



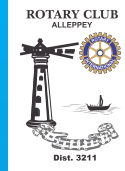
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E-mail and messages – think before you respond

In our growing days as well as a great part of our initial working life we would reflect and revise before we sent out any important written communications. We would read and re-read our letters both personal and professional and our dust bins in the office will be filled or corners of the house will see a heap of written drafts before we gather courage to send them out. This attitude of ours served many useful purposes. It brought clarity to our thinking process, made us understand the situation and the task on hand. It also helped us to maintain a basic minimum decorum and etiquette in our communication.

Now with the advent of the internet and Wi-Fi and more recently our smart phones, we respond to e-mails, messages as soon as we receive them. Sometimes we do not even bother to read the full message through. This is because our mind is already in the process of mentally drafting our replies to the message. These instant responses are creating friction and confusion among people in work places and in personal lives. I am sure all of us have been a victim of such instances in our life.

I have learnt valuable lessons from my mentors in my overseas job on how to

deal with e-mails. Unless you work in the second or third shift or have an important project deadline do not respond to late evening e-mails, more so if these messages are hurtful and accusing in nature. From my own experience responding to such mails is a recipe for disaster. Most of the time, whoever is sending out late evening mail, messages has something on his/her mind that has plagued them for the better part of the day. Since it has been in their mind for a long period of time, the only way to overcome is to get it out of their system. My advice to such messages is - now since the ball is in your court just suspend play or in other words do not respond. By responding you can only make the situation worse and also you will loose that point to your opponent.

Continued..

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Adv. V. Deepak

District Governor



C. Luke

Assistant Governor



Prof. S.Gopinathan Nair

When you pray and place your trust in God, Miracles happens. When you do your bit with commitment around you good things happen.

.....
If everyone is happy with you, then surely you have made many compromises in your life. And if you are happy with everyone, then surely you have ignored many faults of others.

.....
Never be too proud of who you are and what position you hold because after a game of chess the kings, queens, rooks, knights and the pawns are all tossed back into the same box



Those of us who are in the regular day shift, as the afternoon progresses our productivity decreases and our moods change. This results in chances of making errors. So it is best to avoid responding to mails during this time. The ideal time to respond or deal with important topics is usually in the mornings to just before lunch time and immediately after lunch. This is because well fed people are likely to look on with compassion at themselves and the rest of the world.

I have also learnt that sleeplessness in most of us is the constant checking of our mails and messages. A warm cup of milk, a warm shower or a light music will get you a good night's sleep, but a disciplined use of email and messages will definitely supplement to give you the well deserved rest at night. Like me, I would like you all to set fixed time and a time limit to check and respond to e-mails and messages. I found this as my own cure for my restlessness when I switched of mails and messages by around 8 at night and go to bed a couple of hours later. When you enjoy your sleep, you wake up with a creative mind the next morning ready to face the challenges of another grueling hi-fi day. I also believe that any message, mails that is confrontational and at whatever time of the day it arrives it is best to sit and ponder over it for 24 hours before responding. Such mails when it arrives, keep it aside. Drink a glass of water, take a deep breath, and walk out of your seat or office even if it is for a couple of minutes. Look and do some other task on hand. If the situation is serious and has upset your mood then talk to a family member or close friend or a senior (preferably not in your own company) so that you get it off your mind. Read and re-read the message the following day, preferably after a good meal. It may not look so confrontational after all. Finally, assuming your e-mail opponent has also had a good meal, jointly tackle the issue in a face to face meeting. It may not be bad idea to discuss the same over lunch. With calm mind and nerves soothed on both sides you might be able to find mutually acceptable solution.

It is beneficial to check on spam mails now and then as you might have received an important communication and due to choice of words present in them or being a first time it might have automatically saved in spam folder. For the sender nothing is more insulting than not receiving an acknowledgment or a reply to their mail. In such a situation, please acknowledge the mail in an appropriate way indicating a time as to when you will send the reply. This will not only keep the sender in good spirits but also gives you time to study and understand the mail and reply.

Always remember the Pen/ Send key is mightier than the sword; so use it wisely, cautiously and effectively. The final result will be positive, beneficial and less stressful for all.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

Club Business

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2015, Family Dinner

Meeting started with Sergeant-at-Arms leading the Ceremonial Procession, Sergeant - At – Arms adorned President with Collar. The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn Shan T P invoked the blessing of Almighty.

Rtn. Rajeev welcomed the gathering and President adorned Chief Guest Municipal Chairman Mr. Thomas Joseph with "Ponnada".

In Presidential address Adv. Deepak Congratulated Mr. Thomas Joseph for being elected as Municipal Chairman, later he briefly mentioned about projects which Rotary Club Alleppey is engaged over years. He also mentioned that Mr. Thomas Joseph meets all criteria for a Municipal Chairman that a Rotarian would hope. President said he was impressed with plans announced by Chairman in his acceptance speech especially the housing plan for poor and also extended wholehearted support for his initiatives in future.

Rtn. Dr. Arun Babu introduced chief guest, with a brief bio data which covered his childhood, education business, family and his political career.

Mr. Thomas Joseph in his address mentioned that this is the first public meeting he is attending after taking up the Chairmanship. He shared his plans, of which his Flagship project will be homes for 1500 poor people of this municipality. He also informed that Rs. 288 crore worth drinking project will be initiated in coming days and more focus to be given on cleaning the water tanks located in municipality. A mega plan for sanitation improvement will be executed with the assistance of Central Government Project "Amrith". He invited suggestions from Rotary towards the betterment of municipality. He also informed that within 6 months online governance will be initiated for Tax remittance, Birth, Death and Marriage certificate's. And he is envisaging a mega structure to commemorate 100th anniversary of Alappuzha Municipality in 2019.

President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak presented Chief Guest with a memento as token of appreciation. Felicitations were given by AG Rtn. Prof. Gopinathan Nair, GGR Rtn. Adv. S Murugan. Mr. Thomas Joseph adorned PAG. D Vijayalakshmi with a "Ponnada" for the unique send off she received from her Ward for her devoted service there during her tenure as Councilor

Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal in vote of thanks extended a heartfelt thanks to Mr. Thomas Joseph, also thanked all Rotary family members for attending meeting. He concluded with a special thanks to MC Rtn. Subramaniya Iyer and hosts Rtns. Subramaniya Iyer, Indu Dutt, Sabil Raj, Ajith Bhaskaran, Dr. Arun Babu, Rajeev N, Roy Raj and Shan T P. Then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal



RC of Alpy & RC of Coir city of Zone 20 conducted hand Washing awareness program in connection with WINS in Govt LPS Alpy



WINS rev dist co ordinator Vijayalakshmi explains about the prize winning poster & painting on hand washing to DG Rtn.C.Luke at St Mary's HSS , TVM on 26th Nov 2015 , in the gracious presence of PRID Susil Guptha & Wins Dist Co ordinator PDG , R Raghunath.



Polio work shop at Kottayam



President of RC of Alpy Adv Deepak with former President of Srilanka Mrs Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumarathunke.



Alappuzha Municipal Chairman, Sri Thomas Joseph, Chief guest at our family get together, felicitated at our club



Alappuzha Municipal Chairman, Sri Thomas Joseph honoring PAG Vijayalakshmi for her selfless service rendered to the people of Alpy during her tenure as the municipal councillor



Family Entertainment during the Dinner on 28.11.2015

Tea Host for Regular Meeting on 02.12.2015, Rtn. John V George

Family Gallery

These are few questions asked in HR interview... The answers are really stunning and inspiring.....Thinking out of the box...!

Question 1:

You are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night, it's raining heavily, when suddenly you pass by a bus stop, and you see three people waiting for a bus:

- * An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
- * An old friend who once saved your life.
- * The perfect partner you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing very well that there could only be one passenger in your car?

This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

He simply answered: "I would give the car keys to my Old friend and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the partner of my dreams."

Sometimes, we gain more if we are able to give up our stubborn thought limitations. Never forget to "Think Outside of the Box."

Question 2:

What will you do if I run away with your sister?

The candidate who was selected answered " I will not get a better match for my sister than you sir"

Question 3:

Interviewer (to a student girl candidate) What if one morning you woke up & found that you were pregnant.

Girl: I will be very excited and take an off, to celebrate with my husband. Normally an unmarried girl will be shocked to hear this, but she managed it well. Why I should think it in the wrong way, she said later when asked.

Question 4:

Interviewer: He ordered a cup of coffee for the candidate. Coffee arrived kept before the candidate, then he asked what is before you?

Candidate: Instantly replied "Tea"

He got selected.

You know how and why did he say "TEA" when he knows very well that coffee was kept before. (Answer: The question was "What is before you (U alphabet) Reply was "TEA" (T alphabet) Alphabet "T" was before Alphabet "U"

Question 5:

Interviewer said to the boy "I shall either ask you ten easy questions or one really difficult question.

Think well before you make up your mind!" The boy thought for a while and said, "my choice is one really difficult question."

"Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice! Now tell me this. "What comes first, Day or Night?"

The boy was jolted into reality as his admission depends on the correctness of his answer, but he thought for a while and said, "It's the DAY sir!" "How" the interviewer asked, "Sorry sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a SECOND difficult question!"

Sometimes just thinking out of the box is all it takes!



January, 10, 2016

FIRE (Family Involved Rotary Entertainment)

Camelot Convention Centre Alappuzha

Three month calender of events

February 06,07, 2016

District Conference

Winsdor Castle Convention Centre, Kottayam

June 19, 2016

Awards Night

Trivandrum Club, Trivandrum

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The four 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 friends?
- ☀ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Family Gallery

This picture was given to class 2 children and they were asked to suggest a tag line. The winning entry was 'Never swallow your chewing gum'.



Long time ago, people who sacrifice their sleep, family, food, laughter and other joys of life were called SAINTS. But now, they are called

IT Professionals



Why PLANNING is important? ..

One Night 4 college students were playing till late night and could not study for the test which was scheduled for the next day.

In the morning they thought of a plan. They made themselves look as dirty with grease and dirt. They then went up to the Dean and said that they had gone out to a wedding last night and on their return the tyre of their car burst and they had to push the car all the way back and that they were in no condition to appear for the test. So the Dean said they could have the re-test after 3 days. They thanked him and said they would be ready by that time.

On the third day they appeared before the Dean. The Dean said that as this was a Special Condition Test, all four were required to sit in separate classrooms for the test. They all agreed as they had prepared well in the last 3 days.

The Test consisted of 2 questions with a total of 100 Marks.

- Q.1. Your Name..... (2 MARKS) Q.2.. Which tyre burst? (98 MARKS)
- a) Front Left b) Front Right c) Back Left d) Back Right



Happy Birthday

John Thayyil	03.12.2015
Maya Vivek Venugopal	04.12.2015
John Mathew	06.12.2015
Zarina Jacob Philipose	06.12.2015
Ashok Venugopal	06.12.2015

Wedding Anniversary

Adv Deepak	09.12.2015
Thankamony Antony	07.12.2015
Deva Nandhan (Madhu Son)	09.12.2015
Anu Mary Antony	10.12.2015
Vivek Venugopal	11.12.2015
Abraham Joseph Thayyil	12.12.2015

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