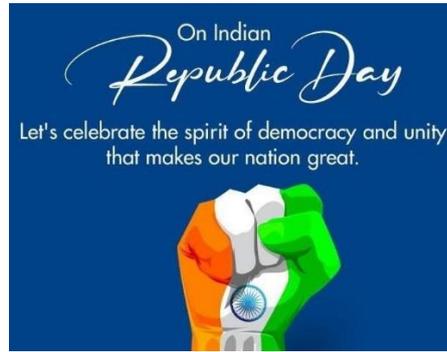




PROBUS CLUB OF HYDERABAD

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1. PCH EVENTS OF JANUARY 2023

A. Regular Monthly Meeting

As usual, Hotel The Plaza, Begampet was the venue for the RMM held on Sunday, 29th Jan 2023 between 10.45 am to 12.45 pm. Chaired by President, Pr. RK Bajaj, with Vice-President Pr. R. Vijaya Lakshmi sitting next to him, the deliberations were jovial, interesting and informative among the 18 participants. After the meeting, the members moved on for lunch.



A brief of the meeting:

- a. President formally welcomed the members.

- b. Humour for the day was shared by Pr. Manohar Kumar, Pr. RK Bajaj, Pr. CK Murty and Pr. Dr. RHG Rau.
- c. Felicitation and Caring session was conducted by Pr. P. Jayaprada in her inimitable style:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PROBIANS :

Vijaya Lakshmi Gowd: 2nd January; PV Subba Rao: 3rd January; Janaki C: 8th January;
Vijaya Sudhakar: 21st January; Kalpana Subba Rao: 23rd January; Dr. Manohar Kumar: 25th January;
Nanda Mukherjee: 26th January; Romi Sukhija: 31st January.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF PROBIANS :

Azhar Ahsan & Nooshie: 21st January.

The celebration ended with blowing the candles specially arranged, while the members wished them a happy and healthy year ahead.

d. The Souvenir Committee was reconstituted as:

Pr. Dr. RHG Rau..... Chairperson
Pr. KVK..... Member
Pr. G. Ramakrishna.....Member
Pr. P. Jayaprada.....Member
Pr. Aditi Mukherjee.....Member

- e. Dr. Rau reported the work already initiated by Pr. KVK last few days, as a member of the Souvenir Committee, in spite of his indifferent health. Participants expressed their grateful appreciation.
- f. Pr. Ramakrishna was requested to be the Custodian of the Voluminous photographs and documents, which will be collected while shaping and drafting this Souvenir.
- g. The First Meeting of the Committee is scheduled in Feb. 2023.
- h. President sought ideas for celebrating Silver Jubilee Programmes for the year, culminating into Sept 2023 PCH Silver Jubilee event.
- i. The Feb 2013 Fellowship will be hosted jointly by Pr. Kumar T and Pr. P. Jayaprada on Sunday 19th Feb. 2023. Venue, once fixed, will be communicated to the Probians.
- j. Meeting ended with singing the National Anthem.

B. Special Session on PROBUS Global:

Pr. Dr. RHG Rau was the internal speaker of this session.

In the initial remarks, he said that in India the “National Elderly Policy” defines 60+ age group as elderly and the Indian Elderly population is showing a significant increasing trend. While in 2011 it was around 8.5% of total population, it went up to 10% by 2021 and is expected to increase to round 12% by 2026. However, appreciation of elderly’s contribution to society is diminishing, along with fading family bonds. With increasing application of Information Technology and the emergence of India as a technology leader, empathy towards elderly is getting a beating. He said it is time we consciously work towards “Age-Inclusive Society”. Networking among us is among the first steps.

He further said that his association with PROBUS Global of last few years is giving him confidence that we at Probus Club of Hyderabad can also work in that direction and share experiences among Probus Clubs in India and

also world over. He then shared highlights of Richard Furlong and Linda Metcalfe presentation at a Hybrid meeting on Thursday, 12th Jan 2023, at the invitation of the Probus Club of Prince Edward County, Canada, a 160 member Club.

Probus Global Presentation:

It covered the history of PROBUS Global formation, gave a gist of its Vision, Strategic Goals, its effort to promote International Communication System, through several initiatives including its own website “probusglobal.com”.



Attended by around 30 globally, the presentation brought out:

- a. The history of Probus Global dates back to 1965/66, when a Rotary offshoot in UK was conceived exclusively for retired Professionals and businessmen.
- b. By 1996, Informal Probus Network (IPN), a Chat Group, was formed with 13 members from Canada, New Zealand and Australia.
- c. In 2007, the name was changed to International Probus Network (IPN)
- d. In 2018/19, it was re-boot as Probus Global, with several new initiatives:
- e. Probus worldwide has 4500 Clubs and 3 lakh membership. Australia has 1500 clubs and 1.1 lakh membership, and the corresponding figures in UK are 1260 and 50,000, and Canada 250 and 38,000.
- f. PROBUS GLOBAL had only 35 members in 2019, but now has gone up to 1025 in 15 countries. A commendable growth for a beginner.

As PG Coordinators in India, both Ram and your editor have a lot to do, looking at the benefits the Indian Elders can get through local and global networking. Dr. Rau requested for the support from each Probian at PCH in this endeavour.

After extensive deliberations, it was decided that:

- a. The PCH members would be guided in applying for PG membership
- b. In the next MC meeting, the topic of developing a Website for PCH will be discussed
- c. Once again circulate the ppt presentation of PG dated 12th Jan 2023 among PCH members

2. FROM EDITORIAL TEAM

A. WHO TOLD YOU:

Moon is not seen anywhere
Sun is peeping all over there
At a glance, the Lotus opens and smiles
WHO TOLD YOU TO SMILE???

Clouds are roaming here and there,
Peacocks wait n look up there,
Clouds show up with a rainy weather,
Peacocks dance with colorful feathers!
WHO TOLD YOU TO DANCE???

Leaves are changing into yellow,
Welcoming the fall with a colorful show,
Leaves are turning red with shy,
WHO TOLD YOU TO CHANGE???

Breeze is slow in peace
Wind is rustling with a pace,
Flowers happily move N swing,
WHO TOLD YOU TO FLOURISH???

Birds are flying as flocks,
They look like a row of flights,
Birds are migrating to get warm,
WHO TOLD YOU TO MIGRATE???

Rain is above to pour,
Rain is lashing on the floor,
Crops are happy N proud,
WHO TOLD YOU TO BE PROUD???

All laugh at me, as I ask,
Don't you know? says with a wink,
Nature tells us everything,
NATURE TEACHES US ALL THESE THINGS!!!!

.... *Contribution from: Pr. P. Jayaprada*

3. FOR LEISURE READ

A. Ageing World:

“The World Social Report 2023: Leaving No One Behind in an Ageing World” is highlighting that globally the number of people aged 80 years or over is rising even faster than those aged 65 or above.

Further, the number of older people tripled from around 260 million in 1980 to 760 million in 2021; projected to top 1 billion in 2030 and surpass 1.4 billion by 2050.

In 2021, women outlived men by an average of 5.4 years and accounted for 56% of the global population aged 65 or above. By 2050, women will likely comprise a majority of the population aged 65 or above and 80 or above (54% and 59% respectively).

B. Remembering Kushwant Singh:

A beautiful poem by Khushwant Singh when he was 92

The horse and the mule live for 30 years,
And know nothing of wines and beers;

The goat and sheep at 20 die,
And never get a taste of Scotch and rye.

The cow drinks water by the tonne,
And at 18 is mostly done
Without the aid of gin and rum.

The cat in milk and water soaks,
And then in 12 short years it croaks.

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for others, then dies at 10.

All animals are strictly dry,
They sinless live and swiftly die.

But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten,

And some of them, though very few,
Stay pickled till they're 92!

So shed a tear, drink a beer,
Celebrate the past, toast the future and have a Happy New Year!

4. FOR MENTAL STIMULATION

A: Shuffle:

Find the two six letter words that are combined in each row of letters.

1. JSOYOMFUBELR
2. SCDUARWDRLYE
3. DASNAGEFERTY
4. CLULOOTSCHEH
5. USENEARSEYNE

B: Peculiar Sentence:

What is so peculiar about this sentence?

“I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handwriting; nevertheless, extraordinary pharmaceutical intellectuality, counterbalancing indecipherability, transcendentalizes intercommunications’ incomprehensibility.”

C: Letter Juggle:

Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, Boast-Hip. Move the ‘s’ from Boast to ‘Hip’ creating two synonyms: Boat-Ship.

1. Claw – At
2. Rag – Below
3. Shred – Ban
4. Table – Seven
5. Potless - Purse

EDITORIAL



Dear Friends,

It gave me immense pleasure while drafting this News Letter. The last ten months of our Club Year have been quite eventful and enjoyable. We have decided that our Club, formed on 4th Sept 1998 and just moved into its Silver Jubilee year, needs greater dynamism with more fellowship activities in line with our constitution, objectives set-in, and By-Laws. We have returned to our physical meets with smile and good participation.

With our recent decisions to move ahead with increasing networking with other Probus Clubs, both in India and abroad, I am sure, Probus Club of Hyderabad will soon be a shining pro-active star in our country.

With Best Regards,

Dr. R.H.G.Rau
31st January 2023