

CHANAKYA

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From the President

Dear Friends,

It my honor and privilege to be the president of this club. I say that with all humility

When Anu and I visited the club 6 years ago the very first couple we met were Ravi n Mina Khanna my impressions then was that this was a fun club and the Rotarians seemed to be very happy people and what impressed me most that busy people could find time for rotary. In between their bites of chicken tikkas and pegs n pints they were able to conceive and implement their plans for the community the poor the needy etc. Working with happy people in RCDC I thought would make service a little fun and fun we had for the past years

RCDC has always enjoyed a unique position thanks to its leadership with the relentless support of our members my praises to all of you

When PP Navin Sardana inducted me in his board presidency was the farthest thing on my mind and there were years when due to personal reasons I felt like leaving the board but due to friends like pp veerender mallick Rajeev kohli to name a few I continued .Our club had its fair share of problems which were handled in true rotary spirit and at this critical juncture I stand before you with a question on every one lips Where Do we go from here. Well friends the answer is simple Higher and higher

We have to embrace change, it is not always popular, Traditon is good but we have to absorb what is new I would now like to outline some of my thoughts as to how I see the year ahead and how the members could get involved. For any organization to grow it is essential that there is happiness so lets us make our club a Happy Club.

The club theme for this year is "Participate and Enjoy"

Club Vision: The intent is to have a medium vision for three years over which will continually reflect as to how we conduct our business. This will break the concept of the president's year. It will be reviewed and refreshed annually to maintain the three year outlook.



The new approach should enable us to establish a more sustainable and effective Rotary Club and a more consistent and effective programme of community service.

We are part of the family of Rotary International and it will be our efforts to give the members an opportunity to interact with other Rotarians through joint club meetings, international friendship exchanges.

While we are having the fun we will not lose our focus on the upliftment of our community and a fund raiser would be planned. Our key thrust areas would be Thallasemia, Old Age, Water. It is also time that we differentiated between acts of charity and community service the later not requiring large sums of money. We could for instance create awareness and make people pledge their organs for donation we could effectively use our interact clubs for such program

Friends I am sure that with your active support we would at the end of another rotary year will be known as a club which made a difference both in our community and in the world.

Yours in Rotary

Rajiv Aneja

Editor Speaks...

On demand from members, 'Chanakya Bulletin' is back in hard copy format after some years.

I hope all Rotarians and spouses would be encouraged to send in interesting articles, Rotary snippets, and humour, for inclusion in future editions of the Bulletin. These may be sent to agghosh3010@gmail.com.

PDG Ashish Ghosh



Message of the RI President

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world – why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful, and that we can create that better world through our service.

In 2011-12, I will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. I will ask you to search first within yourselves, to understand that all of us, everywhere, have the same dreams, the same hopes, the same aspirations, and similar dilemmas. When we understand, and truly feel, that others' needs are the same as our own, we begin to understand how important our work is. In the year ahead, we will have three emphases in our Rotary service.

Our first emphasis in this Rotary year will be the family. The family and the home are at the core of all our work – all our service begins here. And through the family, we approach all of our community and indeed, all of humanity, as an extended family, in which all members care for each other. In times of joy and in times of need, no one is ever alone.

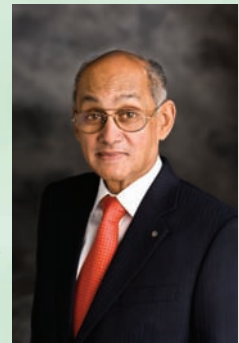
Our second emphasis will be continuity – finding the things we do well and taking them to the next level. We must build on our successes, expand on them, and strive to do even more. Of course, our greatest obligation is to PolioPlus, where success is now so close.

And our third emphasis will be change. We must understand that true change can only begin with each of us, and start within us. We cannot share peace with others if we do not have it to give. We cannot look after the whole world without first looking after those closest to us: our families, our clubs, and our communities.

Mohandas K. Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." In Rotary, we endeavor to live ethically and honestly, to share friendship and fellowship, to see equal worth in every human being. We are not interested in the lowest common denominator, for Rotary is anything but common. Instead, we work to elevate ourselves, elevate others, and thereby embrace the world.

Together, we will *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. And in peace, harmony, and friendship, we will bring change – and a more joyful world.

Kalyan Banerjee,
President, Rotary International



Installation of the RCDC President Rtn. Rajiv Aneja

The installation ceremony of the club was held in a unique manner on 2nd July at "The Second Sin, at the MGF Metropolitan Mall, Saket, New Delhi. After a brief presentation of activities during 2009-10 and address by outgoing President Dr. Tarun Gupta, Rtn. Rajiv Aneja was installed as the 35th President of the club in the presence of the Chief Guest DG. Asit Mittal.

After being installed, President Rajiv introduced his team members and presented the plan for Rotary year 2011-12. The meeting was addressed by DG Asit who elaborated on the Rotary theme for the year, "**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**". The meeting ended over cocktails and lunch. Our best wishes to go to President Rajiv and his team for a successful year for Rotary.



A small step that ignited Polio Eradication Initiative

'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step : - Confucius

Indeed the struggle against Polio has been a journey of a thousand miles. Together we have been undertaking a long journey, but like every journey it began with a single step. Polio is on the verge of extinction and today, as India stands on the threshold of Polio eradication, it makes me nostalgic and takes me back to the year 1978, the year when we commenced our fight against the giant polio virus with a single step.

In the year 1978, I was entrusted with the post of Chairman of the Physically Handicapped Committee of Rotary Club of Delhi, Chanakyapuri, by the then President of the Club, Rtn.. Raj Khullar Being the Chairman of the Committee. I assumed the responsibility of betterment of the physically disabled individuals of the society. I comprehended that the term physically handicapped embraces a vast array of challenging conditions like impairment of visual, hearing mobility, etc. and therefore it would have been a futile attempt to address all of them.

Hence, it occurred to me that a dreadful disease called poliomyelitis was causing immense havoc to infants and children in Delhi resulting in large number of deaths and permanent paralytic disorder of the limbs in the surviving children. Although, there is, even to date, no medical remedy available for this debilitating disease, an excellent oral vaccine had been invented in Russia which offers total immunity from Polio virus.

As a doctor, the dictum, "Prevention is better than cure", has always been in the forefront of my mind. Thus with the objective of initiating certain preventive measures to control Polio virus, I approached Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, the then largest children's hospital in Delhi. I was told that the Institutions gets nearly 8000 cases of poliomyelitis every year from a nearby area in Pahargunj. New Delhi, called Nabikarim.

I proposed to offer the services on behalf of the Community Service Avenue of the Rotary Club of Delhi.



Chanakyapuri in Vaccinating the infants and children in the above mentioned area which was the hotbed of Poliomyelitis. Thus offer was immediately accepted by the authorities of the hospital who even provided us with some staff members to help us conduct this marathon vaccination programme by going door-to-door to motivate the parents to vaccinate their infants and children. As is the case with all new drives, we had to confront various obstacles in the form of resistance and suspicion but this did not dampen our spirit and we completed our job in 2-3 days.

Consequently, a year later in 1979, the hospital reported only one case of Poliomyelitis from the same. Nabikarim area from where earlier thousands of cases used to come every year. On further enquiry, we found that the affected baby's mother had hidden the infant from us when we came for administering the Oral Polio Vaccine as she was apprehensive that it may cause fatal side effects.

Recognizing the efforts, The Rotary International District 309 in 1980 had awarded 'Outstanding Rotarian Award to me during the District Conference held at Srinagar, Kashmir in the year 1980.

The Union ministry of Health and Family Welfare also took cognizance of our efforts and appointed me as the Honorary Advisor to the Ministry for their Polio Eradication Project for the year 1979-80

A point to highlight, if I may call it so, is that Rotary Club of Delhi Chanakyapuri thought of and executed the Polio Eradication drive years before Rotary International conceived the idea, No idea. No doubt, our effort was in a mini scale but it was a small yet significant beginning.

I take this opportunity to thank the authorities of the Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital for the assistance extended to us.

*PP. Rtn. Dr. Sandip Mukherjee
Rotary Club of Delhi Chanakyapuri*

Club Awards received for RY 2010-11

Golden Club Award

Platinum President Award

Platinum Secretary Award

DG Citation 2010-11 to RCDC in appreciation of commitment to Rotary Fellowship in RID 3010

RI Presidential Citation 2010-11 to RCDC in appreciation of commitment to Rotary Fellowship and service.

Governor's Recognition 2010-11 awarded to RCDC in recognition to supporting the Rotary Blood Bank by organizing Blood Donation Camps.

Governor's Recognition 2010-11 awarded to RCDC in recognition in supporting the MCD Schools & Social Welfare Homes.

Governor's Recognition 2010-11 awarded to RCDC in recognition of supporting District Intercity Meet "Green Dream".

Certificate of appreciation to President Rtn Dr. Tarun Gupta in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme in 2010-11.

DG Appreciation Award to Rtn PP Ravi Khanna

DG Appreciation Award to PP Rtn Sunil Chadha

DG Appreciation Award to Paavani Gupta

Programs for July 2011

- 2nd - Club installation
- 9th - No meeting. Merged with Intercity to felicitate RI President Kalyan Banerjee at Hotel Ashok 6.30 pm
- 14th - Project meeting Inauguration of District Simplified Grant project at Ayurda Old Age home at Vasant Kunj.
- 15th - Speaker meeting at Hotel Ashok.
Guest: Mrs. Jaya Jaitley will speak on **"Womens' Empowerment"**
- 22nd - Speaker meeting at Hotel Ashok.
Guest: Ms. Alka Pathak will speak on **"Hindi Satire"**

Programs for August 2011

- 5th - Fellowship – **"Monsoon Magic"** at residence of President Rajiv & Anu 13, Uday Park - 7 pm
- 12th - Speaker meeting at Hotel Ashok. Guest: Ms. Vesna Pericevic will speak on **"Wellness and Physical Fitness"** Special Rakhi surprise gift for R'Annes.
- 20th - Service Project at "Ayurda" - Free hearing checkup / hearing Aid Camp from 10.30 to 12.30 pm at 34 Green Avenue, Vasant Kunj
- 24th - Fellowship Dinner Chelmsford club at 8 pm

Birthdays – July 2011

Vandana Roy	9 th
Anuradha Aneja	12 th
Neena Gulati	13 th
Varsha Chadha	17 th
Ramona Gupta	18 th
Veerendra Malik	24 th
Shrikant Joshi	29 th
Neeta Dhawan	31 st

Wedding Anniversaries – July 2011

Veena & Bhagat Bhushan	3 rd
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Rotary Anns

Wives of Rotarians around the world originally were - and some times still are - called "Rotary Anns". Meet my Rotary Ann Anita..... The term had an interesting genesis.

In 1914, California USA, Rotarians chartered a train to attend the international convention in Houston, Texas. In a large contingent of Rotarians from 13 West Coast Clubs there was but one woman: the wife of San Francisco Club President Henry "Bru" Brunnier. Her name was "Ann". She was nicknamed "Our Rotary Ann" and she became popular during the long train journey and some also composed a song about "Rotary Ann".



In carnival atmosphere on Houston railway station, Rotarian Guy Gundaker from Philadelphia and his wife were among the reception group. The wife's name was also Ann. The Rotarians lifted both the Anns into the air and proclaimed "From now on, all ladies shall be known as **"Rotary Anns"**".



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2. Is it FAIR to all concerned
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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