



Rakesh Aggarwal
District Governor
2013-14

Rotary International District 3080 India

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RI President Ron D. Burton

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District Governor's Monthly Letter

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Compliments of 'The Season'. I wish you all, and your family members, a Very Happy and Prosperous 'NEW YEAR'. May the year 2014 bring in all that you have wished for and may you all continue to celebrate the joys during the year with your family members.

Time and tide, as the saying goes, waits for none. More than five months have passed and we are in the middle of the year. I am happy that most of the clubs in the District are working hard and are set to achieve the District Goals. Reports keep coming in that show regular Community Projects like Health Camps, blood donation, providing uniforms, shoes, school bags, woollens, books and notebooks to the needy children are being undertaken by the clubs. Medical camps continue to remain a time tested community service and clubs continue with them. Blood donation drive is also being undertaken on a large scale.

Vocational training centres by the clubs are doing a wonderful work in imparting training on tailoring, embroidery, computers, knitting body care and beautician courses. The village girls get the maximum benefit by the courses offered by these centres. It generates employment and also supplementing of the family incomes leading to a better quality of life.

December is the designated month for 'Family Activities'. It is my earnest desire that Rotarians must involve their family members in all activities, be it a regular club meeting or a project. Honouring the elders in Rotary families is a good gesture. Asking them to attend a regular meeting is a way to show that we care for them. Likewise soliciting that ex-Rotarians attend a meeting should be encouraged. Remember, we all are an extended family and who knows the club may benefit by identifying and inviting a new prospective Rotary member.

Now is the time to ensure that contributions to TRF (The Rotary Foundation) continues. It has been through TRF that we have come to the 'finish line' of the Polio Eradication programme. Please ensure that every Rotarian contributes at least US \$ 100.00 towards the foundation.

Members who become PHF shall be eligible for 50% matching points of the balance payment if they reach the target of US \$ 1000.00. We must acknowledge and honour our members who are Multi-PHF, PHF Society Members or are Major Donors.

On the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' & 'Lohri', i.e. January 13, 2014 we shall be achieving three years of Polio Free India and be certified as such. This historical day should be celebrated by illuminating ICONIC buildings in our respective towns with the slogan 'Polio Free - India' and a Rotary Wheel. Let the clubs not miss this opportunity.

The most important annual event of Rotary, 'Conference of Integrity' is being held on 1st & 2nd March, 2014 at the 'Khetarpal Auditorium', of I.M.A. Dehradun. All the Rotarians of the district should block these dates and avail the concessional advance registration (Rs. 1800/- for a single member and Rs. 3200/- for a couple) which is available till 31st December, 2013. The early birds are also eligible to participate in a special Lucky Draw. The RI President representative is PDG Mohd. Faiz Kidwai from Pakistan who shall be accompanied by his gracious spouse.

The Vice President of India, HE Hamid Ansari, shall inaugurate the Conference. Amongst the eminent speakers that we shall be privileged to listen to we shall also have the former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. The pre-conference dinner is scheduled for February 28th, 2014 where we are getting the famous quawl 'Ustad Anwar Khan of Adab International group of Malerkotla. The entertainment scheduled for March 1, 2014 shall be a musical extravaganza. Let us all participate along with our family members. Let us 'Engage Rotary, Change Lives'.

Rotary 'South Asia Literacy Summit' was held on December 14th and 15th, 2013 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. A pledge was taken by all the Rotarians present to aim at 100% literacy in South Asia by the year 2017 when we shall be celebrating the centenary of the Rotary Foundation. Together we shall work for it.

Lastly, I have to advise that all the clubs must complete their elections before the Dec. 31, 2013 and Elect the Board for 2014-15 as also the President for 2015-16, and inform the Rotary South Asia Office and me.

May God bless us all in all our endeavours.

With regards,
Yours sincerely in Rotary,

Rakesh Aggarwal
Rakesh Aggarwal, District Governor.



USD 1 = INR 61.00
wef: 1st Nov. 2013



Information

NID (National Immunization Day)
to be held on 19th of January 2014

Update

**India: Wild Polio Virus Total
as on December 18, 2013 :-
Continues to REMAINS at Nil.**

January 13, 2014 on the occasion of India being certified Polio free if no new cases were reported in the previous three year period you can plan illuminating 'iconic' buildings of your city. We will cover it in detail in Jan GML.

Forth Coming Events



**10 to 12th Jan 2014
organized by RC
Saharanpur Central**

"POLIO FREE CONCLAVE"

on Sunday 23rd & Monday
24th Feb 2014 at
Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
This Conclave will celebrate
Polio Free India.

Hon'ble President of India will
Inaugurate the Conclave

Rakesh Aggarwal

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District Workshop on TRF held on 1st December 2013

District Workshop on TRF held on 1st December 2013, at Rukmani Devi Memorial Hall. The Programme was organised in a grand manner under the inspiring and able guidance of PRID Rtn. Yash Das. The Programme started in the morning at 9 O' Clock with Registrations followed by a relishing breakfast. Lighting of lamp was done by the dignitaries, Saraswati Vandana was invoked by a Group of Rotaractors from S D College. President Dr. Desh Bandhu formally welcomed DG Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal, DRFC Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra, PRID Rtn. Yash Das and all other past and present R.I officers and the participants. Floral welcome of DG by PDG Dr. Manmohan Nath and DRFC by Rtn. Dr. Desh Bandhu was also conducted. After these opening formalities, the Programme started with the address of DRFC Rtn. Madhukar explaining in detail about the purpose of this Programme. DG Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal also addressed the participants and gave his opening remarks and then it was time for motivational address by PRID Rtn. Yash Pal Das. In his motivational address, he took the members to a journey of places like Kaala Handi, where one can understand what the Poverty is and why we should contribute to the foundation. He narrated many stories and incidents to motivate the members to contribute generously to the foundation. After his address, ARRFC Dr. G. K. Thakral explained in detail about the TRF Recognitions. District Trainer PDG Arun Sharma made a presentation on Annual Giving. Then a live demo on members access and a tutorial on Grants was conducted by Rtn. Piyush Mittal, Rtn. Amarjeet Singh & Rtn. N. S. Aulakh. After the Q&A Session, a motivational address by Rtn. Kawal Bedi was also done. Host Club RC Ambala gave a formal vote of thanks. The purpose of the workshop was to give designated members of the club a clear knowledge of TRF grants including what all is available and how to file a grant online. All requirements to file TRF District/Global Grants were explain in details and a live grant application was filled on membership access giving a live demo of TRF Grants. The feedback of Deligates attended was encouraging as this workshop give them a clear picture of the TRF Grants.

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DG Official Visit to RC Chandigarh



DG Official Visit to RC Nahan



DG Official visit to RC Kharar

Candidates for District Governor Nominee for the year 2016-17



Rtn. D C Bansal
Rotary Club Dehradun West



Rtn. Dr. Sudhir Chaudhary
Rotary Club Roorkee Midtown



Rtn. Rajeev Sood
Rotary Club Shimla



Rtn. Shailendra Karnwal
Rotary Club Mussoorie



Rtn. Raman Aneja
Rotary Club Panipat Midtown



Rtn. Dr. V J S Vohra
Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

Youth Exchange Registration

We have started getting requests from our counterparts from other Countries regarding the Youth Exchange, Short Term as well as Summer Camps. In order to get good partners and participate in good camps we need to Register NOW.

For Details Contact:

Rtn. H S Saggu
Chairman Youth Exchange
098141-08903

Rotary International honors, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Rotary has awarded Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this week with the Rotary International Award of Honour to celebrate the 60th anniversary of her Coronation.

Rotary Friendship Exchange team from District 1410 Finland will be at our District Conference represented by current DG, PDG & AG of District 1410 We need host at Dehradun for the team. Rotarians are requested to volunteer.

Details of Literacy Summit Held on 13th ,14th Dec 2014 at New Delhi

ROTARY T-E-A-C-H Mission



Letter From Shekhar Mehta on ROTARY T-E-A-C-H Mission

Dear DG Rakesh,
Greetings

“Total Literacy in India” is a dream that the Rotarians now have started following & we have together taken a pledge to reach a much coveted goal of a “Literate India”. It is time now for every Rotarian in India to become a part of this Literacy Mission. The 1st National Orientation Meeting was held in New Delhi on 7th & 8th November 2013 where the District Governors, National Literacy Committee Members, Total Literacy Mission Think-Tank, RI South Asia Committee Chair PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, Principal Advisors PRIP Raja Saboo, RID PT Prabhakar, PRID Sudarshan Agarwal, PRID Sushil Gupta, Inner Wheel International Incoming Chair Mrs. Abha Gupta, Inner Wheel Association President Ms. Pushpa Suryamurthy & other Dignitaries were present. A definite road-map to reach the desired target was discussed in a business-like environment, effective interactive sessions & thought-provoking presentations. The list of National Literacy Committee Members along-with their assigned Zones / Districts are attached here-with for your perusal. The District Leadership is now expected to appoint a District Rotary Literacy Committee Chair for a three-year term starting this year & also a District literacy Committee comprising Sub-committee Chairs under the following verticals.



- i) School Development Committee
- ii) E-learning Committee
- iii) Adult Literacy Committee
- iv) Teacher Training Committee
- v) Child Development Committee

The NLCM assigned to your District will soon commence a District Level Orientation in his “Literacy Zone”, where the DGs, DGEs, DGNs and DRLC Members of that Literacy Zone will participate. Also the South Asia Literacy Mission for Total Literacy & Better Education in South Asia was rolled out formally at the Rotary South Asia Literacy Summit 2013, on 14th & 15th December 2013 at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi in presence of over 2000 Rotarians, Innerwheel members, Rotaractors, Interactors & spouses across South Asia. Let us also leave no stone un-turned in achieving the goal of Total Literacy.

Yourstruly,
Shekhar Mehta



Late. Nelson Mandela

A truly great man has passed away. His death is a loss to South Africa, indeed a loss to all of Africa and a tremendous loss to the entire world. We were fortunate to have lived during the era of this iconic figure who walked out of his prison without rancor and brought his country together in peace. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow.



This is for the information of all concerned that Rtn PP Lalit Sachdeva, member Rotary Club Haridwar has been appointed as Assistant Governor 2013-14, Zone 12 for the remaining period of this Rotary year as Rtn Col. S K Nathan has moved out of country on his personal assignment. All the clubs in zone 12 are requested to correspond & interact with Rtn Lalit Sachdeva for the necessary assistance@9412070786, lalitsachdeva@hotmail.com

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Ron D. Burton

Rotary International President



One winter day, Rotary founder Paul Harris took a walk down a well-kept street just outside Chicago. Watching children sledding down a hillside, he recalled his own boyhood in New England. At that moment, he decided that if he ever were to own a home, it would be on top of that hill on Longwood Drive.

In 1912, Harris and his wife, Jean, made that dream a reality. They named their new home Comely Bank, after the street where Jeangrew up in Scotland.

Over the years, the Harrises hosted Rotary meetings and entertained visiting dignitaries, surrounded by objects they had collected on their travels throughout the world. The trees they planted in their friendship garden still grace the yard. In 1947, Harris died there; Jean sold the home not long afterward and returned to Scotland.

The property changed hands twice more before the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation purchased it in 2005. Through the efforts of that group, and with the help of the Rotary clubs of Chicago and Naperville, the Harris home has been saved from demolition. Now, it is up to us to protect the home for posterity, as a place for Rotarians to gather in the spirit of friendship and service.

The RI Board has agreed to loan \$500,000 to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation to assist with the restoration of this irreplaceable piece of Rotary history. A goal of \$5 million has been set for the project, to complete the necessary renovations and to provide an endowment fund to allow the property to operate as a museum and historic site.

I am committed to the restoration of the Paul and Jean Harris Home and hope you agree that this project is worthy of your support. My wife, Jetta, and I have made a contribution to our Rotary Foundation to establish a donor advised fund to accept contributions from anyone who shares our love of Rotary history, and our desire to preserve Rotary's past.

If you would like to join us, please go to www.rotary.org/daf and click on "How to Contribute." Include the account name, "Paul Harris Home Preservation," and number, 474. A gift of any size is welcome, and naming opportunities are available in the home and garden for those who are considering a larger gift.

We are excited to have the opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Paul Harris in this special way. Together, we can save his home for generations of Rotarians to come.

- Ron D. Burton

Dear Governor Rakesh,

Very soon half of your year will be over but you have to think about the glass that is full and you have to think that half year is still there for you to fulfill your objectives. This year is going to be extremely important for you and for Rotary, especially in the country. You will have two very significant events during your term, one that represents vision and the other that reflects achievement. The vision is of literacy for which you will have the Literacy Summit very soon in Delhi. Then the much awaited news will arrive of India having "NO POLIO CASE" in 3 consecutive years. Let me share with you the news on the Polio front. The positive indications are, on 13 January, 2014 we hope and pray that we reach the goal of NO POLIO CASE in 3 years and thus India will be Polio-Free. However, the certification will take time and it is hoped that by February end we will have the certification. To celebrate this great achievement and Rotary's dream becoming true, we will have "POLIO-FREE CONCLAVE" on Sunday and Monday, 23 and 24 February, 2014 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Confirmation has been received of Hon'ble President of India agreeing to inaugurate the conclave as Chief Guest on this special day i.e. Sunday, 23 February, 2014 at 5.00 p.m. As you know, it means much to Rotary, since this day happens to be the founding day as also designated as World Understanding and Peace Day. This long journey of Polio-Free India is going to happen during your year. It is also hoped that with India becoming Polio-free SEARO as designated by W.H.O. indicating South Asia excluding Pakistan and Afghanistan will become Polio-free. This certification is likely to come around the time of our conclave and that adds another dimension to this event. You can, therefore, understand how relevant it will be for you to be present on the occasion. It is not just you but you must be accompanied by a good and quality attendance from your district. I know that on this occasion we will be inviting all our partners who have walked with us on this Polio eradication journey. Thus, the space in the Vigyan Bhavan will be limited and we want to make sure that your district is fully represented, worthy of your district's involvement as also your year of leadership. This is an early intimation to you so that you can start planning for your participation already from now. Rotary International leadership will be present with us on the occasion. RIPN K.R.Ravindran has confirmed his presence; RID P.T.Prabhakar will provide the guidance; PRIP Kalyan Banerjee will be part of the organizing committee leadership. All other R.I. General Officers will be present on the occasion and continuing their dedication to the cause. Truly it will be an international event. I suggest that you kindly let this event be announced through your GML and other communication media with a brief message as of now. Very soon you will get to hear more from NPPC Chair Deepak Kapur. This event while celebrating the achievement will also mark the start of a new phase keeping India fully alert and defended against any aggression of Polio virus from outside until world becomes Polio-free. As we enter the last month of this calendar year, I take this opportunity of extending my warm greetings and very best wishes for 2014. I know that over the next week we will continue to be in touch to which I look forward earnestly.



Warm regards,
Raja Saboo

Dehradun, A Leading Public School



Asthma & Allergy Camp organised by RC Narwana



Bone Density & Memography check up by RC Parwanoo



Blood Donation Camp by RC Narwana



Eye check up camp organised by RC Mohali



Free Health Check up Camp Organised by RC Baddi



Painting competition organised by RC Karnal Midtown



Free Health Check up Camp organised by RC Roorkee Midtown



Health Camp organised by RC Kankhal



Free Eye check up camp organised by RC Karnal Midtown



Tree Plantation by RC Club Parwanoo



Presentation on RYLA By RC Roorkee Midtown



Blood Donation camp Organised by RC Ponta Sahib

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Blood Donation Camp organised by RC Dehradun West



Blood Donation camp organised by RC Mohali



Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards organised by RC Roopnagar



Free Eye Check up Camp Organised by RC Dehradun



Distributions of Tiffins by RC Panipat Central



Distribution of Ration to widows organised by RC Panipat Central



Free Eye check up camp conducted by RC Panipat Central



Distribution of Sweaters by RC Kasauli



Distribution of Food by RC Yamuna Nagar



Tricycle Wheel Chair given by RC Chandigarh Shivalik



SSP Chandigarh honoured Ten Talented Childrens by RC Chandigarh Shivalik



Tree Plantation by RC Ponta Sahib

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DG OFFICIAL VISIT JAN 2014

4th Jan Saturday Roopnagar
6th Jan Monday Mohali
10th Jan Friday Nahan Sirmour Hills
11th Jan Saturday Ambala & Ambala Ind Area
12th Jan Sunday Chandigarh
17th Jan Friday Shahbad Markanda
18th Jan Saturday Panchkula & Himalayan Ranges
19th Jan Sunday Panipat Midtown
24th Jan Friday Rampur Bushahar
25th Jan Saturday Shimla
26th Jan Sunday Solan

Bulletin Awards

The Best Three Bulletins for OND Are:-
Category 1. (upto 25 Members Club)
RC Gangoh
Category 2. (26 to 50 Members Club)
RC Morinda
Category 3. (Above 51 Members Club)
RC Chandigarh Midtown

To Celebrate World Undertaking & peace Month.

Rotary club & Bolpur shantiniketan RI District 3240 is organizing Rotary Inter Country meet from South Asian Community on 15th & 16th Feb 2014 at Gitanjali Auditorium, Shantiniketan, Bolpur West Bengal. The Registration charges upto 5th Jan 2014 @ 1000/- single & 1800/- couples.

Pre- Conference Dinner

Pre Conference Dinner on
28th February 2014 at Hotel Madhuban, Dehradun where a famous
Quwaal Ustaad Anwar Khan
of Adaab International Group,
Malerkotla, Punjab will entertain the guests.
Registration Rs.750/- Per Head

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Rotary,
Wish you a very **HAPPY & Prosperous NEW YEAR , 2014.**

I continue to accompany DG Rakesh ji, on his Governors Official Visits and continue to be overwhelmed by the way we are well received by the Rotarians and their families. The way the families are involved shows that we all are an extended family who share all the moments of joy and sorrow. But for the family's participation Rotarians would feel handicapped to reach into the hearts of the rural families and encourage them to let their daughters and sisters attend the vocational training which shall, eventually, make them self reliant. After all, it does take a family as a unit to ensure the welfare of all the members in a community. I shall continue to encourage the Rotary families to continue the good work which ultimately shall result in the upliftment of the underprivileged. So heartening to see that we 'Engage Rotary Change Lives'.

With best wishes

Neelina Aggarwal
Neelam Aggarwal



Chetwood Building, IMA Dehradun



Kheterpal Auditorium, IMA Dehradun



Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

March 1 & 2, 2014

'Kheterpal Auditorium',
INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY (IMA)
Chakrata Road, Dehradun

Registration amount till 31st Dec 2013 is Rs.1800/- & Rs.3200/- for Individual/Couples
Registration amount shall be Revised to Rs.2000/- & Rs.3400/- for individual/Couples
effective from 1st January 2014 upto 31st Jan 2014

Eminent Speakers | Highly Interesting Program | Sumptuous Meals | Gala Cultural Evening
RI Representative for the Conference is PDG *Muhammad Faiz Kidwai* District 3271 (Pakistan)

The Vice President of India, HE **Hamid Ansari**, shall inaugurate the Conference
The former President of India, **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam** will be the speaker.

The amount may be deposited in Canara Bank as per details given below :
Rotary Club Dehradun, Canara Bank, Saharanpur Road Branch, Dehradun.
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