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Different Postures of Treasurer presenting Budget (2019-20)



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From Editor's desk

Rotary primarily stands for friendship and fellowship. It is also essentially a training organisation. 'Learning by doing' is the way to train the members. When people get involved in the projects they also develop or improve their leadership skills. Similar is the case of public speaking. Rotary meetings are good platforms for learning the basics of public speaking for new members and sharpen the oratory skills of senior members. But I have seen for myself many a times that people evade from taking up responsibilities for reasons best known to them. Leave alone public speaking many people are not even comfortable in rendering the invocation and hide behind the front row to escape from the call of President for invocation. They do not know that by doing so they are losing a golden opportunity for self development. At the installation ceremony of Rtn Cherian, the Sergeant-at-arms designate of our Club could not attend as he was out of the country. It was heartening to see that our past AG and current Associate Governor Rtn Gopinathan Nair showing his arms to tie the arm band by the President and stood in at the meeting as Sergeant at Arms. I have also seen Rtn Sivakumar and late Gopan standing in as the Sergeant at Arms in many of our family meetings. Last year when the flood relief works were taken up we have seen for ourselves the way we have conducted and managed the relief and rehabilitation programmes.

My appeal to the new members and those hide behind shirking responsibilities is that they should try to emulate the senior and seasoned Rotarians of our Club. We have seen them in action on many occasion and heard their oratory treats.

I thought it would be befitting for all of us to interact with our senior members through the platform of RW for experience sharing and get their advices. Keeping this in mind, a new column is started in this issue of Royalweeks under the name and style "Frankly Speaking".

In this issue the interview of Rtn Tomi Eapen is covered elsewhere. Please see the statement of Tomi in the interview that 'Rotary transformed me to achieve greater heights in life'. That transformation will take place in you only if you actively involve in Rotary. That is the message we have to learn.



Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

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

Anniversaries often elicit mixed emotions. It gives us a chance to look back over the years. It can also be a wonderful way of regrouping ourselves. So an anniversary is a good excuse to focus on our relationships and perhaps to set some goals for the year ahead. 70th Charter Anniversary of our Club gives us an opportunity to come together and remember the events that have had a huge collective impact on the Community of Alleppey. Rotary Club of Calcutta became the first Rotary Club chartered in India on 1st January 1920. R.J. Coombes is credited with starting India's first Club. When Rotary in India is celebrating its 100th year of existence, we are proud to celebrate our 70th Anniversary. SAPTHATHI CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE chairman Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai with the assistance of the host team and committee members are all set to make the event a memorable one.

We wish to inaugurate our ROTARY ALFA KIDS LEARNING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE on that day as a SAPTHATHI project.

Royal Petals have already started their rehearsals. Come What May, Let us celebrate this Anniversary with fun and frolic.
Rtn. K. Cherian.

Minutes of the Regular meeting dated 10.07.19

The first regular meeting of the Club for the Rotary year 2019-20 was held on 10th July with newly elected President Rtn. K. Cherian on the chair. Rtn. Mohammed Shafeeq invoked the blessings of the God Almighty. President informed about the sad demise of brother in law of Rtn. T. Sivakumar on 1st July and all stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the departed soul. President in his opening remarks said that the installation programme on 28th June was appreciated by one and all and the success is the result of the team work of the Rotarians, Anns and Annets. The contributions of Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai, Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair, Secretary John Kurian, Rtn. T. Sivakumar, AG Rtn. V. Deepak, Rtn. Gopinathan Nair, Ann. Deepa Biju leader and members of Royal Petals, Ann. Sindhu, Ann. Ann Ambu etc were specially remembered. President congratulated Annets. Subramaniam Murugan and Vivek Neroth for their academic achievements. The major decisions of the Board Meeting held on 03.06.19 and 17.06.19 were informed by the President. The board dated 17.06.19 had recommended an increase in subscription of Rs.2000/- as it was explained that out of Rs.10000/- now paid by each member, an amount of Rs.9785/- is to be spent on statutory dues to the Rotary International, Staff salary etc. The Club has to totally rely on rental income only for doing projects and meeting other expenses. The Board dated 08.07.19 discussed the following.

Chapter Anniversary of the Club dated 25th July will have to be celebrated in a befitting manner as it is the 70th Anniversary date of the Club. The anniversary will be celebrated as ' Saphthathi Celebrations' of the Club. A celebrations committee is suggested to be formed with Rtn. M. Kumaraswamy Pillai as the Committee Chairman. A host team of 8 members is constituted and the members are Rtns. S. Murugan, NAM Kunju, T. Sivakumar, Subramania Iyer, V. Deepak, John Mathew, Joseph Francis and Aju Jacob Mathew.

ii. A Clean Plus Committee is formed with Municipal Councillor and representatives of residents associations and members of Civil Station Ward on 5th July in connection with adoption of Civil Station Ward. Rtn. George Thomas, Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai, Rtn. John Kurian etc were also present.

iii. A medical camp will be conducted on 27th July in association with Alfa Charitable Trust, Ernakulam as a prelude to the formation of ALFA KIDS LEARNING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE by our Club. District collector Dr. Adeela Abdulla IAS, has kindly consented to inaugurate the Medical camp.

iiii. An Orientation Programme for School/ College students is proposed to be held on 3rd August at our Club Premises and Dr. Nirmal Ousepachan IAS has kindly consented to take the classes.

v. An awareness programme for Waste Management is proposed to be held next week at Muhammedans Higher Secondary School, Alappuzha.

President informed that he has addressed Municipal Councillors during the Council meeting on 10th July and informed them of the medical camp to be conducted on 27th July. Municipal Chairman agreed to give all support for the Medical Camp. Secretary John Kurian and Vijayalakshmi Teacher also were present during the event.

The meeting was then declared closed and proceeded for proceedings of Club Assembly. Thereafter the Directors Rtn. S. Murugan (Membership) and Rtn Venugopala Panickar (Rotary Foundation) presented their reports. President also presented salient features of the reports of Rtn. M. Raju Chandy (Club Administration), Jose Abraham (Public Relations) and Rtn T Sivakumar (Service Projects) as all the three were out of Station.

President added that under the REACH District Project, We propose to adopt Civil Station Ward of Alleppey Municipality to make it a zero waste ward.

President added that the Rotary Alfa Kids Learning Development Centre will be functioning six days a week at the Club premises. A medical camp will be conducted on 27th at our Club premises.

Treasurer Rtn. George Thomas then presented the budget for the year 2019-20, which was approved by incorporating the suggestions of Rtn. R. Sreenivasan and Rtn. Abdul Rahim.

The general body then approved the increase of Annual Member subscription by Rs.2000/- making the same Rs.12000/- per month.

Rtn. Prof. S. Gopinathan Nair and Rtn. Subramania Iyer felicitated. The meeting disbursed at 9 PM. The host of the meeting was Rtn. Vidhu Kumar.

Secretary proposed vote of thanks.- Rtn PHF John Kurian (Secretary)

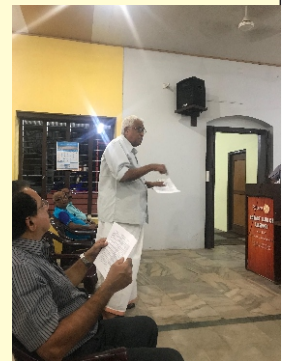
RI News

Each Rotary International President selects a couple to serve as aides to the President and partner from the time such President has been nominated until the end of their year of service as President. This period typically extends for 2 and 3/4 years (President-Nominee, President-Elect, President). We are so pleased to have Jill and Larry Lunsford of Kansas City to be our aides. They are invaluable to the RIP and to Rotary!



Deficit Budget turns around to Surplus!

The budget for 2019-20 presented by the Treasurer Rtn George Thomas envisaged a deficit of Rs.77027. Our senior most member Rtn CA Abdul Rahim intervened and said that we can not give consent for a deficit budget and the team 2019-20 has to find ways and means for compensating the deficit. After hectic consultations by the Treasurer with the President, income side was enhanced in anticipation of induction of 3 more members making the budget surplus.



BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS

Dear Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai,
Warmest Greetings!

Received your mail and attached bulletin of your club. CONGRATULATIONS to you for the excellent e- bulletin .I have gone through it. As editor of the bulletin you have done a wonderful job. Please keep it up.
All the very Best.

Dr. Thomas Vavanikunnel.

Dear PP Kumara swamy Pillai,
Congratulations

The bulletin has come out well. My club RC Kottayam will be reaching this mile stone next year PDG A I Abraham was editor till his death.

The editorship of a club bulletin is a tough job as one has to have both the skills of writing and human relations especially in handling the sensitive members.

There are 4 types of readers

1. Those who read and admit that they read.
2. Those who do not read but claim that they read.
- 3 Those who read but do not admit that they read.
- 4 Those who do not read and admit that they do not read.

But editor has to slowly convert all to category 1

Wish you all the best

PDG Geoge Mathew

Tit-bits

History created by the father-son duo

Both are Treasurers in different clubs Father @RC, Alleppey and Son@E-club of Kerala Global, Dubai

Congrats Rtn George Thomas and Rtn Johnu George



Rotary
DISTRICT 3211 **Ignite**

Privilege Club Classification

SILVER Privilege CLUB: 100 % retention

Gold Privilege Club: Net growth 3 members

Diamond Privilege Club : Net growth of 5 members

Platinum Privilege club : CHARTERING NEW CLUB

New member Sponsor Recognition certificate

Blue level: 1 NEW MEMBER

Bronze : 2-3 NEW MEMBERS

Silver 4-5 NEW MEMBERS

GOLD 6+ NEW MEMBERS

15 New members- Sponsor : Conference Registration free

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2019-2020

- President - Rtn. PHF K. Cherian
- Vice President - Rtn. PHF T. S. Ajithkumar
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- Secretary - Rtn. PHF John Kurian
- Jt. Secretary - Rtn. PHF Ambu Vaidhyan
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- Bulletin Editor - Rtn. PHF M.Kumaraswamy Pillai

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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- Membership - Rtn. MPHF Murugan. S
- Public Relation - Rtn. PHF Jose Abraham
- Service Project - Rtn. PHF T. Sivakumar
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- District Project - REAP - Rtn. MPHf NAM Kunju
- District Project - RISS - Rtn. PHF V.J. Francis
- Asst. Governor - Rtn. PHF V. Deepak
- Club Historian - Rtn. MPHf Tomi Eapen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS

- 16/7 Amrutha Ramalekshmy, D/o Rtn. Deepak V
- 18/7 Giri, s/o Rtn..K.Sugunendran,
- 23/7 Tobu, s/o Rtn.Tomy Pulikkattil.



“ROTARY TRANSFORMED ME TO REACH GREATER HEIGHTS IN LIFE”- Tomi



(Excerpts from interview had by the Editor, RW with Rtn MPHf Tomi Eapen, PAG, Past lieutenant Governor, one of the senior members of RC Alleppey. Tomi is a passionate Rotarian and regular centpercenter in the meetings of RC Alleppey. He has authored several books on Rotary and the latest one is "Rotary Protocols and Decorum")

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?

My involvement is in the same way, spirit and tempo as I used to have since my joining Rotary forty four years ago in 1976. I took Rotary to my heart and still I bind to it. Its my way of life.

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

I was just 29 when I joined Rotary., I have a post graduation and a P. G.diploma in journalism as my educational qualifications. But my involvement in Rotary transformed me to reach greater heights in life. I am indebted to Rotary for developing my oratorical and writing skills. Above all Rotary instilled in me a sense of service

Q3. How do you rate the activities of Rotary in the present time vis-a-vis olden days?

Tell you frankly, the activities now a days reach greater realms. Each President proves second to none in the quantum of activities that they do with healthy competitive spirit., worthy, humanitarian and unblemished activities. Post millennium era is exemplary.

Q4. What are your suggestions for improvement of functioning of our Club?

Total and committed involvement of all Rotarians is the need of the hour. Improving the attendance is of cardinal priority.

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

Take Rotary to your heart. Be involved and feel a sense oneness. Have a willingness to spend some time and money for Rotary. Also read Rotary, since "Reading Rotary materials, make a full Rotarian.."

Engagements



Next Meeting on 17th July 2019 7.30 pm
Host: Rtn. Dijo Antony Cherian

Seminar on REACH on 21st July 2019 at ,Hotel Samudra, Kovalam
Sapthathi - Charter Anniversary on 25th July 2019 at 7.30 pm Revikarunakaran hall

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