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PROGRAMME Installation of Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown

And

DNA of Leadership

Keynote Speaker:

PP Rtn. Ritu Singal

Date: Friday, 10 July 2020

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Virtual Zoom Platform



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Installation of President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and his Team for 2020-21

In the first meeting of Rotary year 2020-21 on 03 July 2020 we had the Installation of President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and his team on virtual platform, the first of its kind in the history of our Club. We had gracious presence of Rotary International Director Dr. Bharat Pandya as the Chief Guest.



RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya



PRIP Raja Saboo

We were delighted to have Past Rotary International President Rajendra K. Saboo to inspire us, who complimented President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali for the remarkable work he had done and had earned the appreciation of the Club members and the District, adding that IPDG Jitendra Dhingra has tremendous respect for the work that has been done by President Salil. PRIP Raja Saboo also expressed his greetings and congratulations to the incoming President Sanjay Bhatia, saying that he is having the opportunity and the ability to accept the challenge to achieve new heights. He conveyed his good wishes to all our members. He left earlier because he had to attend another function.

In her address the Event Chair, Assistant Governor PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra welcomed RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya, DG Ramesh Bajaj, PDG Yoginder Diwan, other Past and Present RI Officers, Outgoing President Salil Bali, Incoming President Sanjay Bhatia, Outgoing Secretary Rtn. Nitin Kapur, Incoming Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur, Past Presidents of Chandigarh Midtown, Rotarians, Press and Guests.

For presenting the Collar to President Salil Bali, Dr. Rita invited the outgoing Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, who from the zoom platform, requested the Incoming Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. R.K. Luther to do the needful as he was present with the President.

President Salil Bali presented an elaborate report highlighting the large number of wonderful projects done in RY 2019-20.

After the presentation, IPP Salil Bali presented the Presidential Collar to President 2020-21 Sanjay Bhatia, which



took place at President Elect Rtn. Salil Chopra's Danbro Restaurant cum Italian Cuisine in Sector 26, Chandigarh, where in addition to PE Salil Chopra, IPP and President, others physically present were PDG Shaju Peter, PP R.K. Luther, AG Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Renu Chopra and Rtn. Nitin Kapur who were connected to other attendees on virtual platform.

Before proceeding further President Sanjay Bhatia took an oath, "I, Sanjay Bhatia, do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown in accordance with the RI & Club Constitution and Bylaws as part of RID 3080 and commitment to the Rotary principles, customs, traditions and four way test." This was followed by his action plan for the year ahead in all five avenues of service. We look forward to another meaningful year under his leadership.

Formal introduction of President Sanjay was given by PP Rtn. T.S. Anand.

Donations to our Welfare Trust are exempted u/s 80 G of IT Act

Born in Kolkata in 1965, Sanjay Bhatia studied in St Xavier's School and is an Economics graduate from Jadavpur University. His first experience with Rotary was as a Rotaractor in Rotaract Club of Calcutta.

Sanjay joined Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in February 2012 and has held many important assignments including Joint Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, Director and Vice President.

He is a partner at Sangeeta Steel Corporation, a 50 year old family business which is an Authorised Distributor of Tata Steel for its brands Steelium and Astrum. His company has consistently won awards at Tata Steel Parivar Meets for Best Performance, Brand Promotions and Social Initiatives. He has served as Joint Secretary and patron at local industry bodies in Ludhiana and has been recognised for his contribution to the industry by Indian Institute of Materials Management, Chandigarh and Chamber of Commercial and Industrial Undertakings, Ludhiana.

Sanjay is married to Ritu who is an economics graduate from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi. Ritu is actively involved in the family business for operations and new developments. She is a Rotarian, a passionate baker and follows Nichiren Buddhism as a member of Bharat Soka Gakai. They have a son Siddharth who graduated top in class from Flame University, Pune and completed his Masters from National University of Singapore. Siddharth is involved in sales and marketing of the family business. Sanjay and Ritu both are Paul Harris Fellows. They are committed and dedicated Rotarians, generous towards The Rotary Foundation. Ritu is the First Rotarian to become the First Lady of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

Formal introduction of Chief Guest RI Director 2019-21 Dr. Bharat Pandya was given by PDG Shaju Peter. He recalled his association with Dr. Pandya way back in 2013 Council of Legislation in USA, and described his power of persuasion as he successfully argued in one of the matters and was able to convince the CoL of his views against the British Rotarians. Shaju stated that one of the blessings during the current situation is that Rotary leaders have become more accessible and more approachable to grass root Rotarians all across the world. On 01 July 2020 General Secretary John Hewko attended the zoom session of the joint installation ceremony of 85 Presidents of 3080.

A member of Rotary Club of Borivli, Dr. Bharat Pandya is a practicing general and laparoscopic surgeon. He and his wife, Dr. Madhavi, a gynecologist, own a private hospital in Mumbai. He is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons and has served on the board of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan vocational training institute, sponsored by the Indian Government. Dr. Pandya joined Rotary in 1989 as a charter member of his club. During his year as Governor of District 3140, his District contributed over \$ 2 million to The Rotary Foundation, making it the top contributor worldwide for 2006-07. He has led numerous projects, including water and sanitation projects funded by Foundation grants that installed check dams so that villagers no longer needed to walk up to 4 miles per day to collect water. Dr. Pandya has held many roles in Rotary, including regional RI membership coordinator, training leader, member of Rotary's Membership, Convention Promotion committees and India PolioPlus Committee. He has received RI's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and Dr. Madhavi are Level 2 Major Donors to TRF.

In his address Dr. Bharat Pandya thanked PDG Shaju for his kind and generous introduction, recalling their time together and having good bond of friendship through Rotary. He also thanked AG Dr. Rita Kalra for giving him the opportunity of coming to installation function of one of the premier Clubs of 3080, Chandigarh Midtown.

Dr. Pandya expressed great appreciations for the work done in 2019-20 by IPP Salil Bali. He said everything in Rotary is moved forward by the Clubs and it is the Rotarians of the Club who really make Rotary what it is. Health of Rotary is the health of Rotarians. Dr. Pandya said he was wondering that when IPP Salil was talking about the work undertaken by him, was it the Club or the District doing these activities. These projects need lot of hard work, dedication and commitment as Salil came up with some innovative projects also. He also ensured that the Club members remained connected with one another. Salil led the Club with great dedication and distinction. For doing these activities and projects it requires one very important quality and that is the sacrifice from the family of the President - spouse of the President, who gives him all the time at the cost of the family and for that sacrifice, Parul and the entire family should be given a big applause for loaning Salil to Chandigarh Midtown for 2019-20.

Referring to President Sanjay Bhatia's meaningful speech and plans for 2020-21, Dr. Pandya stated the Club has rich history of the past. He told Sanjay that now it is his turn to provide that leadership, guidance and motivation to the Club for which he would put his best efforts to see that 2020-21 becomes the best year that Chandigarh Midtown has seen. Dr. Pandya said after hearing Sanjay, he is destined to provide a very good leadership to the Club. Dr. Pandya conveyed his best wishes to President Sanjay and all members of Chandigarh Midtown to have a great year in 2020-21.

For the theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, given by RI President Holger Knaack, Dr. Pandya said he describes Rotary in two words, that is, Rotary is hope and opportunity, and he has shared this with DG Ramesh Bajaj also. Hope that the community has in Rotary and Rotarians that they will do something for the betterment of the community and the Opportunity that we have as Rotarians to fulfill that hope of the community.

President Sanjay Bhatia introduced the Board of Directors 2020-21, which is as follows;

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| President | Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia |
| Past District Governor | Rtn. Shaju Peter |
| President Elect | Rtn. Salil Chopra |
| Immediate Past President | Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali |
| Vice President | Rtn. Arjan Singh |
| Secretary | Rtn. Shuchi Thakur |
| Treasurer | PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh |
| Joint Secretary | Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua |
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| Director Vocational Service | Rtn. Anupam Jain |
| Director Community Service | PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan |
| Director International Service | Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra |
| Director Youth Service | Rtn. Kulbir Singh Bhatia |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | PP Rtn. R.K. Luther |



Presentation of RY 2019-20 by President Salil Bali



The year ahead 2020-21 by President Sanjay Bhatia



PDG Shaju Peter introduces the Chief Guest



Event Chair Assistant Governor PP Dr. Rita Kalra



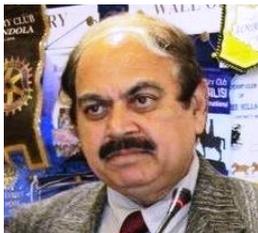
PP T.S. Anand introduces President Sanjay Bhatia



Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur Host of Virtual Platform



Innocation by R'ann Bir Gulati



Vote of thanks by PE Salil Chopra



Rtn. Nitin Kapur introduces new Rotarian Anjali Chhabra



Ms. Anjali Chhabra inducted as Rotarian

Message from Rotary International President Holger Knaack

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends,

This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.



**RI President Holger Knaack and
World First Lady Susanne**

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.

All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly — and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary that the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times — to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come.

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

Message from District Governor Ramesh Bajaj, RI District 3080

Dear Team Trailblazer

I feel joy and pride while sharing my thoughts with you and sending my best wishes to you and to your team, I urge you to look at this year as an opportunity for growth and new activities, although we are facing new challenges and passing through a very tough period but still Rotarians are meant for challenges and they know to come out with their best even in adverse situations.



**DG Ramesh Bajaj and District
First Lady Rtn. Rekha**

We are all part of an organisation with the capacity to do great deeds and the strength of character to do them well I will request you to call on your core values of leadership and service as you work within your club, in cooperation with other clubs and with the support of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation to build a stronger future of Rotary.

As you make plans for this Rotary year, Change of Guards, new leadership taking over and inspiring the new team and creating new milestones. pls inculcate fresh thoughts, new ideas and enthusiasm in your club. Our tradition of Service above self has already spanned past generations and now its time to inspire those with the same ideals in next generations.

I Firmly believe that the power of dreams is beyond imagination. APJ Dr. Abdul Kalam had said, "Dreams are not what you see in sleep, they are the ones that do not let you sleep."

Lets work with the theme of 2021 by our RI President Holger Knaack "Rotary opens opportunities". Let each one of you open more and more doors and create more opportunities to serve.

Rekha joins me in wishing you all the best for a great Rotary year 2021 and TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE to serve the humanity by changing the lives of the undeserved ones.

Regards

Ramesh Bajaj

Message from First Lady of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Rtn. Ritu Bhatia



**President Sanjay Bhatia and our Club
First Lady Rtn. Ritu**

Heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary family of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown for placing your faith in Sanjay and myself.

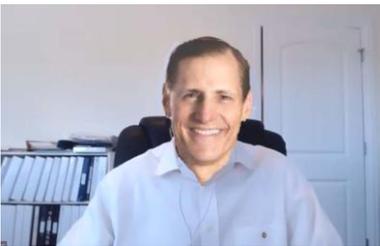
The last few months of the year gone by have been the first of their kind in the history of Rotary. While Rotary Chandigarh Midtown lost some of its precious gems and anxiety and hopelessness post Pandemic gripped the world, the team led by IPP Salil Bali did not let the Rotary spirit of the Club get dampened. Rather their response to the global challenge is matchless as they set a precedent for Service above Self for times to come.

The difficult times may not be over yet and both Sanjay and I pledge to keep the flame of hope and positive change burning with your support.

Let us all unitedly keep moving forward even one or two steps in our own unique way and create and seize opportunities for value addition in our neighbourhoods, our communities, our societies and the world at large.

Rtn. Ritu Bhatia

Joint Installation of all 85 Clubs of District 3080



John Hewko

On 01 July 2020 Joint Installation of all 85 Clubs of Rotary District 3080 was held in a zoom session. It was a great honour for the Rotarians of our District to have as the Chief Guest General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation John Hewko. In his address he expressed his concern about the fact that 95 percent of Rotaractors do not become Rotarians. He also gave an inspiring remark that India is in the forefront to use technology and wished good luck to Rotarians of District 3080.



Ramesh Bajaj

This event was a good initiative taken by our District Governor Ramesh Bajaj and was hosted by Rotary Club of Panipat.

Webinar on Time Management



PE Rtn. Salil Chopra

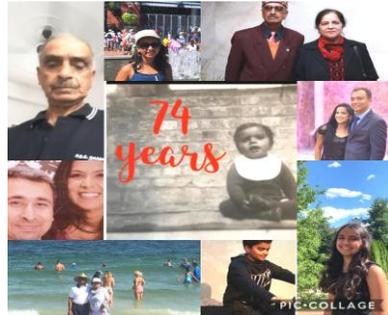
A webinar on Time Management was presented by Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown on 05.07.2020. President Elect Rtn. Salil Chopra was the guest speaker, who addressed 55 Rotaractors and students for 55 minutes. They all felt motivated, cheered and gained lot of knowledge by this wonderful and informative session.

The Rotaractors were highly inspired and are looking forward to the next session with Rtn. Salil Chopra.

Birthday Celebrations



PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta celebrating his birthday with R'ann Shashi and grand children Gurmehar, Heeya, Myra and Aarav



PP Rtn. Ashok Puri celebrated his birthday with R'ann Sudha. His granddaughter Neha D/o Manish & Nikita Krishnan of USA, presented a lovely family collage

**Few lines from nazam of Mr. D.S. Bali
(Father of IPP Salil Bali)**

जमाना जैसे चले तुम भी चलो
काम करने थे जो भी उनको करो
दामन उन लम्हों को जाया न करना
जो लम्हे जताते हैं, करो ओर मरो

Recited by PP Dr. Rita Kalra in Installation function

Microloan



Microloan cheque of Rs. 30000 to Vikash Kumar Gupta for his Kirana shop, presented by President Sanjay Bhatia, who is also the Guarantor

Barber's Kit



Safety and Protection Kit along with Hair Cutting Tool & Accessories provided to Roadside Barbers on 04.07.2020. In presence of IPP Salil Bali, demonstration to the Barbers for using this Kit for themselves and the customers was given by Ms. Pammy Kaul, Technical Director of Headmasters

Glimpses of Sadbhavna Projects done on 01 July 2020 - first day of Rotary year 2020-21

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To honour our doctors on the Doctors Day we organized a distribution of free ration to 200 underprivileged families in our local area in the gracious presence of Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu, Hon'ble Health Minister of Punjab Govt.

The mega greenlympics drive was flagged off by AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra of Zone 3. Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh Central, Chandigarh Midtown, Chandigarh Uptown and Silver City Mohali participated in this project at Mansa Devi Temple complex. Miyawaki forest plantation project was kick started with 100 fruit trees in 4 acres of tube well area for green environment and conserve water. The Clubs were represented by 15 Rotarians including 4 Presidents - Rtn. Pradeep Chopra, Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Yashica Jain and Rtn. Deepak Sardana.

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