honesty & efficacy of this family besides their deep spiritual & religious connections cum Philanthropy.

PP Rtn. Bachittar & R'ann Ashu mentioned on Sarbjit being a very effective Secy. & member of his Team. They spoke on their golfing angle and humility of the couple.

PP Rtn. ML Gupta specified about the meticulous & focused approach of Sarbjit's besides how much he learnt from them because of their close connections.

PP Maneet Matharu paid special accolades to the wonderful couple saying how he picked up Rotary rudiments from them.

PP Rtn. Manjit could not speak because of paucity of time, but she specially narrated to the daughters of her special associations with their family, during the fellowship.

PP Rtn. Brig Dhillon before handing over the meeting to the President said he would like to share the work ethics & principles of Sarbjit's. He stressed the need to show love & concern to a Rotarian whilst he is alive rather than showing same at their funeral.

The President announced the projects done since last meeting & also gave inputs for the upcoming projects. He desired more registrations for membership seminar at Dehradun in 3 Sept. 23. Secretary Spoke on organ donation awareness project on 26 Aug. desired good attendance. The meeting closed for the traditional RCS fellowship & hospitality.

IMPORTANCE CONSOCIATING WITH RCS EX MEMBERS / FAMILIES

It has been planned to extend the reach influence & love of RCS to our ex members, their families, as well as to the families of deceased members, not forgetting our latent & dormant members. We'd be requesting Rtn. & R'ann to regularly visit such families, give an assurance of help required. This will be undertaken every year. The responsibilities to visit & tie up necessary modalities for Sep 23 will be as follows:

- * PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon -Mrs. Tejinder & Family
- * PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur -Mrs. Bedi
- * PP Rtn. Ashok Laroia -Prithi Vohra
- * Rtn. Dr. Makkar -Rtn. Dr. Chawla
- * PP Rtn. Govind Miglani -Rtn. Dr. Kuldip
- * PP Rtn. Sneh Popli -Rtn. GS Sandhu

A short message with photo clicks should be posted in the RCS Group of post the interactions. Same will also be highlighted in the Bulletin on regular basis.

ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION: AWARENESS ROAD DRIVE

RCS PARTICIPATED AT THE RID (India) Level on "Organ & Tissue Donation", awareness and a pledge programme. This was held on 26 Aug. 23 from 10.30 am onward at IMA convention Hall, Sector 35-B, Chandigarh. An excellent presentation on Organ Donation & its relevance cum importance to save lives was given various myths & facts were highlighted. Members did pledge & signed donation form. "Life can begin wonder feeling well after death" even event was conducted for us by secretary Rtn. Parminder Sandhu.

SLUM CHILDREN : AWARENESS ON PREVENTION OF DISEASES DURING MONSOON



On 26th Aug. 23, Rtn. Dr. Meenu Sharma not only gave her time, effort & resources but crafted a very well laid out awareness campaign for the children & Ladies of Dhakoli area. It was on "Prevention of diseases during Monsoon, care & concerns". There were more than 45 personnel. A conviction of need for precautions, area cleanliness & changing of mind sets was apparent. A very well received programme, was evident from a large number of questions & answers. The event was coordinated by PP Rtn. Manjit & R'ptr Col. Pervinder Singh Side-effects of self medication & medicines cum advice by quacks was also discussed. It was held from 4 pm onwards at Krishanpur locality near Swan Hotel, Dhakoli.

Snehalya a part of RCS revived projects, visit, interaction cum bringing happiness & hope for the children of Snehalya was organized on 27 Aug. 23 from 11 am onwards. Special talent hunting cum honing onto skills was done. Follow up of same will be ensured for the children to shine in the society. The event was attended by PP Rtn. Manjit, Secy. Parminder Rtn. Jaspal Singh, Rtn. K.P. Singh P(E), R'ann, Ritu R'ptz Col. Pervinder Singh & R'ann Harjinder Kaur special food packets were given to all courtesy Rtn. K.P. Singh. The grand finale was the "Masti Ki Paathshaala". Where not only students on / off stage erupted onto impromptu Bhangra dance, with Rtn. Parminder stealing the show with his solo & group Bhangra performances. Rtn. K.P. Singh sang melodious songs amidst the clapping & chorus of all. Well done RCS for bringing smiles on the down trodden.

INTERACTION WITH SNEHALYA ORPHANAGE



POTLUCK DINNER

A gala potpourri potluck of a salmagundi styles was held on 27 Aug. 23 at Rtn. Meenakshi & R'ptr Sanjiv Gupta's Abode in 19 Sector, Chandigarh from 7 pm onwards. It's back to old days of collective dishes by members & eating together the earthen home cooked food. Being familiar with their house, Members let their down, played "Moon Moon" Same songs and interacted with warmth & glory. The gourmet delicacies was planned & coordinated by Rtn. Meenakshi & PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur. The taste & culinary expertise was confirmed by no left overs & empty vessels. RCS family can open successful food outlet without any inhibitions. We express our appreciations to the wonderful hosts Sanjiv & Meenu for their hospitality & warmth besides the coordinators & also to the loud months praising & offering their own dishes around. A total of 45 members attended the events. Kudos to the President for reviving these potlucks & keeping up RCS tradition plus the accolades to the moving spirit behind the show of. Rtn. Manjit Kaur & Col. Pervinder Singh. Bon Voyage to Menu & Sanjiv on their trip to USA w.e.f. 19 Sep. 23.

RAKHI MAKING COMPETITION: HAMARI KAKSHA

With the Rakhi festival on 30 Aug. 23 a Rakhi making competition was held at Hamari Kaksha, Sector 7, Chandigarh. The students were handed over raw materials for making Rakhees on Wednesday, 23 Aug. 23. It was an excellent skill making exercise of great color, design & ingenuity. A lot of Rakhi's were bought by members. The event was planned & coordinated by PP Rtn. Manjit & PP Rtn. Sham Ramal besides Rtn. Dr. Vineet Nagpal. Kudost to the young brains.



A Memorable Visit to Sr Citizens Home at Sector 15, CHD.



Rtn Dr. Makkar, Rtn Dr. V.D.Singh, Rtn Dr. Kochhar, R,Anne Mrs. Kochar, Rtn Shiv and Col Pervinder visited Senior citizen home sector 15Chd along with some law students to interact with them. Aim was to know them and get acquainted with their wishes and dreams so that efforts can be made by RCS family to fulfil them as happiness comes only when you share and care for each other. All enjoyed samosas and lassi while "know each other session" was going on . We have planned to visit Sr Citizen home every third Saturday of the month Law students were made aware of how important it is to know our elders and look after them. All the members are requested to take some time out and join in big numbers in community service projects.