

### 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 *shamiya*. 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 **Commdr 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 Nabhiate **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.

**Dr. Jashanjot Singh (s-52,1967)**



**The Entrance**



**The hard workers at the reception counter. ON daughters**



**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 cut 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!!**