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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



"I know I did not get top marks in the class; do you get the highest salary in your office?"



An elderly person from God's own country was dying. The relatives gathered around his bed trying to make his last journey comfortable. They tried giving water, milk and he refused. One of his sons took the glass back into the kitchen, remembered a bottle of whisky he got as a gift the previous Christmas. He opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk and held the glass to his father's lips. The father sipped, drank a little and before they knew he had the drunk the entire glass. The son asked the father who was cheerful to give some wisdom before he died. The father raised himself up in bed and whispered 'do not sell that cow'.

Calendar of event: June 19, 2016 Awards Night, Trivandrum Club, Trivandrum

Happy Birthday		Wedding Anniversary	
Adv. Murugan	08.02.2016	Prabha Krishnan	11.02.2016
Priya (George Mathew Daughter)	08.02.2016	Lizzy Thomas	11.02.2016
Liz (George Thayyil Daughter)	09.02.2016	Varsha Madhu Mohan	17.02.2016
Biju Sathyan	09.02.2016	Gia John Thayyil	20.02.2016
Shreya (Nagarajan Daughter)	10.02.2016	Anika Vinod Balaji	24.02.2016

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Royalweeks

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at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey

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Make in India going ahead in full steam and a lot of employment opportunities will be generated. I thought it prudent to address and educate the younger generation on how to face an interview be it an entrepreneur or a job seeker. I have addressed a few of the human resources aspects, skills in isolation over the last six months. Beginning this week I plan to write a series of self-betterment articles over the next few weeks that will help and assist all those who take the interview process

Tips for telephonic interview

In this age of globalisation and with investors /recruiters having no time to send interview letters by snail mail, you need to be prepared for an impromptu interview over the phone anytime a company may want. You may have forgotten when you applied for a position in a particular company, or you may just be hunted down by a recruitment company – no matter what it is, always be prepared to face telephonic interviews. The first round of the interview is often a HR round and if time and distance are genuine constraints, then the following rounds may be conducted over phone as well. While it is difficult to assess or judge your interviewer on the opposite side of the phone as you cannot see him, you would need to give your best effort to



Preparedness and punctuality are two of the most important qualities of a leader.

Do not strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.

It is not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matter.

Smiles add value to our face. Love adds value to our heart. Respect adds value to our behaviour and friends and family add value to our life.



- impress the person on the other side. A few tips that may help you to achieve your goal:
1. After you come to know the purpose of the call, be polite, expressing your interest in the position.
 2. Do not forget to address the other person with short greetings.
 3. Be articulate and confident during the conversations - don't project overconfidence.
 4. Listen very carefully to the questions that are directed at you.
 5. Understand the question, if you are confident enough, then elaborate.
 6. If you do not know the answer, do not waste time beating around the bush. Decline politely and apologise for not knowing.
 7. Give to the point answers.

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8. Do not exaggerate. Know where to stop.
9. Give proper information regarding your present position. Be brief in your delivery and mention your current job role in a nutshell.
10. Make queries about the organisation, once you have the opportunity. Do not start negotiation on pay packages or benefits at the very beginning.
11. Avoid going into arguments, be formal in your language delivery – do not aggravate your interviewer.
12. Avoid discussing controversial issues.
13. Show your interest only if you are really interested. An endnote like “I would like to hear from you again” will definitely explain your interests.
14. After the interview, do not forget to say, “Thank you for the time.”
15. If you manage to impress your interviewer enough to get the job, be courteous and express your gratitude by saying “Thanks for giving me the opportunity to work for your esteemed organization and I will always try to deliver my best.”
16. If you are not hired, do not be disappointed. Learn from your mistakes and try to overcome the problems the next time around.
17. Last but not the least, Be Positive.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

Club Business

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn. Sajan B Nair invoked the blessing of Almighty. In Presidential address Rtn. Adv. Deepak informed that the District Conference held on last weekend was a successful one. The promotion of District Conference started from District Assembly and huge attendance is due to this. He felt Zone wise maximum Rotarians participated from our zone and 23 Rotarians from our club registered for District Conference. He congratulated DG C Luke for a wonderful District Conference “AARRAATTUU”. He also informed that Vocational Service Awards function programme planning is almost over, awardees have been identified and follow up is going on and DGP. Sri. Rishiraj Singh IPS, office has confirmed his availability as Chief Guest unless some official matter comes up. He called upon members to use all their Rotary contacts towards promotion of Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi's candidature as District Governor as this nomination is biggest challenge ahead for Rotary Club of Alleppey. He also suggested that club has to face this challenge 100% united.

Rtn. P Arjun said he came to know about Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi's candidature and he wanted to extend support and congratulate teacher in person, that's why after quiet some time he came for meeting.

Rtn. Tomi Eapen said he is glad and he said its duty of the club to look after the campaign. He also suggested to form a team which has to look into every aspect of campaign, and wished All the Very Best!

Rtn. Vidhu Unnithan expressed his views on recently held District Conference, he called for making consensus among the rival candidates from same Revenue District as it was like that in past. It's not long since our club extended full co operation towards PDG. Rtn. John C during his election campaign. Rtn. Kumaraswami Pillai said Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi has all the ingredients to become a good District Governor her commitment, interest, enthusiasm her achievements will vouch for that. He suggested forming a team with senior Rotarians and making her a District Governor is our Club's responsibility. If we are going to have consensus talks with opponents it has to be done at the earliest. Rtn. T Sivakumar said 1st lady Governor is our right considering our clubs history and legacy, team work is vital and suggested to call a meeting with other clubs from Revenue District. Rtn. N A M Kunj said he is glad about nomination, to become a District Governor eligibility matters and we all know Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi is 100% eligible. We have to try to avoid competition for the post by consensus; and Rotary Club of Alleppey deserves District Governorship more than any other club. All the Very Best!

Rtn. George Thomas had the opinion that core team has to be formed at the earliest, and he also reminded about how our club supported PDG. Rtn. John C in almost every aspect during his campaign and Governorship.

Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi said she relies on club for full support, planning has to be done at the earliest. She felt most touching thing for her is the blessings and prayers she is getting from senior Rotarians.

Rtn. Sajan Nair asked for certain clarification in election procedure for RI Director from Zone 5A and President Adv. V Deepak clarified. AG Rtn. Gopinathan Nair expressed his gladness for a taking a unanimous decision to go ahead with Nomination of Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi.

Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal read out anniversaries for the coming week, he also expressed his concern in delay for forming a core committee and calling a meeting of senior members from other clubs in Zone. He thanked all the senior members for sharing their views and for support extended. Also thanked Host. Rtn. Sajan B Nair for hosting the day.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal

Tea Host for Regular Meeting on 17/02/2016, Rtn. Dr. Arun Babu

RI NEWS

Beware of new email scam claiming to be from Foundation Chair Ray Klinginsmith

A new email purporting to be from Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith is targeting Rotary members. The email falsely claims that members can become End Polio Now ambassadors if they email club information to a Gmail address within 48 hours.

The fraudulent email has the subject line “BECOME AN END POLIO AMBASSADOR” and is sent from a fake email address.

This is a scam. Rotary staff is working to resolve the issue. Avoid being the victim of scams by deleting any email that appears suspicious.

Family Gallery

TAKING PRIDE IN YOUR JOB

We live in one of the largest and diverse economies in the world. There are a vast number of resources at our disposal for daily use. With trades becoming more and more specific, we find ourselves dependent on many people to help us get through the day.

While all this diversity and need for specializations is definitely a benefit to the society and ensures that only experts deal our problems, it is a system that is never fully finished and needs constant updating.

So what happens when someone who is not aware of the new improvements in the system has to use it to complete a task? We find ourselves in that situation ever so often - going to a new bank or needed to get some documents attested by an official or opening a file at the hospital.

Ideally when this happens you should be able to go to someone who works in the establishment is question and ask him/her what to do. If they know what to do, they'll tell you and if they don't, they'll guide you to someone who does. Simple enough right? Wrong. The trend in this country today is the "I don't care" attitude. No one wants to take a minute out of their day to help someone who is new or someone who needs a little assistance getting around. Everyone today seems so preoccupied with the things they need to finish before the day is over, that no one stops to help. Also, let me point out that the “I don't care” attitude is on a lucky day. On an unlucky day you'll come across the "let me make your life harder, just because I can" attitude. I'm sure everyone has come across this attitude - when you ask some for help, they give a look which clearly implies that you're wasting their time and they are quite displeased about it, before pointing curtly at another line you have to stand in to get your job done. Before you realise you have already changed different quest, wasted a lot of time and have not accomplished the task you came in for and worst, you still have absolutely no idea how to. This situation is all too familiar to an average citizen.

Let us all take a step back here. When we're in that line, silently cursing our luck, or thinking how easy, if someone could just explain where we have to go. Or if they're unsure, could ask their colleagues what the process is? How nice it would have been if they smiled at you while talking? Objectively speaking, in a population of approximately 1.25 billion, you cannot possibly be the first person who needs that particular job done. Someone should know which line to stand in. That is correct. People do know, but for some unfathomable reason, they don't want to help.

My message is for everyone out there. Your job is a service to someone. Whether you're a doctor or a banker or a sales person- you are the middle man between a person and what they need done. What is even better is you are probably one of the best at the job, which is why you work where you do and people come to you. So do it with a smile. Your job comprises about 50% of who you are. You have worked hard to be in that position. So do it with pride. You can make someone's day that much better. You can ensure the task is completed in quick time. So why not? Don't look at your job as a task you need to get through every day. Understand that you are in a position of power so use it to help someone. Every single person you come across is dealing with something you don't know about. Everyone like you is preoccupied, families, children's education, loans etc. You could make it easier for them by smiling, talking politely, and exchanging pleasantries as you assist them. So when you head out to work, think of all the lives you are going to make it easier by simply doing your job with a right attitude.

Next time you see someone in your office don't think “how can I get this customer out of my way?” Think “how can I help this guy with the resources at my disposal?”... And it doesn't make your life harder at all - It is what you're trained to do, what you're good at doing. A Win Win situation for all. Nevertheless, despite your best efforts, you can't always help. In such a situation smile and guide them to someone who can assist. This makes a huge difference - as opposed to sending them away without a solution. Let me also point out, that once in a while despite your smile and willingness to help the person, you will come across a rude person - Don't worry about it. Don't allow their lack of respect affect the job that is a part of your identity. Simply carry on with your manner and let it be.

This attitude comes easily to a person who is proud of what they do, who believes that they are making a difference. Believe it or not - you are making a difference. So strive to make a positive difference.

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