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From Editor's desk

Membership Growth- is it an Oasis

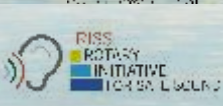
I had occasion to be part of delegation from our club that attended the rescheduled IGNITE-Membership Development Seminar. I must admit that the seminar was unique in many ways. The speakers did full justice to the topic of the seminar. But the pomp and circumstance with which Rtn Nisha Jose introduced Rtn Dr Bharat Pandya, the RI Director created a hype about the speaker but I doubt he could hardly match the expectations. However he in his inaugural address introduced the topic well. The other speakers followed, PDG Rtn R Sreenivasan ARC and PDG Dr George Sundararaj ARC had done enough home work on the membership issues of District 3211 which reflected in their speech. They presented the reasons for stagnation of the membership of rotary at 1.22 million and underscored the importance of retention without which the real growth will be a dream only. I would recall that in the very same column of issue 10, I had emphatically stressed the need for retention and pleaded for amending the designated month of August as Membership Retention and Development Month(MRDM).

It has been stated that the retention rate is less than 70% after 3 years which means nearly 30% of the members drop out which is alarming. The reasons attributed for the high drop outs are "Personality issues with Club", "Club leadership issues", "Club unwilling to adapt and make changes", "Community involvement expectations are not met"etc. Unless these issues are addressed properly we may not be able to reach our destinations.

It is a welcome change that the leaders have taken 'retention' seriously at the Seminar. Let us wish that the they will continue to think so in the post seminar period also.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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

Spreading message of REACH through Residents' Associations

We have heard the speech of the school girl, Greta Thunberg ripping the World leaders at the UN on their inaction in protection of environment. She says- you have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. People are dying and the entire eco system is collapsing and we are in the beginning of a mass extinction. In this context the project REACH gains its relevance much more.

Civil Station Ward of Alleppey Municipality was declared adopted by us for implementing REACH project. We had convened a meeting of two resident's associations in July itself and formed a Clean Plus committee to monitor the activities of the REACH programme. We had given an awareness class also on that day to the residents. Much of REACH was not able to be done by us afterwards. The plan of action consists of activities from volunteering to clean the garbage in the roads, supply of bio-bins, supply of cloth bags, beautification of road side, painting walls with messages of Waste Management, putting sign boards etc. Now a new Resident's association is formed in the ward which has the geographical coverage of the locality of our Club. We conducted a Waste Management awareness programme on 11th at our Club premises to the members of the Association. Programmes like this, will definitely helps us to publicize Rotary also. I call upon fellow Rotarians to team up with Rtn. Thomas Joseph, Club Chairman for REACH so that we can successfully implement our project at the earliest.

Rtn. K. Cherian.

Minutes of the Regular meeting

dated 09.10.19

The Regular meeting for the week started on 9.10.19 at 7.45PM with invocation of God Almighty by Rtn. Antony Malayil. President welcomed the gathering and explained the decisions of the last board meeting dated 8th October.

1. Family dinner meeting for the month of October is decided to be conducted on 30th October.
2. Rotary Neelima Challenge Quiz will be conducted this month itself and Rtn. Siby George and Rtn. Subramanialyer will be coordinating the event with the support of other members.
3. Regarding resignation letter submitted by Vice President, the board authorised Rtn. Venugopla Panicker to have discussions with the T S Ajith, Vice President.
4. A closed meeting for discussions regarding hike of subscriptions will be held on Wednesday 23rd of October. Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai gave a detailed account of the District Membership development Seminar held on 6th October. Rtn. Rosie John supplemented the same and also informed that Innerwheel Club of Alleppey is celebrating its Golden Jubilee on 22nd January 2020 at our Club hall.

Rtn. V. Deepak, AG informed that FIRE Zonal Competitions will be held at our Club hall on 20th October from 4PM and the intending participants of our Club should participate in the competitions. Rtn. Varghese Kurisinkal said that the PHF status of the Club should be made 100% at the earliest with co operation from Past President and AG. He also commented on the performance of Rotary Alfa Learning Development Centre. President informed that PHF status will be made 100% this month itself and Regarding Rotary Alfa centre, the same is having professional team and patients strength is slowly improving. Secretary proposed vote of thanks with a special mention to the host of the meeting Rtn. Lukose Malayil.

The meeting disbursed at 8.15 PM
Rtn. John Kurian, Secretary.



Stills from IGNITE- Membership Development Seminar held on 6th October 2019 at Contour Convention Centre, Changanassery



Awareness Class on Waste Management

On 11th October, an awareness class on 'Waste Management' was conducted at the Club hall for the members of Bhoomika Residents Association. This is a newly formed residents association at the locality where our Club is situated in the Civil Station Ward. The awareness programme and the official inauguration of the Residents Association was done by Hon. Dist Judge Nixson Joseph. Ward Councilor Sri. Noufel, Association President Adv. Assim Muhammed and representatives from CDS and the residents participated. RC Alleppey President Rtn K. Cherian, Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair and Rtn. John Kurian addressed the gathering. The classes were taken by Smt. Sandhya, Resource person from Swichithwa mission, Alappuzha. Around 130 members of the association participated in the Seminar.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS October

- 15 Vivek, s/o Rtn. Jacob Neroth
- 23. Rtn. N.Rajeev,
- 28 Rtn. Raju Chandy
- 31 Rtn. Babu Joseph



TREE PLANTATION AT ROTARY PARK , Melbourne

The Rotary Park, adjacent to the Botanical Gardens of Melbourne has many trees planted over the years in honor of the visits of Rotary Presidents, including Paul Harris. Tree Dedication to Mark Maloney the RI President was done at the September 25 ceremony led by Kevin Sheehan, President Rotary Club of Melbourne, with members of the Rotary Club of Melbourne participating. Rotary District Governor Grant Hocking (9800) and District Governor Rosanne Kava (9780). For those Rotarians attending the Rotary Convention in 2023, a beautiful spot to celebrate Rotary.



NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued to conduct the weekly meeting falling on 23rd October (Wednesday) as closed meeting to discuss the following agenda.

1. Subscription increase to Rs.12000/- implemented during the current year. Other matters moved with the consent of chair.

The meeting will start at 7.30PM and all members are requested to attend the same.

Rtn John Kurian
Secretary.

Engagements



Next Meeting: at 7.30 pm on 16.10.19
Host Rtn Jacob Philipose

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