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President's Message

Dear Rotarians Friends,

Here is a story which highlights the importance of personal integrity, individual responsibility and dedicated work. This is the story I shared at the installation of the INTERACT CLUB at BALWANTRAY MEHTA VIDYA BHAVAN. You may also find it interesting:



Once there was an elderly carpenter ready to retire. He told his employer, of his plans to leave the house-building business, to live a more leisurely life with his wife and family.

The employer was sorry to learn that his good worker was about to go. He asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said yes, but over a period of time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He did poor workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the keys of the house to the carpenter and said, "This is your house... my gift to you."

The carpenter was shocked! He realized that if he had known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently in a much better manner.

So it is with us. We build our lives, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently.

But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall.

Someone once said, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your attitude, and the choices you make today, helps build the "house" you will live in tomorrow.

Rotary has give us the opportunity to build our own life (house).....therefore, I urge all my Rotarian friends to build it wisely!

Jagmohan Malik
President 2008-09

Independence Day Celebrations with slum children

**Friday, 15th August 2008
at 9.30 am-10.30 am**

**at Prajna & Rotary Basti Sudhar Kendra
Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019
Followed by Light Refreshments**



**Let us explore the ways to liberate the
underprivileged children
from Illiteracy and Poverty!!**

Members are requested to bring their children along

Interact Club Installation at Blawantray Mehta School Held

The formal installation of the new team of our Interact club at Balwantray Mehta School was held on Saturday, 2nd August 2008 with enthusiasm and skillful coordination.

It was heartening to witness the concept of share and care spelt out in Rotary ethos being effectively put into action among the young generation. The young and agile minds of students of Balwantray who organized this inauguration job adroitly and flawlessly were a treat to watch. One could see tears of joy on the faces of dedicated and selfless teachers who shaped them to this height of excellence. Well rightly said, 'Child is the father of man'.



The presence of District Governor Nominee Amit Jain as the Chief Guest on this occasion along with a large number of members from our club including President Jagmohan Malik and first lady Neena, IPP Vandana and PP RK Sinha, Club Secretary and President-Elect Madhu Deva, Club Treasurer Hiroo Alwani, PP ML Narang, new members Raman Kalra with his two daughters Bhavya and Ananya, Chandra Mohan with his spouse Barnali, Sandeep Jaiswal with his spouse Babli and son really added lustre to the function. The Director of the School Group Captain SC Bahri, Principals of both the normal and special sections Mr Tripathi and Mrs Sharma, Interact Teacher incharge Mrs Geeta Mallick, and other teachers of the school who were present also enhanced the significance of the occasion.

To begin with a warm and cordial welcome was accorded to everyone through pleasant rendering of shubha swagatam followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The Interact President 2007-08 Pooja Jha gave the welcome address and Interact Secretary Ayesha Naeem shared an account of the notable activities done by the team during the year.

Immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Delhi South Suburban, Vandana Sinha in her short but emotional speech thanked the children for their sincere motivation and enthusiastic support which contributed to her wonderful experience. She also urged them to pursue their journey of service to college by becoming a part of Rotaract club and suggested them other options such as Rotary friendship exchange, Ambassadorial scholarship, GSE team etc.

Appreciation certificates along with mementos were presented to teachers Arti Yadav and Priyanka Puri while Mrs Geeta Mallick was presented an award for her sincere and dedicated service as the teacher in charge of the interact club. The Interact team of 2007-08 led by Pooja Jha, her board members and all the Interact children were then presented with appreciation certificates.



It was then the moment for change of guards and passing on the baton of responsibility to another youthful group to take charge. Pooja Jha passed on her collar to the new Interact president Gaurav Bhalla and Ayesha Naeem changed her lapel pin with the Interact Secretary 2008-09 Manish Kumar.

The new team of enthusiastic interactors were inducted by DGN Amit Jain and other Rotarians, joined by Group Captain Bahri, Principal Mr Tripathi and Mrs Sharma and assisted by the interact teacher Mrs Geeta Mallick.

The fresh exuberance of the new leader was evident when Gaurav unfolded his well planned initiatives for his tenure and underlined noteworthy activities for the interact curriculum. He made a good beginning in this direction by requesting everyone assembled to help him collect funds on the spot for their forthcoming welfare oriented projects. It was now the turn of another leader, our new Rotary club president Jagmohan Malik to welcome the freshly charged young interactors raring to go, into the world of rotary.

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Interact Club Installation....contd.

The School Director Mr Bahri thanked the Rotarians for their association and looked forward for their continued support through various projects in the institution. The disable friendly school bus was a major requirement for conveyance considering the large number of special children in the school. More buses were needed in addition to one already given last year by RCD South Suburban through Matching Grant scheme.



Chief Guest of the occasion District Governor Nominee Amit Jain appreciated the good work carried out by the interact club of Balwant ray School assisted and supported by Rotary Club of South Suburban and complimented the healthy association between the two. He had kind and encouraging words for the children and gave useful suggestions that could be implemented.

Later on Club President Jagmohan Malik organized a board meeting and plans and goals laid out by him were discussed as part of the agenda. Active participation of the members present set the momentum for future activities to be taken up under different avenues. New members Raman Kalra, Chandra Mohan and Sandeep Jaiswal also gave valuable inputs that aided outcome.

Forthcoming Events:

Fri, 15th Aug 9.30 am : Independence Day celebrations with slum children at Prajna & Rotary Basti Sudhar Kendra, Kalkaji. Distribution of food packets to the slum children.

Wed, 21st Aug 6.30 pm : Terrorism, Politics and Police by former CBI Director Mr. Joginder Singh at Institute of Social Sciences, 8 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj followed by dinner.

Sat, 30th Aug 8.00 pm at Orient Room: Governor's Official Visit (GOV) over cocktails and dinner. Full Board and all members must attend this meeting. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members.

16th Rotary India Award 2007 Conferred on Rtn. N. S. MANIHARA

The 16th Rotary India Award 2007 was presented during a function on Wednesday, 6th August at PHD House Auditorium, New Delhi. Shri Tejendra Khanna Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Dr Robert Scott IP, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was the Guest of Honor.

These awards given for rehabilitation of street children are instituted by Rotary Awards for Service to Humanity (India) Trust and sponsored by the Aditya Birla Group.

Thirty nominations were received for the 16th Rotary India Award from all over India by a high level jury presided by Justice J.S Verma, former Chief Justice of India and other eminent personalities from different segments. After evaluating all the nominations, the unanimous choice of the jury for the award was Mr N.S Manihara, Founder & Managing Trustee, SKCV Children's Trust, Vijaywada (A.P), for his outstanding work in the field of rehabilitation of street children.

Originally a British national as Mathew William Norton, N.S Manihara found greater interest in the study of rich Indian culture and heritage. Obtaining Indian citizenship from the Government of India, he returned to India and moved by the living conditions of the poor people he became totally involved in social work with underprivileged young children. He later moved to Mumbai and Pune, where he set up shelters for numerous homeless children.

Mr Manihara is also a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Vijaywada. In 1984, he single-handedly founded the Sri Krishna Chaitanya Vidyavihara Children's Trust (SKCV), an organization to provide loving care and social security to unwanted homeless orphans, destitute and street children and has been working tirelessly for this mission.

For the past seven years, Rtn Manihara along with his wife Bhakti, has embarked on the biggest project ever undertaken by an NGO, that of an entire vocational village at Vijaywada, completely managed and run by street children, for the all round development of underprivileged children.

This massive project is now running smoothly as part of the Child System of Rehabilitation designed by them both, which is now used in eight countries around the world.

In recognition of his unflinching devotion and dedication to the cause of rehabilitation and welfare of street children, the prestigious Rotary India Award 2007 was conferred on the very deserving recipient Rtn N.S Manihara.

Glimpses of Rotary Events



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