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## Fair or unfair practices- It is time we take a decisive action

Sreedevi weds Suresh, Salma weds Hisham, Elizabeth weds George, etc. what is the common factor in these not so uncommon banners and arches that are prominently displayed outside wedding halls. Why is the sequence not the other way around? Such as Suresh weds Sreedevi. The answer is simple. Parents of the respective girls are sponsoring the wedding.

We have heard and seen news about exclusive lavish weddings and the money spent by parents on this event. People make wedding into a prestigious affair. The groom's side trying to show off how worthy the groom is and the bride's side trying to impress how big a wedding they could make. These egos are often stupid. It is just pride and ego that is pushing this. In fact there is no reason to have an overly pompous wedding when the concerned parties have limited means. But in the end people are people.

The world has moved ahead and women have been empowered across various strata of life. Yet in one vital aspect involving women, change has barely been visible. This is the great Indian wedding.

The parents of the girl child live in some sort of fear from the time she is born. Even before the three day infant is bought home from the hospital or nursing home the first picture that comes to the mind of atypical Indian parent is the marriage of their daughter.

The fathers start working harder. They start setting aside a good portion of their earnings for the wedding of their daughter that would take place in the distant future. Both the parents become mathematical geniuses trying to calculate how much funds are needed for the daughter's wedding just like retirement or pension fund. They start building assets and the most important assets they have their eye on is real-estate and gold. If you question the wisdom, you would not be surprised by

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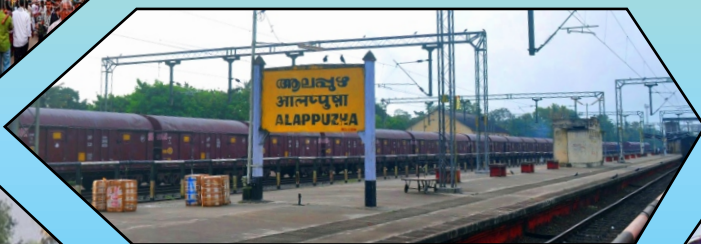


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Assistant Governor



Prof. S.Gopinathan Nair



Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now. *Alan Lakein*

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. *Benjamin Franklin*

Punctuality is the soul of business. It is one of the cardinal business virtues. Insist on it.

You need power, only when you want to do something harmful, otherwise love is enough to get everything done. *Charlie Chaplin.*



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the answer. I have a daughter my friend. Who will marry her if we do not gift her house or gold when she will be ready for marriage? People around him give approving nods emphasising that he is doing the right thing. The mothers also start saving for their daughter's wedding. She begins to buy small amounts of gold and silver, joins and subscribes to chit funds from the savings she manages from the household expenses to run the family. Working mothers and homemakers all are in this mode. This sometimes is done in secrecy. In a way they are busy building a corpus for the wedding.

After all this protecting and preparing for her wedding, one fine day that day arrives. Since most families prefer an arranged marriage the negotiations for a good deal starts. Once the groom is finalised, the next set of discussions begins: what is to be given, how much, where should the wedding take place, number of guests, food and other catering activities, gifts for a select set of relatives etc. all start getting decided. The most important factor is all these have to be borne by the bride's family. Apart from the bride's side shouldering all the expenses, the groom needs to be gifted with a gold chain, gold bracelet, expensive shoes, watch, suit etc and in some cases pots of money. It does not end there. The groom and his family and his relatives need to be transported to the wedding hall. The menu is not decided by the bride's father but it has to be approved from the groom's side. The groom's family, friends and relatives have to be personally taken care of by the bride's family. This treatment should be royal and pompous. Finally, when the two/three day wedding is over the feedback starts coming in. Many unkind, ugly unwarranted comments would be ready. That was not good, this was not good, this could have been better etc. In my opinion this regressive tradition should stop. What if she is a she? So what if you are a he? Why should the girl and her parents taking the responsibility for the conduct of the wedding. Are you not man enough to spend equally for your own wedding.

The consequences are far reaching. The rising demand for gold, soaring real-estate prices, growing corruption and the persisting practice of female infanticide all have their ugly roots in such audacious practices. Yes, I do have a daughter and I do have a sister. I have been a victim to this tradition for my sister's wedding and also a witness for several weddings for a long time. Whenever, I see such banners and pompous wedding I feel aggrieved. Why has this not changed despite girls being high achievers? This should stop. When the marriage belongs as much as to the guy as it dies to the girl, why are the expenses taken care of by only one side. Of course, with respect to those young men and their parents who refuse to penalise a bride and her family in such a manner.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

### Club Business

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi invoked the blessing of Almighty. In Presidential address Rtn. Adv. Deepak expressed his gratitude and appreciation towards all members for a well conducted District Governor visit. And he also thanked Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi and AG Gopinathan Nair for all the support in realizing the 3 star WinS project at Govt. GHSS, Alappuzha. He also thanked Rtn. Sasidharan for his efforts behind the Website Development and all the members who gave assistance towards "Enable the Disabled" project. He expressed his happiness in inducting a member which brought our membership strength back to 76. He congratulated members who are having anniversaries today and he joined Rtns. Gopinathan Nair, D Vijayalakshmi and Kumaraswami Pillai for cutting the cake. Sale of Lucky Dip coupon for District Conference "AARRAATTU" was inaugurated by handing over first coupon to AG Rtn. Gopinathan Nair. He also informed about project done earlier today at Karunya Kidney Foundation, dialysis kit worth 100 dialysis was donated which was sponsored by Rtns. Gopinathan Nair and D Vijayalakshmi. He also informed that Advertisement at District conference venue is charged between Rs. 3000-15000 and those who are interested can contact AG. Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi detailed on 3 different categories of WinS project, she assured that matching grant due to our club will dispersed by District very shortly as our clubs name is in the first list. She also opined that our WinS 3 star project at Govt. GHSS is one of the best in District so far. AG Gopinathan Nair thanked members for celebrating anniversaries, he requested members to register for District Conference and buy Lucky Dip Coupon he informed that only less than 10 days left for the event. He told that DG Rtn. C Luke and District Chairman Rtn. Dr Thomas Vavanikunnel both are 100 % satisfied with our WinS project at Govt. GHSS. Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal read out anniversaries and greeted all who were having anniversaries on the day. He thanked all Rotarians for attending meeting and for their valuable suggestions and appreciations, He extended a special thanks to Host for the day Rtn. H Nagaraj, and then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal

#### Tea Host for Regular Meeting on 03/02/2016, Rtn. Rajeev



**3rd Board Meeting 07/09/2015** : Meeting started with a silent prayer, Rtn. Ajithkumar RN welcomed the gathering and President briefed on the agenda for the day. Secretary read the minutes of 2nd Board meeting, President replied to the matters arising out of the minutes, he explained why the nomination of Rtn. Adv. S Murugan was recalled and he also informed that despite postponing the 12/08/2015 regular meeting the meeting was conducted to elect another member for DG Nomination committee and T. Sivakumar was elected to represent our club. Minutes was passed unanimously. Board ratified the conduct of 12/08/2015 which was postponed to 15/08/2015 as Independence Day Breakfast Meeting. President informed the board that District RYLA camp happening at Marian College, Kuttikanam on 12th and 13th of September. We will be sending 3 students, Chinju George from GGHSS sponsored by Rtn. Gopinathan Nair and Rtn. Vijayalakshmi, and 2 students from SDV Central School sponsored by Club. President informed that we will be having a Inter District Meeting with Rotary club of Ambalpaday, at Alleppey United club on 13/09/2015 at 11 AM. And another Inter District meeting with Rotary club of Calicut East on 19/09/15 at our club hall by 7.30 pm. It was decided at least 10 Rotarians from club will be participating in RICE-Rotary Involved Cricket Entertainment, and probable list of members were read out. It was decided to place Late Rtn. Gopakumar's photo in Hall of Fame after following all norms and precedence. It was decided to give Nation Builder awards at 19th dinner meeting, the awardees has been finalized. And board decided to postpone regular meeting on 16th to 19th as Inter District dinner meeting at our club hall. Secretary gave vote of thanks with a special thanks to Host Rtn. Ajithkumar R N (Jt. Secretary).

**4th Board Meeting 05/10/2015** : Meeting started with a silent prayer, Rtn. Sasidharan Nair welcomed the gathering and President briefed on the agenda for the day. Secretary read the minutes of 3rd Board meeting, President replied to the matters arising out of the minutes, instead of 3 students 4 students were send to attend District RYLA at Kuttikanam. Due to sudden demise of Rtn. George Varghese the Inter District Meeting with RC Calicut East was cancelled and instead we had Condolence meeting. He also informed that due to change in 19th meeting as planned Nation Builder Award couldn't be handed over, but awards were distributed at respective schools and the awardees will be recognized in a later meeting. After boards ratification minutes was passed unanimously. President invited board members attention towards next item on agenda YAMCORA (Youth Activity Month Celebration of Rotary Club of Alleppey) 2015; he explained the significance and importance of the event in RC Alleppey's annual calendar. So he invited board members for their valuable suggestions towards successful conduct of YAMCORA. After an active discussion session it was decided to have a Full day RYLA (Personality Development and Carrier Guidance session) on 26th which will be conducted by Rtn. Subramaniya Iyer and a Trainer from outside. On 27th there will be Debate, Quiz and Elocution for students varying from 8th std. to 12th depending on the event. Board entrusted Secretary for sending communication regarding YAMCORA at the earliest. President informed the board that Nation Builder Awardees, Rice Participants from Zone and the students who attended District RYLA will be recognized at the Valedictory Function of YAMCORA on 28th of October. President later informed the Board regarding the Vocational Service Seminar at GDM Hall, Kayamkulam on 18th October and requested healthy participation. It was decided to have a meeting with Web site designer at the earliest and to launch the site before end of November. It was also decided to have the family outing on November itself and duty was entrusted to Rtn. Sajan B Nair (Family in Rotary – Strategic Planning Committee). Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal gave vote of thanks with a special thanks to Host Rtn. Adv. B Sivadas (Rotary Foundation).

**5th Board Meeting 06/11/2015** : Meeting started with a silent prayer, President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak welcomed the gathering and briefed on the agenda for the day. Secretary read the minutes of 4th Board meeting without ant ratification minutes was passed by the board. President informed that District Project WINS planning is complete and 1 star category will be implemented at Govt. Girls High School. Board suggested to utilize budgeted fund fin the heads Community Service and District Project and to collect balance fund if required from members. He also informed about District TRF seminar at Kovalam on 15/11/2015. Board decided to postpone the Family outing to the month of April as it was inconvenient to execute in November. It was decided to complete the website development before 22nd November and inauguration to be held on 22nd November. It was also decided 28/11/2015 Family Dinner meeting will be exclusive for members of Rotary Club of Alleppey. A new cycle for club boy to be considered. Board unanimously decided to make Dr. E K Antony Honorary Member at the earliest. Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal gave vote of thanks with a special thanks to Host Rtn. Adv. CA Vidhu Kumar (Treasurer).

**6th Board Meeting 07/12/2015** : Meeting started with a silent prayer, President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak welcomed the gathering and briefed on the agenda for the day. Secretary read the minutes of 5th Board meeting. President replied to Matters arising out of Minutes, Since PRIP Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee's visit was cancelled web site inauguration couldn't be done on earlier decided date. President also informed that at next regular meeting Dr. E K Antony will be declared as honorary member and will be communicated to him. And a new Bicycle was provided to club boy as decided in previous board meeting. Then Minutes was passed by the board. It was decided to inaugurate RC Alpy's Official web site on Jan 6th along with District Governors visit, and Board requested Rtn. Tomi Eapen to provide a write up for Web Hosting on "About Us" and "Projects" we have done on past. The Board meeting also resolved to conduct Election of Office Bearers for the Rotary year 2016-17 along with Regular meeting to be held on 30th December, 2015. And notice to be send not late than 8/12/2015. Board decided to postpone 23/12/2015 Regular Meeting to 26/12/2015 as X'mas & New Year Family Dinner meeting. Board was notified about Youth Service Seminar to be held on 13/12/2015 at Camelot Convention Center. It was also decided to do a project on Focus area "Enable the Disabled" during District Governor's Official visit to our Club. Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal gave vote of thanks with a special thanks to Host Rtn. Vinod K Balaji (General Cordinator).

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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 friendship?
- ☀ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Family Gallery

- ☆ **Wife:** Shall I prepare sambar or Rasam today for lunch.  
**Husband:** First make it, we will name it later.
- ☆ **A frustrated husband** in front of his laptop; Dear google, please do not behave like my wife... Please allow me to complete my sentence before you start guessing and suggesting.
- ☆ **A married man's prayer;** Dear God, you gave me childhood, you took it away. You gave me youth and you took it away. You gave me a wife and it has been years now, just reminding you.
- ☆ **Employee:** Sir you are like a lion in the office. What about in the house?  
**Boss:** I am a lion at home too. But Goddess Durga sits on the lion there!!
- ☆ **Slogan on a Man's T shirt** – 'Please do not disturb me. I am married and already very disturbed.'



### Calendar of events

**February 06,07, 2016**

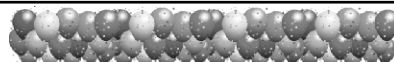
District Conference,

Winsdor Castle Convention Centre, Kottayam

**June 19, 2016**

Awards Night, Trivandrum Club,

Trivandrum



### Happy Birthday

Asma Kalam	02.02.2016
Priya Roy	06.02.2016
Venugopala Panicker	06.02.2016
Radhamani Ramanan	06.02.2016
Hari Sankar (Vidhu Unnithan's Son)	07.02.2016

### Wedding Anniversary

Radhakrishnan	09.02.2016
Adv. Murugan	08.02.2016
Priya (George Mathew Daughter)	08.02.2016
Liz (George Thayyil Daughter)	09.02.2016
Biju Sathyan	09.02.2016
Shreya (Nagarajan Daughter)	10.02.2016

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