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## ROUSER

*(In the last issue we had asked a thought provoking question “whether the PPS has been successful in fulfilling the objectives as envisioned by its Founders?”. We received many good responses. I feel the response of **Dr Rupinder Brar (S-291)** was unique and philosophical. I am carrying this as the opening Column in this issue. This approach may be adopted for future issues also- **Dr Jashanjot, S-52**)*

I got The Eagle today and although I am on call today, I hurriedly read as much as I could. I could not have asked for more! The Eagle issue was as if it had been the answer to my queries to you lately.

The 'Rouser' portion was superb. I have often found myself asking the same question that you posed in the Rouser, 'Have the objectives of the Founders of PPS been fulfilled'? in a slightly different way, i.e. Have we, the Nabhaites, lived up to the expectations of our parents, our teachers, our school, and our country?

Punjab and India were (and still are) a relatively resource-poor state and country and yet had set aside some of those meager resources to invest in our future so that we could ring in a new future not only for ourselves but also for the other sons and daughters of our land who could not avail such stellar opportunities. *(Reflections of President's speech on First Founders Day in 1961, given below)*

While the roll call of brilliant military officers who started their lives in PPS and now serve our country makes one proud, the selflessness and service of people such as you is equally admirable. You play an extremely critical role in keeping people informed and motivated. Dedication of individuals to a common cause for a community that gives few immediate rewards, is what sets great societies apart. The Eagle was full of example after example of Nabhaites fulfilling this vital role.

I also did check up on **Vijay Singh's (Ex-Beas, 1967, ISC)** [www.vijaysingh.net](http://www.vijaysingh.net) website which answered my question about training writers etc in our school. His achievements would make any institution proud.

Thus, coming back to the question of fulfilling the vision of the founders, the facts in the Eagle speak for themselves. I must also add that since PPS was founded in Punjab soon after the pain of violent partition on communal grounds, PPS met yet another unstated goal of the founding fathers of our country, that of turning out students who did not see themselves as Sikhs, Hindus or Muslims but first and foremost, as the citizens of a common heritage and a common ancient culture.

Years after passing out from school, the oath we took before each athletic meet, "... to participate in the sports for the honor of our house, school, country and the glory of sports" rings in my ears and still brings a lump to

the throat when one recalls the contests on the playgrounds of Nabha. I feel the only religion that true Nabhaites believe in is that of **Sutlej, Beas, Ravi and Jumna**.

We Nabhaites belong to an august brotherhood. Thanks for keeping us in touch with each other.

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## **History of PPS**

*(In view of the fast approaching Golden Jubilee Year 2009-10, we decided to carry historical articles in every issue since the last issue. Given below are speeches of President of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad, and Chairman of PPS Board of Governors, The Governor of greater Punjab, Shri VN Gadgil, at the First Founders' Day, 1961. Please do read the President's speech as it so enlightening)*

### **THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH**

It is a pleasure for me to have visited this institution which is so young in age but full of enthusiasm and hope about the future. Having started as a Sainik School, that is to say, a school meant only for the sons of ex-servicemen and of those still serving in the Armed Forces, you have now decided to convert it into a full-fledged public school by widening the basis of admissions so that sons of civilians will also be eligible for admission. I should think that this change is healthy on the whole, for a broad-based system of admission which can draw pupils from all walks of life is bound to give you a wider field to select from. It also gives an opportunity to parents belonging to different professional groups to send their children to your school.

About the high standard of education and general training provided by public schools there have never been two opinions. Public schools command greater resources and can afford to give individual attention to young scholars, besides providing a wide range of extracurricular activities which go to supplement book knowledge. Such institutions naturally develop an exclusive character, and therein lies the dilemma of public schools. It is precisely because of this exclusiveness that they are able to take a liberal view of education and afford amenities which are beyond the reach of ordinary schools. On the other hand it is also true that because such schools are exclusive, they cannot hope to become popular institutions. The best way to resolve this dilemma is to relax the bonds of exclusiveness as far as possible by throwing open admission to all classes and groups and also bringing down the cost of education. There was a time when a large number of public schools in India functioned exclusively for the sons or relations of former Indian ruling chiefs or the landed aristocracy. Changing conditions, however, compelled them to revise the rules of admission and throw the said institutions open to sons of the common people who could afford to foot the bill for such education. Those connected with the public schools are in the best position to judge the impact of this change on their educational standards and general standing. As far as I know, this change has been for the good, if the ever increasing number of the public schools in India and the mounting pressure for admission are any guides.

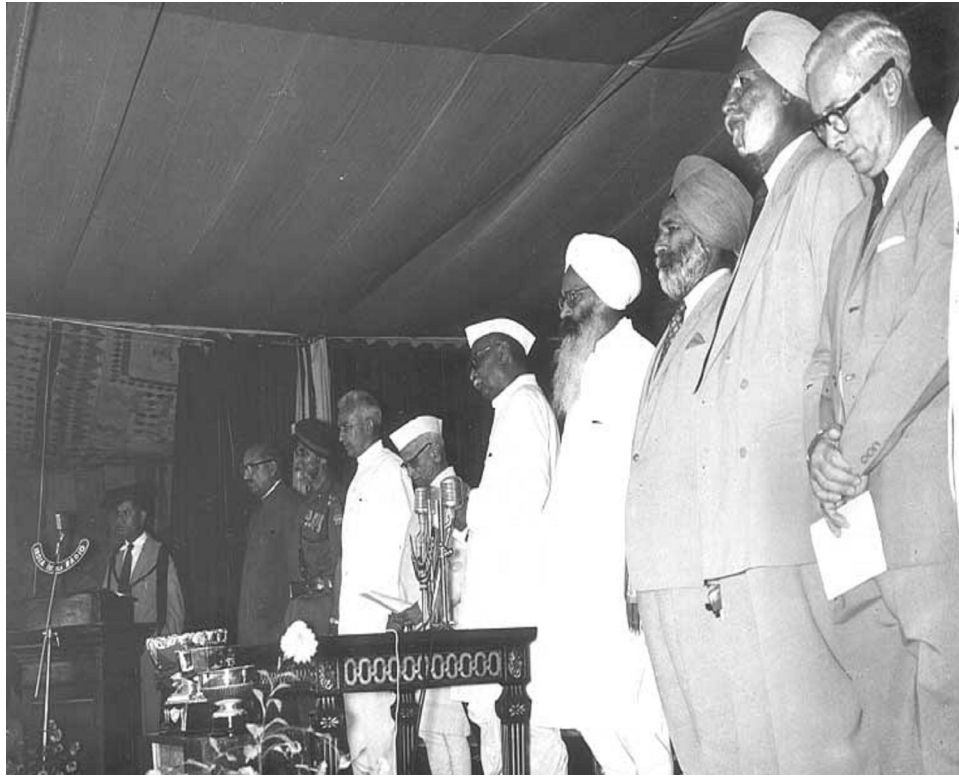
Another question which arises in connection with public schools is mainly economic and, to some extent, social. In the very nature of things good education is bound to be expensive. Nevertheless, it has to be encouraged. The only thing is that for the present at least it will have to depend largely on non-official resources, for the State is grappling with a bigger problem, the spread of literacy, which is a question of far bigger and wider importance for the Nation. As things stand, the Government does not have enough resources to cope with the demand for general and technical education. It will therefore, be too much to expect from it any appreciable outlay on the provision of public school education at a time when it is grappling with the gigantic task of providing ordinary facilities of learning to millions of people who have so far never had any schooling within their reach.

I do not suggest that quality should necessarily be sacrificed for the sake of quantity or that it can be desirable to do so. I have merely stated our limitations. Till such time as minimum reasonable educational facilities are provided for the people as a whole, the Government cannot be expected to burden itself with the responsibility of running public schools. Yet I think it is possible to encourage public school education and to harmonize the two demands in respect of quality and quantity. It is open to the government to lend its good offices and offer whatever help it can to let such institutions stand on their feet. This is what the Punjab Government has done in this case.

This school, which is mainly financed by the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund and which aims at providing educational facilities to sons of ex-service and serving men, deserves all possible help from the Government and the public. I am glad the Punjab Government has come forward to offer such help in an adequate measure. I have every hope that this institution will soon catch up with similar schools in Punjab and elsewhere and will continue to grow from strength to strength in the service of the youth and the country at large.



Mr JK Kate, the Headmaster of PPS being introduced to the President of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad at the Nabha railway station. No helicopters then. He came in a Presidential train with Indian flag atop the engine.



?National Anthem. All stand up. Headmaster JK Kate, GOC in C Western Command, Governor Punjab VN Gadgil, The President, CM Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Gen Kalwant Singh, Col Naunihal Singh Mann (The founders of PPS).

### **THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH**

*(His Excellency the Governor of Punjab, Shri VN Gadgil)*

Mr. President Sir, on behalf of the Board of Governors of this institution, I thank you very much for your visit. We were overjoyed when you accepted our invitation to come here and inaugurate the School.

With regard to the views on education you have expressed in your speech, I would like to say that the Government of Punjab has taken certain definite steps in this direction and has given liberally in this cause.

**This institution, which, as you are aware, was brought into being with the help of the Government of Punjab, is still in its infancy, but we devoutly hope and believe that it will develop into a great school and ultimately fulfill in abundant measure the aims and good intents of its founders.** We are confident that our enterprise will be crowned with success, especially since you, so great and a holy a soul, have bestowed your blessings upon it.

You will, I am sure, be glad to know that the Government of Punjab, under the leadership of our Chief Minister, has decided to start another such institution at Kapurthala and that preparations are already afoot in this connection. Furthermore, the Central Government has decided to open a Sainik School at Jhajar under the aegis of the Ministry of Defense. Steps such as these are undoubtedly a very happy augury for the future of education in our country.

Once again, I thank you all and ask your pardon for any inconvenience you may have undergone in coming to join with us in this inauguration ceremony.





When the School became a Lake-Palace (1961 Floods)

2008 has been a year psunamis, tornados, floods and excessive rains. Have a look at a 1960 picture of Kairon Block when it became an island. Don't miss the menacing clouds.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The next ONA day has been fixed for the 1<sup>st</sup> or second week end of April of 2009 by the Executive Committee of ONA. The idea was to get back to the day of actual starting of PPS or Founders' Day on the Baisakhi Day in April. The exact date will be communicated later in consultation with School Authorities.

Col BS Grewal(S-50,1967),*Gen Secy, ONA*

## NEWS

### Condolences

With sadness we inform the demise of Wing Commander **Daljit Shaheed (B-54, 1966)** in Ambala. The *bhog* was held on 5th October. His sons **Vikramjit (B-056, 1995)** and **Shatrudaman (B-057, 1995)** are Old Nabhaites.

And **Jasmel Singh (B-250)**, ETO with Punjab Government, who expired in Ludhiana on 13th October.

### Get Well Soon

**Dr Paramveer Singh(R-325,1978)**, is suffering from Acute Lukaemia (blood cancer) and is in the process of getting a bone transplant done in USA. His M:09814656996

I am at Delhi , recovering from hemi paresis of the left side caused by a vaso-spasm post an operation for MCA Aneurysm. God has been kind and I am recovering fine. **Col Sanjay Sangwan(S-329,1979)** Tele 011-46065765 *sangwan12@gmail.com*, (09899550144)

The ONA wishes both Old Nabhaites get well soon.

### **And new life**

**Dr Satish Jain(R-170,1970)** has become grandfather (*nana*). His daughter gave birth to a female baby.

**Anil Aggarwal(R-621,1987)** became father to a son in May.

**Jyoti Kate (R-52,1967)** became grandmother (*nani*) to a lovely girl in November.

ONA's best wishes to all newborns.

### **Retirement**

**Satinder Bajwa(J-218,1972)** has taken premature retirement from the Army and settled in Bangalore. 05966-221134, *bajfalcon@gmail.com*

**Lt Gen OP Nandrajog(B-1,1964)** has retired as GOC in C , Central Command after serving the Indian Army with glory. *gyandevi@yahoo.com*

**Anita Williams(now Scammell)** has retired from active teaching profession in UK and will be teaching in PPS for few weeks to end her career from where she started 40years back as a young VSO.

### **Marriages**

**Gurdarshan Gill(S-587,1988)** wed Rajwant on 28<sup>th</sup> December at Chandigarh

Son of **Navin Talwar(S-71,1969)** Pranav wed Gopika on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan at Ludhiana

Son of **Harinderpal Singh Mann(S-181,1973)** , Ratinderpal Singh Mann got married in early 2008.

Jharna d/o **Lt Gen Sapru(S-42,1964)** married Atul on 18th April in Delhi

Bhavneet, daughter of **Harinder Sraw (B-188,1974)** and grand daughter of **Mr KS Nijjar (Ex Teacher, Maths)** married Vijyendra Sekhon on 4<sup>th</sup> May at New York.

**Suman Kant Munjal's(S-182)** son Akshay wed Swati , Rception was held on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at Delhi.

Son of **Shreesh(S-159,1968)** and Sandhya Karthik is to wed Isha and a dinner to celebrate the same will be held at Army Officer's Institute, Ruia Park, Juhu, on 7<sup>th</sup> December

Best wishes of ONA to all of them.

### **Founders' Day**



The PPS celebrated 48<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day on October 26<sup>th</sup>

### Roll of Honour

This year's Roll of Honour for 2008 was awarded to **Rajinder Gupta (J-7,1964)** who is Adjunct Professor & Executive Director, CEO Perspective at the famous Northwestern University, Kellogg School Of Management. A PhD from Duke University, he has served as Senior Vice President with Leo Burnett Advertising and as Senior Partner, Director, Global Chief Information and Productivity Officer with Heidrick & Struggles. Both are leading companies in their fields in the world.(picture below)



**Arunjit Miglani(B-248,1975)**, a senior PCS officer with government of Punjab has been approved to the IAS cadre.

**Rajan Gupta (Ex-Beas,1968-70)** has been called to serve on the Punjab and Haryana High Court bench as a Judge

### **Postings or Joining**

**Lt Gen Vinay Sharma (S-129,1967)** is Posted as GOC in C of 9 Corps at Yeol.

**Gurjeet Singh Dhillon(B-68,1967)** picks up the rank of Lt General in ASC and has joined as Commandant of the ASC Centre and School in Bangalore.

**Lt Gen Raj Sujana (B-134, 1967)** *sujlanaraj\_s@rediffmail.com*, to take over IMA as Commandant,

**Mohit Bansal(J-654,1989)** is posted as civil judge Bhatinda

**Harvinder Dhaliwal(B-627,1988)** has been posted as DM, FCI, Ludhiana.

**Hargobind Dhaliwal (J-720)** has been posted as DCP (Deputy Commissioner Police), South Delhi

**Lt Gen JS Lidder(B-23,1964)** has been posted as Commandant Infantry School, Mhow

**Ravinder Khanna (B-8, 1964)** has joined as Principal, Shivalik Institute of Engg. & Technology, Aliyaspur, Ambala.

**Gurjinder Benepal(S-420,1981)** has joined as Registrar Ludhiana

**Col Jasdeep Singh Chattha(J-459,1979)** is presently on 2 year Study leave, residing at 2190 Phase-7 Mohali .Tel: 9464836362 and 2226016. *jasdeepchattha@yahoo.co.in*

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**Vijay Singh ( J-126,1965-1971)** is in Allentown, PA, USA. He is vice president of risk management for PPL Corporation.

**Harinder Pal Singh Bhullar(R-786,1990)** has joined Bharati Air-Tel as legal adviser Punjab, Haryana, J&K and Chandigarh for their Tower business venture with a multinational.

**Surinder Kumar Garg (B-621,1986 ICSE)** is Working as GM in Voltix Software Pvt. Ltd, Chandigarh



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### Academically inclined

**Dr. Ranjit Singh Dhaliwal, MD,(S–153,1972)** has come out with an International Video Atlas of Ophthalmology (Eye Surgery).The first of its kind in the world in any medical specialty, it has 170 leading international contributors, and has been edited by **Dr. Ranjit Singh Dhaliwal** along with 23 other Editors. His editorial team comprises of 5 Indians and 19 foreigners. It includes 415 videos with more than 30 hours of viewing and details under 10 sections, covering all aspects of Ophthalmology. This video atlas has been released at the Annual Conference of AAO in USA November 2007, and has received worldwide appreciation.

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### Ex Teachers

**Ex Teacher Mrs Daljit Singh** has shifted to Western Heights Condominium, C-1, 93 DLF Phase V, Gurgaon,(HAR)

**Mr. Onial.** is Principal of Riverdale High School, Dehradun, and lives at 46-Lyten Road.0135-2650690 /2678356

**Mr. SC Sharma** (chemistry 09837226610, *subi47@lycos.com*) has joined as Principal at Mussoorie Public School, Mussoorie, where another Ex Teacher (Biology) **Mr KK Katyal** had also served.

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## ONA Chapters

We are informed by outgoing Nabha Chapter Secretary **Ashish Grag (2006-7)** of having elected **Anil Bansal(J-233)** President, **Sandeep Jindal(J-428)** Secretary and **Navdeep Singla (R-706,1989)**, Treasurer.

The **Chandigarh** Chapter at a meeting in DSOI elected **DPS Waraich (J-281,1976)** as President, and **Supreet Puri (S-836,1994)**, a youngster, as Secretary. The President requested help from all members present for running an ideal Chapter.

The Mohali Chapter met at **Abninder Grewal's (J-5,1960)** place and elected **Abninder** the senior most present, as President and **Sandeep Sandhu(R-512,1986)** as Secretary. **Cmdr RS Gill(B-7,1962)** was also present at the meeting.

The Jalandhar Chapter met in Brigade Mess in the local Cantonment informs Secretary **Yudhveer Singh(R-639,1988)**. More than twenty Old Nabhaites from Jalandhar cantt, Kapurthala and around Jalandhar attended.

## PPS NEWS

1. **Night of the Commanders: Lt Gen. T.K. Sapru (S-42,1964)**, YSM, **Lt Gen O P Nandrajog (B-1,1963)**, AVSM,VSM,ADC, **Vice Admiral J.S.Bedi (J-3,1964)**, PVSM,UYSM, AVSM,VSM,ADC visited the school from 28th to 29th January'2008 and an evening function was organized by PPS . A variety entertainment was followed by Dinner. Considering the size of western naval fleet , central and



western command someone commented that half the Indian defence force commander of Navy and Army are sitting in PPS auditorium today. Next day the guests addressed the present student.



2. In Eighth **Padamshree J.K. Kate Memorial All India Inter Public School, English Debate** held on 6th September, 2008, 14 teams from all over India participated in the Debate. **Miss Srijan Shukla** bagged the first position. Winner of the Overall trophy was Pinegrove School, Subathu, and the Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer bagged the Runner's up trophy. PPS, nabha bagged third position.



3. PPS students won the **“Runner up”** trophies of the All India IPSC **Hockey** championship for boys (U-19, U-17 & U-15) held from 23rd to 26th September 2008. In all three competitions PPS was the Runner up.



4. PPS Athletic team won the 45th All India IPSC Athletics for Boys & Girls (U-19) tournament from 31st October to 2nd November'2008 held in PPS.



### The IPSC Athletics Champions

5. **48th Founder's Day** was held in PPS on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Haryana CM, BS Hooda was the chief guest.
6. **Dr. Rajinder Gupta(J-7,1964)** Executive Director, CEO programmes, Kellogg Business School received the **Roll of Honour – 2008** award at the **Founders' day**.
7. ISC / ICSE – 2008 Board examinations results of PPS were as follows:-
  - In ICSE **100% result**,108 students appeared 42 got distinction, 62 first divisions & 4 second divisions.
  - In ISC, Science stream, 25 students appeared, **100% result**, 15 got distinction, 10 first divisions.
  - In ISC, Commerce stream,**100% result**, 40 students appeared, 11 got distinction, 20 first divisions, 8 second divisions.

Excellent for a school where studies is not the only activity.

### **ONA Help to PPS**

Many of the awards mentioned below were given at the 48<sup>th</sup> Founders'Day on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008

1. *"The ONA Scholarship for fully Residential Meritorious students"* worth Rs 70,000 were given to deserving students from IV to XI classes, for year 2007-8, courtesy **Dr Rupinder Brar (S-291, 1976), USA**.
2. *ONA Best Teacher Award (Senior and Junior Schools) worth Rs 10000 for year 2007-8 sponsored by Gurkiran Singh Dhillon (J-735, 1990)*
3. *"The ONA KK Katyal Memorial Award for Best Karamchari."* worth Rs10,000 Sponsored by **Katyal** daughters **Archana(R-307,1978)** and **Vandana (R-344,1987)**
4. *"The ONA Late Sardar Gurdarshan Singh Sandhu Most Improved Child from Rural background Award"* of Rs 10000 has been sponsored by **Capt Sandeep Sandhu (R-512,1987)** and his wife **Puneeta Sandhu(J-540,1987)** in Memory of his father S. Gursharan Singh Sandhu



5. “The ONA President’s Award for Best All Round Performance in Extracurricular activities(excluding Academics)” of Rs 5000 for Best Boy and Best Girl each for session 2007-8 has been instituted by ONA. The *Jt.Secy of ONA*, **Harvinder Singh Dhaliwal (B-627, 1988)** has paid lump sum of Rs 10000. The interest on which shall go for a gold medal with these awards.
6. **ONA** , courtesy **Brig AS Jassar (B-210,1994)**) awarded the variety entertainment participants Rs 11000 for their wonderful performance at the special function held in honour of visiting **Commanders Admiral JS Bedi, Lt Gen TK Sapru and Lt Gen OP Nandrajog.** As commented by **Brig AS Jassar** himself, the variety entertainment was beyond imagination and really “SUPERB”. The award was meant as a minimum incentive for the well appreciated show by the young participants.
7. **ONA**, through an expert Dr Ms Iqbal Judge, will conduct two Interactive Workshops on *Creative Writing / Story writing* for senior exam going classes, one in each term. The Creative Writing Award Workshops will be sponsored by **Dr Preetam Singh (J-242, 1973)**, who has already sent a cheque for Rs 11,000 for this purpose to PPS.
8. **Vice Admiral J.S.Bedi (J-3,1964)** PVSM,UYSM,AVSM,VSM,ADC FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command presented the following to the School during the Alumni get-together.
  - a. INS Talwar Ship Model
  - b. Metallic Statue of an old Sailor at the Ship steering wheel.
  - c. Western Naval Command Crest.
9. **Lt Gen OP Nandrajog(B-1,1963)**, PVSM,AVSM,VSM,ADC, GOC-in-C, Central Command presented the Command Memento to the School. In addition he also presented a Horse to the School Riding club.
10. **Lt Gen T.K. Sapru(S-42,1964)**, YSM, GOC-in-C, Western Command presented a cheque of Rs.50,000 during the School Inter House Annual Athletic Meet-2007 to the School. Based on this an award named as “Scholar’s Blazer” sponsored by **Lt. General T.K. Sapru**, YSM has been initiated. This Award is being given to the topper of ICSE (10th) class every year who rejoins the School.

**This is one of the best ways ONs can contribute to make the present students of PPS feel that they have elders who care.**

### **Good Samaritans All**

1. The Headmaster brought to the notice of ONA the inability of a single parent of an outstanding child to pay fees fully. **Two good Samaritan ONs** The ONA helped the cause of a bright child whose parents were unable to pay the full fee because of tragic circumstances, by donating Rs 26000,(Rs 11000 courtesy **ON Shobby Vinayak (B-863,1991)** who was himself a scholarship holder in PPS and Rs15000 by **ON Yudhveer Singh Shergill (R-793,1988)** of Jalandhar.
2. A similar grand gesture of Rs20000 was made by the generous **Nabha Chapter** of ONA in a similar case.
3. **Partap Bajwa (Beas, Ex Minister)** donated **Rs 51,000** to cause of **Dr Paramveer (R-325,1978)**,. Old Nabhaites from Nabha, his batchmates from PPS also have contributed lacs for his cause.
4. “I wish to place on record the most valuable ,considerate and Nabhaite spirited help extended to me by **Rajdeep Cheema (S303,1976)** , Advocate High Court ,during my recent visit to Chandigarh regarding the court case I mentioned to you earlier. Please do acknowledge his Nabhaite spirit, on my behalf, in the next Chandigarh Chapter and ONA Meeting and The Eagle”**Ashwani (J-188,1974)**
5. “Thanks for a super prompt response!! I got in touch with **Surinder (B-50,1967)**. Once again, I must admit that **Surinder** has been very prompt, helpful and sweet in his reply. I will be staying with him on my visit to Seattle. He has shown true PPS spirit” **Dr. Satish Jain(R-107,1970)** MD;DM;FRCP
6. **Dr Shivinder Singh Sandhu** received the “ Glory of India Award” for his accomplishments in fields of medicine, education, social sensitization such as female feticide, drug addiction and rural sustainability on the occasion of *Pravasi Bharatiya Divas* in New Delhi, 2008(from “Hindustan Times” Jan 11,2008,p2 )

The 2008 Annual ONA North America Meeting was organized in Fremont, California, by the Old Nabhaites of the 1985 through 1990 batches. It was a two-day affair, with the formal dinner on August the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and an informal brunch and inter-house volleyball game on the following day.

The chief guest for the meeting was again **Mr. P. S. Gill (Ex Sports in charge)** who flew in from Vancouver, Canada the day before.

The meeting opened in a grand ballroom of the Marriott in Fremont around 7 PM where several Nabhaites had arrived earlier in the day. From the word go, it was apparent that the organizers had put in a lot of effort to make this event a success. The setting was superb and the food was heavenly.

The only bit of disappointment was that for some reason, several Nabhaites who were expected earlier could not make it this time. However, as the party progressed, the mood lifted quickly and the indomitable Nabhaite spirit took over.

**Navdeep Gill (R-722)** formally opened the meeting. He invited his batch mates to lead the singing of the school song in which all of us joined in. He then introduced the Chief Guest **Mr. Gill** to the loud cheering of his former students. **Navdeep** made a short but warm opening address and then turned the stage over to **Dr. Bhupinder Waraich (R-182,1)**, the CONA president. **Dr. Waraich** listed the salient achievements of the CONA and congratulated the organizers. He then went on to list the task before us for the years to come and invited **Seepja Khurana (J-388)** to join him at the podium.

It was decided by a unanimous vote (and over **Seepja's** protests) to appoint **Seepja Khurana (J-388)** as the next president. **Seepja** reluctantly agreed to function as an interim president till another ON could be drafted in to function as a more permanent one.

**Mr. Gill** was then invited to speak. In his own inimitable way, he drew laughter when he told a story of an impetuous head boy who was on the receiving end of his famous "*Thapra*" (slap) on the first day of Mr. Gill's job at the PPS!

Following the speeches, the floor was opened to dancing. Once the *Bhangra* took over to the tunes of Punjabi lyrics, there was no stopping. Old boys started one by one. The spouses and children joined next. After a little while even some of the parents of the ONs were seen shaking a leg on the floor.

The crowing moment came when some American Chinese guest from another meeting hall (where they were celebrating a wedding) came to see us dance and could not resist. They begged **Navdeep** to allow them to join us. Soon there were several Chinese and Americans; complete strangers, dancing to the beats of the '*Dhol*.'

We all danced with abandon. The dancing and revelry went well past the designated midnight hour. (**Navdeep's** thinly veiled bribe in the form of a generous tip to the hotel staff made them instantly co-operative).

A saying goes that to appreciate life fully, one should love as if your heart has never been broken before and that one should dance as if no one is looking. On that fabulous night, surrounded as I was by several generations of fellow Nabhaites, I did indeed dance with abandon as if no one was looking.

The next day, a barbeque brunch had been organized in a lakeside park. When the barely awake guests showed up one by one, the festivities started yet again. The weather was perfect, the food was very good and the company was priceless.

The brunch was then followed by a do or die volleyball match. Since the **Ravi House** old boys outnumbered all of us, it turned from an inter house match to a **Ravi House** versus the rest match. **Mr. Gill** officiated as an umpire. At times the match reminded one of Alice in Wonderland at the Mad Hatter's tea party only with loads of more fun and enthusiasm.

Eventually we ended the match with a tie and with it brought down the curtain on one of the most memorable ONA meets in California.

**From California ONA Chapter**

### **Ushering in the new year 2008 (yes, *It is old now*)**

Old Nabhaites Association organized a Grand Party at DSOI, Sector 36, for a fellowship dinner and to usher in the New Year on Jan 6, 2008. Over 120 Old Nabhaites from USA, UK, Patiala, Jalandhar, Bathinda, Amritsar, etc, attended despite the cold wave. **Col IP Singh (J-77,1965)** secretary, DSOI had made special arrangements to keep the cold out by enclosing the whole space from all sides including The gazebo where the live band

played and closed it from top with a *shamiana*. The entrance was an S turn to keep the cold air out. Here young girls looked after the reception counter with enthusiasm. Each Old Nabhaite got a gift as he entered the venue. It came in the shape of a coffee mug with the school emblem and Nabhaite written on it. The whole venue was gorgeously decorated by Garry Arts owned by **Abninder Grewal (J-4,1960-61)**, Mohali, There are many ONs in Grewal family.

The Guest of Honour was the elegant **Mrs Tankha** from US, wife of a much loved ex teacher, late **Mr MN Tankha**(Ex- Geography, Ravi House Master, Athletics Incharge , photographer and trekker), who was one of the founder teachers of the School in 1960s. **Mr Tandon, Mrs Tandon**, ex teachers, **Mr GS Punia**, ex Bursar with his wife, **Pushp Raj**, an ex staff member from US, attended the dinner. The Old Nabhaite VIP at the occasion who registered himself like any other old Nabhaite was **Lt Gen Tej Sapru(S-42,1964)** The present Head Master **Commr IL Syal** came from Nabha along with his charming wife.

The cake to usher in the New Year was cut by **Mrs Tankha and Mrs Tandon**, and the toast for the health and prosperity of Old Nabhaites and their Association in 2008 was proposed by **Lt Gen Tej Kumar Sapru(S-42)**, GOC-in- C, Western Command. It was first the ON function for him after his posting to Chandigarh. A live jazz band kept the ONs on their toes. They danced with their families, to melodious jazz tunes till the end of the party. There was not a soul (age and medical condition no bar) who did not dance with abandon. Even the band members sensing the appreciation of their music stepped up the tempo.

Throughout the Party a slide show from history was on along with events of PPS including a horse show. Various events of ONA conducted over the years were also shown. Projection of slides from the history of the School and that of Old Nabhaites Association was an added attraction for the proud ONs.

Many senior and junior Old Nabhaites attended the party. It would be unfair to name only a few in this party of equals.

When it was time for the large group photograph with the guests, all ONs behaved like children all over again, vying with each other to be in the frame.

Organizers, led by **Col DPS Waraich(J-155,1972)** with guidance from **Dr Jashanjot (S-52,1967)**, did an excellent job. Some of those present labeled it the best ONA party ever. **Lovejit Saraon(J-156,1971)**, **Col JS Randhawa(J-60,1968)** and **Avninder Minhas(R-120,1971)** were all over the place looking after the needs of the ON family. **Col PS Gill(B-299,1976)** closely monitored the music and dance making it most enjoyable. The arrangements under the eagle eye of **Col Inderpal Singh (J-77-1965)** and his efficient team were admired by everybody. The charming **Maj Manmoninder Kaur (B-973,1996)** emceed the event. But the trophy for the best effort if there has to be one goes to tireless and never say no Old Nabhaite **Ms Gagandeep (B-678, 1987)**. She spent the whole afternoon decorating the venue with **Neelu Sandhu (B-807, 1988)** and their children and workers. As the party started she got the reception counter going. When the guests started to come in she slipped out quietly and went to board a night bus to Jammu as she was to join her husband in Doda next day. All she said before leaving with a smile on her face was “Sir, Can I go now?” If we have such dedicated workers that too ladies who are usually tied down, one can be sure ONA has a long and bright future. There should be an ONA Roll of Honour for such dedicated selfless workers.

**Supreet Singh Puri (S-836, 1984)**



**The Entrance**





**The hard workers at the reception counter**



**One of the many decorations done by Ms Gagandeep**





**Oldies Goldies with Lt Gen TK Sapru**



**The young oldies**





The midway Oldies



**The Young Ones with Mrs Tandon and Gen sapru**





**Gen TK Sapru receives Mrs Tankha**



**Some of the beautiful people**





The Cake



**Mrs Tankha chief guest and much loved Mrs Tandon cu the cake**





**The live Jazz Band**



**Dancing mood**





**Shaking legs with Mrs Punia and the Headmaster**



**Comrades in Arms**





**Talking Tall**



**The Spirits of Punjab**





**One of the many groups on the floor**



**Manjit Saraon at his elegant best with Mrs Tankha**





**Slowing down**



**Train to no where**





**Mrs Tankha with Mr Tandon ahead and Gen Sapru and Mr Punia behind**



**A gift for Mrs Tankha presented by Mrs Tandon**



**Gift for those who worked at the Reception**





**A gift for everyone including the youngest child**





**Gen TK Sapru toasts the ONA**



**That's all for today folks, Good Night!! Sorry Morning!!**

### **40 years post PPS Reunion (1967 batch)**

*(Given below is a very brief description of a together of 1967 batch. The idea is to motivate other batches to have such reunions regularly. This will help to stay in touch with each other and the PPS family will stay close knit. The net and phones have become easier to use. Make the best use of them.)*

The idea of 1967 batch (**67ers** as we call ourselves) having a reunion 40yrs post PPS came about when we started to contact and seek each other after nearly 40 years of having passed out from PPS. While emails were travelling all over the world, **Jashanjot (S-52)** suggested a post forty years reunion. With opinions being sought on the net, Delhi was selected as the venue as almost 8 Old Nabhaites (**67ers**), who could easily organize it, are settled there. The rest are spread all over India and the world. **Col Hardeep Dutta(J-64)** was the unanimous choice to be the Chief Organiser with **Col Amarjit Malik (S-46)** and **Cmdr K Ram Chander Singh(R-54)** assisting him. March 3<sup>rd</sup> was fixed as the D-Day for the get together after calling for a vote in the internet.

The beautifully conceived memento was prepared by **Dr Jashanjot** assisted by inputs from **Col Harjit Singh(J-49)** and **Ashok Kumar(J-36)** from Chandigarh. It shows Kairon Block entrance with fading borders surrounded at the periphery by round thumbnail photos (with name below it) of classmates taken from a 1967 Class Photograph with **Mr Bhawe (Chemistry)**, the Class Teacher. The *Delhiwalas* fixed the venue at a central place, the Naval Mess, on Shahjahan Road. Ample arrangement was made for overnight stay.

The programme included a welcome get-together dinner and a picnic the following day at the Delhi Golf Course which did not materialise as everyone wanted to get back for something or the other.

**Dr Vineet Mehta(J-72)**, **Dr Karanveer Singh Mann(Ravi)** and **Paramjit Bhullar(Ravi)**, the CA from Florida, got the message late. In fact, **Bhullar** and **Dr Inder Khokha(Ravi)** were traced very late. **Basanthi Sathu (nee Mathu R-73)** was in midst of her teaching programme in New Zealand. **Dilip Bedekar(S-67)** was

restricted by his doctor from travelling out of Bombay after having suffered a coronary attack. **Col Rupinder Dhillon(B-68)**, MLA **Harpartap(B-45)**, Tea Planter **Milap(J-52)**, businessman **Rajiv Nagar(J-63)**, Chief Engineer **Harinder Singh(S-62)**, **Jeet singh(R-62)** GM, Hafed were too busy with home affairs to make it. But all of them communicated and sent messages saying they were really missing the event and their hearts and minds were with us that evening. In fact **VPS Bindra(B-51)** called from New York at the time of the dinner and talked to everyone and wished everyone present.

**Vinod Kashyap (J-65)** cut short his trip to USA and returned to Delhi just a day before to be with us. **Inderjit (J-40)** made it with his Old Nabhaite daughter **Anjalika Singh**. He was fresh after his just completing an MBA from Washington at the young age of 56 years. He has served with the Indian Navy and Merchant Navy. (Some lesson for those, who are planning their future after 50years of age.) **Mandeep Grewal (R-70)**, **Ashok Kumar**, **Col Harjit Chahal(J-49)**, **Jashanjot**, **Ripudman Singh(S-59)** made it from Chandigarh. **Shailender Sharma(R-119)**, the publisher, **Col Amarjit Malik**, **Col BS Grewal(S-50)** , Secretary, ONA, and **Jaivir(R-51)** the transporter, all made it.

We tried our level best to have **Anita Scammell (Williams)** at our reunion as she was also visiting India after forty years. She had been present at the farwell party of 1967 batch in PPS. It would have been great to have her with us 40years later. She could make it to Delhi a day later from central India. We did meet her next morning though.

The party got off to a soft start with a two minutes silence in remembrance of the classmates who are no more **Lalinder Singh(B-52)** an MBA from IIM ,Ahemdabad, **Viajy Gahlaut (Jumna)** just before he was to get best flying cadet at the Flying College, **Manjit Chatha (S-41)** who collapsed while playing squash in London, **Tarif Singh(J-53)** whose Athletic records stood for many years in PPS, **Attar Singh(R-50)** the littlest boy in class and **Jasbir Singh (Satluj,Hercules)**.

The party than gradually built up. The pinnacle of excitement was when old pictures of 1960s were projected by **Dr Jashanjot** on the screen for everyone to guess who is who? Another exciting moment was the auction of few well-framed mementos to the highest bidder and the money collected took care of the cost of the mementos. The successful one was **Ripudaman Singh(S-59)**. **Dr Jashanjot** was given Lifetime Achievement Award for keeping everyone in touch. One copy of the memento was gifted to **Mr. KN Singh**, IAS, Chairman, Executive Committee of PPS, who was invited as a guest. It was to be put up in the school library. The party ended late as the rules of the mess were violated with impunity with everyone singing and dancing to the song by Mary Hopkins

*Those were the days, my friend  
We thought they'd never end  
We'd sing and dance forever and a day  
We'd live the life we'd choose  
We'd fight and never lose  
For we were young  
and sure to have our way.....*

**Jyoti Kate(R-52,1967)**



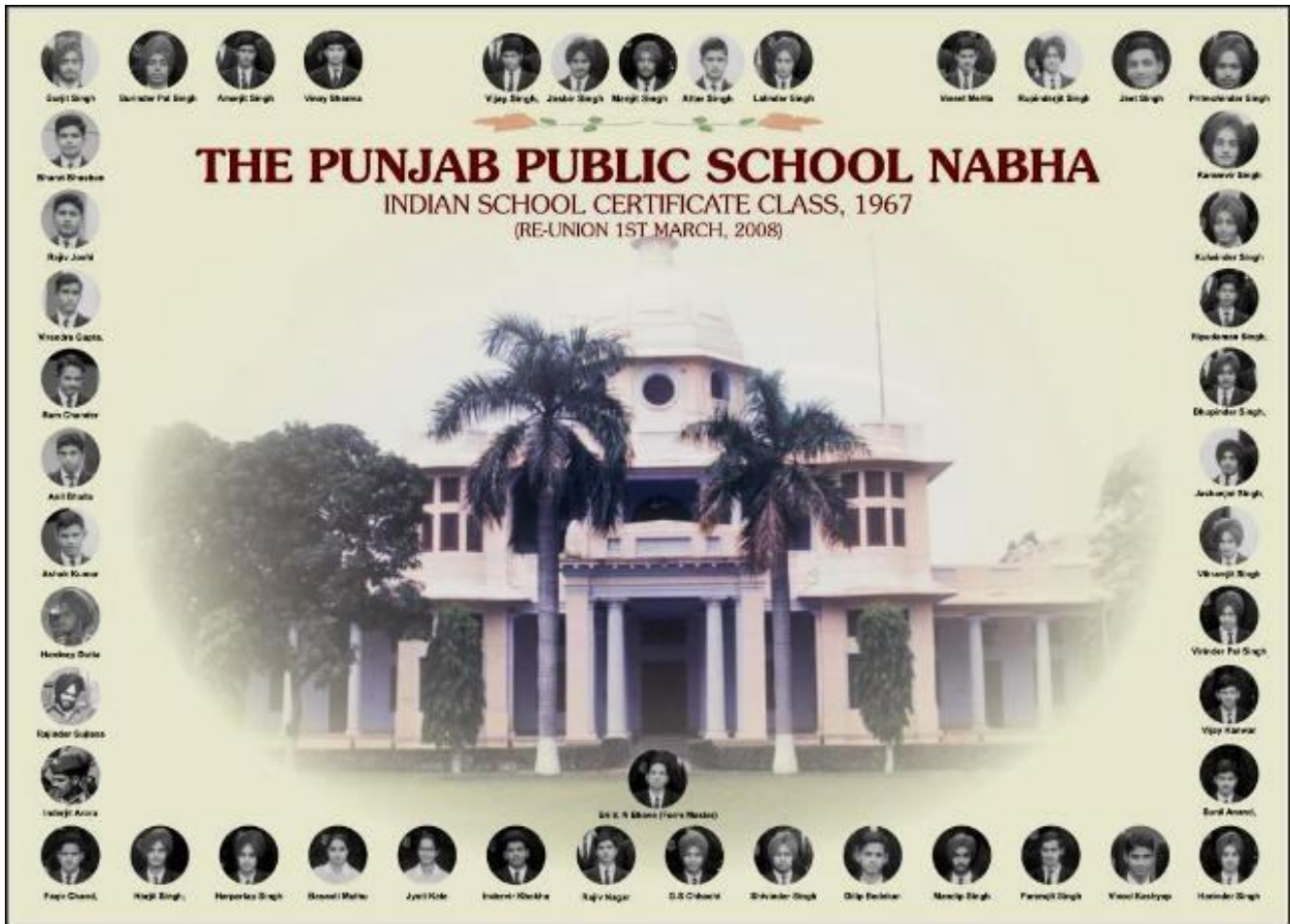


**The forty years Cake**

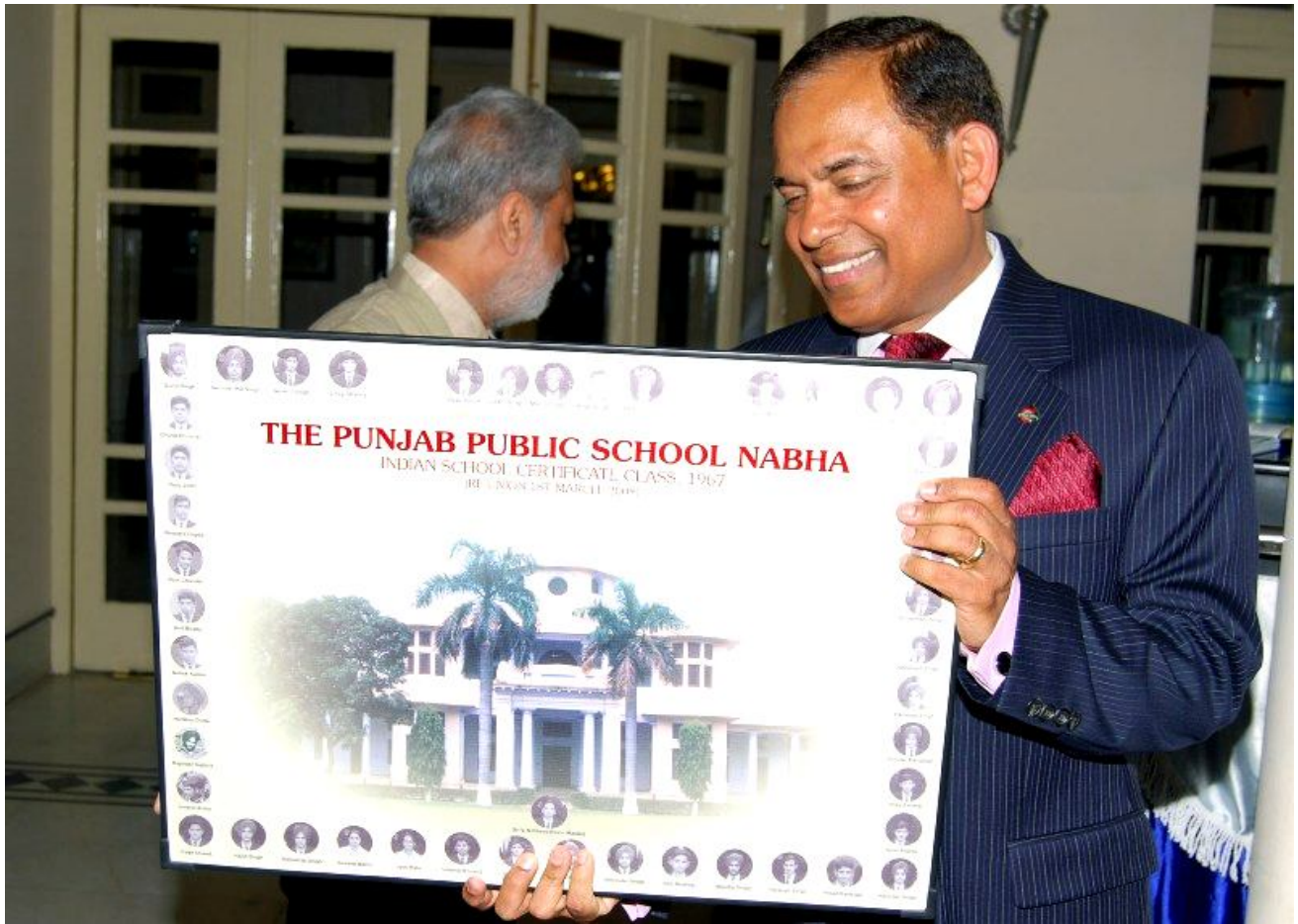


**Gen RS Sujalana and Jyoti Kate cutting the 40years cake**



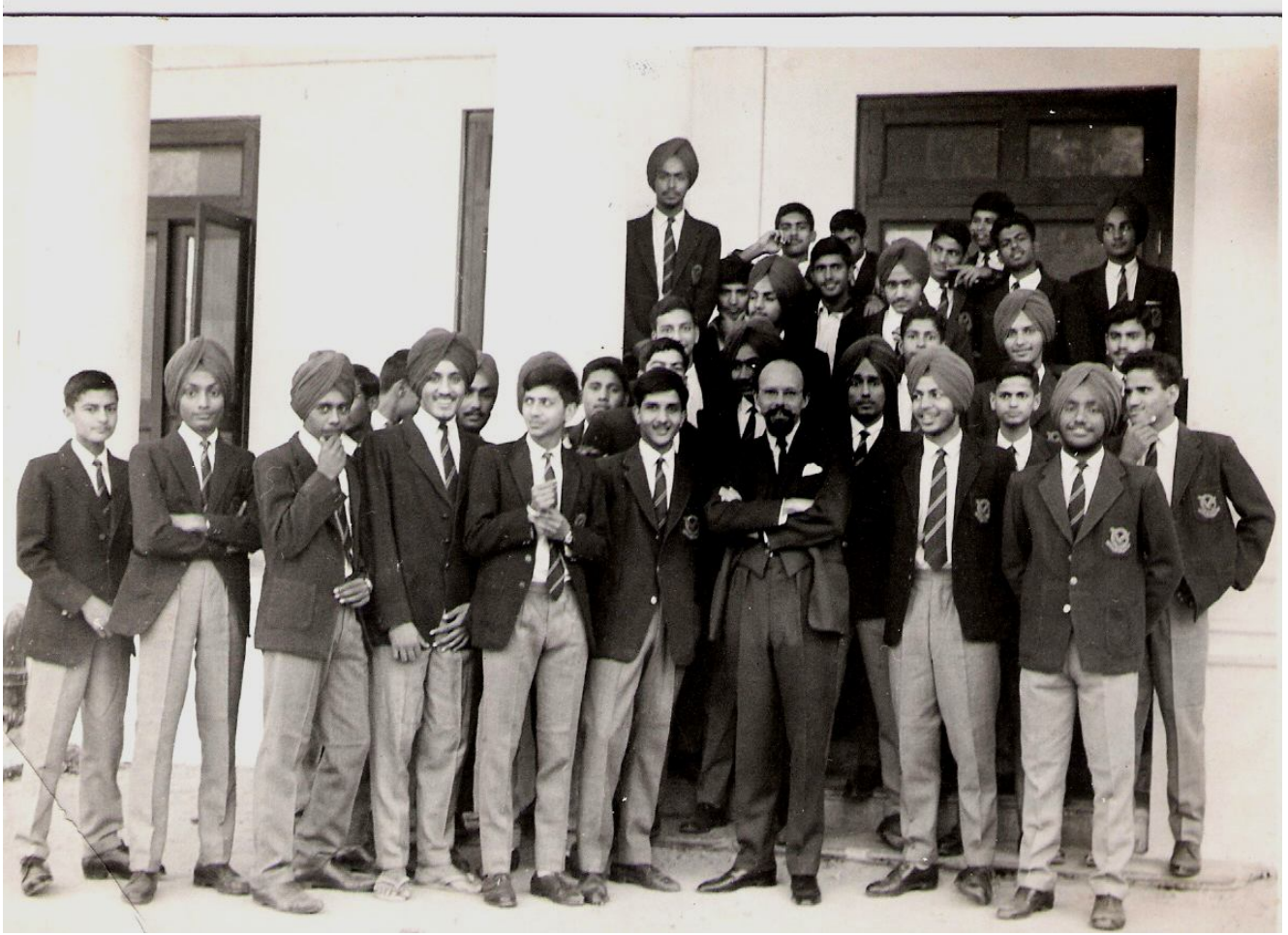


The memento of 1967 batch made for 40yrs PPS reunion



Auctioning the memento





**Then:** ISC Class in 1967 with Mr Vodden in the porch facing now auditorium





## Master on Duty

### The V.S.O.s

*(The Founder Headmaster of PPS, the great Mr. JK Kate was always looking to enrich the lives of his students in PPS. Through his hard work and initiative, volunteers from UK ( VSOs) and Peace Corps of USA as well as highly trained English teachers through British Council served at PPS, one of the best schools of India at that time. He also managed to send PPS teachers for stints in schools in UK and USA to enrich themselves and to come back and serve PPS students. In one year there were three PPS teachers serving abroad. Given below are contributions from three highly respected VSOs—Dr Jashanjot, S-52)*

### Settling in at PPS - August 1967 (sent to The Eagle by email)

I arrived at the Junior School at 11 o'clock at night, having travelled by bus from Delhi, accompanied by **John Rigby**, another English volunteer who was teaching in the Senior School at that time. It was a hot and dusty journey along the GT Road. There was not a lot of traffic, but the mixture of Tata trucks, buses, bicycles, carts, animals and pedestrians on the narrow road meant a lot of sounding of horns, swerving and braking and what seemed to me near misses! It was very different from England. There was so much to take in, simply by looking out of the window as we passed through villages and countryside before it grew dark.

As we arrived at the Junior School we were met by **Mr. & Mrs. Kate** and **Mr. & Mrs. Mallon**, a Scottish couple who had come to PPS through the British Council. I was very warmly welcomed and we all sat down to eat dinner together. Afterwards I was taken to my room in a corner of the building next to **Sutlej** dorm. I crept in past rows of sleeping boys, who I soon came to know very well. Some months later these boys spotted a snake going into my room and despatched it with their hockey sticks.

Over the next few days I got my bearings and learned the routines of a boarding school. I had been used to day schools in London where the pupils mostly went home at 4pm and weekends were free of responsibilities. From the moment of waking, to the sounds of PT commands or band practice, to late evening when the last child settled to sleep I felt involved in the lives and learning of the boys I taught. As well as English, Maths, Geography and General Science were on my timetable. I found 5A and 6A pupils cooperative and polite most of the time, friendly and quick to learn. They asked me a lot of questions about why I didn't oil my hair or wear *shalwar kamise* or speak Punjabi! I was full of admiration for their ability to switch between Hindi, Punjabi and English so easily. They nicknamed me "*Billi*". I remember a great many individual students, too many to name here!

I was also fascinated by their long hair; I had never met a Sikh before coming to PPS and although the Beatles and shoulder length hair for men were popular in England, men there just didn't grow their hair really long. Every morning there would be a rush to tie the turbans. The under-turban was easy but turning that long length of brown material into a neat arrangement was a great skill which some boys managed more easily than others. **Balbir Singh**, the night watchman, usually had a line of new boys waiting for his patient help.

Indian food was something else entirely new to me. Nowadays every town in England has several Indian restaurants and we love Indian food. Shops stock all the spices and ingredients needed and most homes have at least one Indian cookery book. I would sit at the head of the **Sutlej** table picking at my food until gradually I came to enjoy particular dishes such as *aloo gobi*, still a great favourite with me. At the beginning I seemed to exist on bananas!

I was helped to settle in to life in Nabha by a great many people, apart from the pupils. **Miss Malkani** was an inspiring Headmistress, devoted to her work and also very kind. I have an image of her walking quietly through the building every night carrying a lamp and checking each dormitory. There were two young teachers, **Miss Rajni Raina** and **Miss Mohini Kamble**, who became my friends and from them I learned some of the norms of social behaviour. It was not acceptable, for example, to go anywhere by myself. I had imagined I would just walk down to the bazaar or to the Senior School but it was clear I should always be accompanied. **The Tandons**

were two more members of staff who were very friendly. **Kirat** was always relaxed and cheerful and I especially remember her little girl, Amy, as a sweet baby. **Mr Tandon** used to come to the Junior School every day to play the music for Assembly. It wasn't long before I could sing the national anthem.

**Mr and Mrs Kate** were very hospitable and there were many invitations to have dinner or lunch at their flat. Mr Kate was very helpful in enabling volunteer teachers to see India in the school holidays. I went to Calcutta with another teacher, accompanying a group of students on their way home for the Winter break, and stayed with **Michael and Vera Vodden** for a few days. At other times, **Mr Kate** contacted other public schools so that we could see new places. In this way I visited Kasouli, Simla, Indore and Ajmer.

As I look through my 1967/8 diary, I see how busy school life was. Apart from teaching and marking and supervising prep and games there were rehearsals for the school play, cricket matches, gymnastic displays, staff teas, concerts, Children's Day celebrations, picnics by the canal, a grand lunch on the Senior School lawn when school employees were presented with bedspreads (*Gandhi Jayanti*), a big bonfire for *Dussehra*, a fancy dress party for the '67 leavers and so on. The school had a definite family feeling about it; staff and pupils all knew each other and strived to do their best. I was very fortunate to spend my first two years as a teacher at PPS. It was, and still is, a very special place.

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**THEN** :Anita Williams (later Scammell) as flower girl at ISC 1967 batch farewell Fancy Dress Party with Michael Vodden and the outgoing class of ISC



**AND NOW:** 40years later, Anita Scammell (nee Williams) centre with her husband Mr Scammell (Rt), Pushparaj, Col BS Grewal, ONA Secy. and wife at Lila Kak's daughter Renuka's house in Delhi. Incidentally, in both pictures Dr Jashanjot is at extreme left.

#### **40 years on** (*written on her PPS visit*)

In 1967, as a young newly qualified teacher, I came to spend two years teaching at the Junior School at PPS. I learned so much during that time, about teaching and about India. Now I am about to retire from teaching I wanted very much to return to the place where I began to teach, which has remained in my heart over the years. Arriving in Nabha with my husband, I was struck by the growth of the town and of course the traffic! The roads which were once country lanes are now very busy indeed, and the use of the Maharaja's land for housing has changed the landscape. But PPS is still housed in those wonderful white buildings and looks very similar to my black and white photographs, taken in 1968.

As we toured the school I was struck by many new developments. **Miss Thapar** showed us the new (to me) teaching block with students busy on computers and impressive language lab under construction. It was a pleasure to speak to some of the current students, studying for their exams in the girls dorm, all with ambitions to be doctors, engineers and a microbiologist. Back in the sixties there were just a few girl day scholars so it is good to see so many girls learning alongside boys and putting so much effort into their studies. I was very surprised to see horses in the Junior School grounds and to learn that riding is a compulsory activity for all. How very fortunate today's students are to be exposed to so many activities and opportunities.

From talking to **Miss Thapar and Commodore Syal** I could see that the same ethos of care of the child and encouragement to work hard for success, that existed under **Miss Malkani and Mr Kate**, continues to inspire the present generation of students.

It has been a very heart warming experience to come back to PPS. We have been so welcome here that I still feel part of the family, after all these years. The network of friendships going back to the classroom, the house and the dorm are very strong indeed. A very lovely surprise has been meeting some of 'my' old students. **Ajit Bansal, Arun Nagar, MS Sidhu, Harry Mann and Surjit Talwar**, all kindly found time to come and reminisce about their old school days. I have spoken to **Mr Punia** on the phone and am glad to know he is keeping well.



Reluctantly we leave for Amritsar tomorrow-it would have been good to stay longer here. But we shall remember our visit as a supremely happy one.

## **Anita Scammell (Williams)**

### **India as seen by a 19 year old Englishman**

I am married (6.6.70) to Anthea who has just retired after 47 years of nursing. We have 4 children: Emily who sadly died in December 2006, Lucy, a lecturer in English at Oxford College of Further Education, Tom, a producer of natural history films for the BBC, whose partner is Jen. They have a son, Silas, 8 months old; Jo, a nurse like her mother, married to Matt, a building contractor. They have 2 daughters, Edie 2 and Beau, 11 months.

My year at PPS was one of the most important experiences of my life. It was significant in developing independence and resourcefulness in a 19 year old, as I was the first member of my family to spend more than a few days away from home and the first to leave Europe.

For me, it was a constant adventure. Everything was different to anything I had ever experienced before - sights, sounds, smells, language, culture and food - never having tasted Indian food, I lived on bananas and hard boiled eggs for about a fortnight until my stomach rebelled and I became very fond of curry, dhal and *chapatis*.

I was lucky enough to work with **Dick Pine**, a Peace Corps volunteer, who with his colleagues, adopted me as a travel companion. Together we used the holidays to travel the length and breadth of India by 3rd class rail - a fantastic experience. **Dick** had worked as a lifeguard in the USA and he taught most of the Lower School, including me, a technique known as "drown-proofing" which enables people to remain afloat in deep water for a long time. On one occasion, about 20 Lower School students, some of whom could not swim, stayed in the deep end of the swimming pool for 8 hours. If **Dick** comes to the reunion in 2010 we could have a "drown-proofing" for former staff!!!

At PPS, I was superbly "looked after" in the Lower School by **Gopi Malkani and Lila Kak** and the other staff. As a total novice, they allowed me to think I was a fully-fledged teacher which was marvellous for my confidence. Although I'm not sure how much the students benefitted! It was a period of great fun, including the time **Lila** found a snake swimming around in her bath! The students were terrific and my over-riding memory is of us all laughing.

It was a wonderful experience to visit **Lila's** parents in Kashmir.

One of my major interests at PPS was cricket and I spent endless hours with the school team practising in the nets. I even played in a staff match and managed to score double figures!

It had been my hope to stay at Nabha for a second year, but somehow or other in the days before e-mail, communications broke down and VSO didn't receive my request and I had to leave after 12 months. Very fortunately, I had the opportunity to return in 1967 when I took part in a university expedition to India that involved driving a coach overland through Europe, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Another great adventure!

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## **Happy Memories of 1962-3 and All That**

My first impression of PPS was one of awe. I had not imagined that I would be spending a year teaching in such fine buildings in a small princely state. Before I left England I had had difficulty to find Nabha on maps of India. I did not drink Horlicks so how could I have known it was the centre of the Punjab milk belt?

The Junior School had only been going a short time when I arrived in August 1962. I was the first of a succession of young VSO volunteers to come from the UK. **Miss Malkani** took me under her wing and helped me get started teaching Class VIA. Thank goodness the students were all bright and, despite my poor efforts, they all did well in the end of term exams. All too soon they moved up to the Senior School. I have often wondered since how they got on in later life and how well PPS had equipped them for the challenges ahead.

I had hardly been in Nabha three months when China invaded India and 20% of all salaries went towards the war effort. My volunteer's allowance was very slim. Headmaster **J. Kate** came to my rescue with assistance in the form of a bicycle so I could move around freely.

January 1963 saw the arrival of a new group of nine year olds looking lonely, unable to tie their ties and having difficulty to eat with a spoon and fork. In just a few days they had made friends and were settling in well, but still the food was not like mother's cooking.

With the help of some nearby **Peace Corp** workers, my new VI class and I started a poultry farm outside the Junior School with 300 one day old chicks. Soon the boys learnt best practise for keeping chickens and we kept graphs of feed costs and egg production. I visited the school some nine years later and I was amazed to find that the poultry farm had been expanded to house 15,000 chickens! Not only was the school diet improved, but the chickens had become a source of outside income.

**Mr. Kate** encouraged me to get involved in starting up hobbies with boys in the Senior School. Who still remembers the half term we spent working in a village on a community development project? Or Sundays when we would take old inner tubes to the canal and swim in its fast flowing current? Sometimes we would go for rambles through the woods past the garages where the Maharajah of Nabha's vintage cars were kept in pristine order, and onto the large overgrown tank where once his army's elephants had been washed.

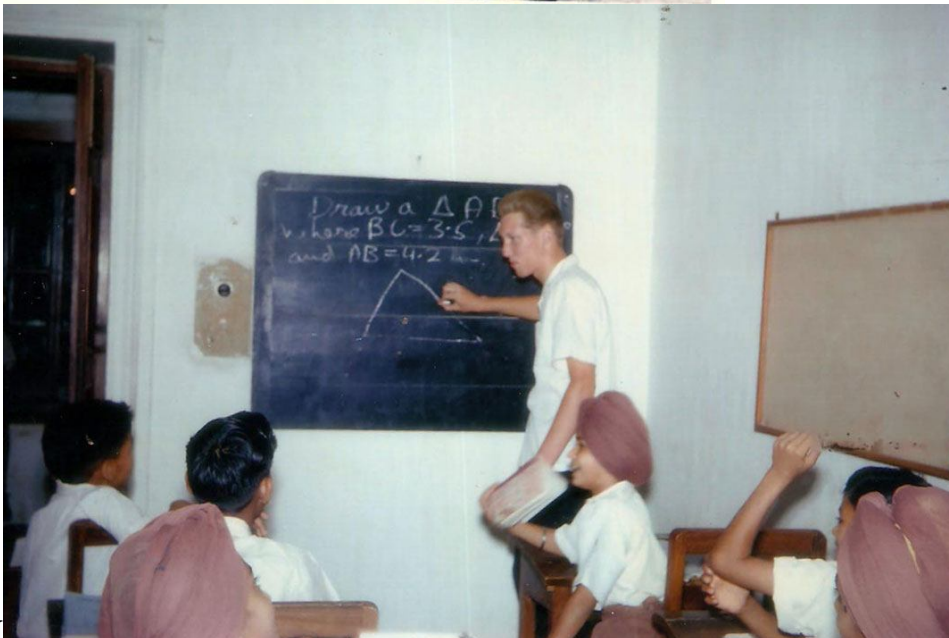
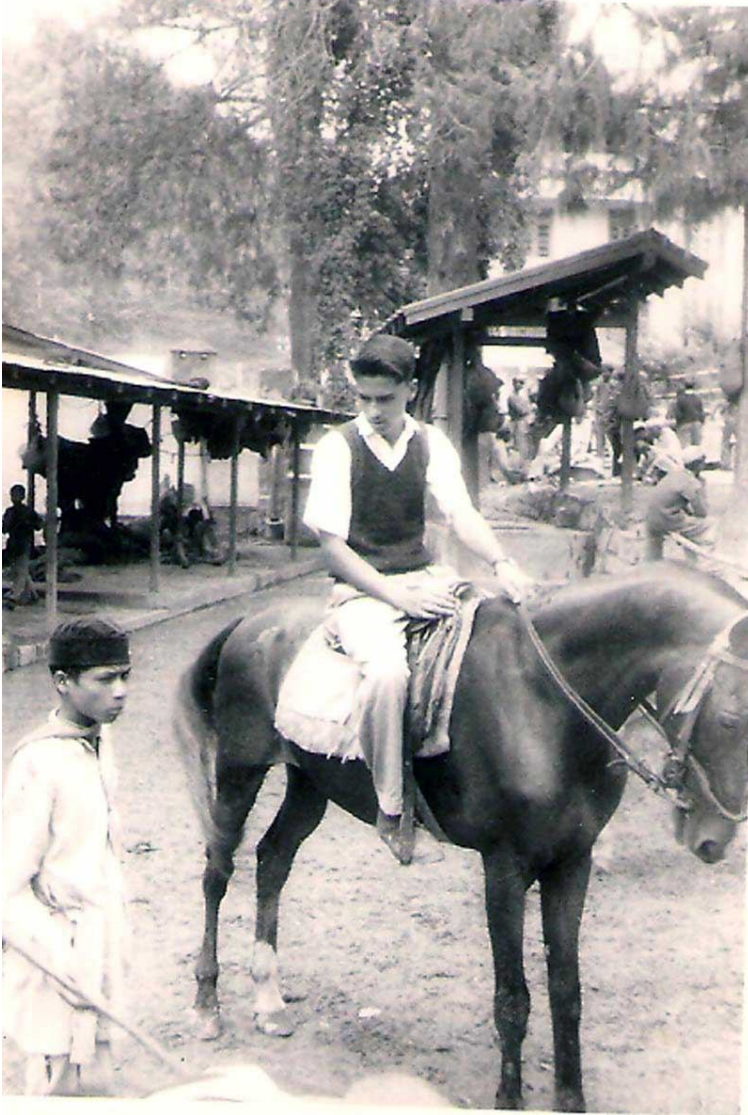
I got to know the retired general who had been in charge of the late Maharajah's army. He had two imposing Great Danes and had interesting tales to tell about when Nabha was a princely state. He kindly invited me to play bridge at his house in the town on several occasions, after which I would cycle back to the Junior School late in the night and have to wake the *chowkidar* to get in.

Perhaps our biggest adventure came in early June 1963 when a group of senior boys, several teachers and I set off by train for Nainital. There we spent several days arranging food and porters, and also boating and riding round the lake, before we set off to climb to a glacier at 17,500 feet. The lack of oxygen at that altitude slowed even the fittest.

So I much look forward to meeting many of the old boys and teachers, who were at PPS in those early days, at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering in April 2010.

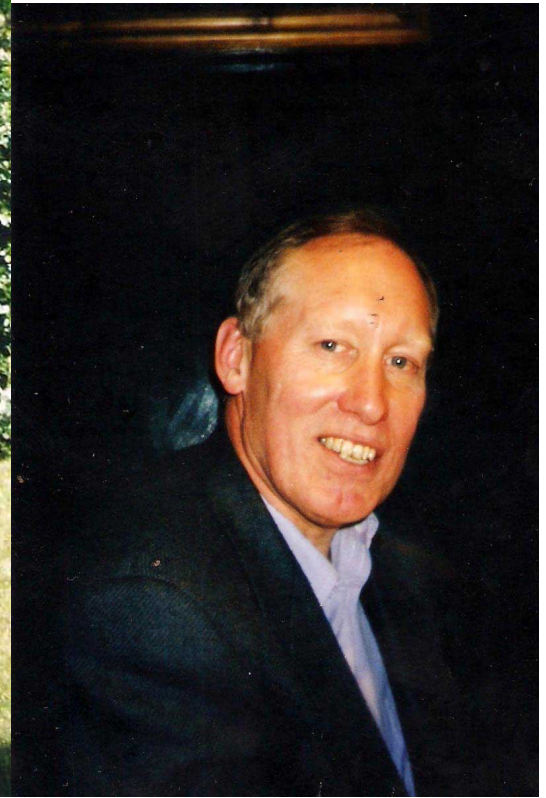
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Below are picture of Roger Miall on school mountaineering trip and teaching in class and NOW in UK



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### **The Early Years Of The Punjab Public School**

*(Mr. Kate knew that children in junior school, mainly from villages of Punjab, were raw, without exposure to English or polish. So he selectively assembled some of the best staff from all over India for them. Lila Kak was a very young daughter of an aristocratic family of J&K. When she graduated from St Bede's, Shimla, Mr. Kate invited her to teach in junior school, where with her background, she could influence the young children. Her father promptly agreed as he had admired Mr. Kate from the days when she was a student at Sanawar, where Mr. Kate served as the Bursar before coming to PPS. Below is a piece written by her for The Eagle - Dr Jashanjot)*

So vividly can I remember arriving at P.P.S. Nabha in January 1963, escorted by my father, for my very first job ! I had recently graduated from St. Bede's College, Simla, complete with a T.T.C., ready and eager to teach. When we arrived we were met by **Mr. J.K. Kate**, the founder headmaster of a wonderful institution, which has proved to be of prime importance in my teaching career.

I see us walking down the marble corridors of the Senior School and being ushered into his office. **Mr. Kate** met us with a warm welcome. We had actually known him for several years as I was a student at Sanawar and

he the very competent Bursar . It was because of the **Kates'** presence at Nabha, that my parents felt comfortable for me to join P.P.S. as a resident teacher at the young age of twenty!

The next stop was the Junior School located less than half a mile away. As we drove through the high, black, wrought iron gates, a very magnificent building stood impressively in front of us with beautifully manicured lawns and beds of colourful flowers. It had been the Viceregal Lodge, we were told, in the days when Nabha was a State. I can vouch for the grandeur of the building with its ornate chandelier in the foyer where, as we entered, a venerable Sikh *chaprasi* met us. It was **Balbir Singh**, known to generations of Nabhaites as **Balbirji**. I soon discovered what an integral part of the set up he was- Helpful, paternal and useful in more ways than one. One could say he was almost indispensable! He always kept a hawk's eye on the boys, but his most prominent task was the tying of turbans for the new little fifth and sixth graders until they learnt how to manage on their own.

The next person we met was a very unusual and special person who was to be my professional mentor for life. In her spotless, white sari, **Miss Malkani**, the Head of the Junior School blended in with the marble floors and white walls of the building. That was how she was - shy at first, always keeping herself in the background, yet she produced and commanded a high standard of excellence by her sheer example. Her greatest compliment, she once told me, was when a parent reported to her that his son had said to him, “ *Miss Malkani hame wahi sikhati hain, jo khud karti hain*”. ( **Miss Malkani** does exactly what she teaches us to do. ) In short she always practiced what she preached and no one could ever argue with her or fault her for having separate standards for herself! She had large eyes, an aquiline nose and a smile that lit up her somewhat grave face.

I soon found myself in **Beas House** as the Housemistress of twenty five boys. It was a very family like atmosphere and I have fond memories of all the boys I interacted with between Jan 1963 and May 1966, when I left.

We had some wonderful young people who came as volunteers from the **U.K.** ( **V.S.O.** ) and the **U.S.** ( **Peace Corps**). Very close friendships were formed and I am still in touch with almost all of them . **Mr. Kate** arranged that they each came to spend their summer holidays in Kashmir with my family and me, thus deepening our bonds.

**The British Council** was well represented at P.P.S. and we all learnt a lot about modern techniques and attitudes to teaching / learning. We were very fortunate to have **Mr. Michael Vodden** from the Council as a guide in the latest methods of pedagogy. The atmosphere was very child centered and the children and teachers interacted with each other closely, thereby building bonds of trust which enabled the boys to clarify doubts if they had any, and ask questions whenever in doubt. It was remarkable to have such a place to work in the India of the 1960's.**Mr. Vodden's** whole family was part of the **P.P.S. family** . His wife Vera was the epitome of hospitality. Their three sons spent only their holidays in Nabha as they were studying in a boarding school in England, but their twin daughters Emma and Sarah were favorites with the Junior school students and were an asset to their spoken English skills! **Mr. Vodden** was followed by **Mr Mallon** and family whom I knew just for six months, but who also had a fruitful association with the school. The results of our boys spoke for the success of **Mr. Vodden's and Mr. Mallon's** hard work and effort and the speed with which many non speakers of English picked up a foreign language was phenomenal.

During those years India went briefly to war against China. All the residential faculty were on a rotating night duty. I remember the excitement when there was an air raid warning. The sleepy children would be dragged out of bed and hustled outside. By the time the siren went off again to announce the end of the air raid warning, many wild stories of paratroopers landing in the nearby sugarcane fields and all sorts of tall tales had been concocted. Mercifully we had no untoward incidents and a special camaraderie developed between all of us in the dead of night with the chirping of frogs in the background, as we scanned the sky for swooping fighter jets! The faithful **Balbirji** would also invariably join us as the boys huddled together! **Inder Singh** was another mainstay of the Junior School, but he was never on night duty!

It was during those first years that a wonderful new swimming pool was built. We were fortunate to have **Mr. Dick**

**Pine** as the Peace Corps volunteer for two years at that very time. He was a trained Life Guard and a great coach teaching the boys several strokes and at least the simple crawl, to every child. Hitherto we used to go to the canal at the end of the road as a great treat, for a quick dip. Now we had a full size pool! I must add that the walk to the canal was beautiful. The surroundings were rural and picturesque and the fertile countryside of the Punjab enveloped us on all sides. I vividly remember the walks I would take the boys on; wandering on sandy hillocks of peanuts, walking through tall fields of sugar cane and gazing at endless fields of yellow mustard plants, that ended only at the horizon. Friendly farmers always offered us a taste of the various edible crops and in the late spring the special treat was, delicious freshly made “gur “ ( molasses ). As we ambled along, playing spelling or geography games, there was always excitement when the hanging nests of the tailor bird were spotted in the *kikar* trees lining the dusty road, or at the thrill of getting a ride on the back of a bullock cart. Indelible memories for us all!

Another memorable project started by V.S.O. **Roger Miall** was the chicken coop built under a huge spreading mango tree near **Miss Malkani's** flat. The hens provided not only excellent eggs for breakfast, but also marvellous on-the-spot Science lessons. Sometimes **Mr. K. C. Tandon**, the talented music teacher would have singing classes under the tree reminding him no doubt of *Shanti Niketan* from where he had graduated! **Mr. Tandon** married **Miss Pannu**, another very dedicated faculty member, while I was there and together they contributed a lot to the school over the several decades they worked there. **Mrs. Tandon** eventually became the Head of the Junior School. She in fact, was one of the very first teachers when the school actually opened its doors to students in 1960.

The Junior School had a wonderful set of teachers. There are endless, very positive, memories I have of **P.P.S.** in its pioneer days. It provided an excellent all round education with its school trips and hikes to places of importance and interest all over India. The values imbibed were outstanding- a blend of Indian traditions coupled with the best of the West thanks to the wonderful representatives we had from the U.K. and U.S. I am sure the world was one large family in the eyes of our students, which is a superb outlook to grow up with.

Personally, I am indebted to P.P.S. for laying a sound foundation as a teacher in me and for marvelous friendships which I will always cherish. As I end these thoughts, strains of the boys singing the school song ring in my ears and the school motto,

“ **Onwards and Upwards**, “ is my sincere wish for the school!

**Lila Kak (Ex Junior School, 1963-66)**

**YOURS NABHAITELY**

**The dawn of 2008**

Hello and a Happy New Year to you, your family and the large PPS Family. It was a pleasant surprise to have received a copy of "The Eagle", almost after 5 years. Thanks a lot for remembering me. Needless to say it was a wonderful feeling to go down the memory lane. It is a great feeling to know that a lot of students are doing so well in life and that we teachers might have contributed a little bit in achieving their goal(s) in life, (without expecting any returns).

I was a Chemistry teacher from 1971 to 1986. Hope some students may be remembering me. However, I wish all my students great success and many more achievements in life. Somebody wanted to know **Mr. Onial's** address. He is Principal of Riverdale High School, Dehradun, and lives at 46-Lyten Road. 0135-2650690 /2678356. With Best Wishes

**S. C. Sharma**, Principal, Musoorie Public School, Musoorie  
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Lohri greetings for happiness and enjoyment with family & friends.



**Manjit Sahota(R-306,1974)**, *manjitsahota59@yahoo.com*

## Overview

My apologies for being out of touch for so long. There are many things to catch up on.

First - Contact details of **Suresh Sofat (Jumna)** that you needed. As you know he went to AIIMS after Nabha. He is now a cardiologist in the USA in upstate New York. He has different offices / clinics / hospitals where he goes and hence many numbers.

His e-mail id is *sofat@adelphia.net* but I may warn you that he is not very active on the e-mail. Sofat's daughter is studying medicine at CMC, Ludhiana so he must be visiting Punjab / India at least once a year.

Recently I was speaking to **Preetinder Lamba (Beas, 1966)**. As you know he went to the AFMC and was an endocrinologist in the Indian Navy. He is now in private practice in Navi Mumbai. ( Office 022-2789 1432; e-mail *drlambaps@hotmail.com* ). He and Sofat were very close.

On my front, I had mentioned to you that I was off to the US and Canada for a holiday. Much to my regret I did not get the chance to meet Sofat who lives in the same general area. Perhaps on the next visit.

On my return to India, I have started working again with MAN Industries (India) Ltd as President and for reasons of work have been to the US twice in a short period. These visits are mostly to the south (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, etc). That is what has kept me very busy and off the mail.

I got in the post a copy of 24 Dec 2007 issue of The Eagle. Congratulations once again on a job done very well. It was great fun reading about the school, ONA activities and recalling old friends from school. In my many years in School I never knew that **Bhupi (B 20,1966)** had acted in the school play in 1961 as a girl!! Given Bhupi's size and his looks (even when I first met him in 1963 when I joined) I am not surprised!

The Eagle also mentions **Col. RPS Mann (R-14)** being appointed Secretary of Kasauli Club (page 3). Is **this Raj Pal Singh Mann (R-15,1965)** of Ravi or is it **Ranjit Pal Singh Mann (also Ravi)** who was his cousin?

I remember **Bharat Bhushan (R-76, 1967)** very well. It is good to hear that he is doing so well.

I saw the appeal by Treasurer **Kanwar Gurpreet Gill (R-095)** for enrolling in the ONA. I am not sure if I have paid up as a life member. In any case I would like to send him the money. Can you give me his e-mail id?

I want to ask him if it is alright to send a cheque, say on ICICI Bank or HDFC Bank or Standard Chartered Bank that is payable at par at all branches (local clearing) or does he still need a DD?

I saw some mention in the Eagle of **Vipin Bakshi (J-141,1966)**. Where is he?

**Ashok Balwani (R-90, 1966)** *Balwani.Ashok@gmail.com*

## Membership interest

I hereby confirm that I want to become a life member. On which address is the cheque required to be sent?

**Col Sandeep Sharma(S-328)** *sandveen@rediffmail.com*, Col GS, HQ,Romeo Force,c/o 56APO

I would like to become a life member by contributing Rs 1500/-. Could you inform me where to send the cheque and in whose name.

**Gurjiv Thandi (S-194)** *gurjiv@hotmail.com*

## Appreciation

Thanks for re-joining the Nabhaites - GREAT WORK !!!!!

Currently settled in Toronto with family (Wife and 2 kids –a daughter and a son, one year old).

Own and run company providing Oracle Based Services in Data Base Administration.

**Balraj Singh Chahal (B-885, 1919, ICSE)** *balrajchahal@canada.com*

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!! A Herculean effort indeed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Prof. Dr. Satish Jain(R-107,1970), MD; DM; FRCP** *satjain55@hotmail.com*

Great job! Happy New Year. Hope all is well.

**Rajeev Vadehra (S-189,1974)** *rajeev\_vadehra@chiron.com*

Thank you sir, for the latest Eagle. It is a wonderful issue. I have one observation though... my wedding anniversary has not been mentioned in the Dec list. Since I am a member of the ONA, I am wondering if my data is available with the ONA. Do I need to contact someone to check.

**Col HS Bhagat (R-138, 1976),** *colbhagat@gmail.com*

### **Up the ladder**

I am in Melbourne, Australia. Came here in 1999 for higher studies. Did MBA (Finance / Information Systems), and Masters in Information Systems. I am currently working as a Testing Manager with Jetstar Airways. I am now an Australian Citizen. Married, with no children yet, My wife, Hina is from Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

**Sumit Garg (B 956-1999)** *sumit956@yahoo.com*

After finishing my B.Sc ( Physics, Chemistry, Maths) from Govt. Ripudaman College, Nabha I went on to do Masters in Applied Geophysics from G.N.D.U, Amritsar. I have been working with BHP Billiton, since 1998, starting in Udaipur. In between I did Post graduate diploma in Project Management from IIM, Khozikode, through their executive program.

I am working with BHP Billiton as Senior Project Geoscientist at Perth, Australia. I am based at Perth and my contact no is +618 9450 8394 .

**Gaurav Dua, J-739 ( 1984-1992) ISC-1992,** *dgaurav04@yahoo.co.in*

After School , I did my B.E.(Mech) from PEC, Chandigarh, and MBA(Mkt) from UBS , Chandigarh , Presently I am based at Delhi and working as Media Consultant with Perfetti Van Melle , a leading confectionary company.

**Mohit Bhalla, R – 789 (ICSE 1991)** *mohit.bhalla@in.pvmgrp.com*

### **Life after PPS**

Passed ISC in First Class in March 1965. Was first Nabhaite to join the Indian Police Service in 1972. Allotted to Gujarat State. Served as SP Junagadh, and Bharuch, and DCP Ahmedabad City, from 1976 to 1980, before moving to Delhi on deputation to Cabinet Secretariat in July '80. Have been there ever since. Served in Delhi and abroad over the last 27 years. I am currently Special Secretary in Cab Sectt. Due to retire on attaining the age of 60 in Feb 2009.

Was honoured by my alma mater in Nov, 2005. Am married to Gurkiran Dosanjh , a fashion designer, since Feb 1974. We have two sons, Udai(33) who studied electrical engg in the US and is based there, and Arjun(28) who is a Vice President with a Citigroup company in London. How do I pay for a life membership ?

**Gurinder Singh Dhanoa (S-9,1964)** *danoa49@hotmail.com*

C II/113, Moti Bagh I, New Delhi 110021. Tel : (011) 2412 1166.

It is so good to hear from you, I was trying very hard to place you but the minute I read you went to AFMC I knew who you were. I did my pre-medical from DAV College Jullundhar, went to Medical College at Patiala. On graduating, as you did I did my ECFMG and came to USA and started my residency in Surgery. I got married about the same time and had my older daughter Priya. On finishing my residency I started my practice in Illinois, actually close to Chicago. I practiced there till 2002. Then I took one year off to travel and to just take it easy. In 2003, when I decided to go back into practice, the place where I used to practice had already recruited two more surgeons. I wanted a hassle free job, which I now have in North Dakota. I plan to practice for about ten more years. My older daughter is married to a great American boy who is also a MBA and works for Lehman Brothers in New York. My daughter Priya works in fashion industry at Badgley and Mischka in New York. My younger daughter Kiran, just graduated from Law School from Los Angeles, and decided to move back to Chicago. She just passed her Bar exam from Illinois and is looking for a job.

It is so good to hear from you, I had often wondered what happened to everybody. Internet is great, It has made this world so small. How is **Chhachhi(S-76-1967)**, and what did he land up doing? Give me your home phone number and good time to call you, if I come to India next year, I will look you up. I will try my level best to come for the reunion. Where is **Dr.Karam Veer Singh Mann(Ravi,1967)**? I used to be quite close to him. I will send him an e-mail. At Patiala in Medical college, I met **Dr Bhupinder Singh Gujjral(B-20,1966)** who was one year senior to us at PPS. He is a Urologist here in Minnesota, I went to his son's wedding last year. It is strange, I nearly did what you did, leave USA. I was so homesick when I came here I did not like anything. I had a strong desire to succeed. Abandoning and going back, to my mind, would have appeared like a failure. Life has been good, I really enjoy what I do, I often say I would do it for free, it is so great they pay me to do it. I love laproscopic surgery; we hardly ever open anybody anymore for surgery. I will let you know regarding my plans for next year.

**Dr Inder khokha(Ex Ravi-1967)** *inder62401@yahoo.com*

I am Senior Cambridge batch. I joined NDA and was commissioned in Dec 73. Was a Fighter Pilot and did my Flying Instructor's Course, Defence Services Staff College Course, Experimental Test Pilot's Course and was awarded the Vayusena Medal in 1992. I took premature retirement as a Wing Commander in 1993 to join Hindustan Aeronautics as Deputy Chief Test Pilot at Kanpur. I resigned my HAL post to join Civil Aviation and after a brief stint with NEPC Airlines, joined Blue Dart Aviation. I qualified as a Check Pilot Instructor on Boeing 737 and was the Chief Flight Operations Manager. I then joined Sahara for 2 1/2 Years and am now with Spicejet. All this while (1995 till today) I have been in Madras(Chennai) and was in touch with **Manbir Hundal(S-113,1970)** and am also in touch with **Ravinder Chatwal (J-103)**, **Vijendra Thakur (R-83)** **Harpreet Sethi J 131**, **Mitindar Sethi(J-76,1965)**, and **Gurmeet Kanwal(J-68,1968)** and a few others on email..

I am married to Nita since 1980 and we have a daughter named Anshuleen. She did her BSc in Behavioural Science and Masters in Management in HR from Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia. I am keen to be life member and am also keen on donating something to my Alma Mater. I am forwarding a DD to you for forwarding to ONA...

**Jatinder Paul Singh (called JOJO in School), (J-81,1969)** *jp.japsh@gmail.com*

Thanks for your mail. It is great to see your efforts and endeavors for the ONA. After having trained from SMS Medical College, Jaipur, I have moved here and have completed a fellowship in sleep medicine. My wife is also a physician and she is completing a fellowship in paediatric emergency. We have a 15 month old daughter, Rhea. I am based in Melbourne, Australia, and am working as a Respiratory & Sleep Physician

Unfortunately would not be able to make it to the dinner this year. I would like to take this opportunity to propose a grand meeting with dates decided much in advance so that people can make all arrangements.

**Dr Himanshu Garg , (J-756, ICSE 1990)** *drhimgarg@yahoo.com*

Thanks for your email and initiative! My name is **Kamal Sud**. I left PPS after my ICSE in Dec 1976, did Pre-university and Pre-medical from DAV College, Sector 12, Chandigarh, and was on the University Merit list. I



joined CMC, Ludhiana, in July 1979 for the MBBS course that I completed in 1984; stayed on at CMC and completed MD (Medicine) in 1988, went to CMC, Vellore, to do DM in Nephrology, that I completed in 1992. I also obtained DNB in Nephrology in the same year and worked for CMC Ludhiana, for about 2 years as a Consultant and Lecturer, before moving to PGI Chandigarh, in late 1993. During my years at the PGI, I obtained Fellowship of the Indian Society of Nephrology, Fellowship of the International Society of Nephrology, Membership of the National Academy of Medical Sciences and Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Australia, and published over 100 research publications in my field of expertise. The Indian Society of Nephrology awarded me the Bansal Prize for Oration and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) awarded me the Shakuntala Amir Chand prize for my research contributions in the field of Kidney Transplantation. I left PGI as an Additional Professor of Nephrology and moved to Sydney, Australia, in May 2005, where currently I am the Director of Renal Medicine at Nepean Hospital, which is a large tertiary care University Teaching Hospital in the western part of Sydney.

I married Archana, my CMC Ludhiana batchmate in 1986. We have 2 children, Rohit who has just cleared year 12 and Richa who has passed the year 10 exams in Australia. Although I have not visited PPS after I left the school in 1976, I am in touch with some of my batchmates and housemates from PPS, i.e., **Rajdeep S Cheema(S-306,1976)** (Home 0172-2730196, [rajdeep\\_gsp@hotmail.com](mailto:rajdeep_gsp@hotmail.com)) who as you probably know is a leading Advocate in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, **Dr Rupinder S Brar (S-291)** [rsbrar@hotmail.com](mailto:rsbrar@hotmail.com), who is a Cardiologist and Intensive Care Physician in California, **Romi Kataria(S-298,1977)** (Home 0172-2706455), who runs his business in Chandigarh and my batchmate **Dr.Yashbir Deewan (J-297,1976)** (Home 0161-2223537) [ydeewan@yahoo.com](mailto:ydeewan@yahoo.com), from **Yamuna** House is the Head of Neurosurgery at CMC Ludhiana. I would love to get in touch with others from our batch (i.e., **Prem Garg alias Khotta, Anil Chopra alias Mocchi, Barinder Sinha, Dadda, monkey, gorra** and many others) and hopefully, the initiative you have taken, will bring many of us together.

Send me the email id of **Dr. Yogesh Chadda (R-69,1968)** ([ycchadha@hotmail.com](mailto:ycchadha@hotmail.com)), and I'll get in touch with him. What batch was he in?

**Dr Surjit Singh(S-246)** is an ON in Paediatrics at PGI, his home number is 2710786. Others that I know of are **Mahavir Singh(S-308,1978)** - Manager HSIDC Home number 2746722, **Sunil Vashisht(S-340)**- Asstt AG Haryana (2648641), and **Navdeep Singh Sandhu(J-280,1975)**- a Paediatric and General Surgeon in Private Practice-2711086- all are in Chandigarh.

I will be in India in the last 2 weeks of December next year, and if you schedule the next year's dinner well in advance, I will try to make it. My best wishes are with you so that you succeed in your initiative.

**Dr.Kamal Sud (alias thalla / zambian), (S-345,1976)** [kamalsud@hotmail.com](mailto:kamalsud@hotmail.com)

### **Moving On**

I am now working with Kuoni Destination Management as Vice President. Please update my records in the ONA and my cell number is 9818148503. Let me know when you are in Delhi. Will catch up.

I am putting up at Vaishali and office is in Gurgaon ( 42 Kms per trip) but I am enjoying it. Look forward to meeting you next you are here.

On a separate note, what is happening to Eagle issue? can I get a soft copy of the latest one? Weekends are off and it was one of the considerations for this job. Anyway we can meet during weekdays at office. Look forward to receiving the Eagle.

**Ajay Gupta (J-375,1982)**, Mobile + 91- 9818148503. [ajayg@kdm.in](mailto:ajayg@kdm.in)

This is to update all friends and well-wishers that I have been appointed as Head-Legal in Indus Towers Limited. The Company is into setting up passive telecom infrastructure and is a Joint venture of Bharti Airtel, Vodafone and Idea. My seat will be at Chandigarh and will be responsible for Company's legal affairs in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh.

**Harinder Pal Singh Bhullar (R-786,1990)** LL.B, LL.M(London),MICA, [hpbhullar@rediffmail.com](mailto:hpbhullar@rediffmail.com)

### **Mini Batch get-together**

Last night only we were remembering you and the efforts put in sustaining the Eagle. **Gurinder Nijjar(S-347,1978)**, **Vimal Mahendru(J-344,1978)** and **Manpreet Randhawa(R-841)** and I were all together at a dinner hosted by **Vimal** for **Dr. Charanjit Kapoor** from U.S. who was visiting India after a long time.

Many thanks for the invitation. I live in Delhi and will be unable to attend the dinner in Chandigarh. I appreciate your remembering to invite me.

**Manpreet,(S-472,1980) IAS** *manpreetsingh64@yahoo.com*

Please send me details of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Also, please put me on the 'Eagle' mailing list again.

**Dr PD Singh(J-108,1970)** *pdsingh@eth.net; pdsingh2001@yahoo.com*

### **Tracking down Old Nabhaite**

I hunted out and spoke to **Lt Col Rakesh Goel(B-369,1979)**. He is posted at QMG Branch, Army Headquarters, New Delhi. His contact Nos : civil – 23333835, Mob : 9899033317. You can pass to his Sri Lankan Army course mate who wanted his contact info. I have been posted to a unit in J&K since Aug 2008. My address during this period would be :

**Col Bhudeo Kumar(B-484)**, HQ 2 Sector RR, c/o 56 APO, *bhudeokumar@yahoo.co.in*

### **Golden Suggestion**

Thanks for e Eagle. It makes great reading and, with the added archival photos, it makes a memorable and historical document to add to one's own archives.

While thoughts for the Golden Jubilee will follow, I would recommend that we straight away get moving on the release of a stamp and a first day cover on the 50th Founders Day. This takes time with the Postal Dept and thus the suggestion to get a confirmed slot for release for the School. Ideas on the stamp and FDC can be invited.

**Lt Gen Raj Sujlana (B-134,1967)** *sujlanaraj\_s@rediffmail.com*

### **Dilemma that is ONA Day**

I vote for preference no.1 that Founders' Day should not be separated from ONA Day under any circumstances.

**Baljinder Singh, (B-790 ,ICSE90)** *ballideol\_adv@yahoo.com*

### **New Year Dinner Responses**

Can not come for dinner much as I would like to.

I am married to Harjit Kaur and have two sons Gurnarayan S Mann & Ekom S Mann. I am living in Cupertino, USA.

**Jatinder Singh Mann (S-456,1982)**, *jatindermannsangrur@yahoo.com*

Thanks for the invitation and organising the function We will positively attend the function. We are four, i.e **R-869**, **R-943** and one from **Satluj** and **Beas** each. Kindly let me know what I can do at my end for ONA.

**Rajbir sidhu R 869**, Sidhu Gun House, Faridkot. 98722 03252, *sidhu\_rajbir@yahoo.co.in*

Regrettably I will not be able to attend, as I have planned the trip to India for a later date. Sure will miss you all and you will all be in our thoughts. See you all on 01 March 2008 at 1967 batch get together. May I take this opportunity to wish all ONs and their families a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year as also a happy and a fruitful get-together which binds the fraternity even closer. I have added brothers' **PD Singh (J108,1970)** *pdsingh@eth.net; pdsingh2001@yahoo.com*, **Tilak (J152)** *kukuarora@yahoo.com* & daughter **Anjalika's (J0476,2003)** *syncgladiator@hotmail.com* e-mail in the reply for you to please add to your records and for their friends to note. Thanks.

**IJ Arora (J-40,1967),USA**

My best wishes to all for organizing this event. I regret I will not be able to join due to other commitments, but I continue to remain a proud Nabhaite!:) Also wishing all old Nabhaite a great 2008! May it bring good health, laughter and prosperity to all!

**Vimal Mahendru (J-344,1978)** , [vimalm@indoasian.com](mailto:vimalm@indoasian.com)

Not fair to Delhi-wallahs! All the best and best wishes for a great 2008. Cheers!

P.S. U do not seem 2 have **Brig Harbux Gill's(S-99)** e-mail ID. This is copied to him. **Brigadier Gurmeet Kanwal** (Retd.)

Additional Director, Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) ,Telephone: 91-11-25691308 (Work) 91-11-32967360(Home) *E-mail: [kanwal.gurmeet@gmail.com](mailto:kanwal.gurmeet@gmail.com), [gurmeetkanwal@hotmail.com](mailto:gurmeetkanwal@hotmail.com),*

I would like to thank you all for the invitation. Hope all is going well with everyone at ONA. I would like to inform you that I am in Melbourne ( Australia ) will not make it but next time will be in India at this time of the year. Been aiming to write & request for a list of any Nabhaite in Australia/ Melbourne. Would be great to catch up with all. Hope everyone had a great 'Christmas'. Wish you all a 'very happy new year'. Cheers to all!

**Ashish Aggarwal (R-678 -1980)** Mobile : 61 421 556703 , [ashish\\_mit1@yahoo.com](mailto:ashish_mit1@yahoo.com)

I would love to be a part of this occasion but unfortunately I am in States so I wouldn't be able to come but I will try to make it on the next occasion. Please keep me informed. Regards to all your family and to all our ONA families from Deol family's side.

**Daminder Deol (R749, 1990)**

Thank you for The Eagle. Its always a great reading, but this issue looks even better !!! My congratulations. You guys are doing a fabulous job, cementing all old ties !! nice hearing from you. Keep me in the loop for all school activities, carry on the good job..regards - All the best to The Editorial Team.

**Lt Gen JS Lidder (B-23,1964)**, UYSM, AVSM, Commandant, The Infantry School, Mhow, (Madhya Pradesh)-453441, India Office Tele +91-(0)7324-256200, Civil Tele +91-(0)7324-256201 ,Cell +91-**9752529898**, [jasbirlidder@yahoo.com](mailto:jasbirlidder@yahoo.com)

Didn't get the information about the ONA New Year Dinner but got "The Eagle". Thanks for that...

**Javesh Jindal (S-945)** [javesh2000@hotmail.com](mailto:javesh2000@hotmail.com)

MS/MBA, ESC-Lille (France) ,Paris-Campus

Looking forward to the much awaited issue of "The Eagle". All the best for the "Grand ONA New Year Dinner" on 6th Jan at DSOI, Chandigarh. Shall send you the life member subscription shortly.

**Gurvinderpal Singh Julka (J-101, 1970)** [julks@rediffmail.com](mailto:julks@rediffmail.com) (Gori)

It is so great that you guys are having such a grand party. And I would like to thank everybody for keeping all the Nabhaite together. I miss PPS and my friends . I live in Toronto, Canada. I am in my last year of mechanical engg. I wish I could also come to the party. Thanks for ur invitation. Thanks again

**Rattan Preet Chahal (B-0184)** [rattan184@rediffmail.com](mailto:rattan184@rediffmail.com)

### Medical Help

Keeping in touch with alma mater reminds of good days passed and I owe to my school what I am today. Whenever I meet any ON , there is immediate bond formed and the person seems to be a part of me. I am J371-



batch of 1974-1979. After my ICSE, I joined CMC Ludhiana and did my MBBS and MD Medicine from there. Now I am practising as consultant in my own nursing home at Kotkapura, Punjab. Any ON who wants any medical help can call me.

**Dr Manvir Gupta (J-371,1979)** 9815022987, *manvirgupta@gmail.com. cha641@aol.com*

Hey good to hear about all this. I am, working as DGM for a MNC in Noida. Presently in US for an official assignment and saw this mail...I wish I could make this trip to Chandigarh !!!

**Karan Paul Singh, (S-476,1983 -10<sup>th</sup>)** *karanpalmakhni@yahoo.com*

Thanks for all the information. Wishing the Nabhaite fraternity success in all its endeavours. I am getting back to **India** on leave in January 08. Will try and meet most of the friends.

**Maj Gen Bikram Singh (B-71,1969)**, AVSM,SM,VSM ,GOC, Eastern Division, MONUC (United Nations Organisation Mission in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**) *bikki\_816@hotmail.com*

### Connecting Old Nabhaitees

Thanks for contacting me. As for my bio-data it is already submitted & I am already a life member also. Sorry but can't make it for the dinner. Thanks for the invitation. As per my records with you, 6 Jan. is my birthday and we have guests coming on that day. Will get in touch with you soon .

**Kuljinder Singh Sahota (J-203,1968-1974)** *kuljindersahota@hotmail.com*

Thank you for your mail and I really appreciate your efforts for getting the PPS family closer. I passed out 12th from school in 2002. I am married and settled in Patiala. At present I am working with OCA group.

Could you please tell me how to get the registration done for the life membership for ONA. Where do I pay the amount mentioned?

**Khushmeet Sidhu (J-0368,2002)**, *sabbysidhu@yahoo.co.in*

Currently in UK. Working for Oracle Corporation, UK. Regards to everyone on the list and it will be nice to hear from lost friends.

Cheers!

**Kamaljeet Singh,(818 X-A 1990)**, 0044 7946356604, *kamaljeet.singh@yahoo.com*

### TONA calling

Any Old Nabhaite coming to settle in Toronto area, please feel free to contact me. We have about 70 to 80 Ex PPS in Toronto. I am proud to say that each and every member will go out of his way to help any newcomer to settle smoothly in Toronto.

**Gurvinder Uppal,B- 542**

Brampton, Canada, TONA (Toronto Old Nabhaitees Association),Cell:416-898-6484 , *uppalz@hotmail.com*

### Some of my favourite dishes

I am presently employed as Industrial Engineering Assistant at Industrial Engineering Department of Bhilai Steel Plant, a unit of Steel Authority of India Ltd. I married Daljinder Kaur on 30th Jan 1999 and have a son Anantbir Singh Brar who is presently studying in class II. I am in contact with **Jagjeet Singh Sandhu R-771(Shark)** and would like to know about my friends of ICSE88 like **Devinder jeet Singh Dhama, Satwant Singh Garcha(J-675), Sandeep Singh Cheema(J-642,1987), Amarveer Singh Cheema(J-677), patras purty**. I miss PPS Nabha very much. I miss *Karhi-chawal* of Wednesday, English food of Monday & *Bhaiya di chai* behind auditorium, Extra PT, **Ram Singh Sir, Jatinder Ma'm, Johri Sir** of Physics and **Mrs Tandon**. Please let me know the details for membership of ONA.

**DPS Brar(Aaloo) (J-714,ICSE-88)**, 09893114334, 0788-2325621 *dps\_brar@sify.com*

## **A Tale Of Two Nabhaites In A City**

Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2008 08:26:24 -0800

From: onapps@yahoo.com

Subject: Introduction

To: javesh2000@hotmail.com; vijay@vijaysingh.net

This is to introduce you two Parisians of PPS origin. **Vijay, Javesh(S-945)** is a youngster by our standards. **Javesh, Vijay(Beas,1967)** is a classmate, french writer and movie maker, an artist settled in Paris.

*On Behalf of ONA (introducing old nabhaites **Javesh and Vijay** in Paris)*

Thanks a lot for introducing us.

Hi Vijay,

Are you in Paris these days? I will be in Paris next week (20th Jan to 27th Jan). If you are in town lets catch up for a drink or so.

Cheers,

**Javesh Jindal(S-945)** MS/MBA, ESC-Lille (France) , Paris-Campus.

*javesh2000@hotmail.com*

I graduated from Mahindra College in Arts and then moved to US in 1996. I went back to college after few years and got my BSc in MIS from California State University, Chico, US. At the moment I am working for Accenture in Financial Services, Charlotte, NC, US. So that's a little bit about me.

**Bhavneet S Tiwana, S-862** *btiwana@yahoo.com*

Thanks for having established contact.I am settled with my family in Bangalore, after having sought premature retirement."Gori" Jumna 1970 is here as **Brig GS Julka(J-101, 1970)**; Commandant 510 Base Workshop. Mr. **BS Bhatnagar's** son is here as an HR Sr Mgr in an MNC. That much for ONAs. Yes BL Kashyap and Co (**Vinod & Vineet Kashyap**) is a very big name in the construction front.

**Satinder Bajwa(J-218,1972)** *bajfalcon@gmail.com*

Hi everybody. I am in Montreal. If any one of you know any Old Nabhaite in Montreal please let me know. Somebody has created a Facebook on Facebook.com. The name of the Facebook is Punjab Public School, Nabha. Pls post family pics with House numbers and Year of passing school on it. Thank you

**Raman Chopra (S-126),** *rchopra@exitaction.ca*

I am pleased to give a brief introduction about myself. Presently I am an Australian resident staying in Melbourne and working as Chief Administrative Office in the Australian College which provides VET programs to international students. I am posted in Chandigarh having my office in Sector 35 C. I have done post graduation in Computer Engineering after my schooling from PPS and YPS Patiala. I am married to an Electronics Engineer with no kids yet. Please feel free to contact for any information ONA requires.

**Er. Shalinder Singh Bham(R-017,1993), B.Engg.(CSE) M.Tech (IT)** *Alternative E-Mail:*

*Shalinderbham@yahoo.com, Shalinder@ashmark.edu.au ,M: 9915599658*

**Moving to greener pastures**

Thanks for your mail. I am a graduate in Veterinary Science from PAU, Ludhiana. Worked as Veterinary Officer with Punjab Govt. Now I have moved to USA on permanent immigration since August 2007

**Baljeet Singh Grewal (J-377, ICSE1980).** *baljeetsinghgrewal@gmail.com*

I am working as a realtor in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. I am married and have one child (3 years old)  
**Navdeep Singh Khangura, (B 742,ISC 91),** no 604 322 3272, *khanguranavdeep@hotmail.com*

Thanks for having spared the time. Presently serving in the Army. Posted in Abohar  
Married to Gurdeep & have one son and one daughter  
**Arun Bir Singh (B-546, 1978 to 1985)** *santarun@hotmail.com*

I am owner of an Information Technology company "TKV Solutions." Basically into Web site development, software development, providing mailing, IT security and IT Infra solutions. Do contact us in case I can be of some use.

**Jitender Singh Yadav (J-004,1991)**

Mobile : +91-9818681406, *jitender@tkvsolutions.com*; [www.tksolutions.com](http://www.tksolutions.com)

Residing in Minnesota, U.S.A. Working as a Business Analyst, Married, no children yet.

**Sudarshan Sood Batera(J-255,1976)** *sudarshansood@aol.com*; ph. no 651 994 9074

I want to be life member of ONA. Can you please let me know how to and where to send money and please is it possible to sent me a copy of Eagle . . . . Currently residing in Nabha. Doing Agriculture. Married to Harpreet Kaur .We have one child Amarpreet Kaur .She too studies in PPS in 7th Std

**Amarjit Singh Bhandal (R-457,X 1983)** *amarjit1121@yahoo.co.in*

Did my B.E.(Mech)from GNE College, Ludhiana. Presently working as Director (Export Mktg) with TRB Exports P.Ltd., GT Road, Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

**Baljit Singh Gill ( R 435,1976 - 1982 ,ICSE)** Tel: + 9814313892 (Mob) / 01636-220171 (Resi)  
328, Hakam ka Agwar, Moga

These days I m in my family business. I joined business after passing my B. Com. I would be glad to join the ONA Meet at Chandigarh so please inform me about the meet. I shall be thankful to u.

**Vijay K. Verma (B-881, ICSE 1991)** *vijaykverma24@yahoo.com*

Currently in canada... married to Parneet on Oct 19, 2007.

**Sikander S Chahal R996.** *chahal\_sikki@hotmail.com*

I live in Fremont, California, USA. I am working for the California State Department of Transportation as an Engineer. Currently I am working on the \$ 6.7 Billion San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge contract. The bridge connects Oakland City and San Francisco City. The bridge is built on water and is 6.5 miles. I am married to my beautiful wife, Bhawanjeet Pandher and we have twins. My son and daughter are in 8th grade.

**Bhalinder Singh Pandher (R-371)** 510.304.9712 *bhalinder.pandher@gmail.com*

I am authorised Tally( Accounting Software ) Dealer For Ludhiana, Jalandhar & Gobindgarh

**Vikas Thapar(S-614)** Mobile : 098144-77753 *akshitthapar@yahoo.com*



Whereabouts: Allentown, PA, USA. Currently working at PPL Corp. as Vice President and Chief Risk Officer. The link below provides more details about me.

<http://www.pplweb.com/about/our+management+team/Vijay+Singh.htm>

I would be interested in joining the ONA on a lifetime basis. Please let me know to whom and where should I send the cheque.

**Vijay Singh ( J 126,1965-1971)**

It is heartening to see the zeal with which you are carrying the ON Eagle Onward and Upward . Wish you all the best. I did Mechanical engineering from YMCA Institute of Engineering in 1987 I am into Export Business of Agricultural Machinery.

**Ashok Rajpal (R-448,ICSE 1980 X)** Mobile 09896050883,  
Karnal [rajpalhome@yahoo.com](mailto:rajpalhome@yahoo.com)

Right Now I am putting up at Chandigarh.

**Amit Mittal, (J-694,1983 - 1986 )** [amitmittal3299@yahoo.com](mailto:amitmittal3299@yahoo.com)

Thanks for your mail. I am settled at Faridabad. Running an Industrial enterprise, engaged in the manufacture of Stator Stacks & Pressure die cast rotors for Motors and Pumps and Auto Electricals. Also running a Commercial Tool Room at Manesar, Gurgaon.

**Alok Goel (J-553,1979-85 ICSE),** [goel\\_alok@hotmail.com](mailto:goel_alok@hotmail.com), 98101 54910, # 6,Sector-15,Faridabad

I was disappointed. I wait expectantly for the next issue of "Eagle". When I didn't see the issue with your email, I guess the subconscious response was "Where is the attachment?!!!! Anyway, it was good to hear from you. I was surprised to see that you have moved to Mohali. Are you still practicing Radiology?

**Dr Trilochan Bhamrah (B-90,1968)** [bhamraht@usa.redcross.org](mailto:bhamraht@usa.redcross.org)

It is always good to receive greetings and good wishes from friends. Amrit joins me in thanking you once again. Cheers,

**Capt BD Singh(S-84,1969)** [captbdsingh@hotmail.com](mailto:captbdsingh@hotmail.com)

I am a doctor and currently in Patiala.

**Aditi (B-0099, 1998ICSE)** ,[aditi\\_aquarian@hotmail.com](mailto:aditi_aquarian@hotmail.com)

I am in Bangalore and have my own company where we do water treatment projects. Attaching my company website and details and also a brief bio data. April 14th 2010 is good, but why not try and meet up before that? I'm only in touch with **Ashok Balwani** (R-90,1966) on mail, and of course with **Jyoti(R-52)** and **Vilas Kate(S-96,1970)**.

**Vinay " Chips " Chipalkatti, (S-81,1965)**

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Howdy? Even though I have not been in touch, I have been following events off and on over the years thru the ONA website. I have been posted at Singapore with a subsidiary of Tata Motors for the last three years. I am married with one daughter studying Fashion Management at La Salle College of Arts, Singapore. My wife Sadhana, is currently teaching at an international School in Singapore. After looking at some of the photographs in which I could not recognize anybody, I thought I was looking at the wrong web-site. Some of the names were familiar though. I guess, other than **Shreesh** and **Varinder** and perhaps the **Kashyaps** and **Ashok**, no one will recognize me either. I will be happy to share any other information. What news from your end? I thought you were living in Jalandhar?

**Vikram Kuriyan(Jumna) M:(65) 8127 0762, e-mail [vkuriyan@gmail.com](mailto:vkuriyan@gmail.com)**

Please send me the THE EAGLE regularly to my e mail id

**Sandeep Mittal (R-498,1985) [sandeepmittal.r498@rediffmail.com](mailto:sandeepmittal.r498@rediffmail.com)**

Please include me in the mailing list for all ONA events.

I am also available for any kind of assistance for the golden jubilee celebrations.

**Rajeev Sangha (B-331, 1973) M:09810300166, [rsangha@airtelmail.in](mailto:rsangha@airtelmail.in)**

Nice to hear from PPS. School cricket Captain 2000. *Cherh* Nick name in PPS - *Harial*

I am currently in Melbourne, Australia and a permanent Resident here. I will be visiting India in Nov this year.

Favorite food: *Rajmah* and *paneer* + Fruit Cream

**Harbeer Singh Bhullar(S-0126) [hsb126@indiatimes.com](mailto:hsb126@indiatimes.com)**

Long time since we communicated. However it was a great occasion JAB WE MET in your class get together at Kota House in Delhi. Can you mail me the contact numbers/mail id of my classmates. We are working on Gurgaon Chapter

**Brig. Yashpal Samyal(S-43,1966) [yps.samyal@yahoo.com](mailto:yps.samyal@yahoo.com)**

Thanks for the invitation. Looking forward to the ONA dinner on 6th Jan'08.

**H.S.Virk (Ex B-87)**

It is so great to read all the familiar names on the e-mail list. I fondly remember you all and it would be great to hear from you. I live in Rochester, NY, and if any one of you happens to pass by Rochester or intend to visit, I will be delighted to have you stay at my place. I am presently in India but would be coming back to Rochester by the end of April. Please count me in if there is anything I can do for you or for the ONA. I also learnt a great deal at the school even though I was not a student.

With love and best wishes to you all.

**Pushapraj (PA to Mr JK Kate 1963-1975) [pushap@excite.com](mailto:pushap@excite.com)**

**Written on an Easter Sunday in the Philippines.**

How wonderful to hear from you after all these years. I see you are a doctor, so the PPS education hopefully got you off to a good start on your career.

Yes, I too have happy memories of my year (1962-63) in The Junior School, teaching the sixth form, starting swimming lessons for the senior boys in the canal, and the chicken farm for the junior boys. I drove through India in 1971 and stayed at PPS several days, when **Mr. Kate** showed me the poultry farm, which had been expanded to 15,000 chickens! Anita Shcammell tells me it has all gone now, and horse riding has taken over the space previously used for laying eggs and the source of occasional chicken curries.

I am currently attending a graduation of a sponsored student in The Philippines and, when I return to England next week, I shall write an article for your ONA magazine.

Meanwhile, just to say that **Michael Vodden** and his wife both passed away (at comparatively young ages).

I am still in touch with Lila Kak (now Bhan), who was a teacher in the Junior School, and now teaches in a boarding school near Boston, USA. She is coming to stay with Anita in England in August, when we are getting together for a picnic. Warm regards,

**Roger Miall, Tanhurst, High Street,**

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## **The Foundation of a teaching career / A school so different**

I am so pleased to be on the O.N.A. mailing list. I have extremely happy memories of PPS - it was my very first job and I was there in Junior School under **Miss Malkani** from Jan 1963 to July 1966. I will certainly write some thoughts/ memories of the school for the archives.

I have sent Guddie (**Jyoti kate,R-52,1967**) my daughter's numbers. They get to Delhi on Sunday, the 2nd and Renuka my daughter does not have a contact number. I will in any case copy this letter to **Anita Scammell** also in case she accesses her mail one of these days!

Were you in **Ranjitpal** or **Rajpal Mann's** class? You must have been in the Senior School if you passed out in '67. I remember **Shaheed, Manvir Singh** and hosts of others who must be about five years your junior.

Do you have the **Tandons (Music and allrounders), YP Bhardwaj'(History)s** e-mail addresses and **Mr Sibal's(English)**? They were my colleagues also. Have a great batch re- union and all the best,

I thought I had acknowledged The Eagle you mailed to me not too long ago. I loved going through it and look forward to the next issue. I will look through it again more critically to see if I have any suggestions to make.

I promise to write a some articles, for Nabha was certainly the foundation of my teaching career and **Mr. Kate and Miss Malkani** were people who influenced my ideas and outlook on teaching and schools tremendously. **Mr Vodden** of the **British Council** and many of the **Peace Corps and V.S.O.'s** were also important and I have several anecdotes which I will try to put down interestingly .

We owe it to them to honour them for their very positive contributions to the lives of so many children / boys We had a school that was very " different" for its times and the boys were very relaxed and happy while learning so many things.

So, hopefully I will send you a first installment fairly soon. Please feel free to " remind" me if I take longer than expected!

Thank you for mailing me a copy of your letter to **Ravi Dev's** wife **Jaskiran(B-314,1976)**. I have found one of my little children in him. I remember the day **Ravi Dev (S-131,1972)** arrived with his brother **Savi Dev** and their mother who brought them to the Junior School of PPS! I wrote and got a reply from his wife, thanks to you! Looking forward to hearing regular news of the school.Best wishes,

**Lila Bhan ( Miss Kak) lilabhan@yahoo.com**

## **Great Publication**

Many thanks for your email. It was a great pleasure to meet you in Delhi three weeks ago and recall the leavers' party of 1967.I will definitely write an article or two for the Eagle in the next few days. I have already unearthed my diary from '67 – '68 which makes interesting reading! It's Easter this weekend and we're seeing lots of family members, but I will do it as soon as I can.

Would you like **Roger Miall's** email address? He lives about 3 miles from us and I see him often through our ongoing link with VSO. It's *rogermiall\_99@yahoo.com*. He is away until the end of the month.

He has some good stories about PPS in 1962 when he was involved in setting up the chicken "farm" which I know flourished for many years.

I loved reading The Eagle on-line. It's a great publication and wonderful to hear how the old students keep in touch. It says a lot about the strength of the friendships formed at school. Best wishes,

**Anita Scammell (nee Williams, VSO 1967-69) anita.scammell@ntlworld.com**

After a lot of local e-mail (not copied to you) we have not really progressed on setting up an ONA Chapter for the East Coast of USA: ECONA.

Your suggestion is great and we must progress to put ONA members in this area together. One of the main reasons for this has been my schedule and not following up on some e-mails. However I now see a light at the end of the tunnel! A spirited Nabhaite has come forward to take up the mantle and I quote:

"Good to hear from you too. I am ready to volunteer for ECONA. My husband will help too. I am **Jaskiran Kaur (nee Shaheed) B314 from 76 ICSE** batch and my husband is **Ravi Dev Singh S131 from 1972 Batch**. We are located in NJ."



Bravo Zulu to them both particularly to **Jaskiran (B314 from 76 ICSE)** *jaskirank@yahoo.com* . Folks let us welcome this decision by **Jaskiran**. May I request you **JJ** to please provide her the latest / updated list of contacts in US so that she can filter out and start working on the ECONA list.

I have also bcc'ed this e-mail to around 100 ONA e-mails in my address book. Dear All please get back to congratulate Jaskiran and Ravi, wish them the very best to set up ECONA. And most important please provide them the inputs of all Nabhaites on the East Coast of the US.

**IJ Arora,(J-40-1967)**

I am writing to inform you that I have taken premature retirement from the Army, on 31 Jan 2008. I have joined ReadIMinds Systems & Services (India) Private Ltd and, therefore, shall be continuing at Bangalore for the present. Shall look fwd to having you over whenever you are in Bangalore.

**Brig GS Julka (Retd)**, *julks@rediffmail.com*

Tele: 080-25840597 (Res) Mobile: 9740061792

Thanks for your mail. The School Golden Jubilee date has been recorded. If there is anything I can do to contribute to the event please let me know.

**Sabrina Singh (B-177)**, *sabyjas@gmail.com*

### **Golf Links**

Sending you news of AMC Golf Cup, 10 Feb 08. On Sunday (10 Feb 08) I won the AMC Golf Cup in my cat (Bronze, handicap 20), Taran, my best half, won the runners up in the ladies' putting and Rajan, my son, won the Children's cat. The club has revised my handicap to 18 now and I am very happy about it. All were saying, "*kurkure family - kya family hai*". Up Up PPS - Onwards and Upwards.

I was the winner of Mercury Cup Apr 2008 yesterday 20 April 08(handicap 15-18) . I played with handicap of 15. Also got the prize for Winning Monthly Medal Round (Mar 08) beating Brig Jha (ofcourse he plays much better, the win was due to my handicap (15). Now they have revised mine to 13.

**Jaswant Dhaliwal(S-414,1983)** *jastaran@yahoo.com* 13 feb 2008

At present I am doing my own business in Information Technology specialising in wireless networking, and in GPS/GPRS based vehicle tracking systems. My website is *www.outbackwifi.com*

I was in the school from class 5 to class 11 (1964 to 1970). After that I joined NDA and was in the IAF as an Adm branch fighter controller. I took early retirement from the IAF on 31 Jul 2007, and am now settled in New Delhi.

**Ravinder Singh Chhatwal(J-103,1971)** *ravindersingh144@hotmail.com*

The email id of **Vijendra Thakur** is *vkthakur@gmail.com* 9810855551. The mobile and contact for **Harpreet Sethi** is 9871990933.

**Jojo (J 81)** *japsh@hotmail.com*

Kindly send me the CD with photos, and the stickers of Old Nabhaites Association, or PPS Nabha, if available (or address from where I can get these) at the address given, and let me know how to make the payment for the same. Do let me know how I can contribute to ONA

**Rajbir Sidhu (R-869)** M:9872203252

I could not agree more with your suggestions. I have another idea but it might not be workable because of my work pressure currently. I would like to camp in Nabha for a couple of days and go through some of the Old School files and data to dig out school history. I will be able to link a few things to that. Since **Pushpraj** is in Patiala, I can also work with him on some aspects. I am pretty excited about the whole thing. I will start my digging. I shall call **Jyoti Kate** over one of these days and we could have a con-call to take this further. Your drive and determination reminds me a lot of my father.

**Vilas Kate** *vilas@persistent.co.in*

### **Good Samaritans**

Having helped build many professional associations, I fully understand the 'pains' that one has to go through!! Also, these are the most thankless jobs in the world. On the other hand, you end up facing the flack for no fault of yours!!! I have even been made to cry in meetings!!!

I really appreciate the efforts that you have been putting in towards this venture. I can say with confidence that the ONA's existence is primarily due to your efforts. I don't care what many others would say on this.

My younger brother **Vinesh Jain** is now General Manager (Sales and Service) with Mahindras for their Genset Division. He is based in Mumbai. His phone number is: 09867567028.

Once again, I must admit that **Surinder(B-50,1967)** has been very prompt and sweet in his reply. I would like to record my appreciation of his response as a **TRUE Old Nabhaite**.

**Dr. Satish Jain, MD, DM, FRCP**

**Secretary General**, Indian Epilepsy Society & Director - Indian Epilepsy Centre

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I wish to place on record the most valuable, considerate and Nabhaite-spirited help extended to me by **Rajdeep Cheema(S-303,1976)** , Advocate, High Court, during my recent visit to Chandigarh regarding the court case I mentioned to you earlier. Please do acknowledge his **Nabhaite spirit**, on my behalf, in the next Chandigarh Chapter Meeting and The Eagle.

**Ashwani (J-188,1974)**

It is time we got together to do something for the nation .We have been selfish so far.We have enough money to look after our dear and near ones. But now it is time to look after the needy school types. If you agree, respond **Col Sandeep Sharma** ,Col GS Romeo force, c/o 56 APO

## **While We Are Boys In School**

### **Remembering those days and friends**

Chapter 1 (Junior School)

“Now I lay me down to sleep”

1962 --Sixth grade--PPS Junior School

“You know what happened last night?”

“No.”

“ **Vinod(J-65,1967)** fell out of his bed.”

“Ha Ha! Funny!” --This from boys who cried at night, missing their parents.

I was ten years old and sitting with a group of boys, getting to know them and getting used to being away from home. I was in Jamuna House and my House teacher was **Ms. Malkani**.

Some of you may remember her. She was strict and took no nonsense from anyone. We were scared of her, but she had a predictable reassuring presence. We knew she would be there directing us to get dressed in the morning, make sure we got to classes on time. We studied, we were on time for dinner and we were appropriately dressed. She was not friendly or maternal-yet there was a wisp of kindness and friendliness in her. She encouraged us to be **THE BEST WE COULD BE**.

In Junior School we got used to the routine of waking up early, studying, playing sports, keeping our elbows off the table and forming lifelong friendships.

It's been over 45 years, so my memory is fading. Junior School was like a dream. But I remember **Ms. Malkani** and the kind and wise **Mr. Kate**.

## Chapter 2 (Senior School)

1. “While we are boys in School we learn our lives to mould “

We were certainly moulded, sometimes by exceptional teachers and sometimes by just ordinary events.

I remember **Mr. Bhave**, our Chemistry teacher. He was very strict, almost mean. He left the school for a while. We heard he went to the US for some training. When he returned, he had changed. He became an exceptional teacher and a wonderful person. He would make us learn 100 Chemistry equations. 9 ways to make NO<sub>2</sub> and 14 ways to make H<sub>2</sub>O. Despite being very nerdy I never got all 100 correct. Always made one or two mistakes. But it was a fun way to learn Chemistry. Some of the students did get each one right. I think he set the stage for us to believe in ourselves. If **we tried we could be good**.

**Mr. Tandon**, our Music Teacher, inspired us to focus on music. “Music is the language of the soul,” he said. He put up the sign which read “Music is medicine for disturbed minds”. I became a good Banjo player under his guidance. I also learned that I could not sing. Music is still a big part of my life-and it all started in PPS.

Now I have to tell you something bad. Ready? I was horrible in sports. I had no stamina. We had to occasionally run cross country. My friends **Vinod(J-65,1967)** , **Late Vijay Gehlout(Jumna,1967)**, **Inderjeet(J-40,1967)** etc were all athletes. For them it was easy. During one cross country race – they took pity on me. We took a shortcut, waited until some runners passed us, then followed them to the end line. I remember some teachers looking surprised that I finished in the top 50. Ha! Well I was mostly good.

2. At PPS we formed good, solid friendships. I was close to most of my batch, especially the ones in **Jamuna House- Vinod Kashyap(J-65)**, **Pummy(Paramjeet Bhullar, Jumna 1967)**, **Shreesh(S- ,1968)**, **Vikram Kuriyan (Jumna-1968)**, **Vineet Kashyap(J-117,1971)** and many others. We stayed in touch for a long time. Then with time, moving to different places, we lost touch for long periods of time .The world is a smaller place now. I met **Shreesh** and his lovely wife in Orlando, Florida. I keep in touch with **Vinod**. I met **IJ (J-40, 1967)** for lunch on a recent trip to Virginia. **ONA** under **JJ (Jashanjot, S-52)** has brought friends together again and has kept in touch with all of us. He should be recognized for this. For those of you still at PPS, work on having close friends. Our School fostered this team spirit.

There are times that the Harry Potter movies remind me of **PPS** .We had our own Magic. We had strict teachers like **Mr. Cowell**. We had fun teacher like **Mr Mallon**. We had young teachers from the US -**Dick Pine** who influenced us and taught us to stay in water for hours without drowning and there used to be drown proofing competition as it was called. We had **Mr. Goldberg** from the US who hid in the Library and tried to catch students cheating during exams. We had some intellectuals like **Mrs. Kamble**. We had the delightful **Mr. Tankha** who taught us Geography using projectors and slides and films in 1960s!! and **Mrs. Lamba** who taught us Punjabi.

I hope you all saw “Chariots of Fire”, another movie that reminded me of **PPS**, The School and House Spirit, the joys of sports, the desire to be the best within the rules. the sadness of defeat. Life goes on!

Of course everything was not perfect according to me. The **PPS** doctor gave very painful injections. One teacher (I think of Hindi) sometimes seemed unfair to me. **Mr. Cowell** was too strict, although sometimes for our good. Sometimes the food was bad (except the *Rajmah* which was always good). And getting up at 6am was a torture –for me. But then my friends, life is not perfect. We have to accept the pain if we are going to accept the joy and make something of our lives.

I dedicate this article to my dear friend **Vijay Gahlaut (Jumna)**. Though he passed away many years ago, he is not forgotten. **Vijay** had a great zest for life. He was a hiker and an adventurer. I remember him catching a snake by its tail and snap it dead in a second. He was an exceptional athlete and a great friend and I still think of him. Our whole batch misses him to this day.

*Goodbye (take care) my friends*

My memory fades. PPS was so long ago. I have integrated many of my school experiences into my life. I learned to be independent, self reliant, straightforward, hard working and somewhat disciplined. I learned that everyone



has something to contribute individually and as a team, that we are all brothers following our destiny. So thank you PPS for all the good and bad. For those of you at PPS, **Onwards and Upwards!**

Humbly submitted,

**Dr Vineet Mehta (J72-1967)** October 2008, from Somewhere in America

*(For those Old Nabhaites who did not get exposed to or forgot the “Prayer at Lights Out”. It was said by all students in night suits after brushing their teeth and before going to sleep in 1960s , supervised by their house masters. It was probably **Miss Row** who taught it in those days. Her two daughters later studied in PPS. The prayer is given below)*

*Now I lay me down to sleep  
May Angels guard my bed  
And through the hours of darkness  
They watch around our beds  
Thank you for the food we eat  
Thank you for the flowers so sweet  
Thank you for the birds that sing  
Thank you God for everything  
Now the darkness gathers  
Stars begin to creep  
Birds and beasts and flowers  
Soon begin to sleep*

Good Night everybody. That’s all I can remember.

**Vineet Mehta ( J-72,1967)**

## **Different Strokes**

### **Gold Standard**

Gold has been the most precious metal down the ages. It was the most sought after and plundered item in history. The banks thrive on it and it is the last resort of nations. The women love it, especially Indians. Someone who stands first gets a gold medal. The highest standard in any field is referred to as Gold standard. In stark contrast is Black. The colour which denotes darkness or evil. The worst in the family is called black sheep. One who deals in corrupt practices or ill gotten money is often called black marketeer.

No wonder Miss Malkani used these colours to drive home the point of good behaviour. She had these charts outside her flat for each house. The charts showed Gold Marks and Black Marks obtained by the boys of each house for their good or bad behaviour respectively. There was intense competition between houses to get maximum Golds. The house with dominant bunch of ill behaved children had all black marks.

This was fine till one night, it was found that some undeserving houses had gold all over their house charts whereas some had all black marks over them. Who was behind the mischief remains a mystery, yet unresolved. Some may like to make a guess after reading this.

### **Riding your luck**

Miss Malkani was ahead of her times. The lady knew about conservation of energy those days when half of us were just learning to go onwards and upwards. She was very concerned about wastage and she wanted the children to learn by setting an example herself. In the wee hours of the morning before Rouser, as it was getting chilly, she would take a round of the school and switch off the fans in the dorms.

All went smoothly till suddenly there appeared a ghost (with misplaced energy) who put on the fans as soon as Miss Malkani had passed the dorm. Gradually the ghost got bolder. The ghost did not realize the game would not last too long till the law laid its long hands on him, as there were only four beds in a dorm. Moral of the story, don't ride your luck too long.

## Hide and Seek

Everyone has played this game around his or her house at different ages. **Vijay Paul Singh (Beas)** and I tried it at the cross-country run in PPS. The whistle blew and we all took off from the sports grounds. Once in the jungle or *bir* as it is called we diverted off the beaten track to avoid the monotonous and grueling run. We pushed deeper into the bushes and trees to hide from being seen. Little did we realize that the teachers like **Mr. Nijjar** and Sports in charge **Mr. Gill** were adept at conducting this event. Their counting at the finishing line revealed that two culprits or shammers were missing. Our pleasure was short lived, as soon we were surrounded by voices of people looking for us in the *bir* much like the hounds in pursuit of their prey accompanying English lords in their hunting expeditions. Soon **Mr Gill's** hands were around our necks (he actually caught two birds in the bush!) and we were made to run to the finish line. As we entered the grounds a cheer went around the crowd gathered there. Well, it was certainly worth it.

Contributed by **Avninder Singh Minhas "fatty"(R-120,1971)**

## ONA Benevolent Fund Appeal

Apart from keeping the PPS and Old Nabhaite family closely knit, the ONA has some noble objectives. These include helping needy students in PPS, Old Nabhaite or ex-Teachers(who do not have pension benefits), in distress. The idea is to help any of our family members in times of dire need or emergency.

For this reason ONA had created "ONA Benevolent Fund" but it needs funds to be activated.

In the past there have been situations where Old Nabhaite like **Jasbir Gill (J-43,1966)**, **Sanjeev Sandhu and Ex-Teachers Like OP Sharma(Hindi) and PD Nigam** have succumbed to Terminal cancer. An Old Nabhaite was arrested and jailed in Taiwan because some subordinate's fault led to the sinking of the ship on which he was on duty. Another Old Nabhaite after having paraplegia, died in an accident, with a young family to support. Some Old Nabhaite have died young with small children left behind. There are many instances of Old Nabhaite who have not been lucky enough and need job breaks as an opportunity to make it in the world. All of them need to be helped by ONA to a feasible extent. Without this noble objective we would fail as a family and would be an Association without a soul.

Recently we have the case of Old Nabhaite **Dr Paramveer (R-325,1978)**, an orthopedic surgeon himself, who cared for PPS students and Old Nabhaite while serving in Nabha. He has been stricken by leukaemia or blood cancer. It is a terminal disease unless a successful bone marrow transplant can be done on him. He can not undergo the transplant in India since his siblings' tissues did not match with his. He has to go to USA where he might find a donor in the registry maintained there. It involves great expense. His colleagues in medical profession, batch-mates from PPS, Old Nabhaite of Nabha and even students of PPS are pitching in to help financially. Any Old Nabhaite who would like to help **Dr Paramveer (R-325,1978)**, and other Old Nabhaite in similar situations in future, may please send in generous contributions to the ONA Benevolent Fund.

Make your payments to **ONA a/c ONA Benevolent Fund**, payable at Nabha. We would also like any Old Nabhaite in USA, who can provide logistic support or help raise funds for **Dr Paramveer (R-325,1978)**, and similar cases of other Old Nabhaite, to please come forward and announce yourself.

This way ONA can help Old Nabhaite in an organized manner rather than a needy Old Nabhaite or someone on his behalf directly appealing to old Nabhaite.

## ONA Life Membership

The ONA is presently being run with the efforts of a few Old Nabhaites working voluntarily. We have crossed the basic stage. The next step should be to have a strong ONA run efficiently for future. For this, we need funds so as to build a strong organizational set-up and infrastructure.

This requires an office of our own, maybe in Chandigarh, which can be the hub. The office should be well equipped with computers and good communications set-up, including tele-link and Internet connection. We need regular running of The Eagle and the Website so that these do not fail even if there is no one take responsibility. ONA should not have to depend on individual sponsorships for the sake of its self esteem. We need at least two or three regular employees who can maintain records, update databank on specific software, receive and file mail and send out replies or information. Also needed is an accountant to keep accounts and file tax returns every year in consultation with a Chartered Accountant. He should also send out balance sheet to all members every year. Even postage cost is enormous.

This set-up of quality may require few lakh rupees every year as running costs. The money for running ONA comes from interest on the life membership fee kept as a corpus FD by ONA in a Nationalized Bank. At present we have less than 1000 members who have in the past paid from Rs300 -1000 only as life membership, giving a total amount of only Rupees 15 lakhs raised in 46 years. The target should be at least a crore if we are to come near any other organization of similar nature from established public schools.

There are more than 4000 Old Nabhaites. We need at least 3500 members who can pay Rs1500 (Indian residents) and Rs5000 ( Non Resident Indians) each to build a large corpus. Would we then need to depend on any one individual? So play your role in ONA. Strengthen it by becoming a Life Member today. If you are not sure of your membership status, write to us and confirm your membership. Membership of local old Chapter does not always mean you are member of the Main Body. Certain advantages will accrue only to Life Members in future.

**Make your cheque /draft payable to ONA at Nabha.** Send with your full name with School House number with all zeros, to *The ONA Secretariat ,4538, Darshan Vihar, Sector-68, Mohali-160062. onapps@yahoo.com*

### **Welcome New Life Members**

**The ONA welcomes new Life Members from passing out batches of class X and XII from PPS and following new members.**

**Col DPS Waraich (J-281, 1976)**

**Col PS Gill (B-299, 1976)**

**Gurjiv Thandi (S-194)**

**Gurinder Kaur Virk (Nijjar)(S-347, 1978)**

**Abninder Singh Grewal (J-5, 1961)**

**Bharatbhushan Aggarwal (R-75, 1967)**

**Ashok Kumar (J-36,1967)**

**Gurjit Dhillon (B-69, 1967)**

**Yashpal Samyal (S-43, 1966)**

**JP Singh (J-81, 1969)**

**-Kanwar Gurpreet singh Gill(R-0095,1998) ,*Treasurer, ONA***

### **Golden Jubilee Celebrations**

Dear Old Nabhaites,

PPS is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in April 2010. In order to do it in style, the ONA is planning with school authorities to make it a 2-3day extravaganza. The idea is to involve all Old Nabhaites with their families for this once in a lifetime event. A Golden Jubilee Committee has been formed with few Old Nabhaites and PPS executive committee members, to chalk out the details and to oversee the grand occasion.

Given below is various information about the programme and various activities and fund requirements. I hope you will send us your response and comments and any help or commitment you would like to make for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

**A. The Golden Jubilee celebrations programme** of the Punjab Public School, Nabha scheduled to be held in April'2010 is tentatively as under :-

**11 April'2010** :- Chief Guest : Board Member

Arrival of Guests : ONA and Others, Open Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast in the Sr. Mess as per their arrival.

Release of Coffee Table Book

Pagal Gymkhanna

Lunch

ONA Dinner – Video clips of 50 years.

**12 April'2010** :- Chief Guest : Old Nabhaite

Exhibition for ONA and Parents

Cricket 15 - 15 Match between Present and Past

Lunch at ONA complex

Tea with class IV employees

Cultural Evening by the School and one item by the ONA

Prize Distribution Function.

Headmaster's Dinner

**13 April'2010** :- Chief Guest : Her Excellency Mrs. Pratibha Patil, President of India

Arrival of the Chief Guest – Main School Building.

Visit to the Exhibition

Main Founder's Day Function in the PPS Main grounds.

Release of First Day Cover

Headmaster's Lunch for Chief Guest, Board Members and VVIP at Headmaster's Residence / Swimming Pool

Lunch for Parents, students, ONA, Staff and Others in the Main fields-Junior School ground

Departure of Guests

## **B. Coffee Table Book (be a Contributor)**

It has been decided to release a Coffee Table Book (CTB) depicting history of 50years of PPS at the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

There will be sections attributed to different years, say from 1960-65 (five years) and so on till 2010.

All Old Nabhaites are requested to send in a write up of the PPS of their times. You can write about your experience in PPS, how it moulded you, the teachers or persons who inspired you, any anecdote or interesting event that happened in your time, any special achievement of PPS that occurred in your time or anything else you find is fit to be in CTB and be read by Old Nabhaites down the years.

If you too want to make it into the book, send you article with your photo of school days and a recent one. Do mention full name, house number, years spent in school. The article may be as brief as you can make it.

## **C. PPS Historical section**

Another decision that has been taken is that PPS will make a historical section consisting of an exhibition and displays depicting its history of fifty years. Additions will be made as years go by. This too will be inaugurated at Golden Jubilee celebrations. The site of old Library (of 1960s) above the present Library (Old Assembly Hall) in senior school has been selected as the seat for this section. This section will display items of historical importance, milestones of PPS, profiles of the creators of the school, those old students have brought glory to PPS and boards bearing names of outstanding students and sportsmen down the years etc



If you have any old Photograph, document (for example, an advertisement for admission to PPS in 1960 or a letter or a report), an item from PPS or elsewhere, which might be of historical interest or importance, please inform us. Send a copy if not the original. You may like to dig up files at home of the times when you were in PPS. (someone may have a personal note from one of the influential teachers or headmasters). Surely you will find something of interest. Please make the effort.

If you have any ideas for this section, can help in organizing the display or contribute financially to this section, please come forward.

Remember, the Historical Section will stand testimony to the years gone by much after we have left the worldly stage.

#### **D. Funds for Golden Jubilee**

It is the endeavour of all concerned to have excellent arrangements for this three day celebration, where the President of India is expected back in PPS after 50years. It will need a lot of logistics work up and arrangements. Lots of funds are required. The ONA has been asked to chip in with its contribution, which should not be small by any standards. In a bill of Rs 1 crore to be spent at the occasion by PPS even 20% contribution would amount to Rs 20 lacs. Therefore we request each Old Nabhaite to chip in minimum Rs 1000 each for this. Contribution by each old Nabhaite with responsibility will swell the kitty without much strain on any one individual. The ONA will tap those who have deep pockets to shell out more. If you are one of those privileged Nabhaite who has made it big (or have a big heart), you may offer to sponsor any of the events planned for the Golden Jubilee.

1. Mountaineering Expedition
2. One formal Dinner or Lunch at the Golden Jubilee
3. Coffee Table Book on fifty years of PPS
4. A stage show to be directed by an eminent theatre personality
5. Horse Show in Chandigarh or Delhi.
6. Fireworks.
7. Mountaineering Expedition
8. Any other celebration you may propose.

**All donors/sponsors are informed that the PPS has the exemption under the appropriate section of the I-T Act in case you need a certification.** I hope all of you will start planning from now to attend this once in a life time event of the Golden Jubilee of our alma mater.

E. The financial requirement of the planned activities for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Punjab Public School, Nabha as forwarded by The Headmaster, Cmdr IL Syal to ONA.

<b>Sno.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>
1.	Advertisement	Rs. 15,00,000/-
2.	Equestrian	Rs. 5,00,000/-
3.	Accommodation	Rs. 3,00,000/-
4.	Labour Day–Tea with class IV employee	Rs. 50,000/-
5.	Cultural Show	Rs. 5,00,000/-
6.	Making of Video film–decade wise	Rs. 2,00,000/-
7.	Coffee Table Book	Rs. 10,00,000/-
8.	Souvenir	Rs. 1,50,000/-
9.	Debates	Rs. 1,00,000/-

10. Three Lectures by Prominent personalities	Rs. 1,00,000/-
11. Expedition	Rs. 2,00,000/-
12. Cricket 15 – 15 Match	Rs. 20,000/-
13. Beautiful & Classy Souvenir	Rs. 7,00,000/-
14. Paradrapping / Para Sailing	Rs. 10,000/-
15. Exhibition / Historical section	Rs. 3,00,000/-
16. Invitation card	Rs. 50,000/-
17. Open Lunch,dinner & Breakfast -11 April'2010	Rs. 50,000/-
18. Lunch on 12 April'2010	Rs, 70,000/-
19. Headmaster's Diner on 12 April'2010	Rs. 1,00,000/-
20. Headmaster's Lunch and lunch for parents	Rs. 1,00,000/- plus Rs. 3,00,000/-
21. Commemorative Stamp / Special Cover	Rs. 40,000/-
22. ONA Dinner	Rs. 2,00,000/-
23. School maintenance	Rs. 10,00,000/-
24. Misc. / unforeseen expenditure	Rs. 4,00,000/-

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**Total estimated expenditure**

**Rs. 79,40,000/- say Rs. 80 lacs**

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**With best wishes from ONA to all Old nabhaitees.**

**Harpartap Singh Ajnala(B-45,1967) President,ONA & Col BS Grewal (S-50,1967) , Gen. Secy, ONA**



**THE OLD NABHAITEES ASSOCIATION**

4538,AWHO, Sector-68, Mohali-160062

**The ONA Pre Christmas Party & Dinner!!**

Dear Old Nabhaite,

It is time to wine and dine together and interact once again. For your information, Tricity ONA (Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula) is organizing a Pre Christmas Party as follows. Please do attend with your Families.

**Venue: DSOI, Sector-36, Chandigarh**

**Day : Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2008**

**Time : 7.00pm. Bar closes at 9.15pm, Dinner will be served at 9.30pm (as per DSOI rules)**

**Dress : Formal, Preferably include red and white to go with the Christmas spirit**

Personal guests are not allowed. After great deliberations by the organizers and considering all the expenses (which are in a state of continuing escalation) involved, following charges have been fixed.

- 1. Couple :Rs 600**
- 2. Single :Rs 350**
- 3. Child :Rs 150**

These are less than at last party. Each member of the organizing committee has personally sponsored something or the other to bring down the fixed costs.

Drinks will be served against coupons to be purchased on the spot. This will enable you to have wider choice. ONA Memorabilia will be for sale at the reception counter. If not a Life Member already, please become one at the occasion and strengthen the ONA.

The evening is being organized by **Col DPS Waraich (J-281, 1976); Sandeep Sandhu(R-512,1986) M: 09417200031; Sudarshan Goyal (B-103, 1970) M:9872012065; Col Inderpal (J-77,1965), 9814607760; Col HS Chahal (J-49,1966) 9872695656; Arun Mahajan (B-260,1976) 9814016868; AS Minhas(R-120, 1971), Rajinder Jain(R-266,1976) M:9815547194 Inderjit Singh(J-319,1977); Col Jasdeep Chatha(1979), Abninder Grewal (J-4,1960) Ms Gagandeep (B-678,1987) 9855095562 and Ms Neelinder Sandhu (B-807,1988).** There is no arrangement for drivers and personal security personnel as party is contributory.

**Please confirm your participation. This organizers will be able to plan the evening better. Hoping to see you with your family and us make the Pre Christmas party really Merry!**

Yours Nabhaitely,  
**Supreet Singh (S-886,1994)**  
M:9888079492  
*On behalf of Tricity ONA*

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