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## From Editor's desk



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The month of August is observed as membership Development Month in Rotary world over. Rotary International leaders keep emphasizing membership growth and extension because Rotary's very survival depends on it. As per the figures published by Rotary International, there are about 35,000 clubs world over with a membership strength of 1.22 million. Here I must confess that for the past one decade I am hearing the same story notwithstanding the fact that every year many new members are inducted to Rotary. In July invariably in the installation function of most of the clubs there would be a slot for induction of new members. During the designated month of August also the ritual continues. In spite of all these, I wonder why the total membership remain static.

I was thinking aloud and arrived at the simple logic that the rate of drop out is far more than the new members inducted. Left to myself retention should get priority over membership Development as otherwise there will not be any effective numerical growth. Normally the drop out can be of many reasons, such as, re-locating to another place, health reasons, death of members, personal indifferences with the office bearers etc. In the above, all cases barring personal indifferences of the members with the office bearers of the Club are inevitable and cannot be reversed. The following tips may help the President in retaining the members;

Make sure club meetings, service activities, and social events are interesting, fun, and worthwhile.

Initiate more hands-on projects so club members will feel that they're making a difference.

Eliminate 100 percent attendance requirements.

Be alert to the symptoms that lead to resignation. Club leaders should be considerate to members' personal problems.

feel it will be only appropriate to re-designate Membership Development Month as "Membership Retention and Development Month"(MRDM) . .

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



We meet on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey

### September – Month of **Onam**

ONAM is fast approaching. Though Chingam dawned, Kalla Karkidakam is still playing havoc by intermittent heavy rains. Boat Race, the festival of Alleppey, though postponed, is happening on 31st. It is festive time. Our Onam celebrations will be by end of 3rd week of September. I earnestly request our Anns of Royal Petals to gear up to the occasion. September is Basic Education and Literacy month. We have to initiate the process of Rotary Neelima Quiz Competitions after the schools reopen. Rtn. Siby George is entrusted the task of coordinating the competitions. The event was conducted very successfully last year. Scope for further improvement is also there. Kindly support with suggestions and ideas. Activities under Project REACH, are only initiated. A lot is to be done to Reach the final objective. We need a lot of energy and resources to make our adopted ward a Zero Waste ward. The target date is October 2nd. FIRE competitions are announced. Club chairman for FIRE is Rtn. T.S. Sujith and Zonal coordinator is Rtn. Nagaraj, Revenue District Chairman is Rtn. Subair Shams and District coordinator is our Vijayalakshmi teacher. For Anns we have Cooking competitions, Atha pookalam, etc. This year's specialty is Literary competitions. There will be competitions for Poem writing, Essay writing etc and the entries are to be mailed to District office before 31st December. Other usual competitions such as solo song, duet etc will be there. I request our Rotarians, Anns and Annets to make good of the opportunity and bring laurels to the Club by participating in the competitions. I request your support and co operation to make the Rotary year a worthy year.

**Rtn. K. Cherian**

## RI News

Dear Rotary Club Officer,

Our records indicate that we have not received payment for RC15903 membership dues for the current period, which are now more than 30 days past due. As of 19-08-2019, the Rotary Club of Alleppey had an outstanding balance of \$3,093.94 USD.

Please be aware that all balances must be paid within the next 30 days to be eligible for the FY 2019-20 Rotary Citation. For the most current Rotary Citation Achievement Guide, [click here](#). To view your current club balance, navigate to My Rotary>Manage>Club Administration>Daily club balance report. This report should reflect a \$0 balance before the delivery of the 60-day reminder.

Accounts Receivable, RI Club finance

### **Appeal from Rtn K Cherian, President**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We have received the above reminder from RI South Asia office for payment of dues. The dues works out to around Rs.213500/-. Another bill from Rotary News amounting to Rs.30660/- is also pending with us. The total amount to be paid immediately is Rs.244160/- I earnestly appeal to my fellow Rotarians, kindly pay the subscription dues at the earliest so that the amounts can be paid in time.

**Rtn K Cherian**

# FIRE- Alappuzha Revenue District Meeting



Rotarians who were on a bike expedition along costal India, from Warora, Maharashtra visited our Club on Sunday 25th. IPP Rtn Antony Malayil is seen exchanging flag with the visitors. PAG Rtn T Sivakumar and Rtn Nagaraj were also present

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EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE **PASSION** TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD. SV

## 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 ?

# 2019-2020

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- General Convenor** - Rtn. PHF Vidhu Unnithan
- Club IT Officer** - Rtn. PHF Dijo Antony Cherian
- Club Recreation** - Rtn. PHF A. Balakrishnan
- Club Projects** - Rtn. PHF John Mathew
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- Asst. Governor** - Rtn. PHF V. Deepak
- Club Historian** - Rtn. MPHf Tomi Eapen

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS September

- 8 Rtn'e Nisha V. Unnithan
- 9 Appu s/o Rtn. George L. Mathew.
- 9 Moh. Saber, s/o Rtn. Abdul Rahim



The new generation members have to be mentored well by their sponsors -Sajan

*(Rtn Sajan Nair, one of the Senior members and a seasoned Rotarian opens his mind on the state of affairs of RC, Alleppey in the recent past)*



Q1. At the outset let me congratulate you for your continued passion and commitment to Rotary and your unstinted support to the RC Alleppey. How do you relish your present day involvement in the club?-

To be "FRANK" very bad state of affairs .

No effective discussions – on matters of general interest , no accountability on funds collected , no statement of accounts presented on the GB / BoD etc. Hence many of the Rtns are reluctant to come .

Q2. Can you briefly explain the impact of Rotary in your personal life? - Great form for personal development & create friendships and quitances .

Q3. How do you rate the activities of Rotary in the present time vis-a-vis olden days? Also comment about the advantage of having a part of Tamil Nadu in our district and the disadvantage in that format? -

One may feel bad , but the fact is that there is no quality in member relationships . Some of the current " Leaders " even doubt the quality & integrity of the Senior members . The time & efforts the Seniors have put in to make RC of Alleppey what it is today is well forgotten.

TN Rtns were fun loving & simple but great friends . I miss them a lot

Q4. What are your suggestions for improvement of functioning of our Club? - Members involvement of are not sought for . Only a certain " group " runs the club , where the " quality majority " are kept apart . Unless this style of functioning is changed , the club will never improve .

Q5. What is your advice to the new generation Rotarians? -

Let their sponsors mentor them well . Get them involved as much as u can



### Engagements



Next Meeting @ 7.30 pm on 04.09.19  
Host Rtn Adv Babu Joseph

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