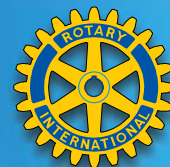


# GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER



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DISTRICT 3080

MAY 2012



**Rtn. Manpreet Singh Gandhoke**  
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 Rotary International District 3080  
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### District Goals

The Rotary Foundation  
 Our District Collection Target  
 US\$ 5,00,000

Membership Growth  
 Our Target for 2011-12  
 4,000 Rotarians

1 \$ US = INR 55/-  
 From 1st June 2012



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## Steps to Satisfaction

Inspired by the high standards of our district, we committed ourselves to a year of enhanced duty to Rotary – Wherein Rotary became a priority over family and business. It was a choice made by both of us, Poonam and myself. We set certain goals for ourselves, our district team and leadership at club level coaxed us to raise the bar. We did so that we could be the Change, our World leader Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee wanted us to be.

When we pursue these goals, we do it because somewhere inside us, we believe that we can do it. This belief normally comes from seeing my predecessors attain the same or from our own past successes in achieving a goal, or simply from Rotarians of the district, who we have trust in, and who believe in us. We understood that on our path to any goal, we faced many challenges and sometimes setbacks. I am sure you also think so. These temporary setbacks may cause most people to stay down after being knocked to the ground.

But then there are many events that can propel your beliefs to skyrocket again and one of those things was encouragement by PRIP Raja Saboo who helped us to realize that all successful people go through many lows before they obtain their goals.

The Internationality and magic of Rotary was revealed to us during the medical missions to Jhabua, Rwanda & at the Rotary International Convention. Though hectic but satisfying times when many lives were touched and the real heroes the Doctors performed miracles saving many lives with bear minimum facilities available to them.

So, you see, we took small steps to success all along and we think we are almost there. Together, we added up to hundreds of thousands of small steps. But we might have chosen not to take the first step. We might have stopped at any point along the way. That would have meant that we would not have gotten to our destination.

We are almost there yet so far. An extra effort is required now in the same way as a sprinter saves some extra effort for the last burst to the finish line. We know you have served Rotary exceptionally well and supported us in our endeavor to Embrace Humanity. We need your support for this extra effort to achieve our targets. Let all exert ourselves a little more, putting in some more effort to complete projects, fulfill our commitments and realize our dreams. Let me quote Mother Teresa who exhorts us by saying” Give till it hurts”

# CLUB PROJECTS



Rotaract APTECH - Solan Many Children were given 2 precious drops of polio vaccination



Free Medical & Dental checkup camp organized by RC Baddi



T-Shirt Distribution to Students of Night School, Sarangpur by RC Chandigarh Midtown



Teach English to the School children by Rotaract Aaghaaz Dehradun

# CLUB PROJECTS



RC Karnal--Distribution of grain and food items to Anath childrem at M.D.D. Bal Bhawan & donated 8 ceiling fans.



FREE DENTAL CHECK UP AND AWARENESS CAMP by RC Nahar Sirmour Hills



RC Paonta Sahib celebrated PP Day and Charter night celebration at Hotel grand Riviera.



RC Pinjore Hills - The handicapped girl was suffering from finger ailments now operated in J.N. SHORI HOSPITAL.



RC Yamunanagar Riviera Physiotherapy machine costing Rs. 1,25,000/- given to physiotherapy hospital for poor patients.

# CLUB PROJECTS



Given polio drops by RC Ambala



Organized Free Health Checkup camp for Senior Citizen by RC Roorkee Midtown



Water filters distribution by RC Dehradun



Books donated by RC Saharanpur at village school

## Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 9320 (South Africa)

Our team visited District 9320 South Africa from 19th to 28th. March. The team was led by PP Harish Sethi. Other members of the team were Ann Manjit Sethi, PP Trilochan Anand, Ann Preetya Anand, Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, PDG Yoginder Diwan PP Maj B.M.Singh, Ann Kiran Singh, Rtn. Vinod Malhotra and Ann Versha Malhotra . Rtn. David Moss and Ann Lynda Moss from Essex (U.K.), who were part of the RFE team from District 9320 that had visited our District, were the sixth couple in our team.

District 9320 is a fairly large District spread over an area of 250,000 Sq. Km, which is larger than U.K. in area. No doubt it is much larger than our District but it has only 52 Rotary Clubs spread over five provinces of South Africa. The DG of District 9320 has to travel 43000 km by road to fulfil the duties prescribed by R.I. Our stay in the District was split in two parts. We were in East London for first 4 days. Then we stayed in Kenton-on-Sea/ Port Alfred for 5 days. These are beautiful coastal resorts. Our itinerary was very well planned and it provided us enough opportunities to know about their culture, history and diverse living styles. Members were taken to the famous Sibuya Game Reserve.

The team was shown number of Projects undertaken by the

three Rotary Clubs. Their members are contributing in a big way to provide facilities for education and care of poor children and mentally retarded adults. In another unique project facilities have been provided for care of patients suffering from AIDS- the deadly disease which has afflicted parts of South Africa. The team attended meetings of Rotary Clubs of Gately, Port Alfred. R.C. of Kenton-on-Sea in which DG Kevin Derzly was the Chief Guest.

### Rtn. Harish Sethi



Team and the hosts at meeting of Rotary Club Port Alfred

# Congratulations !

## MAJOR DONOR



**Narinder Pal Singh Sahota**  
RC Paonta Sahib



**Sushil Sharma**  
RC SAS Nagar



**T.S. Anand**  
RC CHD Mid Town

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

S.No.	Name	Club Name	PHF
1	Narinder Dhamija	Ambala	PHF
2	Vipin Aggarwal	Ambala	PHF
3	Man Singh Rana	Ambala City	PHF
4	Swadesh Kumar Pundir	Ambala City	PHF
5	T.B. Singh	Anandpur Sahib	MPHF
6	D.N. Bansal	Baddi	PHF
7	Rattan Sood	Baddi	PHF
8	Naresh Nanda	Chandigarh	PHF
9	Prithpal Singh	Chandigarh	PHF
10	Sanjiv Bawa	Chandigarh	PHF
11	Supreet Dhiman	Chandigarh	PHF
12	Nipun Checker	Chandigarh Central	PHF
13	Sukhmani Riar	Chandigarh Central	PHF
14	Ajay Pal Makin	Dehradun Central	MPHF
15	Bipin Berry	Dehradun Central	PHF
16	Col. Dilip Patnaik	Dehradun Central	MPHF
17	Kailash Gulati	Dehradun Central	PHF
18	D P Nawani	Doon Shivalik Hills	MPHF
19	Kamal Nawani	Doon Shivalik Hills	PHF
20	Sanjay Agarwal	Doon Vikas	MPHF
21	Arvind K. Aggarwal	Hardwar	MPHF
22	Balesh Bhargava	Hardwar	MPHF
23	K.C. Garg	Jagadhri	PHF
24	Namesh Mittal	Jagadhri	PHF
25	Puneet Vashishtha	Jagadhri	PHF
26	Surinder Sood	Jagadhri	PHF
27	Rahul Khurania	Kaithal	PHF
28	Vasu S. Anand	Kankhal	MPHF
29	Pankaj Sachdev	Kankhal	MPHF
30	Krishna Gambhir	Karnal Midtown	PHF
31	Rakesh Manchanda	Kharar	PHF
32	Amrit Garg	Ladwa	PHF
33	Pradeep Garg	Ladwa	PHF
34	Rajesh Goel	Ladwa	PHF
35	Rakesh Khurana	Ladwa	PHF
36	Sanjay Garg	Ladwa	PHF
37	Nirmal Kumar Dhiman	Morinda	MPHF
38	Harshada Pravin Worah	Mussoorie	PHF
39	Kuldeep Mathur	Mussoorie	PHF

40	Amrinder Singh Purewal	Panchkula	PHF	
41	Bhavik Arjun Kakkar	Panchkula	PHF	
42	Harish C. Khunger	Panchkula	PHF	
43	Jude Linharis	Panchkula	PHF	
44	Sanjay Anand	Panchkula	MPHF	
45	Sian Rai	Panchkula	PHF	
46	Sunil Anand	Panchkula	PHF	
47	Vinod Malhotra	Panchkula	PHF	
48	Deepak Bajaj	Panipat Midtown	MPHF	
49	Devender Batra	Panipat Midtown	PHF	
50	Vijay Jawa	Panipat Midtown	MPHF	
51	Raj Kumari Chirvi	Panipat Midtown	PHF	
52	Trepta Mahajan	(Sushil Mahajan)	Panipat Midtown	PHF
53	Munish Sharma	Paonta Sahib	PHF	
54	Narinder Pal Singh	Paonta Sahib	MPHF	
55	Sumesh Verma	Paonta Sahib	MPHF	
56	R C Grover	Roopnagar	PHF	
57	S.K. Bhatia	Roopnagar	MPHF	
58	Sandeep Kumar Taneja	Roopnagar	PHF	
59	Sanjay Kumar Sood	Roopnagar	MPHF	
60	Tejvinder Kaur (HS Saini)	Roopnagar	PHF	
61	Harsh Prakash Kalra	Roorkee	PHF	
62	Bhasin, Sandeep	Roorkee Midtown	PHF	
63	Sanjay Palsule	Saharanpur Continental	MPHF	
64	Vipin Madan	Saharanpur Continental	PHF	
65	Ajay Sharma	Saharanpur Greater	PHF	
66	Amresh Tyagi	Saharanpur Greater	PHF	
67	Rohit Arora	Saharanpur Greater	PHF	
68	Harminder Singh Chawla	Saharanpur Midtown	PHF	
69	Malhotra Rohit	Saharanpur Midtown	PHF	
70	Ramesh Kumar Kher	Saharanpur Midtown	PHF	
71	Rohit Malhotra	Saharanpur Midtown	MPHF	
72	Shiv Charan Sharma	Saharanpur Midtown	PHF	
73	Sushil Malhotra	Saharanpur Midtown	PHF	
74	Ashok Bhargava	Saharanpur South	PHF	
75	Dr. Yogesh Gupta	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
76	Prem Prakash Gupta	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
77	Ram Avtar Bansal	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
78	Rameshwar Indauria	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
79	Ravi Singhal	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
80	Sharavan Kumar Sharma	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
81	Usha Singhal	Saharanpur South	MPHF	
82	Balbair Singh Khandpur	SAS Nagar	PHF	
83	Pushvinder Jit Singh	SAS Nagar	PHF	
84	Umesh Gupta	Shahbad Markanda	PHF	
85	Sushil Nath Kapoor	Shimla Midtown	MPHF	
86	Ajay Aggarwal	Solan	PHF	
87	Arun Trehan	Solan	MPHF	
88	Gaurav Gupta	Solan	PHF	
89	Nand Lal Sharma	Solan	PHF	
90	Parveen Gupta	Solan	PHF	
91	Sandeep Jain	Yamunanagar Riviera	PHF	

# DG OFFICAL VISITIS



RC Shimla--Handing of keys of Toilets at Govt. School Shimla



Embroidery machine donated by RC Shimla Midtown



Stationary donated to Missionary School by RC Saharanpur Continental



Club bulletin being released RC Saharanpur Continental



The blood donation camp was organised by RC Ladwa



RC Ladwa--Inaugurated Water Submersible Pump at Govt.Primary School



RC Saharanpur Classic--Formation of Interact Club



Donated wheel chair by RC Saharanpur Classic

# DG OFFICAL VISITIS



RC SAS Nagar—With Vocational Awardees



RC SAS Nagar—New Member Induction



RC SAS Nagar



RC Doon Shivalik Hills



Donated a Dead body freezer to the cremation ground—RC Yamunanagar Riviera



Donated a bicycle to a poor and needy person—RC Yamunanagar Riviera



RC Jagadhri—Provided Save Drinking water to schools by boring deep bore well



# DG OFFICAL VISITIS



Wheel Chair donated by RC Saharanpur Midtown



Souvenir being released RC Saharanpur Midtown



Spouses of RC Saharanpur Greater - Rotary Family in action



RC Saharanpur Greater



RC Panipat



RC Panipat Rainbow



RC Shimla - Release of Bulletin



RC Shimla - New Memeber Induction

## DG OFFICIAL VISITS



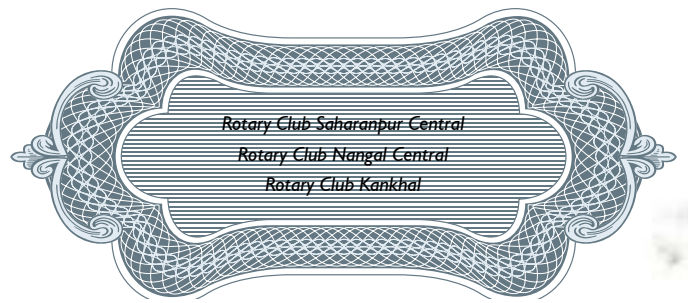
RC Rampur Bushahr



RC Rampur Bushahr



Rotary Club Kharar - 130 eye operations done



## Youth Exchange Program

### 1. Inbound Short Term Youth Exchange from Germany in Sept/ Oct 2011 - 7nos

Hosting Clubs - Chandigarh, Chandigarh Central, Chandigarh Midtown, Parwanoo

- i) Kunal Bansal hosted Mandy Rebbelmund club Chd Central
- ii) Anahat Kahlon hosted Susanne Burns club Chd Midtown
- iii) Sanya Chibbar hosted Christina Hollad club Chandigarh
- iv) Naval Gupta hosted Josefine-Hermine Levers club Parwanoo
- v) Megha Verma hosted Feldhaus club Chd Central
- vi) Ishani Dhiman hosted Silvia Loesing club Chd Central
- vii) Puneet Dhiman hosted LuisTheo Hubert Engels club Chd Central

### 2. Inbound Long Term Youth Exchange, 1no from TAIWAN hosted by Chandigarh Central

- i) Master Yu-Pin Hsu ( Jackson)

### 3. Inbound New Generation Exchange, 1no from GERMANY hosted by Chandigarh Central

- i) Ms Anna-Luisa Korte

### 4. Outbound Summer Camp at HUNGRY sponsored by RC SAS Nagar

- i) Ms Cheryl Puri

### 5. Outbound International RYLA at UK

- i) Master Manuraj Singh Chandigarh Central

### 6. Outbound Short Term Youth Exchange To Germany in June 2012 8nos

- |                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| i) Mudit Jain        | Chd Central |
| ii) Salil Goel       | Chd Central |
| iii) Armaan Midha    | Chd Central |
| iv) Megha Mahajan    | Chd Central |
| v) Anikita Bakshi    | Ambala      |
| vi) Bhavya Garg      | Panipat     |
| vii) Rhythm Malhotra | Panipat     |
| viii) Varnika Sharma | Chandigarh  |

### 7. Outbound Short Term Youth Exchange - Two special children (Deaf) sponsored by RC Kharar

1. Rahul Mahajan
2. Ashtha Mahajan

### 8. Outbound SUMMER CAMP - EGYPT in JULY 2012.

Sponsored by RC Roop Nagar - 2nos (Forms awaited)

As reported by:

Rtn. Harjit Singh Saggi

# Rotary International Convention 2012

## BANGKOK

A royal appearance and entertainment fit for a king, kicked off the 2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand on May 06, 2012, to celebrate past accomplishments of



Rotary and gain future friendships. Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn represented His Majesty the King at the opening ceremony, thanking Rotarians for their good work around the world.



Flags of 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs serve their communities were presented on stage, followed by a performance

of the national anthems of all the countries. In his opening remarks, RIP Banerjee said Rotary is stronger today than it was at the beginning of his presidential term. "I came into this year determined to make a difference, to leave Rotary stronger at the end of my year. And those goals were met," said Banerjee. "But if there is one thing I have learned in



*RI President Kalyan Banerjee and RI President Elect Sakuji Tanaka*



this incredible year, it is that the changes that I have seen, the lives that have been touched haven't been because of me. They have been because of you." He praised the Rotary projects that he and his wife, Binota, saw during their travels throughout the year, sharing how overwhelmed with pride and joy he was for their great work.

RIP Banerjee said the best way to raise Rotary's public profile and ensure its future is to bring in more young people.

From all over the world 36500 Rotarians, including 6000 from India, attended the four-day event, which concluded on May 9, 2012, the largest convention ever held in Thailand, for celebration of major milestones in the global polio eradication effort, and the success in raising more than \$200 million, as contribution by Rotary members worldwide under PolioPlus program which will be used as new funding for polio eradication campaign in response to a \$355 million



26 Rotarians from RC Dehradun attended the Convention

challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This has energized to keep up the fight against polio and to help reduce global poverty.

In his closing remarks, RI President Kalyan Banerjee reminded Rotarians that, "what's important in Rotary isn't what we say. It's what we do, and who we are." "There dwells within you the power and spirit that can evoke the energy you may not realize," Banerjee said. "You have to be hungry enough to reach within and release the energy to help you embrace humanity. I believe this is the state we call happiness. I have just given you the prescription for it. Rotary can help you achieve happiness in life that you seek."

**Our District was represented by 311 Rotarians, largest contingent ever to attend the RI Convention.**

The **South Asia Reception** held at Shangri-La Hotel was



At the House of Friendship with International Rotarians

a grant function. Very meticulously organized and well planned by our own Director Yashji & Manju ji. Sit down arrangements for nearly 1000 Rotarians was there. A majority of RI Directors and number of past & incoming RI President including Kalyanji attended the reception.

The **House of Friendship** is the heartbeat of the RI Convention. Entertainment, food, arts, music, cultural programs, crafts, camaraderie and service, all combine in the House of Friendship, which each year is designed to capture the flavor of the host city while creating an environment that welcomes and embraces all cultures. In Bangkok, the massive hall was lush with thousands of colorful flowers and ferns. Towering structures were wrapped in bamboo and vines. No matter where you turn, you'll find a family or group of Rotarians snapping photos of each other. Rotarians laughing together, hugging each other; discussing each other's projects in the one of the many project booths. Rotarians were greeted by the sound of drums. It was great to see the people on stage and in the crowd having fun. Which is what the House of Friendship is all about.

**Rtn. V.J.S. Vohra**



# MISSION RWANDA



*The Team that made it possible*

A team of medical professionals, sixteen of them drawn from various medical specialties like plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, urology, gynecology, laparoscopic surgery and facial maxillary surgery and eleven Rotary volunteers, DG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and spouse Poonam, PDG Ranjit Bhatia Coordinator, PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Chetan Aggarwal and spouse Neelam, Mrs Brij Parmar, Dr. Sandeep Anand Dr. Nivedita R. Singh and Mrs Primila Singh, lead by PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and spouse Usha Saboo arrived at Kigali the capital of the Republic of Rwanda, a tiny little country in the East Central part of the African Continent on April 22, 2012 on a 12-day long mission of performing highly advanced surgical procedures on needy patients. Rwandans presently have no access to these procedures locally. 770 kgs. of medical supplies including medicines and orthopedic and other equipments costing approximately Rs one million had arrived with the team at Kigali airport after a 13- hr. flight on Qatar Airways via Doha and Entebbe.

The 27-member team was received at Kigali Airport by Assistant Governor Ndobu Mugunga, responsible for Rwanda and Burundi of District 9150, PDG John Nyombayire and other local Rotarians.

The Reach out to Africa programme was an extension of the idea of serving beyond the borders conceived by PRIP Raja Saboo nearly 13 years ago when the first such team went to Ethiopia. Since then similar missions have been to Uganda, Nigeria, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, Republic of



*Usha Saboo with patient waiting their turn*

Congo and Zambia from India as Matching Grant projects of the Rotary Foundation in collaboration with Rotary Districts and clubs from all around the world.

To welcome the team at the airport was a large contingent of journalists both from print and electronic media. One of them asked, "What will be the approximate value of the medical service you render to our fellow countrymen in the next 12 days?" "How can you ascribe a Dollar value to our mission? How can you count in Dollar terms the number of hours of these medical professionals, each one an outstanding professional in his own field, who agreed to forego their private practice and serve under the Rotary banner? How do you measure the value of time of the business leaders who volunteer paying for their own air



Plastic Surgery being done



Gynecologist at work

## Doctors in Action



Orthopedician at work



Dr R.S.Parmar examining a patient with a tumor

tickets and their stay in hotel while in Kigali?," responded Raja. The 12-day programme was the culmination of several months of preparation and planning between the project Director PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar from 3080, DG FredTatulila District 9150 and Dr.Theobald Hategekimana, Director general of University Teaching Hospital of Kigali where the Surgeons would perform the surgeries on the pre-identified patients. Dr. Theobald and his team from the Hospital had done a remarkable job in identifying the patients for surgeries, 210 eligible candidates well ahead of the arrival of the team.

The urological procedures undertaken by Dr. Rajesh Gulia and Dr. Karan Singh included removal of bladder tumor and urethroplasty. The plastic surgery procedures done by Dr.



Health Minister taking a round of the hospital.



Cleft lip repair

Before

After

Chari and Dr Obed included cleft lip repair and PBC release.

Dr. S.K. Singhal an ENT specialist in the team did LTM perforation and other procedures like excision of papilloma, laryngeal web, excision of the web, total laryngectomy and partial pharyngectomy.

General surgery procedures involved orchidopexy, herniotomy and cholecystectomy. These were done by Dr R.S. Parmar and Dr. N.S.Sandhu.

The majority of the cases involved orthopedic procedures by Dr Rajan Sharma, Dr. Pardaman Singh and Dr. Ravjit Singh.

Dr. Nidhi Parhar a facial maxillary surgeon had a strange case of a little girl bitten by a dog, her complete face torn apart. The reconstruction of the face to her was the most satisfying experience in her entire career as a surgeon, she says.

The Gynecological procedures were handled by Dr. Ritu Anand and Dr. Anju Huria.

## Lives Touched



Plastic Surgery done on burnt patient where neck was joint

To assist the doctors were three anesthetists: Dr. Ajay Sood, Dr. Lakesh Anand and Dr. Ashish kulshreshta.

The Ministry of Health, Government of Rwanda extended all possible help for the success of the medical mission. PRIP Raja Saboo called on the Mayor of Kigali and Dr. Agnes



Missionary Hospital Chuk, Kigali



Patients waiting their turn



PRIP Raja interacting with the media



The Health Minister inspecting supplies brought in by the team

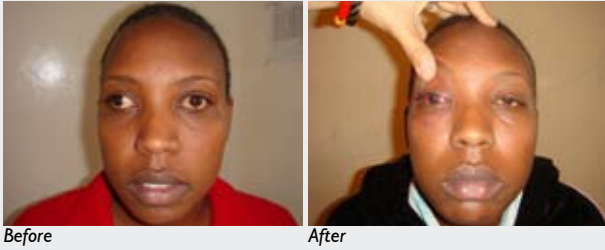


The team at the Genocide Memorial



With DG & DGE of D9150

Squint



Binagwaho, Minister of Health. At the valedictory function on April 28 Dr. Agnes said, "On behalf of the families whose lives you have touched, let me say a big thank you. We would look forward to your continued assistance in similar missions in the near future". Raja in his response has promised to undertake free heart surgeries of 15 Rwandan children in Chandigarh free of any charge. The Government of Rwanda would fund their air travel whereas their surgical procedures in India including their stay arrangements would be the responsibility of local Rotarians.

Another high point of the mission was the teams' visit to the Genocide Memorial at Kigali. Writing on the visitor's book Raja wrote "It is unbelievable to see how humanity can be so inhuman. The lesson is never such madness ever attack any human mind anywhere on this earth now or ever."

A mission involving 20 plastic surgeons and a mega medical camp of 10 days to handle 400 cases of plastic surgeries and orthopedic procedures on survivors of the genocide is the

next dream project of PRIP Raja Saboo.

This was service above self at its quintessential best, said one of the volunteers on his return to Chandigarh.

**As reported by:  
PDG Shaju Peter**



## Residential Workshop of Leadership Academy Concludes at Chandigarh

The 4-day Residential Workshop of the RI District 3080 Leadership Academy concluded at Hotel Chandigarh Beckons, Sector 42 D, Chandigarh on April 15, 2012. The 12th session had 19 participants from clubs far and near: DGNN Dr. Arun Gupta from District 3090, our own DGNN Col. Dilip

Patnaik, Harjeet Singh, Rajesh Bansal, Jagdeep Singh, Anil Dewan, AG P.K. Jain, Jyoti Dhawan, Sumeet Nanda, Rajiv Seth, Rajesh Kumar, Aseem Pahwa, Vivek Garg, Vivek K. Gupta, Dr. Sanjeev Garg, Jagdeep K. Sharma, R.C.Grover, Dil Raj Singh and Pranav Gilhotra.



The workshop was inaugurated by Past RI President Rajendra K Saboo on 12th morning. The faculty consisted of Ms. Inderjit Kaur, Ms Navneet Sandhu, professional trainers from Chandigarh and Dr. Vijay Chopra from New Delhi. Among those present were DG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and DGE Manmohan Singh.

**PDG Shaju Peter  
Associate Dean**

## ***Congratulations!***



PDG Arun Sharma



Mrs. Sunita Sharma

For his appointment as trainer  
at International Assembly, San Diego

*We are proud of you.*

## ***Bill Gates meets Rotary leaders – PRIP R K Saboo, Trustee Ashok M Mahajan, Chairman PolioPlus Committee Deepak Kapur at New Delhi***



Rotary International is the spearheading partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative –consisting of WHO, UNICEF, CDC and Rotary – that together with the Gates Foundation have been instrumental in bringing out the resolution recently by the World Health Assembly to declare Polio a global public health emergency.

## PDG Shaju's term extended

PDG Shaju Peter whose term as member of the Executive Committee of the Rotary News Trust was to expire on June 30, 2012 has been extended for one more year. The announcement was made at the meeting of the Committee held at Hotel Taj Connemara, Chennai on June 5, 2012 which was attended by Director Yash Das, TRF Trustee Ashok Mahajan, Editor T.K.Balakrishnan, PDG Shaju Peter and other members of the Committee.

## **Forthcoming Programs :**

### **District Award Function**

"Recognizing- Change" is on 24th June 2012 at JW Marriot, Chandigarh. Please block your dates for the recognition of your efforts to reach within to embrace humanity.

## ***Enjoying Diversity of Rotary***

All the way from Punjab to Kigali (Rwanda) as part of Medicare team, was an eye opener and at the same time a rewarding experience for both of us... A dream project of PRIP Saboo ji & Usha ji, it is an effort to "Reach out to Africa" and is an excellent example of "Reaching Within to Embrace Humanity". It was an opportunity for all of us to take expertise of Volunteer Doctors to the door step of the suffering humanity in that part of the world. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to carry the message of Rotary to serve patients who had no access to expertise or funds. Meeting local Rotarians and volunteers was an opportunity to know different cultures and make new friends.



Then we traveled all the way from Rwanda to Bangkok to attend the Rotary International Convention. 36000 Rotarians from all over the world and a large contingent of fellow Indian Rotarians attended the RI Convention which was a memorable experience.

Long live Rotary

*Poonam*