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“PRATIBHA”—DIST. INTERCITY MEET ON DIGITAL LITERACY

The Dist. Intercity Meet on Digital Literacy and Employment/Entrepreneurship Initiative with Times Foundation called “PRATIBHA” and the Compudon 2011 Awards function organized by Rotary Club of New Delhi was held on Monday 6th June 2011 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The Intercity meet was called to order by DG Rtn. Amit Jain. After National Anthem, Lighting of Lamp and floral welcome, Organising Club, Rotary Club of New Delhi, **President Rtn. Pratap Burman** in his welcome address extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all present at this Intercity Meet, “PRATIBHA” on Digital Literacy. The project started 3 years ago in 2007–2008 as a club project with 38 students and today it has become a District project benefiting more than 1100 students. With the support and partnerships of Spice Group of Dr. B.K. Modi, Times Foundation and ASSOCHAM, the project is blossoming into a big project and we are now trying to cover more than 10,000 children. This project is going to become a very big successful programme of our R.I. District 3010.

Rtn. Umang Das, giving details of the project said, this project of Digital Literacy was conceived and initially implemented as a club project with 38 students three years ago in 2007–2008. Later on it gathered momentum and became a District Project in 2009–2010.



Last year more than 1100 children benefited from this project. In January 2011 this year we gave a new turn to the whole programme by providing vocational training and soft skills for employability. Dr. B.K. Modi of Spice Group supported us in this programme and pledged to sponsor 2000 children for digital e-learning. With the benefit of support from Spice Group, Times Foundation and ASSOCHAM, the tempo is being further built up and we are now targeting to cover more than 10,000 children. This number may further go beyond 10,000 with the corporate sponsorships thru’ Times Foundation with whom a MOU was signed on 10th May 2011 in the presence of Mrs. Indu Jain. We plan to give vocational guidance in the emerging areas and make this an all India programme beyond our R.I. Dist. 3010 for the benefit of a large number of students.

Rtn. Pankaj Rai said, Rotary and Times Foundation have joined hands to be the participants in India’s journey to significance and make this programme an all India level programme. I appeal to all the students present here to please share what you have learnt. We want to

go forward and create a standard that every student is able to dream what he wants to be in his future career, vocation or profession. Pankaj Rai then explained about the COMPUDON 2011 Awards that will be given by the Chief Guest and congratulated all the

Awardees. The importance of IT education is immense and Pankaj urged the India Award winners to do an extra bit more and bring the World Cup home when they participate in the Worldwide Competition on Microsoft Office Skills in August this year at San Diego, USA.

Mr. Amitabh Shah from Times Foundation stressed on the importance of Vocational Skills which should constantly be upgraded. World is moving very fast. Amitabh congratulating Rotary said, the light that you are lighting thru’ digital learning programme is highly commendable and assured full support from Times Foundation to Rotary in their endeavours.

DGE Rtn. Asit Mittal congratulated Mr. Amitabh of Times Foundation for

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th June 2011

Time : 8 p.m.

Delhi Gymkhana Club, Cottage-1

New Delhi

FAREWELL TO

Rtn. ARTHUR MATTLI AND
R’Anne FLORENCE MATTLI

COCKTAILS AND DINNER



joining and supporting this Digital Literacy programme of Rotary. We should also look into the job orientation for the large number of unemployed youth. You should take this programme to that level so as to be beneficial to these people. I am glad Microsoft, Times Foundation, ASSOCHAM and Spice have joined hands with Rotary in this project. We should create awareness about this programme in villages towards e-learning. I assure you of my full support in taking this project further in 2011–2012.

Mr. D.S. Rawat from ASSOCHAM said human resource is the most powerful today. We are known as the youngest nation today. Our youths can be converted into a great national assets. We have the largest youth population in the world. They have to be professionally trained. The quality of training should be of world class standards. ASSOCHAM is running 18 physical development programmes in the country. Mr. Rawat said, I have great admiration for all the good work that you Rotary members are doing for the society. We at ASSOCHAM will provide all the details of your students to all our member companies of ASSOCHAM all over India thru' our ASSOCHAM portals.

DGN Rtn. Vinod Bansal said, I am happy to see the project that started small at club level has now blossomed into a big District project with the co-operation of all people coming together to support us. We have a large number of Municipal or Govt. Schools where the drop out rate is substantial. We should try to shift our focus to these children also and provide them some employment opportunity. If we can look after these drop out children and help them earn their living we would have done our job as Rotarians. In the next three years we propose to take the project to much greater heights.

Mr. B.S. Raghu from Microsoft said today we have taken a step further from certification to vocational skills and learning. Today the learning environment is changing very fast. Don't stop the process of learning. Learning is a continuous process. **COMPUDON 2011 Championship** is designed to encourage students

to gain and get their skills validated globally and compete with the best in the world.

Mr. Raghu then announced the Awardees and requested the Chief Guest, Dr. S.S. Mantha and other dignitaries to present the COMPUDON 2011 Awards.

1. COMPUDON 2011 India Champion **Word** 2003 Award was given to **Mr. Jai Warde** from Central Academy School, Jodhpur, Rajasthan. He received a Trophy and a gift cheque of ₹ 51,000/-.
2. COMPUDON 2011 India Champion **Microsoft Office** 2007 and 2010 went to **Mr. Dhruv Arora** from Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram who received a Trophy, a gift cheque of ₹ 51,000, a Gold Medal, Netbook and a Data Card.
3. COMPUDON 2011 Indian Champion **Excel** Award went to **Mr. Sarthak Jain** from Maharaja Agarsain Model School, Delhi who received a Trophy, a cheque for ₹ 51,000, a Gold Medal, Netbook and a Data Card.
4. COMPUDON 2011 India Champion **PowerPoint** Award went to **Mr. Sidak Singh** from Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Delhi who received a Trophy, a cheque for ₹ 51,000, a Gold Medal, Netbook and a Data Card.

All these winners will represent India at the Worldwide contest in San Diego, USA in August 2011 for bringing the World Cup home.

The Leading Institutes Trophies were awarded to:

1. Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram for producing best talent in **Microsoft Word**.
2. Maharaja Agarsain Model School for producing best talent in **Microsoft Excel**.
3. Kulachi Hansraj School for producing best talent in **Microsoft PowerPoint**.

All the winners were congratulated with a big applause.

The Chief Guest, Dr. S.S. Mantha unveiled the Digital Learner Kit introduced by CyberLearning and Microsoft.

DG Rtn. Amit Jain in his address said the journey of this Digital Literacy project started in July 2010, when we planned to take this project much further. We were fortunate to have the partnership of Dr. B.K. Modi of Spice Group in January 2011, who agreed to support 2000 students. We had a meeting with Mrs. Indu Jain of Times group on 10th May, 2011 when she accepted Rotary as a partner with Times Foundation to take this project further. The incoming Rotary leadership has a vision to take this project to a further higher level. We have already gone beyond Delhi in this project. We are now planning to go beyond our District 3010.

Dr. S.S. Mantha, Chief Guest of the evening and Chairman AICTE, in his motivational and inspiring address said Digital Literacy is an important part in today's situation. The world is so complex that you have to run and run so fast to remain alert in your life. There are so many new opportunities which make life more challenging and demanding. Life is also a game and one keeps on playing games in life.

As per statistics we have approx. half the number of drop outs in schools after 10th and 12th standard. There are 30 lakh students who pass 12th standard but are not getting education at University level. Reasons for this could be many. We should look at some way to cover these people. We need to look at something that fascinates these people.

There are ITIs and ATIs to provide training in many technical trades. The society is today looking to vocational skill education. Digital Literacy is something which we can bring into this system. All the vocational skills are specialized skills in different sectors. Sky is the limit. You can create as many vocational skill programmes as you want. There are many different teams working on various schemes at AICTE. I request the organizers of this programme to provide inputs to us at AICTE. My congratulations and very best wishes to all the Awardees, said Dr. Mantha.

Rtn. Pratap Burman, organizing Club President thanked the Chief Guest and all other dignitaries for their presence and participation and invited everyone for tea. □

FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY OF ROTARY YEAR 2011-12

PE Rtn. Rajen Mata said purpose of Club Assembly is to describe, review and discuss plans developed and suggested at the District Assembly. Rajen also informed members about the new R.I. Theme of incoming President Kalyan Banerjee for 2011-12, "**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**" and his three Emphases areas—Family, Continuity and Change. Each Club is supposed to have 6 Club Assemblies. First Club Assembly should be before 1st July, Second after 1st July to discuss and adopt a plan for the year, third assembly should be two weeks before the GOV and fourth assembly will be during the official visit. Fifth Assembly should be held in January or February—midpoint of the year to review the Club's progress towards goals and Sixth Assembly in April or May for open discussions for completion of Club plans and achieving the goals and targets set for the year.

R.I. President Kalyan Banerjee in his speech at the International Assembly at San Diego, USA while unveiling his R.I. Theme: "**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**" had said:

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on and the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves. Once Rotarians find their inner strength, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world. Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, go forth and encircle the world to embrace humanity."

Emphasising on the family as a starting point in serving others, Kalyan said, "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families—living in homes together sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighbourhoods and good neighbourhoods build good communities."

"Be the change you wish to see in the world", said Mahatma Gandhi. "If you wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities. If we wish environment degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality or to prevent hunger, we must be that instrument of change and recognize that it must start with us, with each of us." said Banerjee.

The Rotary International three Key Emphases areas in 2011-12 are:

1. To strength our Family.
2. To continue what we do Best.
3. To Change whatever needs to be changed.

Based on these emphases, directions for RCND in 2011-12 will be:

1. Strengthen the bonds of friendship amongst members of RCND and their families.
2. Long term vision and plan for the club.
3. Nothing is permanent except change. Let us change, evolve and keep improving and move forward.

Family—Project that support family such as those that provide safe housing or improve maternal and child health, provide clean water and improve literacy.

Continuity—Polio eradication, Clean and safe water and spreading literacy.

Change—Working with youth, the New Generation and assist them to become leaders of tomorrow.

To be an effective and vibrant Rotary Club we have to sustain and develop our membership, have successful service projects, support The Rotary Foundation and develop leadership beyond Club level.

Rajen Mata then introduced his Board of Directors for 2011-12 and the Directors-in-charge for 5 Avenues of Service and Chairpersons of five Statutory Committees.

Club Service Avenue—Rtn. Daljit Bhatia

Community Service Avenue—Rtn. Madhumati Singh

Vocational Service Avenue—Rtn. Umang Das

International Service Avenue—Rtn. Bhupinder Chowdhri

New Generations Service Avenue—Rtn. Gaurav Bhargav

Five Statutory Committees:

Membership	Rtn. Ashish Makhija
Club Administration	Rtn. Surendra Singh
Public Relations	Rtn. P.K.D. Nambiar
Service Project	Rtn. Pran Mehta
Rotary Foundation	Rtn. Sangita Bansal

President-Elect, Rajen Mata invited the Directors in-charge of five Avenues of Service to briefly present their plans in the coming year.

PP Rtn. Daljit Bhatia, Director-in-charge, Club Service Avenue, said Membership is the biggest asset, resource and treasure of a club. I propose to have 30% growth in our membership in the coming year. New members must assimilate in the main stream. Retention of members is also equally important. We propose to have good programmes and good speakers. We will have excellent fellowship under fellowship committee Chairman, Rtn. Pratap Burman. Other committees will also be headed by experienced Rotarians.

PP Rtn. Sanjiv Mehra said we shall try to achieve a target of US\$25000 contribution to TRF in 2011-12. We have 2 ongoing Matching Grant projects which will be completed in 2011-12. We will try to regain 100% PHF Club status. Every Rotarian must contribute something to TRF under EREY. We will try to ensure all our members contribute something to TRF.

PP Rtn. Madhumati Singh, Director-in-charge Community Service Avenue, said our Health check-up and Digital Literacy programmes have now become District level programmes. We started the Health check-up with SIMOVA Health cards. Now the Govt. wants Rotary to look after the Health Check-up of all the MCD Schools in Delhi. We propose to conduct Mental Health

Camps alongwith our Blood Donation Camps to provide consultations.

PP Rtn. Pran Mehta said there are 1975 MCD Schools with 9,85,000 students getting free education. The Govt. of Delhi wants Rotary to monitor these schools and the idea is to give the very best to the child who comes to the schools. We should form a committee to monitor Health and Literacy in MCD Schools. We should stick to what we are already doing. There is continuity in our programmes of Vocational training at Ekta Vihar Centre, RCC Village School at Harsaru, looking after the Social Welfare Homes etc. Rotarians should devote atleast a minimum of just only one hour a week for service in our projects. We want involvement of all our members in our Service Projects. Fruit of silence is prayer, fruit of prayer is love, fruit of love is service concluded Pran Mehta.

PP Rtn. Umang Das said, Involvement and togetherness can make the club very effective. Our Digital Literacy project is evolving to become a national level programme with the partnership with so many associates like Microsoft, Cyber Learning, Times Foundation, Spice Group and ASSOCHAM. We plan to have Vocational Skill packages for our unemployed youth to provide them employment opportunities apart from Microsoft Certification to school students.

Rtn. Pankaj Rai said at the Dist. Intercity Meet, **Pratibha**, on 6th June we had unveiled a Digital Learner Kit Box which provides a holisite programme for developing a system of an effective computer education system, increasing proficiency in English and providing the MOS Certified student with employable skills. Talking of Club Website Pankaj said we will update the Website every 24 hours now and will have a Resource Centre on our Club Website by 7th July 2011.

Rtn. Surendra Singh, Chairman of Club Administration Statutory Committee said it shall be his endeavour to ensure how we can make our meetings more vibrant, participative and interesting for members. All our committees are being chaired by experienced and seasoned Rotarians. We will have good programmes.

Rtn. Bhupinder Chowdhri said in International Avenue we have the Polio and The Rotary Foundation. We will try to do our best in these areas.

Rtn. Gaurav Bhargav talking of New Generation said he is looking after the Genext, the Youth of the country. We have Interact and Rotaract. We have 5 Interact Clubs and 3 Rotaract Clubs. We will try to involve them and make them part of our service projects and thus we will have more hands, particularly of youngsters as partners in our projects.

Concluding the first Club Assembly PE Rtn. Rajen Mata thanked all the Directors-in-charge and applauded them for their presentations.

TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED ON 9th JUNE 2011

Following two new members were inducted into our Rotary family of RCND on 9th June. We welcome them to our Rotary fraternity.



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Blood Group : B+ (Self)
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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. The 300th weekly meeting of the club held on 9th June 2011 was called to order by President Rtn. Pratap Burman.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Vandana Agrawal.
3. President welcomed all present. A special welcome was accorded to Mr. & Mrs. Anil Seth and Mr. & Mrs. Manish Jha, our prospective new members who will be inducted very shortly today evening.
4. Visiting overseas Rotarians, Rtn. Robert Heukelom from Holland and Rtn. Riku Makela from Finland were welcomed to our meeting.
5. Introducing himself, Rtn. Robert Heukelom said his Rotary Club is about 20 km. from Amsterdam. He represents a company called Danieli Corus who have set up a office in New Delhi at Nehru Place. They are in Integrated Steel Making Plant. Rtn. Heukelom will be in India for about 3 to 5 years and would like to join a Rotary Club in New Delhi.
6. President informed we had a very good District Intercity Meet on Digital Literacy on 6th June at PHD House. It was a very well organised and very well attended function. A large number of our members were present, many with their spouses. This is a very exciting programme spearheaded by Rtn. Pankaj Rai and Rtn. Umang Das. Today it has become a District project. We want to take it to national level with the partnerships of Times Foundation, Spice Group and corporate support of ASSOCHAM Members.
7. President announced about the forthcoming programmes—on 16th June there is the farewell function for Rtn. Arthur Mattli at Delhi Gymkhana Club; on 23rd June is RCND President's Thanks Giving function at India Habitat Centre, on 7th July 2011 is our Club's Installation function and on 30th June is District Governor's Thanks Giving programme at Parkland Exotica.
8. Two new members, Rtn. Anil Seth and Rtn. Manish Jha were inducted into the family

THE BOARD 2010 – 11

President	Pratap Burman
President-Elect	Rajen Mata
Vice President	Ashish Makhija
Secretary	Surendra Singh
Joint Secretary	Vinod Gupta
Treasurer	Pankaj Rai
Sergeant-at-Arms	Prashant Sahgal
Imm. Past President	Sanjay Kapur
Counsellor & Adviser	Asoke K. Ghosh

DIRECTORS:

Satinder Narang	Sanjiv Rai Mehra
Umang Das	Gaurav Bhargav
	P.K.D. Nambiar

Many Happy Returns

NO BIRTHDAYS OR WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

of RCND by PP Rtn. Pran Mehta.

9. President new members, Rtn. Anil Seth and Rtn. Manish Jha were inducted into the family of RCND by PP Rtn. Pran Mehta.
10. PE Rtn. Rajen Mata conducted the Club Assembly and informed about the theme of R.I. President, Kalyan Banerjee for 2011-12 and his three Emphases areas.
11. Introducing the Board Members for 2011-12, Rajen invited the Directors incharge of the 5 Service Avenues to present their plans for the coming year.
12. Sunshine of ₹ 1120 was collected by Rtn. Vandana Agrawal.
13. Next three meetings are all party meetings. It will be party time and fellowship evenings. It is my last meeting today at Ashok Hotel. All the Best. It has been a great year for me. I have no regrets. I have enjoyed my year as President of the Club. It has been great learning experience, said Pratap Burman.
14. President then declared the meeting adjourned.



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OBITUARY

We regret to inform about the sad demise on 8th June 2011 of Shri D.D. Sahgal, respected Uncle of Rtn. Prashant Sahgal and elder Brother of PP Rtn. P.K. Sahgal. We pray to Almighty God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give courage and strength to the members of bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

Om – Shanti – Shanti – Shanti !

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