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Rtn Mark Daniel Maloney
RI President

Rtn Suresh Bhasin
District Governor

Rtn Lalit Sawhney President

Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid Secretary

### **President's Message**



Dear Friends,

As we come to the last month of the Rotary Year, it is time to take stock of what we wanted to do this year, and where we are.

As you know, we did a number of projects in the Avenue of *Community Service*. We did 12 Blood Donation Camps, some of them as part of a Multi-Zone Blood Donation Drive. We did Cataract Surgery Camps, installed Hand Wash Stations and a Sanitary Napkins Vending Machine in Schools, donation of Books to schools under the Project TEACH, donation of Garments to Earth Saviours' Foundation, Distribution of Dry Rations to labourers, and Rotary Rasoi project for meal distribution (part of a Zonal project). Under *New Generations* Avenue, we formed an

Interact Club in Shiv Nadar School. And, we worked on a major Club Project, *Harmony Heart Project* with major support from a US Rotary Club - filing an Application for a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation, after getting all the Authorisations from our District and the US District (of our Partner Club), for a total budget of Rs. 1 crore. Hopefully we should get the approval for this Flagship project very soon.

We had a number of Speaker Meetings on topics ranging from Water Conservation, Elder Care, Focus Areas in Rotary, Feminine Hygiene, Mental and Physical Fitness in Mid-life, Wellness, Child Eye Health and Anaemia, Look into the future, Skill Development Challenges, Union Budget, Gifting in Rotary, Rotary Foundation and Global Grants, setting up an Ice Cream business, etc. We also had a Joint Meeting with a 50-year old Club with 65 members, Rotary Club of Delhi South; with a combined strength of 53 couples participating in the meeting. And, the meetings for the last 3 months have been taking place over Video Conferencing.

In addition, we had the District Governor's Visit and the Installation of Office Bearers, Club Assembly, Board Meetings, Charter Day celebrations, *Holi Milan*, and welcomed a number of new members during the year.

As the lockdown started, all the Rotary Clubs faced the challenge of continuing regular meetings. As you are aware, we were able to use our relationship with a Global networking giant, CISCO to obtain an unlimited Video Conferencing license for all the 88 Clubs in the District to conduct their regular meetings and all the District PETS, SETS and other training sessions for the incoming District team using CISCO WebEx for the 3 months of the lockdown.

We have been getting very positive feedback on this Bulletin, *HARMONY* from our members, Presidents of many clubs in the District and many Past District Governors. We also need to get feedback on our Club Website, <u>www.rotaryharmonyiberis.com</u> and our Facebook page, *RC Gurgaon Harmony Iberis*, which are updated with our club activities regularly.

At this time, we need to check with all of you - how happy you are with the Club, it's members, fellowship, meetings and the project activities. May I request you to write to me on email: <a href="mailto:lalit.sawhney@gmail.com">lalit.sawhney@gmail.com</a> or WhatsApp, and let me know – what you like about our Club, what you don't like, and most important, what we can do better.

Keep safe, look after yourself and keep busy.

With Rotary regards,

Lalit Sawhney

President

Live Session with RI Pres.Elect Holger Knaack 7 May 2020



President Lalit Sawhney participated in this Live Session with RI President Elect Holger Knaack over Zoom Video Conference, organised by Rotary Club of Gurgaon Qutub Enclave and Rotary Club of Delhi South Central. This was an excellent opportunity to interact with the incoming RI President thanks to the opportunity created by an international video meeting.



#### **Know your Fellow Rotarian**

Your Rotarian - Rtn. Mukesh Bhargava



Mukesh was born and brought up at Gurgaon, when Gurgaon was a little town. Graduated from Govt College Gurgaon and and joined the Army in 1973. He runs a Retail business, which consists of a chain of Raymond Stores in Gurgaon and Bhiwadi.

Married Aradhana, a post graduate in Inorganic Chemistry, in 1982. Being in the Army, they lived a nomadic life; a large part of the Army life being spent in the troubled J&K. Prioritising their kids' education, Aradhana took a hard decision in early 90s to move to Gurgaon, and took up teaching at DAV Public School, Gurgaon. Finally Mukesh also moved to Gurgaon in 1994, after taking premature retirement.

They have two children, Ankit and Mansi. Ankit studied at IIIT-Hyderabad, started his career at Bain & Company, and pursued his MBA at The University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. He currently works for Google at California, heading Strategy for a large Ads team. Ankit's wife Kriti is also an MBA from Stanford University. Ankit and his wife have a 3 year old son. The daughter, Mansi studied at JMC, New Delhi and pursued her MBA from Delhi. She worked at a few companies, and got married to Ankit Aggarwal, an MBA from MDI, Gurgaon. Mansi started a chain of high-end salons, *Looks*, in Gurgaon with her husband. They have a 6-year old son and a 2-year old daughter.





Mukesh and Aradhana love gardening, and are proud to have won a 1st or a 2nd prize in annual HUDA Garden Competitions, every year for the past 10 years.



### Pre-PETS and SETS Training – II for District 3011 2 May 2020



President Elect Mukta Malhotra, President Lalit Sawhney and Secretary Elect Anjali Pandey attended the Pre-PETS and SETS Training – 2 over CISCO WebEx Video Conference. The Session was hosted by DGE Rtn Sanjiv Rai Mehra.

### Speaker Meeting with CISCO WebEx Video Conferencing 6 May 2020



Rtn. Mukta Malhotra



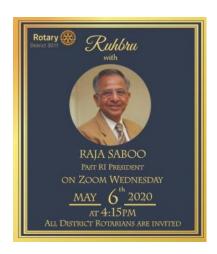
Rtn. Sandeep Mogalapalli

The Speakers – two members, Rtn. Mukta Malhotra and Rtn. Sandeep Mogalapalli spoke about their Vocational Classifications, Garment Buying House and Chartered Accountancy.

They described their careers and their professional activities, and also answered members' queries about their professions.



### Fortnightly District Zoom Meeting 6 May 2020



The club members actively participated in the fortnightly District Meeting, *Ruhbru* with Past Rotary International President Raja Saboo. It was a highly motivating session.

## Multi-Zonal Project, Zones 15 & 16, District 3011 Mega Blood Donation Drive







To increase fellowship between clubs in neighbouring zones, Zone 15 & Zone 16 where we have 9 clubs from Narnaul, Rewari and Gurgaon - decided to join hands and take up a project for a Mega Blood Donation Drive, which targeted to collect 1000 units jointly. All the services, gifts, banners & certificates were printed and given jointly. Under this initiative, this project organised 13 blood camps during Sept 2019 and May 2020, in different parts of the District, collecting 1022 units of blood.



#### AVYANSH - PETS & SETS for District 3011 9 May 2020



President Elect Mukta Malhotra, President Lalit Sawhney and Secretary Elect Anjali Pandey attended the day long Pre-PETS and SETS Training – 2 over CISCO WebEx Video Conference. The Session was hosted by DGE Rtn Sanjiv Rai Mehra.

The Training sessions covered PDG Deepak Kapur speaking on 'Strategic Planning', PDG Rajesh Batra on 'Club Leadership Planning' and PDG Aloke Ghosh on 'Roles & Responsibilities'. The Guest of Honour, RI Director 2021-23, Ravi Vadlamani spoke on 'Every Adversity offers Opportunities'. DG Nominee Anup Mittal and DG Nominee Designate Ashok Kantoor also spoke.

The Chief Guest, RI President 2021-22 Shekhar Mehta addressed the Training Session at length, and told us about his vision for Rotary in India for the coming few years.



#### E-Meeting with RI President Mark Maloney 15 May 2020



President Rtn Lalit Sawhney attended a Live Session with RI President Mark Maloney. This was organised by Rotary Club of Gurgaon Qutab Enclave, and was attended by over 400 participants across continents, through Zoom, Facebook and Instagram. President Mark inspired Rotarians to be focused on maintaining membership and to continue doing good to community in these difficult times. President Mark gave a brief about the upcoming virtual Rotary Convention in June. All the participants sang a Happy Birthday song to greet President Mark on his birthday.

#### Faculty Training on Video Conferencing, 22 May 2020

President Lalit Sawhney organized a Faculty Training on CISCO WebEx Video Conferencing with the help of Cisco for the District IT Team 2020-21, to prepare for the District Training Assembly.

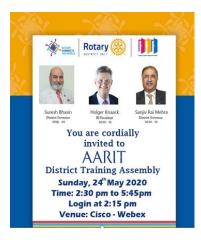


## Fortnightly District Zoom Meeting 23 May 2020



President Lalit Sawhney participated in the fortnightly District meeting organized by DG Suresh Bhasin. The Speaker was Past RI President KR Ravindran. He spoke on 'Rotary and its Foundation in a Pandemic World'.

#### District Training Assembly AARIT, 24 May 2020





The District Assembly Training was held for Presidents Elect, Secretarys Elect, Treasurers Elect and other Board Members. The Guest Speaker was Rtn. Holger Knaack, Incoming RI President, 2020-21. He spoke on the Rotary Theme for the year 2020-21, 'Rotary Opens Opportunities', asking Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need. The Assembly had the Presidents Elect training conducted by PDG Deepak Kapur, the Secretarys Elect training by PDG Ranjan Dhingra, Board Members Elect training by PDG N Subramaniam and the Treasurers Elect training by PDG Ashish Ghosh. It was attended by President Elect Rtn Mukta Malhotra, Secretary Elect Rtn Anjali Pandey, Treasurer Elect Rtn Vimal Singhania, Board Member Rtn RS Atroley and President Lalit Sawhney. President Lalit Sawhney hosted the DTA Breakaway Session for Treasurers Elect.



#### **Member Contribution towards PHF**



Rtn. Jayshree Sawhney

Our District is inviting nominations for Paul Harris Fellows for members from Rotary Clubs, or their close relatives, friends or professionals.

Rtn. Jayshree Sawhney has contributed ₹ 28,000 towards Paul Harris Fellow, and the contribution was sent to Rotary Foundation India on 23 May 2020.

### Submission of Global Grant Application - Harmony Heart Project

The Club submitted the Global Grant Application #GG2010991 for the *Harmony Heart Project* on 24 May 2020 to Rotary Foundation - after due authorisation by District Governor and DRFC, the DDF Contribution Authorisation by District 3011, and Authorisation by DRFC of District 6540. This project has a Total Budget of USD 134,000.



#### **Rotary Youth Service Month**

### **Speaker Meeting on Career Guidance SShakt Interact Club, Shiv Nadar School**

30 May 2020





The SShakt Interact Club had a Career Guidance Session by a renowned Career Counsellor, Ms. Pervin Malhotra, over Video Conference using Microsoft Teams.

The talk titled – *Careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* – *How to Future Proof Your Career* was attended by Ms. Monica Sagar, Principal, Shiv Nadar School, Ms. Tanushree Sinha of the Career Guidance Cell, members of the Interact Club, Students of Classes X, XI and XII and some parents, President Lalit Sawhney, Director – New Generations, Rtn. Neera Jolly and two more members of the Club.

The session had 100+ participants. The 45 minute talk was followed by 25 min. of interesting Q & A on a wide variety of careers, and study options during the current trying times.



### District Grants Management Seminar 30 May 2020



President Elect Mukta Malhotra, President Lalit Sawhney and Director RS Atroley of the Club attended the District Grant Management Seminar. This seminar addressed by DRFC PDG Sanjay Khanna, ARRFC PDG Sharat Jain, DISC PDG Sushil Khurana, Rtn. Sudin Apte, PDG Vinod Bansal, DG Suresh Bhasin, DGE Sanjiv Rai Mehra. The Chief Guest Trustee PDG Ghulam Vahanavaty spoke in detail on *Global Grants and the Recent procedural changes*, and answered many detailed Questions from the participants. It was an extremely useful and informative seminar.

### Planning Meeting for District Team Installation 30 May 2020

President Lalit Sawhney participated in the Discussion and Planning Meet for the proposed Installation of the District Team on 1<sup>st</sup> July.



### From the Secretary's Desk

Rotary Designated Months	
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and
	Conflict
	Prevention/
	Resolution
March	Water and
	Sanitation
April	Maternal and
	Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary
	Fellowships

Calendar of Events		
6 June 2020	Project Positive Health- Preventive & Curative Level 2 Training	
10 June 2020	Club Meeting at 7pm	
	Video Conference over CISCO WebEx	
20–26 June 2020	Rotary Virtual Convention	
24 June 2020	Club Meeting at 7pm	
	Video Conference over CISCO WebEx	
June 2020	Joint Board Meeting	
	Thanksgiving Ceremony 2019-20	
1 July 2020	Installation Ceremony of District Governor Sanjiv Rai Mehra and Club Presidents (2020-2021)	

## Best Wishes & Felicitations Birthdays

6 June	R'anne Kamlesh Taneja
16 June	Rtn Raghubar Swaroop Atroley
3 July	R'anne Seema Singhania
30 July	R'anne Neeru Atroley

#### **Anniversaries**





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