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## Rotary quotes inspire us.....

*"It is not enough to say that we have arrived until we answer the question 'Where and to what purpose?'"*

~Arthur H. Sapp  
 Rotary Club of Huntington, Indiana, USA  
 1929 RI Convention



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**PP Rtn.  
Sukhpreet  
Singh Giani**

## From Editor's Desk

### A saviour in a driver!

As Rotary celebrates World Polio Day on Oct 24th, I am going down the memory lanes. One incident among many that had a long-lasting impact is prime in the memory.

Nearly fourteen years back I had just joined Rotary; and soon I was assigned the task to be the Observer for the Pulse Polio Mission for the administrative district of SAS Nagar. The observers for various administrative districts of Punjab were imparted training at Patiala where various aspects of the drive and the challenges that may come accompanied with it; and how to handle the same were discussed in detail in one day session. This session brought forth the luminaries of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh who had been in the forefront of this fight against the Polio Virus. Just to name a few, PP Rtn. Surinder Kumar Girdhar from Patiala; PP Rtn. Shubh Karan from Ludhiana and not to forget our very own PDG Rtn. Praveen Goel (then a Past President). Their experience

was vast, and inspired us to put best foot forward. Also got a chance to attend an intercity of RI districts of 3070, 3080 and 3090 where the then health minister Ms. Laxmi Kanta Chawla was the chief guest and her dedication to make India Polio free was inspiring indeed.

First polio drive as an observer, I became compassionate toward the vaccinators having realised the distances they have to cover on foot specially on the second and third day when they have to go from house to house to vaccinate the children. As we were told to carry out audits, the third day of the polio drive took me to Sector 78, where a construction site of Housefed, Punjab turned out to be an area where the vaccination was not carried out. Few more hours spent in driving in the town, and soon we had the construction sites in Sector 91, Indian Institute of Science Education & research (IISER), Indian School of Business (ISB), the upcoming residential towers Sector 105, 108, 109; the hutments along the upcoming Airport Road were added to the list.

It was difficult to reckon the number of children not vaccinated during this drive. My call to Rtn. PDG Praveen Goel was picked up in no time, and his reply, "I will ask the health authorities to extend the drive," brought back the momentum.

However, the discussions with the health authorities and a health officer of WHO (whose name I can't recollect now) who used to come all the way from Ambala revealed that the urban area of SAS Nagar was covered by the Civil Hospital, SAS Nagar (CHM) and the rural area by Government Hospital, Gharuan (GHG). Health authorities at CHM maintained that the areas so identified were to be covered by CHG and they did it in the last drive too. However, the reason given by CHG was pestilential. "Now that the construction has started in these areas, they are no longer rural!".

Could we leave children unvaccinated as few of them had derived their own

carry out the drive in the "left out areas" and identify other such prone areas.

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There were murmurs among members from CHM & CHG, "we will do it this time, not sure about

next time,"; the same was countered "they can't change the urban/ rural definition on their own". However, they all were gentle to acknowledge that they will abide by the "distribution of the area" as decided by WHO and Rotary.

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definition looking at high rise building coming up in the areas? "Certainly not", was the response that I got from my inner self. PDG Praveen Goel was instrumental in arranging additional polio vaccine and asking the district authorities to form joint teams under the supervision of SMOs from both the health centre and

For next one week, the teams that included SMOs, WHO, and Rotary; at the end of each day used to meet at the upcoming bridge on the airport road near

ISB to review the progress of the day and action plan for the next day on the new areas identified.

Our friend from WHO used to come from Ambala every day in a Mahindra Vehicle and his concern was same as Rotary, no child will remain unvaccinated; also, this ambiguity on "urban/rural" has to end. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the extended drive, as

we were waiting for the team members to arrive in the evening the driver of the Mahinda vehicle whispered, “Why do we all assemble here every evening?”. “There is some issue concerning “rural/ urban”, we replied. “But the same was resolved last year also!”, his assertion came as sigh of relief, gave us a ray of hope, but also raised fresh questions. “We can collect the copy of the minutes of the meeting from the office tomorrow morning,” was the epitome moment of: Happiness is having the right person at your side. He had collected the copy from Mohali for his office, last year.

The health officer from WHO was strategist. We decided to remain tight lipped on this, and he said that he could only comment on seeing the said document the next day.

A closure meeting was already planned for the next day at CHM, and the copy of the letter was presented! And soon the other copy of the same from the files of CHM was traced. “We only need to follow what our predecessors agreed to,” said the Civil Surgeon! They had clearly noted that construction of few buildings/roads can’t change the demarcation. The “urban/rural issue” was long resolved, rather should have not cropped again, but for....!

A well aware driver had changed the course for countless kids; and turned out to be an altruistic for kids of SAS Nagar! An unsung hero among many others!





## A lot achieved on YOUTH SERVICE

The **74th meeting of the Rotary Club Mohali** Midtown was held on Friday, 11th October 2024, at ACR Luxury Hotel, Sector 117, Mohali, starting at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was initiated by PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani who collared the President, Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai, followed by the National Anthem and the recitation of the 4-Way test.

The President then called the meeting to order. The meeting commenced with a warm welcome from President Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai, who greeted the visiting guest, **President Rtn. Harvinder Singh, from the Rotary Club of Broadmeadows, Victoria, Australia.** The president proceeded to inform the members about the activities held since the last meeting on 27th September 2024. He highlighted the **installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Mohali City** on 28th September, where Rotaractor Avneet Kaur took charge as the new President. Following this, on 30th September,



**President Rtn. Harvinder Singh of Rotary Club of Broadmeadows, Victoria, Australia being handed over the club flag**

74<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Manpreet Singh was installed as the President of the **Rotaract Club of Khalsa College of Technology and Business Studies, Mohali**; On the same day, students from the 2nd and 3rd years of Govt Polytechnic College visited R.S. Builders to attend a **workshop led by AG Rtn. Ravijeet Singh**, where the students were enlightened about civil engineering skills. The president also shared that the **Rotary Club's YouTube channel** is now active and encouraged all members to visit, share, and promote the channel to spread the word of "Service Above Self" for the public image of RCMM. He further announced that **Volume 4, Issue 7 of the Shubhkarman** was released on time on 1st October, as usual, under the leadership of Dir. Publications PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani. The president continued by reporting that, on 3rd October, under Project Drishti, **free cataract surgeries** were successfully conducted under the supervision of Dr. Aditya and PP Rtn. Gurcharan Singh, bringing the total number of surgeries to 55.

On 8th October, President Rtn. Dilpreet Singh Boparai, Vice President Rtn. Kuldip Singh Dhody, and Rtn. Amanpreet Singh visited **Vidya Valley School in Kharar** to invite them to form an Interact Club, which the school has affirmed. Additionally, the club has received **the charters for the Interact Clubs of The Millennium School and YPS**, bringing the total number of Interact Clubs under RCMM to six. On

10th October, AG Rtn. Ravijeet Singh had the opportunity to **exchange flags with President Tomasz Michalik from the Rotary Club of Bialystok, Poland.**



On 9th October, **PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk** made a contribution of **100\$ to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) on his birthday**, inspiring other members to make similar contributions on their special days. That same day, it was announced that Rotary District 3080 received a **Rotary International Citation for the year 2023-24**, recognizing its outstanding achievements. The district was **ranked 19th** globally out of 529 districts. The president congratulated the leadership and members for this remarkable accomplishment. On 10th October, the club, in coordination with the **Rotaract Club of Khalsa College**, organized a **blood donation camp**, and the district collected a record **6,000 units of blood** in just the first three months.



The president then highlighted several **upcoming projects**, including health talks, the installation of the Interact Clubs at The Millennium School and YPS, and a toy distribution project at Brookfield International School. The club is also planning to **donate beds to a newly built old age home during Diwali, and discussions are ongoing with S.S. Sabharwal of Tera Tera Charitable Trust.** Additionally, the president was excited to announce an upcoming initiative by Rtn. Ankit Beri and PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani to launch a podcast channel, which will enhance the public image of the club and share information about its activities.

Club secretary, Rtn. Prabhjot Kaur, welcomed the visiting guest, President Rtn. Harvinder Singh, and invited her to share information about his club-The Rotary Club of Broadmeadows, Victoria, Australia.



He shared that their club, which is 60 years old, holds weekly meetings. He spoke about the club's environmental projects, such as tree plantations in

collaboration with Interact Clubs, donating machines to hospitals, contributing funds for international sanitation projects, and donating \$10,000 and computers to an orphanage in Mumbai. Rtn. Harvinder also discussed their weekly fundraising efforts through stalls and barbecues, raising around \$2,000 weekly. He mentioned regular visits to gurdwaras and temples with fellow Rotarians, quarterly meetings with neighbouring clubs, and a joint project with four other clubs to donate an ambulance. One of their most notable projects involved sponsoring the **surgical separation of cojoined twin sisters and covering their living expenses for 8 months post-surgery.**

Rtn. Harvinder Singh concluded by offering a collaborative international project between his club and the Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown, thanking the members for their hospitality. PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani gave a formal vote of thanks. The meeting was adjourned by the president, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony.

Birthdays celebrated included Rtn. Hardeep Singh on 3rd October, Rtn. Dr. Sandeep Dev on 4th October, PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk on 9th October, and Rtn. Kuldeep Singh Dhody on 12th October. Anniversaries included Rtn. Parvinder Singh & Past Secretary Rtn. Manjeet Kaur on 5th October, Rtn. J.B. Singh and Ann Chandandeep Kaur on 11th October, and Rtn. Jagdeep Singh & Ann Harinderpal Kaur on 20th October.

## Know your Leaders

### **Tanisha, President of Interact Club of AKSIPS-65, Mohali**

Interact



President

Tanisha is a student of Class XII, and has always excelled in academics. Tanisha scored 94.8% in her class 10th board exams.

She is a student of science stream and is keen to explore her field and promises to evoke the spirit of sustainable development in the students of the school. She has participated in various extracurricular activities such as debates, declamations, quizzes, art competitions etc and has won many prizes, medals and certificates. She has participated in MUN too and has good communication skills.

She is keen to help others in every circumstance.

Tanisha has decided and promised to definitely become a role model for her juniors.

### **Brahamjot Kaur, Secretary of Interact Club of AKSIPS-65 Mohali**

Brahamjot Kaur, is studying in class XII. She secured 93% in class X CBSE Board Examination. She also won gold medal in Science Olympiad in class X. Her accomplishments

are not only limited to education. She is very creative and had taken part in various art competitions. Leadership skills are built in this brilliant girl. She is very optimistic and focused towards her goals. The next natural trait she acquires is discipline. No wonder she is the Senior Secondary Deputy Head Girl of AKSIPS-65. She is very enthusiastic and always takes part in extracurricular activities. She has participated in number of competitions for her school.

### **Rtr. Manpreet Singh President Rotaract Club of Khalsa College Mohali of Technology & Business Studies**



Young Rtr. Manpreet Singh is pursuing Bachelor in Humanities with Psychology

as a major subject. Manpreet states that his goal is to become a counsellor, “so that I can help people being physically and mentally healthy. And in order to fulfil a part of that goal, he is associated with NSS, and he is also a Certified Fitness Instructor. He celebrates his birthday on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Rtr. Tannu, Secretary Rotaract Club of Khalsa College Mohali of Technology & Business Studies**



Rtr. Tannu is pursuing Bachelor of Arts and has had her earlier education from Chandigarh and Mohali.

She has been also associated with NSS too. Young Tannu celebrates her birthday on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Know Your Rotarian

### Rtn. Rajinder Mohan Singh



**Rtn. Rajinder Mohan Singh** did his graduation (BE Civil) from Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana in 1981; and Post Graduation (ME in Irrigation) from Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh in 1987. He served as Executive Engineer in Punjab PWD. Later he established **IEE Lifts Pvt Ltd**. **IEE Lifts Pvt Ltd** has had the honour of providing Lift for Arya Bhatta Observatory (Ministry of Science and Technology); Quality installations in almost all the pharmaceutical industries in the region Such as- Cipla, Theon, Sunpharma, Centrient Pharma, Logos Pharma, Park Pharma ETC; Manufacturing and providing lifts to notable personalities like Ex-chief of army staff ,air

chief marshals vice chancellors, IAS, judges and Doctors ETC; Carved a state of the art manufacturing facility in Tricity and is the largest manufacturer of Lifts in four states (Punjab, Haryana, J&K, Himachal Pradesh).

Rtn. Rajinder Mohan Singh is associated with many other prominent organisations in India, just to name a few: Institute of Architects, Institute of Engineers, Mohali Industry Association, PHD Chamber of Commerce, and NPC Club Tricity.

Rtn. Rajinder Mohan Singh celebrates his birthday on July 8<sup>th</sup>, is happily to Rtn. Dr. Prabhjot Kaur. The couple celebrate their anniversary on 5th February. The couple is blessed with Dr Ambreen Kaur: A dental surgeon Practice at Patiala; Ar. Bani Amrit Kaur: A MIT Boston Alumnus, working as Practice professional at McKinsey, Mumbai and Er Prabhsimran Singh, Director IEE Lifts Pvt Ltd.

#### Corrigendum

In the last edition the date of marriage anniversary for Rtn. Dr. Prabhjot Kaur was inadvertently mentioned wrong. The date may be read as February 5<sup>th</sup>



Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown performed 4 more cataract surgeries under Project Drishti, with a total of 55 successful surgeries since the initiation of this project, this impactful work is brought to reality by the dedicated team of doctors, optometrists, and nurses at Amar Shakti Eye & Gynae Clinic. Together, we are transforming lives and empowering our community!



Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown on 10th October, in coordination with the Rotaract Club of Khalsa College, organized a blood donation camp. 25 units of blood were collected there.

*In Service of the Community*



## *Forthcoming Events*

### **75<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting**

Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Charter Presentation & Installation of**

Interact Club of YPS

Interact Club of  
Millenium School

Date and Timings will be  
shared on the club's  
what's app group.

### **Handing over beds for patients**

**Where:** 13/13 Mission at  
Chandigarh

**When:** Date and Time will be  
shared on the club's what's app  
group.

## Eradicating Polio has not been an easy task

Efforts by Rotary and other associated organisations in eradicating polio have been a long and challenging one, with Rotary leading the fight since 1985. Going from nearly 350,000 cases in 1988 to just under 5 in 2024. This has required time, money, dedication and innovation from thousands of people who are working to end the disease.

- There are 3 strains of wild poliovirus, none of which can survive for long periods outside of the human body. If the virus cannot find an unvaccinated person to infect, it will die out. Type 2 wild poliovirus was eradicated in 1999 and cases of type 3 wild poliovirus haven't been found anywhere in the world since 2012.
- There are 2 forms of vaccine available to ward off polio - oral polio vaccine (OPV) and inactivated polio vaccine (IPV). Because OPV is an oral vaccine, it can be administered by anyone, even volunteers. One dose of OPV costs as little as 14 cents.
- Health workers and Rotary volunteers have climbed mountains, crossed deserts and sailed to remote islands, risking their lives to vaccinate children against this disease.
- Vaccinators have even travelled on the backs of elephants, donkeys,

and camels to immunise children in remote areas.

- Rotary has funded more than 1,500 motorbikes and 6,700 other vehicles, as well as 17 boats.
- Ice cream factories in Syria have helped in freezing the ice packs that health workers use to keep the polio vaccine cold during the immunisation campaigns.
- In Pakistan, the polio programme has emphasised hiring local women vaccinators and monitors. More than 21,000 vaccinators, 83 per cent of whom are women, are achieving the highest immunisation coverage rates in the country's history.
- Since 2012, at least 70 polio workers have been killed in Pakistan. Many of the attacks have been claimed by the Taliban, who forward claims that the vaccination campaigns are a facade for intelligence gathering.

*Did you know?*



*Greetings*