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**The 4 ur Way Test**

- of the things we think, say or do
- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**Family Gallery**

Seasons by



**Rithika M Minnu**  
D/o. Rtn. Adv. S. Murukan

Smiling Ammu Bunny by



**T.A. Ananda Bai**  
D/o. Rtn. Ajith T.S



Divya Joseph Thayyil	02.07.2015
Ancy Antony	03.07.2015
Richu Moncy	04.07.2015
Meera Subramaniya Iyer	04.07.2015
Asha Philip	05.07.2015
P.O. Thomas	05.07.2015
Ajith Kumar T.S	05.07.2015
Kannan Parameswaran	06.07.2015
Sariah Shafeeq	06.07.2015
Abhishek Philip	08.07.2015
Anand T.A	10.07.2015

Bonny Mani Thomas	11.07.2015
Devann Mahadevan	12.07.2015
Amrutha Dhanalakshmi	16.07.2015
Ananda Bai T.A	16.07.2015
Giri Sugunendran	18.07.2015

**Wedding Anniversary**

Rajeev	05.07.2015
Shafeeq	11.07.2015
Dr. Arun Babu	13.07.2015
Ashok Venugopal	14.07.2015
Cijo Alex	15.07.2015

**RoyalWeeks**



ROTARY CLUB OF ALLEPPEY DISTRICT 3211  
CHARTERED AS 7339TH CLUB ON 25.07.1949  
We meet on Wednesdays at 7.00pm  
at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey

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**Editorial:**

Welcome to a brand new Rotary year. What a way to begin the year during this holy month of Ramadan which focusses on community, charity, fasting and prayer. The **Gift of blood** is a gift of life. In synergy with the RI theme, Zone XX Rotary Clubs of District 3211 reached out to the community by launching a blood donation camp on the very first day of the year in association with NSS unit of Leo XIII School. Our own Assistant Governor Professor Gopinathan Nair and beloved members ensured the success of the event.

Sales, marketing, production, distribution and circulation to name a few were the hat I have worn in my long career in Publishing but never in the hot seat of the editor. Though I have contributed in the past for RoyalWeeks I never imagined that I will one day be tasked with editing this prestigious bulletin. This bulletin has been edited by great stalwarts over the years who have won accolades for the publication and taking over from such wonderful personalities and to produce this every single week for the next twelve months gives me the jitters.

This year I would like to see more active participation of our members, anns and annets in expressing their views in prose or poetry and or in art form. All should come forward with their contributions to make the pages of RoyalWeeks more interesting and show case their hidden talents to the world.

RoyalWeeks recognises the support of all our members who have gone and will continue to go the extra mile in their own way to make all the projects a grand success.

RoyalWeeks also acknowledges the continued support and encouragement as always from our ever ready benevolent advertisers who ensure the success of this publication over the years.

In its sixty seventh year of publication, which itself is a glorious moment and with over 3430 issues till date I hope to do justice to the job entrusted to me.

Thank you George Zachariah 'Ashok' for your kind words as you pass your baton to me. I seek the support and assistance as always from my fellow Rotarians to take RoyalWeeks to newer heights in 2015/16. EID MUBARAK in advance to all.

Life is not about what you could not do so far, it is about what you can still do - Be a gift to the world.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

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K.R. Ravi Ravindran

President



Adv. V. Deepak

District Governor



C. Luke

Assistant Governor



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President's message



People join Rotary or similar clubs to make a positive impact in their community and make new like minded friends. Club involvement keeps new and long time members engaged themselves. Members have a sense of ownership of all activities of the club and its various projects. When we enjoy what we do through our club we will stay involved. Family get together and events focused with their presence and participation will draw more young minds into this great movement. We should be transparent in our communication with each other, and should feel free to express openly with club leaders. In this changing world our club success depends on its ability to be innovative and flexible. We should be active and consistent in our views, opinions and policies. Members are more likely to continue with Rotary if they believe that the club is willing to accommodate their genuine interest as well as involve their work and family.

Every one of us has something to give - whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, knowledge, skill, abilities and efforts with sincerity and devotion. Through Rotary we can take these gifts and make a genuine deference in the lives of others and in our society.

Be a Gift to the World.

Rtn. PHF. Adv. V. Deepak

District Governor Message



Dear President,

Rotary is growing and it is because Presidents and their Team in respective Clubs are doing yeomen Service. Every year a new Team is taking up office with a renewed vigor and enthusiasm. It is the individual clubs that make Rotary Vibrant and in a way it is the President, who motivate the club. My Best wishes to the World class Presidents and Secretaries of 2015 – 16.

R.I Theme this year is "Be a Gift to the World".

What is a Gift?

It is something you own or acquire and which you give to someone without expecting anything in return. Rotary's Greatest Gift to the World is Polio plus.

Our District Project is WinS (Wash in Schools). For the first time in our District, we are having District project continuing for 2 years. I solicit your support to make this a great success.

The other innovative programme is FIRE (Family Involved Rotary Entertainment). A mega competition in Dance and Songs for the Rotary Families with attractive cash prizes, to be held in January in Alleppey.

RICE (Rotarians Involved Cricket Entertainment), Cricket Tournament for Rotarians. 25 Teams with AGs as the Managers to be played in Trivandrum in September with attractive cash prizes.

Our District Conference 2016 "AARRAATTU" is in Kottayam on 6th & 7th February 2016.

Let us together make this year a service oriented, family involved, fruitful year, and thus Be a Gift to the World.

Wish you all the best.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
C. Luke,  
District Governor



WINS- Wash in Schools- a great initiative and the district project. This project is for 24 months and the prime objective is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in schools in India.

The aim of this drive is to build toilets and wash facilities in schools pan India.

To adopt schools for the maintenance of water and sanitation facilities and behaviour changes on hygiene habits.

To ensure a clean India in accordance with the national initiative and a clean hygienic environment in our temples of learning that nurtures the future of this country.

Rotary Club of Alleppey supports this wonderful enthusiasm and seeks the active participation of all its members to make this a huge success. We need to identify schools not only in our district but also throughout Kerala and neighbouring states as well.

Together we can make this happen.

Club Trainer



Subramania Iyer

Subramania Iyer, An economics Postgraduate working as a development officer in LIC of India. An ardent Rotarian for the past seventeen years has served and bought laurels to this illustrious club in many positions such as sergeant-at-arms, secretary on two occasions, director of various services and at the helm of the club in 2004/05. He was a GGR in 2005/06, a national trainer and Senator of Junior Chamber International. Rtn Iyer has proved his mettle as an orator especially in Malayalam. He is married to Meera and blessed with a daughter and son pursuing academic interests.

Club Advisor



Muhammad Shafeeq.A

Born on 13th August, 1965 had his schooling at Leo XIII High School, Alappuzha. Took graduation in commerce from the University of Kerala from S.D.College, Alappuzha. During college days was a very active cricketer, captained S.D. College and Alappuzha District cricket teams and was part of the Kerala State Under 22 team. After graduation joined for Chartered Accountancy with his father's firm Abdul Rahim & Co wherein he continues as a partner after passing CA. Also took Law Degree from University of Kerala from Kerala Law Academy, Trivandrum.

Joined Rotary in the year 1988 as a second generation Rotarian. Since then a very active Rotarian held almost all the posts in the club and became president in the year 2001-02. Held various post in the district as well as Assistant Governor, District Treasurer, etc.

Very active in social life and involved in various organisations. Charter president of Centre for Information and Guidance India, Alappuzha chapter, Executive member of the All Kerala Chartered Accountants Association, Secretary of Sun Shine Cricket club. Rtn. Abdul Rahim and Rtnne. Dr. Suhara Rahim, the parents, are active members of Rotary and Innerwheel family. Married to Rtnne. Sebi Shafeeq, who assists him in his office looking after the administrative matters and blessed with two daughters Sulekha Shafeeq, a third year student of Pharm D at PSG College of Pharmacy, Coimbatore and Sairah Shafeeq, a student of CA.

General Coordinator



Vinod K Balaji

Better known as Vinod in Rotary circles is a second generation Rotarian. Son of P.Krishnaswamy & Girija did his schooling @ Mrs. Roy's Pallikoodam (Which was then Corpus Christi) Completing his high School from Alleppey he went on to graduate in Commerce from SD College Alleppey. He took reins of his family business at a very early age. He is an industrialist manufacturing industrial plastic packing materials. He is married to Mini, who doubles up as an efficient home maker and an even efficient help at his work. They are blessed with a handsome son Rohit.



Three month calender of events

July 26, 2015 <b>2015 District Project Seminar</b> Hotel Prince, Alleppey.	July 29, 2015 <b>Neelima Merit Evening</b> Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey	August 1, 2015 <b>Charter Day Celebrations</b> Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey	August 16, 2015 <b>Membership Seminar</b> Hotel Raviz, Kollam.
September, 12 and 13, 2015 <b>District Ryla</b> Marian College, Kuttikanam.	September, 20, 2015 <b>RICE (Rotarians involve cricket Entertainment)</b> Trivandrum	September, 27, 2015 <b>Leadership Seminar</b> Hotel Prince, Alleppey	

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## Committee Chairs

### Club Administration



T. Sivakumar

T Sivakumar, An economics graduate, presently employed in The Alleppey Company Ltd as a senior executive. Active, hands on knowledgeable Rotarian for the past decade, he is the go to man for all of us for suggestions, advices and who gets work done. He has held various positions in the club and was the President in 2012/13. He was adjudged the Best secretary of the 3211 district in 2007/08. He is a member of the Junior Chamber International as well as a Rotractor. A keen sportsman, Sivakumar was a member of the Alleppey District and Kerala South Zone cricket team. He is married to Sreedevi and blessed with a son who is pursuing his studies in Commerce and accountancy.

### Membership



Adv. R. Unnikrishnan

If you knew Rtn. Unni in his childhood days, you would have bet your net worth on Unni becoming either a Politician or an Advocate. Either way you would have been right. His skills and hunger to argue, strong decibel levels and his good looks made us, his childhood friends, all sure he will go places with these talents. He had a smooth ride through schooling from Leo XIII and Pre-Degree from S N College Cherthala to a degree in Law from Law College Trivandrum. An advocate doubles up as a business man, Rtn. Unni is multi faceted. With a strong sense of social responsibilities, Unni Joined RC Alleppey in 1998. Over the years, he has held almost all posts at our club, becoming the president in 2005 and subsequently Assistant Governor in 2011. He was adjudged Star Rotarian of District 3211 for the year 2014-15.

Rtn. PHF A Balakrishnan

### Public Relation



Vidhu Unnithan

Vidhu Unnithan is a leading criminal lawyer based in Alappuzha. He joined the Rotary Club of Alleppey in 2005. He has served the club in various capacities as secretary, vice-president and President in 2009. He is a voracious reader and a lucid speaker. Young and energetic, he is always willing to extend the helping hand to all in need. Vidhu has served as president of alleppey bar association during the year 2009/10. He was assigned the duties of Assistant Governorship in Rotary during the year 2014/15. He is married to Dr. Nisha and blessed with two children.

### Service Project



Prakash Ponnu

Prakash Ponnu who was born and brought up in Alleppey is son of Late Mr. Padmanabha Reddiar and Mrs. Gunapol Padmanabhan. This vibrant Rotarian Joined Rotary Club of Alleppey in the Year 2011. He did his schooling at SDV English Medium Central School and later on graduated in Commerce from SD College, Alleppey. He is into Garment business. He is happily married to Mrs. Anupama Prakash (Outstanding Secretary, Inner Wheel District 321, 2014-15) and blessed with two lovely daughters Deepthika Prakash and Dakshatha Prakash. His elder brother Rtn. Satheesh Kumar .P. is member of Rotary Club of Alleppey East.

### Rotary Foundation



B Sivasdas

B Sivasdas is a law graduate from the University of Kerala. A renowned criminal lawyer with offices in central kerala. Being a thorough professional he has been sought after advocate which has led him to conduct several sensational murder cases in Kerala. He joined Rotary in the year 1999 and has held various executive positions including being the President of our club and the Assistant Governors of our Rotary District. In addition, he also been the secretary and president of the Alappuzha Bar association, Worshipful Master of the masonic lodge 275- Alappuzha, Senior vice president of the Alappuzha District shuttle badminton association. He is also the President of the Ramaverma District Club, Alappuzha.. He is married to Sunita, teacher at S D V Central school and has two children.

### Assistant Governor Message

Dear Rtn. Deepak,

I personally feel honoured to have the precious opportunity to use my pen for writing these lines which in fact are the real echoes of my heart beats of profound greetings to your esteemed club on the solemn occasion of the installation of the new team of office bearers for the ensuing year. Being the leader, if you want success, I am sure that it depends on the strengths of your desires, the size of your dreams and your ability to handle disappointments. All these factors will matter a lot for a president to guide the destiny of the club. As a president, you have many challenges but also opportunities to become a "GIFT TO THE WORLD". So think about your year as an unusual challenge to be a leader among leaders, and that requires, of course, special skills and enormous efforts.

Please remember that success is the sum of 90% work and 10% luck. Please accept that 10% from my part and go ahead with a strong determination to achieve the goal.

Wishing you and your team the very best,



Yours in Rotary,  
Rtn. MPH Prof. S.Gopinathan Nair,

### Message From Our Chief Guest

It is my great pleasure to give a message to be published in the bulletin of the prestigious Rotary Club of Alleppey. It was a surprise for me when Shri Tomi called me for attending the installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Alleppey as I was hearing his sound after fifty years of our college days.

Rotary Club International being the most effective service Club around the world helping the poor and down trodden is actually protecting the human rights of people at international, national and state level. In India, there are large number of legislations protecting human rights of women and children. The Prohibition of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, Juvenile Justice Act, Prohibition of child marriage Act, Prohibition of Children from Sexual Offences Act, Dowry Prohibition Act, Maternity Benefit Act, Protection of Women from Domestic Violation Act, National Commission for Women etc. are the few enactments protecting the rights of children and women. There are also many laws protecting the rights of differently abled people. These laws are over and above the protection given under our Constitution. It is true that laws are not strictly implemented and some people misuse the above laws. But, it is unfortunate that human rights of elder persons have been largely neglected in the international and national human rights framework. In our State, average age of a human being is above 70. Number of elder persons is increasing. But, elder persons raise numbers human rights challenges in the from of discrimination, violations, poverty and marginalization. The only legislation protecting their rights is Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. I am of the opinion that Rotarians, being the leaders of the society, should focus more attention regarding the problems of senior citizens.

The outstanding service activities done by the Rotary Club of Alleppey aimed at aiding the less fortunate with care and compassion are really praiseworthy. I congratulate them. Once we do the real service to the needy will bring inner satisfaction.

I wish the members of the Rotary Club of Alleppey and their family all the best in their life so that they can continue service to the humanity in future with more vigour and enthusiasm.

Justice Benjamin Koshy



# Team 2015-2016

## President



**Adv. V. Deepak**

Born in 1973 at Anjilipara, Mavelikara as the elder son of Sri. K. Chengilil Vijayan Pillai and Smt. Jeeja V. Pillai, had his schooling in Anjilipara L.P. School and T.D.H.S.S. Alappuzha. He took his B. Com. from S.D. College Alappuzha, passed LL.B. from Udupi Law College and enrolled as an Advocate in the year 1998. He is a prominent criminal lawyer and is heading a leading law firm in Alleppey, M/s V. Deepak and Associates. Deepak joined Rotary Club of Alleppey in the year 2005. He has served the club in various capacities as the Secretary, Vice President, Sgt. of Arms, Vocational Service Director. Married to Rtn. Sindhu Deepak, a teacher in Bright Land Discovery School Alleppey. The couple is blessed with two children Amrita Ramalekshmi and Devann Madhavan both are students of Matha Senior Secondary School Alleppey.

## Vice President



**M. Kumaraswamy Pillai**

M. Kumaraswamy Pillai a Rotarian since 2009. He is currently holding the post of Officer on Special Duty, Coir Board Govt. of India. He is a technical genius who has 40 years of experience in Technical Consultancy for setting up Coir based units, Soil erosion control projects Coir Geo-textiles, Standardization and Quality control of Coir and Coir products and also Cluster Development activities in decentralized Coir industry. He has published scientific papers at various national and international seminars on the diversified uses of Coir. He is a B.Sc graduate from Kerala University and did M B A with Marketing from Madurai Kamaraj University. Later he sharpened his skills by undergoing courses conducted by Coir Board and IIT, Chennai. Among many Awards he has received most significant one is Commemorative award in appreciation of contribution to development and promotion of Geosynthetics in India instituted by the International Geosynthetic Society, Indian Chapter in the year 2006. He became Outstanding LoM President of Kerala State Jaycees (1986) Runner up. He is happily married to K.Radhamany Amma and blessed with two children K. Krishna Kumar and R.Remya.

## President Elect



**George Thomas**

Rtn. George Thomas had his education at Leo XIII H.S and S.D College Alleppey. Joined Catholic Syrian Bank and retired from the Bank as the Assit. General Manager. During his official days he joined Lions Club of Thriuvalla and was adjudged as the best Secretary of the then Lions Club District 324E comprising the whole of Kerala. Later joined Rotary Club of Alleppey and was the Secretary for the year 2011-12. Apart from Rotary he is the Responsible Couple (a post equal to that of Secretary) of Teams of Our Lady, an international organization for the Catholic married couple. He is also the Vice President of Residents Association of Dutch Square, Alleppey. He is married to Lissy George, a banker by profession. They have three sons and four grand daughters.

## IPP (Executive Secretary)



**P. O. Thomas**

MPHF.P. O. Thomas Joined Rotary Club of Alleppey in the year 1995. He served the club as Secretary twice: in the Rotary year 2003-2004 and 2008-2009.

Thomas also served the Club and the District in various capacities mainly, District Chairman Community Service, District GML Editor(Three times) District Conference Faculty, Faculty in the District Pre-Pets and District Pet Seminars. District Lieutenant Governor, District Zonal Coordinator and District Chief General Coordinator and President of Club in the year 2014—2015.

Thomas did his schooling at Leo XIII High school, Alleppey, Pre-Degree from S.N. College, Shertallai and graduated in B. Com. from S.D. College, Alleppey. In the year 1970, Thomas started his career with Chrysler Automobile, USA as an Accountant in their Abu Dhabi branch. In the year 1972 he left Chrysler and joined Standard Chartered Bank., Abu Dhabi. In the year 1980 he took a Diploma in Corporate Banking and Finance from Chartered Institute of Bankers Trust, London. During the tenure of 25 years of his service with Standard Chartered Bank, Thomas work with Standard Chartered Bank in Bahrain and Dubai and undergone training in Foreign Exchange and Corporate Banking in Standard Chartered Bank at their head office London. Thomas left Standard Chartered bank in 1996 and took his assignment as Finance Manager in the Private Office of His Excellency Sheikh Saif Bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, Minister and member of the Ruling Royal Family. Thomas married to Molly and they blessed with a son, Dr. Pravin Thomas, Consultant Neurologist in Believers Church Medical College, Thiruvalla. Dr. Pravin married to Dr. Sheba and they blessed with a baby girl, Aliya Anna Pravin .

## Secretary

Rtn. PHF Krishnan Venugopal Joined Rotary Club of Alleppey in the year 2011, have already served Rotary Club of Alleppey as Joint Secretary & Bulletin Editor. During his tenure as Bulletin Editor 'Royalweeks' was adjudged as Best Outstanding Bulletin in the Rotary District 3211. Born in Alleppey did schooling at Leo XIII and then at S D College. Holds Master's degree in Economics from Kerala University. Has also undergone an In-house training programme in IBM Mainframe Computers. After studies joined family business. Before Rotary he was a member of Alleppey Round Table where he became Best Secretary in Area 1. He is also a member of Ramavarma District Club and currently a Committee Member at Alleppey United Club.



**Krishnan Venugopal**

## Treasurer

B Vidhu Kumar, a practising chartered account having offices in south Kerala and Benglaru. In addition to being the Managing Partner of GRKNair and Company, chartered accountants, he is also the director of Protech Management Services Private limited and NP Properties and Resorts Private Limited. He has previously held the position of treasurer twice in Rotary club of Alleppey and also held various responsible positions in the Alleppey branch of the Institute of Chartered accountants. He is married to Preetha Nair who is an advocate and blessed with a daughter.



**B. Vidhu Kumar**

## Joint Secretary

I have known him for a quiet long time, a quiet sober Ajith. We used to have good times with a group of friends, Aji never used to actively participate in our rendezvous. Then there was a short gap in our gatherings as everybody got busy with their career. Ajith a graduate from Kerala University, started a share broking firm and he is running it successfully. I was surprised to see his activity level and involvement in our club activities. He was everywhere holding some kind of responsibility. So here we have a promising Rotarian my dear friends. Aji after taking up the post of Srg.-At-Arms in 2013, this year he is the joint secretary and I strongly believe he will take up more posts in following years.

Rtn. PHF. Krishnan Venugopal



**R.N. Ajith Kumar**

## Sergeant-At-Arms

Boney M Thomas is a coir industry professional and manages the family business and overall supervision of the coir processing plants. A light hearted, friendly, lovable, compassionate person with a golden heart to give he is the Managing Partner of Paramount Coir Mills. He joined Rotary in 2008.

As Sergeant-at- Arms in 2009/10 he ensured the smooth functioning of the club events and a role model to those who aspire for this position – rightly the reason he has been chosen for the post once again this year. He is married to Jeraldi, who is a non-resident Indian working in Canada.



**Boney M Thomas**

## Bulletin Editor

Sasidharan is a post graduate from the University of Madras and worked briefly in Chennai for a private firm dealing in printing blocks and photography materials. It is here his passion for print and publishing started. He then moved to the Middle East and started his career with a leading publishing firm in Bahrain. His hard work and dedication was rewarded when he was promoted as General Manager- Production of the company in 1997. He ensured highest quality in printing in all the jobs executed and he along with others in the management team set the standards for printing and publishing in the Middle East.

After 30 years he decided to call it a day and relocated to India in 2011 to pursue his other passion to serve and help the needy. He has been associated with charity work and helping the needy in his own way for over quarter century before joining Rotary Club of Alleppey the same year. He is also a trustee in Anbagam- a Chennai based NGO caring for homeless mentally unwell / unstable patients from the streets and reuniting with their loved ones willing to take them back. In addition he is also a donor and an activist of Pravasa Lokam.

He is married to Karthika, Assistant Professor of Chemistry in S.D. College, Alappuzha. They are blessed with a son and daughter both graduates in engineering and medical profession.



**S. Sasidharan**