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Freedom of expression is one of the fundamental rights provided for in the constitution of India. It applies to all the citizens of the country and organisations which are only associations of individuals. In Rotary also we enjoy the freedom boundlessly. The right to freedom of speech and expression is subject to limitations imposed under Article 19(2). These restrictions can only be imposed when the security concerns of the nation is under threat. Other than that no one can intercept the freedom expression either oral or written.

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When I took up the challenge of serving as the Editor of the prestigious bulletin, I was thinking aloud to make it a platform for a healthy debate on the common issues faced by the club. I felt that we should try to enthuse our members by initiating some healthy discussions and keeping that in mind only I started the column "Frankly Speaking". As the title suggests it is a forum to open one's mind on the Rotary in general and club in particular. The five questions were framed specifically to bring out the reactions of the interviewee on the issues raised. When you are more passionate and committed the reactions may appear to be a little bit harsh. No worry we have to understand the message properly and try to make course corrections, if needed. I am not at all surprised on the heat generated in the previous meeting. It was also the other side of expression of their commitment and passion. But left to myself instead of contesting the replies of the interviewee, we have to defend by counter-arguments with proper justifications.

Having crossed the Saphathi year, it is high time for us to re-invent Rotary and make our Club more vibrant in the years to come. I invite opinions of the Rotarians on the topic discussed to be published in the future issues.



Jai Rotary.

Rtn PHF M. Kumaraswamy Pillai

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

Service Above Self – More than a Motto

The Rotary motto Service Above Self conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide. When we live in a land of plenty and enjoy a better standard of living, many people living in our neighborhood are not so fortunate and this creates an opportunity for service. Truly to this spirit, the news comes in that ECHO, a group of doctors handed over a cheque of USD105000/- to Rotary Global Foundation for constructing 25 Snehaveedu at Kumarakom. The Benevolence of these doctors gives a ray of Hope in the lives of 25 families who are deprived of their basic necessities. This is the time for retrospect. Are we doing justice to ourselves. We are reluctant even for a small additional financial commitment, when we enjoy the friendship and fellowship of Rotary. We know very well that physical service by our members has its own limitations. Unless we participate actively in the main areas of focus of Rotary by contributing our resources, we cannot call ourselves true Rotarians. Money matters much. I call upon my fellow Rotarians to give adequate financial support to the Club. We have many tasks ahead. Unless you have faith and confidence in the leadership tasks becomes difficult to achieve. Please give your support and at most co-operation for accomplishing our tasks and thereby help our District to achieve the Dreams of our dear Governor Rtn. Shirish Kesavan.

K. Cherian

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING DATED 4 th SEPTEMBER

The regular meeting of the week started with invocation by Rtn. Tom Joseph. President in his address informed the following decisions of the board meeting held on 2 nd September.

1. Onam dinner meeting is decided to be conducted on 20 th September. A team comprising of Rtns. Sajan B. Nair, Cijo Alex, R. Unnikrishnan, Vidhu Unnithan, Rosie John, George Zacharia George and B. Sivadas will be the hosts.
2. It was decided to initiate Rotary Neelima Quiz competitions in September itself and to entrust all the Board members to supervise the conduct under leadership of Rtn. Siby George and Rtn. Subramania Iyer .
3. It was decided to include Rtn. Tomi Eapen also in the committee which was formed for discussing the maintenance and use of building at the front side of the Club premises.
4. It was decided to supply cloth bags under project REACH with suitable sponsorship. Also boards with Swichithwa messages will have to be erected in the adopted ward.
5. In case of the member who was terminated last year due to failure to pay dues before June 30 th , and who has subsequently cleared the dues, it was decided to readmit , provided the entire dues for last year including contribution to Canopy and also at least half yearly subscription for current year is paid before 30 th September. Rtn. Tomi Eapen informed that he is not interested in joining the committee for suggestions regarding building maintenance and he wanted to resign from the Secretary post of Society. President said that the existing secretary of Charity Society, Rtn. Tomi Eapen may convene a meeting of the Society and submit his resignation from Secretary ship in that forum for acceptance. Rtn. Sajan Nair told that his earlier request for reconsideration of Subscription increase and a discussion in closed meeting, which was then clarified by president that the decision was taken in Club assembly and hence do not warrant further discussions, is missing in the minutes. Rtn. Sivakumar pointed out mistakes reported on decisions in board meeting, which is since corrected. Rtn. George Thomas and Rtn. Murugan also joined the deliberations. Rtn. Ajithkumar submitted a letter regarding conduct of FIRE which he wanted to be discussed in Club meeting. The meeting was hosted by Rtn. Babu Joseph. The Secretary proposed vote of thanks and the meeting ended at 9AM.

John Kurian, Secretary.

Zonal Meeting of FIRE @ RC Alleppey



Our worldwide membership as on 06.09.2019 is 1,209,250 that shows growth of 19,784 from 1st July, 2019.



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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 ?

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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



Tit-bits

The Alcoholic Wine Expert

At a winery, the regular taster died and the director started looking for a new one to hire. A drunkard with a ragged, dirty look came in to apply for the position. The director of the winery wondered how to send him away. He gave him a glass to drink. The drunk tried it and said, "It's a Muscat, three years old, grown on a north slope, matured in steel containers. Low grade, but acceptable."

"That's correct", said the boss. Another glass...

"This is a Cabernet, eight years old, a south-western slope, oak barrels, matured at 8 degrees. Requires three more years for the finest results."

"Correct." A third glass... "It's a Pinot Blanc Champagne, high grade and exclusive," the drunk said calmly.

The director was astonished. He winked at his secretary, secretly suggesting something. She left the room and came back in with a glass of urine.

The alcoholic tried it. "It's a blond, 26 years old, three months pregnant and if I don't get the job I'll name the father."



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Next Meeting @ 7.30 pm on 11.09.19
Host: Rtn Jacob Neroth

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