

Interact Club - German School, New Delhi

RCDM proudly sponsored the first ever Interact Club at German School, New Delhi. DSND, the German School is a leading International School and supported by the German Embassy. The Investiture Ceremony was held at the school premises on 17th May. RCDM President, Bharat Joshi was accompanied by Rotarians Hony. Secretary Rtn Ashish Chandio, PE Rtn Sanjay Kapoor, Rtns Pawandeep Kataria, Aneesha Dalmia, Rahul Bhargava and R'nne Iris Vogel. The students and faculty of German School organised an impressive programme during the Investiture Ceremony and also invited Mr. Dietrich Graf v.d. Schulenburg, Counselor and Head of Cultural Department. Many parents were also present at the ceremony.

Mr. Antacido Procolino Principal of the German School considered it an honour to be associated with the Rotary team, thanks to the formation of the Interact Club. He recounted his association with Rotary back in Frankfurt, Germany.



RCDM President presenting the Interact Collar to the President of the Interact Club.

Interact & Rotaract Club Committee Chairperson Rtn P. Kataria presenting Interact Pin to the Vice President and Secretary of the Interact Club



Mr. Timo Heinrich, President Interact Club was glad that with the association with Rotary, they could continue their work to help people in need. He recounted their contribution to the flood affected residents in Kerala. In 2015, they collected food and clothes for the needy. They also visited schools in Kerala to educate students on Leprosy and AIDS. **Vice President, Mr. Sean Brendan Collier** of the newly formed Interact Club said they need to go beyond past projects to help social problems. They are a small school but this partnership with Rotary provides them an opportunity to realise their goals. The Students of Class IX then gave a visual presentation of their 4 day visit to Kerala. This depicted their visit to schools where they interacted with the students. They taught them simple English and even some German traditions.



Mr. Juergen Trost-Witschard Faculty-in-charge



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School Band enthralling the audience



Rtn Bharat Joshi was invited to speak as the Chief Guest, and at the outset said it was equally an honour for RCDM to sponsor the Interact Club at the German School. He was pleased to experience students of the German School speaking and singing in English. In his view, the activities of the School embody the 4 way test and values of Rotary as seen in the school's public service initiative. Today we are faced with a host of challenges. When asked by the President what the most pressing challenges of the day were, the students instantly gave a few answers. The President agreed that the primary areas are Environment, Education/Employment and Poverty. These problem areas created by earlier and the current generation will need to be solved by future generations. The Interact Club should consider Rotary as their family, friend and social circle and strengthen their bonds to work together. By what he saw, the President was confident that the future is in good hands.

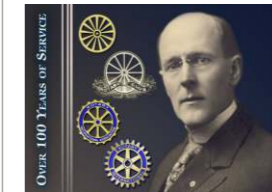
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The Tasks before Parliament



L-R : Rtn. H.E. Jan Luykx, Guest Speaker Mr. Mahtab Bhartruhari MP, RCDM President Rtn. Bharat R. Joshi, RCDM Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashish Chandio, Rtn. B.P. Agarwal

RCDM President Rtn Bharat R. Joshi welcomed Member of Parliament Mr. Mahtab Bhartruhari as the Chief Guest to the Rotary meeting on 13th May. Rotarians were then greeted on their Birthday & Wedding Anniversary by Hony. Secretary Rtn Ashish Chandio. After greetings, he took the members through the Club Calendar till 27th May. RCDM President then invited Rtn H.E. Jan Luykx to introduce the Guest Speaker.



Rtn. H.E. Jan Luykx was pleased to have a senior Parliamentarian with many years of political experience as the Chief Guest. With the Parliament in Budget session, we can know the steps being taken towards rural development and international relations.

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**Mr. Bhartruhari MP**

According to Mr. Bhartruhari the position of Parliament revolves around the mandate given by the people. The mandate on what is to be done by parliamentarians. The Nation expects decisions to be taken which will provide them the basic necessities. He himself has been an MP since 1998 and experienced the working of different parties at the helm.

"Presently at the completion of 2 years of the current government, the house has a certain sense of disenchantment. It is expected that the 3rd Budget which is full fledged will provide the headwinds to power the way through. Savings will not fuel economic growth. Growth requires more expenditure, more money circulation, more investment. Which is why the RBI has maintained a moderate rate of interest to discourage savings." said Mr. Bhartruhari In 2008-09, India managed to withstand the impact of the Global financial crisis. Mr. Bhartruhari recalled the advise of Chanakya on management of income. Divide your income into 4 equal sections towards expense, savings, donation & investment, The one major positive has been the passing of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act. The major challenge facing the country today is to stop/reduce unaccounted money. Black money abroad needs to be identified for return to the coffers of India. Mr. Bhartruhari touched upon the current controversy on the ownership of Kohinoor which is dependent on historical happenings and decisions.

In the interactive session that followed, a lot of issues related to working of Parliament and Electoral Reforms were raised. The major reform was the Right to Recall. Mr. Bhartruhari informed that this reform had been discussed in the 60's during Pt. Nehru's time as well as in the 70's by Indira Gandhi and Jaiprakash Narayan. However it was decided that such a radical reform should first emanate from the grass root Panchayat level before moving straight to the Lok Sabha level. Questions on rulers have been there since Mahabharata on whether the King is there due to destiny. Moving to the current era, it has been the state of Bihar that has been in the forefront in innovations. This may just be the legacy of Chandragupta Maurya.

One of the audience observations was that the business class basket should not be seen as tainted due to a few bad apples. On the economic agenda, it is passing of the GST that is undoubtedly the main goal. Besides providing manufacturing states a fair share, it can also help in curbing black money. Secondly, the money spent on Financial Institutions needs to be analysed & reexamined.

**Vote of Thanks by Rtn. B.P. Agarwal**

Rtn. B.P. Agarwal was complimentary by pointing out that the Speaker had covered a range of issues while stating that he would not talk about any specific matter. He had drawn parallels of today's democracy with the mythical era of Mahabharata to the ancient history of Chandragupta Maurya.

Meet our Guest Speaker

**Mr. Ashok Malik**

Ashok Malik is a senior Indian media-person and columnist. He also holds a position as senior fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, one of India's leading think-tanks. He writes for a number of national and international publications. His areas of interest are politics, India's political economy and foreign policy. He began his career in the Telegraph newspaper in Kolkata in 1991 and subsequently worked for many leading publications, including The Times of India, India Today and Indian Express. In 2006, he embarked on a career as a self-employed columnist, serving at different points as a consulting editor to the Pioneer and Tehelka. In 2015 he joined the Observer Research Foundation. Other than writing in a variety of publications and appearing on news television shows, Malik is a regular participant in policy conferences and track II engagements.

Malik is seen as a prominent right-of-centre voice in Indian media and public discourse. The government has appointed him to two honorary positions: on the board of governors of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, a think-tank focused on corporate social responsibility, and on the Rajghat Memorial Committee, which oversees the Memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi.

The Government of India awarded him the civilian honour of the Padma Shri in 2016.

Eye Camp-Bibipur

**Rtn. Dr. Sanjiv Mohan**

President RCDM invited Rtn Dr. Sanjiv Mohan for details of the Eye Camp held at Bibipur on Sunday 15th May. Dr. Mohan described it as a great experience with a high turnout & warmth provided by the residents & panchayat of the village. The camp was well organised and over 300 patients were examined and given basic medication. Dr. Mohan said the blessings received from senior citizens was more gratifying than any payment. It was a new experience for the young doctors who had accompanied him. Rtn Bharat Joshi indicated that 35-40 patients had been identified for surgery. The subsidised cost for this surgery, transport of patients from and back to the village & follow-up visit by Doctors to the village is Rs.90,000/. only He requested 9 Members to pledge Rs.10,000/ each which can provide eyesight to the needy.

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Friday
20 May 2016 at 1pm
The Imperial, New Delhi
Guest Speaker
Mr. Ashok Malik

Friday
27 May 2016 at 1pm
The Imperial, New Delhi
Guest Speaker
Jairam Ramesh-MP

Friday
03 June 2016 at 1pm
The Imperial, New Delhi
Guest Speaker
(to be confirmed)

Friday
10 June 2016 at 1pm
The Imperial, New Delhi
Guest Speaker
Dr. M.C. Misra
Director AIIMS

Friday
17 June 2016 at 1pm
The Imperial, New Delhi
Guest Speaker
Mr. Adesh Sharma
Chairman DFC Corporation

Greetings



Birthdays

Rtn Dr. Dietrich Kebschull May 24
Rtn. Om Prakash Lohia May 26

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn Dilip J. Shah
R'anne Rashmi May 21
Rtn Aneasha Dalmia
R'anne Mr. Aditya May 24

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