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From Editors desk



Rotary India turns 100

As Rotary completes its one hundred years of presence in India in this Rotary Year 2019-20, it has been decided to hold Rotary India Centennial Summit 2020 in Kolkata on 14th, 15th and 16th of February, 2020 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata. This summit will not only be a celebration of the achievements and service of the Indian rotarians during the last one century, but will also be an opportunity to discuss and envision the tasks ahead going into the next century in the presence of and by, prominent and different leaders of rotary and from other streams of society. Rotary India Centennial Summit 2020, to be attended by about 4000 delegates, shall be spread over three days, comprising of glittering Inaugural Session, six Plenaries based on six Areas of Focus and a Valedictory Session interspersed with interludes of scintillating performances, music and entertainment on two days from Bollywood biggies in the evening, ticketed Presidential and President Nominee dinners and Past Presidents Lunch, House of Friendship with whole day entertainment, activities, food courts with diverse cuisine showcasing rotary achievements and commercial and rotary booths showcasing their wares and their service activities. Going through the programme schedule for the Summit every Rotarian of the country is bound to be thrilled. The 115,000 Indian Rotarians should be proud and privileged to serve as members when the organisation celebrates its centenary year. I am sure more than 4000 Rotarians will throng the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata to witness the historic event. It is gratifying to note that more than 100 Rotarians from RID 3211 will be participating the Summit. To commemorate the Rotary India Centenary Celebrations, Royalweeks is to commence a serial on the history of rotary in India. Please enjoy reading.



Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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

Inner wheel Club of Alleppey, chartered by the better halves of Rotarians of Rotary Club of Alleppey in 1970, celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 22nd January 2020. It is a matter of joy and pride for us to see that the Inner wheel is functioning vibrantly with a member strength of around 65 involving in many community development projects. In this Golden Jubilee year, the Club is headed by our own Rotarian Rosie John. Inner wheel arranged their Golden Jubilee function at our Club hall last Wednesday, which was very meticulously and professionally organized by the team of its members and I wish to congratulate them for the successful conduct. Our Rt. Anns Sindhu and Ann Ambu compared the programme in a very pleasing manner. The first Inner Wheel Club in India was formed at Ahmedabad in 1955 and within 15 years the Innerwheel Club of Alleppey came into existence. The club which was chartered during the Rotary year 1970-71, when Rtn. Sugunendran, who is still a honorary member of our Club, was our President and Rtn. Abdul Rahim was our Secretary. Smt. Santha Sugunan, wife of Sugunan Sir, took the reins of Inner wheel as it's charter President. The charter members of the Inner wheel were all very dynamic illustrious personalities who were capable of accomplishing remarkable services to the society. The contribution of Madam Betty Karan to Inner wheel and Rotary will always be remembered by both our Clubs. The association of Inner wheel with our Club gave us strength and support always. The mega fund raising event organized with the active participation of the then Inner wheel Club members helped Rotary to own our present premises. The inner wheel school, which was very successfully run by Inner wheel gave Rotary also a boost on Public Image. Both our clubs functioned hand in glove for years together and the result is both were able to supplement their activities by mutual support. The motto of Inner wheel for the current year is 'Together We Can'. Let us all Wish Inner wheel Club of Alleppey be our partner in service and make the motto 'Together We Can' meaningful.

Rtn. K. Cherian

Minutes of the regular meeting dt.23.01.20

The regular meeting for the week started at 7.45PM with the invocation of God Almighty of Rtn. Varghese Kurisinkal. President informed that Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair has made a contribution of Rs.4.25 lakhs to the foundation during the FIRE Grand finale held on 19th January and thereby Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair and Rtn. Gopinathan Nair are getting the Recognition as Major Donors. President greeted the couple with roses and congratulated them for achieving the recognition and elevating the Clubs prestige. Rtn. Tomi Eapen spoke in detail about Giving to Rotary foundation and congratulated Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair for the benevolent contribution. Rtns. Sajan Nair, T. Sivakumar, John Mathew, Varghese Kurisinkal and AG Rtn. Deepak joined felicitations and congratulated Teacher and Gopi Sir. President said that the Major Donor couple will be befittingly honored in our next family meeting as they have brought laurels to the Club. President informed that on 19th January, we had provided assistance for transportation of vaccines for the staff of W&C hospital on National Immunization day and also provided lunch packets to staff of PHC, Mannancherry. Rtns. John Mathew, John Kurian, Kumaraswamy Pillai and T. Sivakumar associated with the project. The host of the meeting was Rtn. H. Nagarajan, who had arranged a grand hi tea. Secretary proposed vote of Thanks and the meeting adjourned at 8.45PM.

Rtn. John Kurian, Secretary

THE FOUR WAY TEST

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 ?

HISTORY OF ROTARY IN INDIA

RI PRESIDENTS FROM INDIA



Nitish Laharry 1962-63



Rajendra K. Saboo 1991-92



Kalyan Banerjee 2011-12

Calcutta was the home town for the first Rotary club in the mainland of Asia. R.J. Combes, the manager of a steel products company while on a business trip to U.S.A. was so impressed by the "Friendship, fellowship, and service" aspects of the movement called Rotary that he wanted to introduce the idea to his friends in Calcutta also. There was no difficulty for him to convince enough people and convene the first meeting on 26 September, 1919. The new club was chartered just after three months of the first meeting, on the new year day of 1920 to be exact. All the twenty charter members were non- Indians. S.C. Rudra who was the first Indian member was inducted in 1921. In 1921 itself Sir Surendranath Banerjee was made an honorary member. The first Indian to become the club climbed all steps to reach Rotary's top Abdul Ali was the first Indian to adorn lone club chartered in Lahore (in India had to be content with the only James Wheeler Davidson of Calgary, determination to spread Rotary in establishment of Rotary clubs in Zealand, Southern Europe, Egypt, Polo of Rotary.' Jim Davidson planted

secretary was Nitish C. Laharry (1926) who slot viz. RI presidency in 1962-'63. A.F.M. the collar of a club president. Except for the Pakistan now) in 1927, for about a decade club, in Calcutta. Things changed when Canada arrived Indian shores with a firm India. In fact he was responsible for different countries including Australia, New Siam and Japan and was known as 'Marco Rotary in Bombay as well as Madras (now Chennai) in 1929. Of the 38 charter members of the club in Bombay, 37 were non-Indians. The only Indian was Sir Phiroz Sethna, a legislative member, who later served as district governor (1937- '38). F.C. James of United Planters Association of South India, who was a past president of R.C. of Calcutta helped Jim Davidson in the formation of the Madras Club. On 10 May 1929, thirty charter members, all non-Indians assembled and elected C.G. Armstrong, Chairman of Madras Port Trust as the charter president. A.A. Hayles, former editor of The Mail was also among the charter members. In 1929 itself Raja Sir. M.A. Muthaiah Chettiar was inducted into the club. Even though Davidson organized a Rotary club in Delhi also in 1929, in a couple of years the club had to be closed down as the membership tapered off due to one or other reasons. In 1930 two clubs were formed- Etah and Meerut.



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2019-2020

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS JANUARY

17 Rtn. Shan T.P

19 Annet Gowri Sankar
(S/o Unnikrishnan)

20 Anoop s/o Sivakumar

21 Dr. Praveen s/o P.O. Thomas

21 Rtn. Francis V.J

22 Rtn. Sivakumar

25 Rtn. Joseph Thayyil

27 Rtn. V. Deepak

27 M. Kumaraswamy Pillai



25 S. Murugan & Sindhu

26 Babu Joseph & Neena

27 Prof. Gopinathan Nair & Vijayalakshmi Nair

They all hail from Kolkata!

And Kolkatta hails them all!

Tit-bits

So far in Rotary's hundred years of history in India, only three Rotarians were elected for RI presidency. Nitish Laharry, Rajendra Saboo and Kalyan Banerjee. Nitish Laharry was the first Indian to become a Rotary club secretary in India, Rotary Club of Calcutta (the earlier name of Kolkata), the first Rotary club in India. Raja Saboo was born not far from Kolkata and his father was a member of RC of Calcutta. Kalyan was born in Calcutta. Later Raja Saboo and Kalyan moved to the west, to Chandigarh and Vapi in Gujarat to be exact and joined the Rotary clubs of the respective places. The Kolkata connections of all the RI Presidents is an unique coincidence!

New addition to Grand Annets Club

Sulu (Annet of Shafeeq and Sebi) and Mishal are blessed with a baby girl on 22nd January. Royal week's extend hearty congrats to the proud parents and grand parents.

Engagements

Next Meeting: @7.30 pm on 29.01.2020
Host: Rtn TS Ajith kumar

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