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From Editor's desk

## Are we right in setting our Goals?

I am to share an important but not so pleasant news to the readers of Royalweeks. At the second meeting of 2019–20 RI Board of Directors held on 21–24, October 2019 at the Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, the Board reviewed 14 committee reports and recorded 61 decisions. Inter alia, the Board received a report on membership trends that included, as on 1 July 2019, a membership total of 1,189,466 Rotarians (down 5,641 members from 2018) and a total of 35,890 clubs (up 209 clubs from 2018). It is an irony that when we are moving all around aiming at Membership growth targeting 20% or even more, there is a negative growth by over 5000 in numbers. Following points merit consideration:

While there is a negative growth in membership, there is a positive growth in the number of Clubs. There can be possibilities of new clubs created by breakaway groups. In the days of advanced technologies, we are unable to reach the people. Implies that the public image of rotary has to improve. There is a need to have a relook into the policies and programmes of Rotary. We have to "change" as per the present day requirements of the society. The avenues of service have to change. At the centennial year of Rotary in India, let us move the change especially when our nominee is going to be adorned as the RI President during the year 2020-21. Before concluding my column let me borrow the recent quote of Rtn Kamal Sanghvi, the RID for Zone 5 & 6 in the Rotary News.

Alone I can only say,  
But together we can shout,  
Alone I can only smile,  
But together we can laugh,  
Alone I can only live,  
But together we can celebrate  
And Connect the World.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

Secretary  
Rtn. PHF John Kurian



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

President's Column

Centennial Celebrations and Felicitation to RIPN Shekhar Metha

100 th year of Rotary in India is definitely a matter of pride to Rotarians in India. In fact the Rotary Club in Calcutta which was chartered 100 years before was the first Rotary Club in the mainland of Asia. R.J.Combes, the manager of a steel products company impressed his friends with the motto "Friendship,fellowship and Service" and he had no difficulty to convene the first meeting of the Rotary Club of Calcutta on 26 th September 1919. Adding to the Glory of centennial celebrations Rotarians in India, we are proud of the fact that Rtn Sekhar Metha, an Indian, is nominated to the prestigious position of RI President.

It is befittingly decided to felicitate Rtn. Sekhar Metha and to celebrate Centenary of Rotary in India by our District 3211 under the leadership of DG Rtn. Shirish Keasavan on 28 th November. The charismatic leader of 3211 PDG AKSM John Daniel has taken up the task of making the event a memorable and glorious one. The mega programme which is proposed to be held at Uday Palace Convention Centre and Trivandrum Golf Club will of course make history. DG has requested maximum participation from our Club for the wonderful function which will be packed with lot of entertainment, food and fellowship. Let us all be a part of the celebrations.

Jai Rotary,

**Rtn. K. Cherian**

## **Minutes of Regular meeting dated 20.11.19**

The regular meeting of the Club for the week started with invocation by Rtn. Dijo Antony Cherian. President in his address informed that we had conducted Free Blood Check up Camp in association with MDC Labs and Scans, Alappuzha on 14th November. A seminar on Diabetes prevention was held for the public and the classes were led by Dr. Biju Thomas and dietician Smt Deepa. President thanked the Directors of MDC Labs Mr. Shafeek and Mr. Gokul for sponsoring the project and our members Rtns. Vijayalakshmi Nair, Kumaraswamy Pillai, George Thomas and John Kurian for their participation. Children's day was celebrated on 14th November with the kids of Rotary Alfa Learning Development Centre. The event was made colorful by performance of the children and staff of the Centre. President thanked Sri. Anaz and Smt. Shani Anaz of Alfa and our members Rtns. Tomi Eapen, Vijayalakshmi Nair, Kumaraswamy Pillai and John Kurian who participated. President informed that the next round of competitions of Rotary Neelima Challenge Quiz will be conducted next week and the final competitions will be held in January 2020. We had also conducted WinS target Challenge training programme for teachers and students of Government Girls High School today. November month dinner meeting will be held on 30th November and the regular meeting of 27th November is postponed to 30th. Dr. Christy Fernandez, IAS (Rtd) who is presently Chairman of KSIDC has consented to be the Chief Guest for dinner meeting. Rotary Centennial celebrations of the District is proposed to be held at Uday Palace Convention Centre, Trivandrum on 28th November and Alappuzha Revenue District organizing committee meeting of the event will be held at our Club on 21st November. President requested all our members to participate in the organizing committee meeting and also the Centennial celebrations. Rtn. Sham Kurup shared his experiences with Rotary and Rtn. P.O. Thomas detailed about the Zonal membership orientation Programme held at Kollam, in which he was a faculty. The host of the meeting was Rtn. Abdul Rahim. Secretary proposed vote of thanks and the meeting adjourned at 8.15 PM.

**Rtn. John Kurian, Secretary.**

# FOND REMEMBRANCE



Royalweeks pay rich tribute and pranams to the memory of our ever great charismatic rotary leader late PDG Revi Karunakaran in his 16th death anniversary- Editor

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## Time has proved that associating lady members in an organisation like Rotary will definitely add to its overall performances

-Rtn Vijayalakshmi Nair

(‘Teacher’ in the Rotary circles of District 3211 is synonymous to Rtn Vijayalakshmi Nair. It is an household name in all rotary families in the district. She is a prominent figure in the public life of Alleppey too. She is perhaps the only Municipal Councillor who was accorded a touching farewell by the public in the ward on her relinquishing the position after completion of her term as Councillor. She has the strong and intimate support of her spouse Rtn Prof Gopinathan Nair. There may be many rotary couple in RID 3211, but none will equal this passionate couple. Rtn Vijayalakshmi Nair(VN) speaks to Royalweeks on her rotary journey so far)

**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?

VN: Rotary is an organisation for friendship and fellowship. And I still enjoy it in full swing. In every organisation there will be certain difference of opinions among its members. But we have to remember that these are all temporary affairs that can be easily solved by our sincere and positive involvement and keep it in mind that it is RC Of Alpy with an unparalleled legacy and it will rise to the occasion by solving all the problems and finally fly to the maximum with its glitter and glory.

**Q2.** On May 4, 1987, the US Supreme Court ruled that Rotary Clubs could no longer exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. That same year the Rotary Club of Duarte in USA elected the first female club President. Here in Alleppey, you were inducted to our illustrious club in the year 2000 as the First Lady member. You later became the Lady President during the year 2006. What was your experience in rotary during those period?

VN: Time has proved that association of lady members in an organisation like Rotary will definitely add to its overall performances. The cooperation and support extended to me by all the fellow members were beyond my imagination. That served as me encouragement and inspiration to do the maximum for the overall development of our club by imparting valuable services to the needy people around us. It is my sincere belief that as a humble member I would be able to continue my activities in full vigour and valour.

**Q3.** I have been watching with great admiration the Camaraderie you enjoy in the Rotary circles. I think yours is a household name in every club of district 3211. How do you relish the same?

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS November

- 23- Prez. Antony Malayil**
- 27- Rtn'e Betty Karan**
- 30- Darshan, s/o R.Krishnan**



VN: Lending a hand to the most needy people around us is a rare element in human beings. Rotary clubs have the remarkable motto to move along that path which in fact gives me more and more inspiration to continue in the great organisation. As I find pleasure to channelise my activities in tune with the above motto I naturally keep a cordial relationship with the entire members of the organisation whom I am in touch with. Perhaps that may be the basic reason for the above humble achievement I could gather till date.

**Q4.** Of late the family involvement in our club is low. You are one Rotarian having acquaintance with almost all the Anns.

What are your suggestions for improvement of family involvement in our Club?

VN: The involvement of family in the Rotary clubs solely depends on the mind set of the rotarians. A humble suggestion from my part for the enhancement of family involvement is to give equal opportunity to the Anns in implementing all the projects of the club. Also in the host team meeting for a particular family get together it is better to include the Anns of the host team members and try to give due credit to their suggestions. In short try to increase Anns' participation in each and every planning meeting of different programmes of the club.

**Q5.** The new generation Rotarians seldom attend meetings. What is your advice to the new members?

VN: Give the new members responsibilities by including them in the Board and assigning chairmanship of various Avenues and conduct programmes in accordance with the guidance of the senior members so that they may have the feeling of recognition by the club.

## Engagements

The meeting on 27.11.2019 stands postponed  
 Next Meeting: Family Dinner Meeting @7.30 pm on 30.11.2019  
 Chief Guest: Dr Christy Fernandez IAS(Retd) Chairman, KSIDC

Host team: Rtn George Thomas, Rtn Indu Dutt,

Rtn Jose Abraham, Rtn Philip

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