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Rotary Institutes are held every year to share information, build connections, and exchange ideas about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Past, present and incoming district and senior leaders attend the Rotary institutes which usually meet for three to five days, and the program includes:

- A**n update on The Rotary Foundation and its programs
- A** report on our polio eradication efforts
- A** five-year forecast presented by a director or other Board representative
- A**n open forum where participants can make recommendations to the Board
- L**ocal and international speakers sharing information on relevant topics
- A** chance to network, reconnect with friends, and find inspiration for continuing your service and leadership in your community
- E**ntertainment and social outings

During Council on Legislation years, Rotary institutes also include a session for Council representatives and alternates and a general session for discussing Council proposals.

This year the RI was held at Indore in Madhya Pradesh India from 6th December to 8th December. The Institute was preceded by the Governor Elects Training Seminar (GETS) from 3-5, December 2019. I learn that there were more than 700+ participants at the Institute and the entire programme went well.

I am glad to inform the readers that this is the 25th issue of Royalweeks and we are almost halfway mark. I am getting very positive feed backs from all our members and the district leaders who are in our mailing list. I value your encouraging words very much and wish to get the continued support and guidance in the rest of the period also.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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

The fury of nature had done havoc last year and we feared the same this year also. The heavy rains are over now. When the first land slide happened, we thought that the unscrupulous forces of nature will wash away the hard earned possessions of many. However we withstood the calamity. Now the atmosphere is cool and congenial. This is a lesson for us to keep the environment protected, so that the calamities will not recur in future. We have to maintain the coolness in the Club atmosphere also. Board has decided to install air conditioners in our Club hall. The decision was well accepted by members. Rtn. Thomaskutty Joseph happily declared on that Saturday itself, that he will sponsor one 1 ½ ton AC. Wednesday evening when we assembled for the usual Club meeting, the air conditioner was ready for installation at our premises. Here is a true Rotarian. He is keen in action and who will not compromise for anything less than action. Rtn. Thomaskutty has pushed the boat down the stream. Now it is our responsibility to steer it smooth and safe and bring it to the right destination. As per the electrician's estimate, conversion of electric connection to three phase itself will cost around Rs.75000/-. Additionally we have to do the wiring for connections. Six more air conditioners will cost around Rs. 2.10 lakhs. Aluminum framed glass doors and windows are to be additionally fixed. We are in the process of arriving at a total estimated cost. We have Rotarians who are benevolent like Rtn. Thomaskutty. I am expecting your support and co operation. Let us accomplish this task at the earliest.

Jai Rotary.

Rtn. K. Cherian.

Minutes of the weekly meeting held on 11th December 2019

The regular meeting of the Club for the week started with invocation of Blessings of God Almighty by Rtn. John V George. President informed that, this month's board meeting was held on 7th December and the following decisions were taken. Christmas New Year dinner meeting is decided to be held on Saturday, 4th January 2020. Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal, President Elect, has sent a message informing his inability to take up the post of President for the next year. It was decided to find out a suitable candidate for the next term. In view of the delay in finalizing next year's team, it was decided to postpone the election of office bearers proposed to be conducted on 18th December, to Monday 30th December. The meeting of Wednesday, 1st January 2020 stands preponed to 30th December. Under REACH programme, we are making arrangements for distribution of 60 bio bins and also a Plastic bottle collection unit which will be installed at a suitable place.

Free Blood checkup camp which was conducted on 14th November was a success and MDC Labs and Scans has offered to conduct one more camp at Sangamam Resident's association on 15th December.

A dental check up camp for children will be conducted in a school in December, as a part of project for Decease Prevention and Treatment month. It was informed that Rtn. Biju Sathyan has requested for a transfer of membership to Alleppey East Club and it was decided to give a No Due certificate to Rtn. Biju Sathyan.

It was decided to convert the electric connection to 3 phase and to install Air conditioners in the Club hall during the year. Rtn. Thomaskutty Josph offered to sponsor one 1.5 ton AC for the project. The sponsored air conditioner is received today at the Club. The President and members thanked and congratulated Rtn. Thomaskutty. It was decided to make the ruling president of the Club as Group Admin to have an effective monitoring of the postings in the Clubs Whatsapp group.

The host of the meeting was Rtn. John V George. Secretary proposed vote of thanks and the meeting ended at 8.15 PM.

Rtn. John Kurian
Secretary



"You cannot serve God and the mammon at the same time" likewise quantity and quality cannot go together- Raju Chandy

(A very seasoned Rotarian termed as "Mr Cool" of RC Alleppey, he is always the most dependable resource of any President at a time of crisis. Raju had adorned many positions in the rotary district level including that of District Secretary General. With his three decades of service in Rotary, he continues to inspire many at the club level and district level. Raju opens

his mind to Royalweeks)

Q1. At the outset let me congratulate you for your continued passion and commitment to Rotary and your unstinted support to the RC Alleppey. You are one of the senior Rotarians of our Club who had the good fortune to work with our great leaders of the past and present. How do you relish your present day involvement in the club?

RC: Thank you Kumaraswami for seeking my ' frank' opinion. Your question is a 1000 dollar question, which cannot be answered in one go. However, I can always say that I have relished and cherished my days in Rotary and in my club. As in the life of all of us, there are good days and bad days in Rotary life of every Rotarian, and that is not a matter to be disappointed about. Rotary continues to be a platform for friendship and fellowship.

Q2. Can you briefly explain the impact of Rotary in your personal life?

RC: My Rotary life of 31 yrs has revealed to me the warmth of friendship. We all have had memorable friendships during our school and college days. But the friendship that grows in Rotary is something different. To me, the most valuable gift I have received from Rotary is friendship. Everything else comes after that.

Q3. I often find that there is a tendency of judging the ruling President for his activities with the old timers, most often glorifying the past. Is it not the fact that there is a quality deterioration in every walk of life and Rotary is no exception. Even the attendance rules are relaxed. How do you react?

RC: President's job has always been tough; in the past and in the present too, as we always say ' it is a hot seat '. Ultimately it becomes a pleasure task depending on two factors, 1 how he /she takes it and handles it, 2. the rapport he/she maintains, and the support he/she receives from the fellow members.

Q4. I have seen for myself that you are one of the most sought after Rotarians to lead the new member orientation programmes. But I find the new members involvement in Rotary is rather limited and they seldom mix up with the senior leadership at least in our club. They are also reluctant to shoulder responsibilities. Please comment.

RC: Sorry to see that new members are not properly oriented before they join Rotary. That being part of the duty of the senior Rotarians, I am also guilty of that. Nowadays, we find that one joins the club either to oblige his or her friend, or to gain another status symbol. Not being aware of the priorities, they end up on the back bench.

Q5. There is a "code of ethics" in Rotary. Being a professional organisation we are bound to follow that. But of late we find that most of the new members inducted to Rotary don't follow this. Meanwhile the district and RI leaders call for massive increase in membership. How will we overcome the issue?

RC: Rotary's 'call' today is membership growth. The deterioration in quality, and the falling ' code of conduct ', is the aftermath of this growth drive and it is unavoidable. It does not by any means imply that old members are of quality and new members lacking in quality. Quantity and quality cannot go together. To quote Bible " You cannot serve God and the mammon at the same time ". Rotary's survival and growth depends on membership, and as long as there is emphasis on membership growth, this perennial problem is bound to continue.

NOTICE

The election of office bearers for the Board of Directors of the Club will be held on 30th December at 7.30 PM for the following posts.

1. President Elect 2020-21 (President Nominee),
2. President 2020-21,
3. Vice President
4. Secretary,
5. Treasurer,
6. Directors - 5 Nos

Members who are desirous of contesting in the election for the above posts may kindly forward the respective names duly proposed by one member and seconded by another member to the undersigned before 30th of December. Nominations will also be called from the members present in the meeting on 30th December and election will be conducted for the posts in which more than necessary nominations are received.

Rtn. K. N. Venugopala Panicker

Returning officer appointed by the Board.

2019-2020

President - Rtn. PHF K. Cherian

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Club Administration - Rtn. MPHF Raju Chandy

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Membership - Rtn. MPHF Murugan. S

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LN 4 Hand - Cont.. Project - Rtn. PHF R.N. Ajithkumar

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS December

17 Rithika, d/o S.Murugan

18 Rtn'e Shyama Vijayakumar

19 Rtn'e Molly Thomas

20 Appu s/o Raju Chandy

21 Aswathy d/o B.Sivadas

28 Mahalakshmi d/o Biju Sathyan



21 Anilkumar & Hanimol

28 George Z.George &Jula



DGE Rtn Dr Thomas Vavanikunnel and spouse Dr Omana attended GETS 2019 @Indore. Dr Vavani and Omana are seen receiving certificate from RI President Mark and Gay.

Engagements



Next Meeting: @7.30 pm on 18.12.19

Host : Rtn Aju Jacob Mathew

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