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From Editors desk

Novel coronavirus(nCoV)-a state of alertness in the entire Kerala

Death toll in China crossed 300
Chinese New Year celebrations put off
One each cases in Trissur and Alappuzha have been spotted
80 cases are under quarantine
Global medical emergency declared

The reports on nCoV coming on TV channels and news papers are alarming. A bit of happiness is that the girl students infected were already under isolation and hence further spreading of the virus was averted. According to newspaper reports 806 persons are under observation in Kerala as part of vigil against coronavirus(nCoV). The World Health Organization declared a global health emergency as the coronavirus outbreak spread well beyond China, where it emerged last month. With the track record of containing the nipah virus, I am confident that we in Kerala will be able to manage the situation as we did in the case of Nipah virus outbreak. The calamity has far reaching impact in many fields including country's Exim trade with China. Garment exporters in Tiruppur and coir fibre exporters in Pollachi are on a 'wait and watch' mode on the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak in China. Incidentally China happens to be the largest buyer of coir fibre from India. "Garment exporters in Tiruppur buy a lot of accessories from China and to some extent, fabric too. Most of these transactions are handled through online communication. But if the outbreak is not controlled and the travel restrictions continue for a longer period of time, exporters here will be facing problems. Another side of it is that the buyers from the west are not travelling to China and that Chinese are not visiting other countries. If this situation continues, India might get some of the opportunities as the buyers will look at alternative countries to source their need. Representatives of quite a few Chinese buyers reside in Pollachi. But most of them have gone home in the Chinese New Year eve.



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We Rotarians as the responsible citizens of the country has to create awareness among the general public on the precautions to be taken and dispel apprehensions created by spreading rumours. Let us hope that the dust will settle down soon and every thing will be back to normal.

Jai Rotary!

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

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

Air Conditioning of the Club Hall is the next top priority. We are celebrating the Saphathy year of the Club this Rotary year. The conversion of our Club hall to an Air conditioned hall will be a befitting project for this Saphathy year. With the motivation of one Air Conditioner from Rtn. Thomaskutty, I am in the process of meeting our friends. Responses are quite encouraging. We have assurances from veteran senior members like Rtn. Arjuna Reddiar, Rtn. Abraham Thayyil, Rtn. R. Krishnan, Rtn. George Thomas and many others to follow. There are several hurdles like mode of installation and conversion of electric connection to three phase etc. The total project cost will be around Rs.3.50 lakhs. The ambiance of the Club hall will definitely have a face lift with the installation of air conditioners. Summer is fast approaching. We all are aware of the fact that during dinner meetings it is very difficult to be in the hall, because of the hot climate. We have to act quickly. The target date is February end. Each and every member should feel proud of the fact that we all are a part of the project. Please do contribute for the good cause. Soliciting your benevolent support and co operation.

Rtn. K. Cherian, President.

Minutes of the regular meeting dated 29th January 2020.

The regular meeting for the week started at 7.45PM with invocation of Blessings of God Almighty by Rtn. George Thomas. President in his address informed that paper work for converting electric connection to three phase is in progress. He requested members for financial support for installation of air conditioners. Individual members will be approached and President solicited maximum co operation from the members for the project. President informed that the committee constituted for identifying the vocational service awardees had met and has suggested following persons to be considered for the awards.

i. Ms. Nandana: Gold medalist and record holder of Power lifting in the commonwealth Power lifting championship held at St. Johns, Canada

ii. Dr. Gomathy, Head of Dept of Nephrology, Alappuzha Medical College.

iii. Mrs. Asifa Khadir, Teacher: Who was actively involved in flood relief work and also contributed as resource person for various motivational and guidance programme for students.

Over and above these awards we wish to present a special award "JEWEL OF ALAPPUZHA" to Sri. P.J. Joseph, President of District Sports Council.

Rtn. S. Murugan suggested that Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair and Rtn. Gopinathan Nair, Major Donor couple, may be duly recognized for their contribution to TRF in the next family meeting. Treasurer Rtn. George Thomas requested members to pay the subscription dues at the earliest.

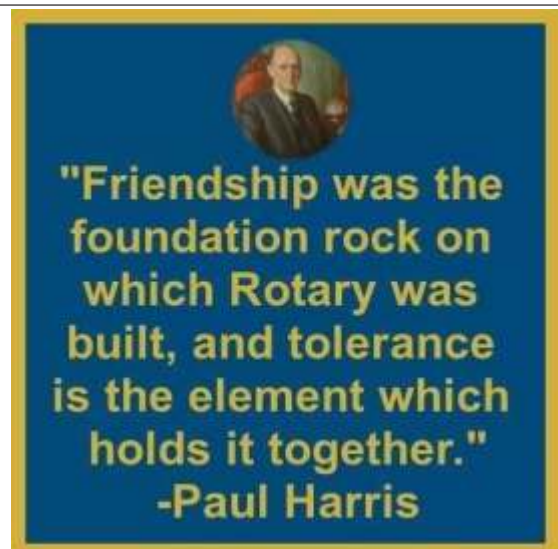
The host of the meeting was Rtn. T. S. Ajith kumar.

The secretary proposed vote of thanks and the meeting disbursed at 8.30PM.

Rtn. John Kurian,
Secretary.



Rtn Holger Knaack, RIPE and spouse with DGE3211 Dr Thomas Vavanikunnel and Dr Omana at the Rotary IA



HISTORY OF ROTARY IN INDIA

(Contd)

The growth of Rotary in India was rather very slow for many years, thanks to the predominance of foreigners in the clubs and other reasons such as agricultural nature of Indian economy. Mahatma Gandhi addressed Rotary Club of Calcutta which had only non-Indians on the rolls even then. In 1933 Rotary branched out to Amritsar and to Bangalore in 1934. By 1936 Ahmedabad, Baroda, Jamshedpur, Poona and Sholapur had Rotary clubs. Three clubs were chartered in 1937, Lucknow, Surat and Cochin. R.C. Of Cochin had 22 charter members of whom 10 were non-Indians and Sir R.K. Shanmugam Chetty was the charter president. (chartered on 23 August 1937). This club had the unique privilege of meeting at an Island (Wellington Island) which was built by one of its own members (Sir Robert Bristo). Asansol, Madurai and Rajkot clubs were formed in 1938. Another three clubs at Agra, Salem and Jabalpur came into existence the next year. The Delhi Club was also revived in 1939, thanks to the efforts of Sir. Frederick James, the first Rotary governor from India. Dehra Dun and Dharward welcomed Rotary in 1940. The next year Rotary moved to Bhopal, Mithapur, Belgaum and Nilgiris. Nilgiris club extended Rotary to Coimbatore in 1943. Visakhapatnam and Navasari clubs were already functioning. Patna club with 36 charter members was also formed the same year. Other clubs of 1943 origin were Kakinada, Vijayawada, Bhuj, Patiala, Kanpur, Allahabad, Guntur, Kolhapur. Tirunelveli club was also chartered in 1943 with 45 charter members and District Collector Viswanatha Rao as the charter president. Rotary clubs of Nagpur, Baruch, Satara, Mysore and Bhavnagar were formed in 1944. In the two years that followed Cuttack, Dhanbad, Akola, Nasik, Ratlam, Moradabad, Faizabad, Gadag, Indore, Jaipur and Gorakhpur were added to the Rotary India map. Tirunelveli club took Rotary to Tuticorin also in 1946. As many as ten clubs were chartered in 1947. They were: Godhra, Gwalior, Palanpur, Nadiyad, Ambala, Mussoorie, Lucknow(2), Ahmednagar, Hubli, Vellore and Howrah. By the time India became independent, there were 71 Rotary clubs (14 in Gujarat, 10 in Maharashtra, 10 in UP, seven in Tamil Nadu, seven in Karnataka and 23 in 10 other states) with a total membership of 3121 members. Up to 1931-32, Rotary clubs in India were non-districted. From 1932 to 1935 clubs in India, Burma and Ceylon were grouped under provisional District A. On 1 July 1935 District 89 was formed with clubs in Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon and undivided India. The first district governor was Sir Frederick E James (1935-36). Sir Phiroz Sethna followed him the next year. Sir F.E. James had to be once again at the saddle due to the sudden death of Phiroz Sethna. The first conference of Provisional District "A" was held in 1932 at Calcutta with Sir. F.E. James as the first governor with a total registration of 39. The 1934 conference was held at Bombay and 1936 at Bangalore. Up to 1936, RI president was not represented at the conferences and there was no conference in 1934-35. The first conference of Rotary District was in Madras in 1936-'37 under the governorship of Sir F.E. James. Haji M. Eusoff represented the RI President at this conference which had a registration of 63. The second conference was at Baroda which had a registration of 121. At the third conference which was held at Colombo the attendance further improved to 210.

OUR 'GOLDEN' INNERWHEEL CLUB

-Rtn.MPHF.Tomi Eapen

Our Innerwheel Club of Alleppey turns fifty and becomes a landmark in the social fabric of this ancient town. Her half a century old unstinted service ever remain unevanescent on the shore of time, leaving indelible footprints. It was in 1970, when our K. Sugunendran was the President of Rotary Club of Alleppey that IW Club came in to being. His beloved wife the alluring late Santha Sugunan was sworn in as its Charter President at a glittering function at Hotel Wayside Inn, the only posh hotel available in Alleppey in those days.

Innerwheel's contributions to the community at large and to Rotary in particular are commendable and is ever written in gold in the annals of both the Clubs. In 1974, when R.C. Club of Alleppey celebrated its Silver Jubilee, it was IW Club, which put the shoulder to the wheel with Rotary and translated its dream of purchasing an edifice to commemorate its Silver Jubilee. The IW, under the captivating leadership of charismatic Mrs. Betty Karan, conducted a Musical Concert by the renowned singing wizard Usha Uthup and collected a sum to the tune of around Rs.75.000/- and paid to purchase the property. The total cost of the property was little less than a lakh of rupees, (so goes my historical note gathered from the then living Past Presidents whom I interviewed during 1980 in search of the history of Rotary Club of Alleppey). To put it simply, the mammoth building and the premises where functioning our Club since 1974, is really "a Birth Day Gift to the husbands of the IW on the 25th Jubilee of RC", (in the words of Betty, from the commemorative Souvenir *Eve Times*). Not only so but also the creche building as well as the elevated dome built adjoining the main double storied building are additional gifts from our

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS February

6 Venugopala Panicker

7 Asif D/o Moh.Sali

7 Harisankar S/o Vidhu Unnithan

8 S.Murugan

9 Biju Sathyan



Innerwheel. IW started a School in 1975 and RC readily agreed to give the front building and at times the hall for the functioning of the School. IW could make a fortune out of that. We are all the more happy. In her felicitation, Betty said that she had lingering nostalgia about good old days when IW and RC worked in perfect harmony and dreamt that it should be so in future also. We too wish so. The golden jubilee gathering and its conduct was yet another example of class and exquisiteness well explicit in every action right from the ceremonial parade down to the end. Every second gone by, every word uttered, every programme filled in, were chocolates to eyes and ears. So meticulously arranged and masterly executed, never ever anyone's dubious eyebrows stood up at any point of time. The MCs, the assignees of different programmes and to crown all, the exquisite power point presentation and the eloquent commentary, were all beyond any verbal description. Kudos to the masterly hands behind. It was a marvelous function ever remain green in the minds of the onlookers. 'Reflections', the commemorative souvenir released was a store of information and the history of IW, well written for the posterity to boast off a glorious past.

'ROTARY - INNERWHEEL ARCHIVE'

I have a dream of opening an Archive where can showcase the records, historical monuments, rare photos, Bulletins, the Awards and Certificates that the two Clubs won and received. The lion's share of the Creche hall where now installed a Billiards table, can be converted to the proposed Archive. I wish this dream be translated into reality in the sometime of tomorrows...

Let us all be a part of this wonderful movement made alive by our own life partners.

Engagements



Next Meeting: @7.30 pm on 05.02.2020

Host: Rtn E Anil Kumar (Bengaluru)

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