



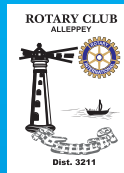
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Mother - God's gift to the world

Mother's day is being celebrated this week all over India. What is more appropriate than giving these selfless embodiments of love, care, service and above all supreme sacrifice a fitting tribute in our Royalweeks. Mother's day is a day for many people to show their appreciation towards mothers and mother figures worldwide.

Mothers do not let you grow up. However much critical this may sound it is actually a plain statement of fact. And come to think of it, it is not really a bad proposition at all. When the rest of the world is conspiring hard to make you proficient in tackling all complications of the adult world, it is a comfortable thought to know that there is at least one place where your vulnerabilities are recognised.

'Maa' – even the word is surprising. There is perhaps no other words in which linguistic differences are practically non-existent. 'Maa', 'mother', the endearing 'mom' and 'mamma', 'amma', – all seem to be variations on the same phonetic root. But it is not just this similarity that connects mothers all over the world. The essence of motherhood that almost forms a pattern universally lies in the warmth of feeling

that leads to a love that is selfless and blind in the true sense.

This year Mother's Day is on the 8 of May, which is Sunday next. But does it really make sense to allocate one day in the year to the most special woman in your life (wives and girlfriends not with standing, where applicable)? Does she not take care of you throughout the year – worry, fret, pester, smother, attend, and remember – whatever form that care might adopt. There are other manifestations too, in daily chores which we are used to taking for granted. We do not think it is a big deal to get our favourite dish for breakfast, even if it means that mom probably got late at office in order to prepare it. We tend to accept the fact we would naturally be her priority above everything and everybody else but we

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Mother – Not always eye to eye, but always heart to heart.

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A mother understands what a child does not say.

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Youth fades; love drops, the leaves of friendship fall; a mother's secret hope outlives them all.

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God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.

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Being a full time mother is one of the highest paid jobsthe payment is pure love – priceless.



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hardly ever pause to consider the special responsibilities that being a priority entails.

It is known that Anna Jarvis, who is recognised as the Founder of Mother's Day in US was deeply hurt by the intense commercialisation of the day which she believed to be very personal. But certain things are unavoidable. If we forget to thank people for the special attention that they give us, there is actually no harm in somebody making us remember, even if it is for their own gain. True, the best thing would be to be consistent in reciprocation of feeling, but the next best gesture would be to make the most of a special occasion.

You have a chance this coming Sunday. Remember, your mom is the only person who will accept you just as you are. So be as effusive as you possibly can and shake off all inhibitions when expressing your love for her. It is true that she will even understand things that you hold back from her but why take a chance. Reaching out to her is important, touching her heart is priceless. So go my dear folks make this a special day for your epitome of love and compassion even if you were to get the angry look or the wrath of your better half!

Being a mom is the greatest privilege for a woman all over the world. Mothers always want the best for their children. In doing so, they also expect their children to follow suit in their quest for success. On this Mother's day as much as you receive all the accolades for being the best I would like to add subtly that you as mothers should strive not to be too competitive for your children. One of the biggest characteristic of a doting mother is for her to see her child be the first in everything. This leads to many of them being excessively competitive when raising their children, constantly comparing him or her to others. Unknowingly, this could lead to children facing excessive pressure when it performing their daily tasks, let alone taking part in special activities.

Here are a few ways to ensure you do not be that competitive mother:

- Remember that milestone development is relative. Even Einstein couldn't speak until he was four, so there's no actual yardstick to measure anything!
- Avoid turning parenting into a competition. Being a mother is no competitive race, it is a responsibility and a profession that needs your love, care and special attention. Also, there is no finish line!
- In case you are surrounded by competitive mothers around you, let them feel that they are victorious. In that way, you rule out all possibilities of them forcing themselves upon you again.
- Be around mothers who are caring and do not indulge in petty competitions.
- Also, remember that it is not a test of your parenting skills; your child is growing up to face the world on his or her own capabilities.

Let your kid think out of the box

Parents and schools need to encourage kids to be non-conformists.

Mark Twain said, "The man with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds." That is why; most children are not encouraged to speak their mind or share their ideas, thereby putting a full stop to creativity. When children come up with an innovative idea, most often they are dismissed as 'crazy', 'silly' and the like. But the real education lies in letting them imagine, fantasize and the like.

When we insist that children reproduce similar work every time, be it in answering questions, making pictures, writing essays or doing projects, we discourage their creative exploration. Conformity is not the enemy. Our approach towards it can be. When we are learning something we need a place to start, a standard to refer to, hence the potato and the onion. The problem begins not in beginning as a conformist but in remaining one! Children are drilled to conform, accept and not question."

Overemphasis on conformism and to 'fit in' has become the number one killer of imagination too. Exposure to popular media like television and social media has also played a pivotal role in killing imagination. Einstein said, "Imagination is greater than knowledge. Knowledge defines all we currently know and understand imagination points to all we might yet discover and create."

It's essential to allow the children to explore, create and think. In the process, they might not succeed or face failure but it is essential for them to explore life. In India, the education system puts too much of emphasis on sticking to the curriculum. This in many ways affects a child's creativity. We need to encourage a child to think, imagine rather than just learning by rule.

Give that quality time to your child

Your child looks up to you for appreciation for the milestones he/she achieves.

Participating in their journey in life is one thing that not only encourages children during their growing up years but also lets them enjoy life to the fullest.

For every parent, the first turn that your baby makes or the first step that your baby takes with confidence are moments replete with inexplicable joy. What adds more charm to any parent-child relationship is the need to be heard and loved. And it is here that laws of reciprocation lets you reap in bumper crops of joy in life.

So the first thing elders say parents should keep in mind is to make sure that the child gets maximum attention. Other things can wait. But the precious moments of you spending time sharing invaluable moments cannot wait.

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Host for Regular meeting on 04/05/2016 Rtn. Rtn. Vinodkumar

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

While a parent may be eager to post the pictures of the toddler on the social networking sites, or put up a tag line on the chat interface referring to their bundle of joy, there is more than one can do. Like taking part in the activities like playing games and sending encouraging signals and getting elated when the child is happy.

Nothing works best than to reach to their level and soak yourself in the spirit called life. And when your child says, 'look mama, I have done it,' give a round of applause.

NOW THAT'S THE TRIBUTE YOU MOTHERS WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE EVERY DAY – CHANGE FOR THE BETTER THIS MOTHER'S DAY
Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

Club Business

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn. Adv. Vidhu Unnithan invoked the blessing of Almighty. In Presidential address Rtn. Adv. Deepak welcomed the gathering then he briefed on DTTS held on 24th, he said that DTTS was phenomenal success unlike previous editions this time it had 189 registrations which shows how well it was organized. Rtn. D Vijayalaxhmi's organising skills was proved once again. He also informed that 3 projects were done by club on 24th Career Clinic in association with CIGI was conducted by Career Guru Mr. Jaleel, Prevention of Drug Abuse by Excise Inspector Muhammed Newman and Road Safety Awareness by Joint RTO Rtn. V R Vidyadharan. He also informed that all the arrangements for Family tour to Munnar on Apr 30th is complete and expecting a quality time.

Rtn. Vidhu Unnithan said the Rotary year is almost nearing completion and he is glad keeping up with clubs tradition this year also President and his team has done a good job touching every major facets in Rotary, he congratulated V Deepak and his team. Regarding DTTS he was of the opinion that it was organized with a difference, every aspect was dealt magnificently and all who attended was very much impressed, Kudus to organising skill of Teacher. Rtn. George Thomas was also shared same opinion regarding DTTS. Rtn. D Vijayalaxhmi, District Chairman DTTS thanked for the phenomenal support extended by members of RC of Alleppey, she wholeheartedly thanked Amrutha D/o of V Deepak for helping throughout the meeting. Finally she thanked Rtn. Gopinthan Nair for meticulously helping her in organising the event. Rtn. Nagaraj gave final briefing on Family Tour and asked members to assemble by 7.00 AM on 30th.

Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal read out anniversaries for the coming week, and thanked Rotarians for attending the meeting; he also thanked the Rotarians from RC Alleppey for excellent support given to teacher in organising DTTS. Finally thanked Rtn. Cijo Alex host for the day.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal

Pictures of the Family Picnic Munnar, 30th April 1st may



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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

MOTHER:

M is for the million things she gave me.

O means only that she is growing old.

T is for the tears she shed to save me

H is for her heart of pure gold.

E is for the eyes, with love-sight shining.

R means the right, and right she will always be.

Put them all together they spell
MOTHER - A word that means a world to sons and daughters

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New teacher joined in the school

Teacher: - students tell your names and hobbies....

1st boy: - My name is Arun. My hobby is watching moon.

2nd boy: - My name is Arjun and my hobby is watching moon.

3rd boy: - My name is Vikas & my hobby is watching moon.

Teacher: - wow good Everyone's hobbies are same ... Ok....

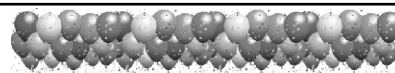
Now girls turn..... 1st girl: - Hello mam my name is Moon

Teacher shocked..... Boys rocked.....

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In a Nursery School Canteen...

There's a basket of apples with a notice written over it :- "Do not take more than one, God is watching"

On the other counter there's a box of chocolates, a small child went & wrote on it. "Take as many as U want, God is busy watching the apples"...



Happy Birthday

Antony (Sicily Antony's Husband)	05.05.2016
Arjun (S/o. Roy Raj)	05.05.2016
Jason (S/o. W.D. Nelson)	05.05.2016
Sindhu Deepak	06.05.2016
Balakrishnan (Kannan)	06.05.2016

Wedding Anniversary

Madhu	06.05.2016
Ajithkumar	10.05.2016
Sajan Nair	11.05.2016
Gerald Bonny	07.05.2016
Vigesha Nagarajan	08.05.2016
Arjun (S/o R. Sreenivasan)	09.05.2016
Megha (D/o. Roy Raj)	10.05.2016

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