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From Editors desk

To reminisce with my old friends, a chance to share some memories, and play our songs again-Ricky Nelson

Yes it is the song of Rotary in the 70 year old club RC Alleppey. It was an usual regular rotary meeting on 12th February 2020 at our Club. But besides the normal rotary business it had twin other purposes. There was a well studied and lucid presentation on the Union budget 2020-21, presented by the Union Finance Minister in the Parliament on 1st February, by our Rtn R Krishnan in his unique style. Like the Finance Minister going to the house with budget papers, Kitchappa had a bunch of computer print papers when he arrived the club hall, which was the testimony for his home work done to make the presentation. That is why we claim Rotarians are real professionals and what ever they do, they do it professionally. Every one those who were present in the nearly full club hall were in full agreement to the analytical study of the budget made by the one of the busiest CAs of the town. The highlight of the presentation was the "Good, Bad & Ugly" from the Budget, which is reported elsewhere in this issue. Congrats Kitchappa for your wonderful presentation. The main reason for the large turn out at the meeting was the personal invitation of Rtn Mohd Shafeeq for a high tea o celebrate the new addition to his family. Shafeeq and Sebi attained the grand parenthood as their daughter Sulu gave birth to a female baby on 22nd January. The Old timers and the young ones, none could deny the invitation of Shafeeq. The love and affection was so much that, Aji(Vani) attended the function with his both hands fractured and in bandages, many drove from Cochin and Kottayam to attend the function. The exchange of pleasantries, chatting in groups and fellowship will be cherished for long. The attendance of Rotarians was more than that of family dinner meeting and even the Club Boy(Prasannan) could not anticipate the number as he ran out of stock and many were denied refill and some one did not even get a first sip. The feed back received from the Rotarians on the following day in WhatsApp Group was positive and many recollected the good old days. All heaped praise on Shafeeq for his hospitality and the sumptuous food served. I take this opportunity to profusely congratulate Shafeeq and Sebi and wish the all the very best in their new role.

Jai Rotary

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

Sharing of Happiness and Joy of the family with friends always strengthens the mutual relationship and attachment among friends. This multiplies the felling of happiness. When Rtn. Shafeek is blessed with a granddaughter, the family preferred to share the joy with his fellow Rotarians. The wave of happiness created among Rotarians by participating in the event was really motivating. It was an opportunity to realize strength of friendship and bonding among us. The next big event is Vocational Excellence Award distribution, which is scheduled on 29th Saturday. Dr. Sabu Thomas, Vice Chancellor of MG University has consented to be the chief guest. We will be awarding Jewel of Alleppey Award to Sri. P.J. Joseph, Arjuna award winner and President of District Sports Council. Three eminent personalities are identified for Vocational Excellence Award. Air Conditioning of the hall is in progress. I am not sure whether we will be able to get three phase connection before the next dinner meeting. However we have set a target for completing the work before end of the month. The project AC got the motivation from Rtn. Arjuna Reddiar who promised all support right from July 2019. Rtn. Thomaskutty ignited the project by sponsoring one AC. Rtn. Abraham Thayyil, Rtn. Jose Abraham , Rtn. R. Krishnan and Rtn. R. Sreenivasan followed by sponsoring ACs and contributing sizably. Good contributions are being obtained from other members also. No words to express sincere gratitude to my fellow members. Thank you all.

Jai Rotary.

Rtn. K. Cherian.

Minutes of the Regular meeting dated 12th February 2020

Regular meeting of the club for the week started at 7.45PM with the invocation of Blessings of God Almighty by Rtn. Muhammed Shafeek. President informed that today the meeting is a special one as the host of the day Rtn. Shafeek is sharing the happiness of his family on being blessed with a granddaughter. President conveyed the wishes and blessings of the members to the family of Rtn. Shafeek. President informed that the dinner meet for February will be on 29th Saturday. Dr. Sabu Thomas, Vice Chancellor of MG University has consented to be the chief guest. The dinner team will be Rtns. R. Krishnan, A. Balakrishnan, Arjuna Reddiar, Prof. Gopinathan Nair, John V George, Siby George and Rtn. Babu Joseph. President informed that the air conditioners for the hall will be purchased within a week and the same will be installed. He thanked Rtn. Jose Abraham for promising to sponsor one 1 ½ ton AC for the project. President requested all members to contribute for the cause.

President invited senior Rotarian Rtn. CA. R. Krishnan for a presentation about the recent union budget. Rtn. Krishnan, in his professional lucid style explained in detail the salient features of the budget. President thanked Rtn. R. Krishnan for the excellent presentation. Around 50 members attended the meeting and President thanked Rtn. Shafeek for personally inviting the members. Rtn. Varghese Kurisinkal also joined in conveying the Wishes of the members to the family of Shafeek and the little kid. Secretary proposed vote of thanks, specially mentioning Rtn. R. Krishnan and host Rtn. Shafeek.

Rtn. John Kurian, Secretary.

GOD BLESS LITTLE HAZELLE



Royalweeks wish Godspeed and all the very best to little Hazelle grandnnet of Rtn Mohd Shafeeq and Sebi.

If you wish to share positivity or if you have passion for positivity be a part of this greater vision, share your interest.

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HISTORY OF ROTARY IN INDIA

(Contd.)



The main criteria in demarcating the 34 zones in 1995 was to have almost equal number of Rotarians in all the zones so that each director will represent equal number of Rotarians. Also, the RI Bylaws stipulated a 'comprehensive' review of the composition of the zones every 12 years (now eight years) so as to maintain an approximately equal number of Rotarians in each zone. Accordingly, The Board adopted new zone boundaries at its June 2008 meeting, effective 1 July 2009 and the selection of members of director nominating committees from 2008- 09 was based on realigned zone boundaries. With the district bifurcations of 2008-09 and 2009-10, there are 31 Rotary Districts in India and they come under zones 4 (A & B), 5 (A & B) and 6A. There are six districts of North Western India in Section A of Zone 4 while Section B consists of six districts of Western India. Six South-Indian districts and the only district in Sri Lanka are in Section A of Zone 5, while Section B of the same Zone consists of seven districts of Central and Southern India. The districts in North eastern India (six) and Nepal are in Section A of Zone 6 while the remaining eight districts of the Zone are in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand. The Rotary population in India is now more than the number required to fill three zones and hence India can request for three independent zones for better representation. With this growth story, India has reached the forefront of Rotary countries in the matter of Rotarian count, next only to USA.

Now every 12th Rotarian is in India.

The Rotarian population which was 58,777 in the 28 districts in India in 1995-96 shot up to 107,962 as of July, 2010 in 31 districts, a whopping 84% growth in 15 years.

Men only banner goes

With the opening up of Rotary to women in 1989, clubs in India began to invite the fair sex also to join the clubs. In 1991-92 three clubs in India had women presidents. (R.Cs. of Thuckalay (Dist.3210), Palladam (Dist. 3200) and Mudagod (Dist. 3170), apart from a charter president in Thiruvananthapuram (Dist.3210). District 3200 also had a woman charter president in 1992, Elsamma Thomas of Nilgiris West, wife of past RI director P.C.Thomas. A few clubs were formed in India with exclusive membership of women Rotarians, though RI preferred mixed gender clubs. In 1998-'99 Rotary year India had her first woman district governor. She was none other than the well informed Madhura M. Chathrapathy of Dist. 3190. Next year it was the turn of the neighboring district, District 3230 to present a woman district governor, Rtn. Rekha Shetty.

As of August 2010, the women population in Rotary in India was 6576.

Rotary Leaders from India

During the nine decades of existence of Rotary in India, several world leaders emerged from this region. The first Rotarian to become RI President from Asia was Nitish Laharry (1962-63) from Calcutta. India had to wait for another 29 years for another Indian to be nominated to the position of RI President. In 1991 - 92 Rajendra K. Saboo (Raja Saboo) from Chandigarh had the rare opportunity of leading the world's leading service organization. Raja Saboo also served as the Chairman of The Rotary Foundation (1996- 97), the only Indian to hold the position in Rotary's history. Kalyan Banerjee (Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat) is going to be the third Indian to lead Rotary from the International presidential chair. His presidential term begins on July 1, 2011. Sir Frederick E. James was the first RI director from India (1933-34). Sir. Shapoorjee B. Billimoria was RI Director in 1943-44 and was second vice-president during 1949-50. Before becoming RI President, Nitish C. Laharry also held the office of vice - president in 1953-54 and director in 1954-55. B.T. Thakur of Calcutta Club also became second vice-president in 1946-47.

(Note: 'History of Rotary in India' is researched and written by RGHF member Rtn. N. Bhaskaran Pillai of Rotary Club of Fort Cochin (District 3201) in India. First published in 1998 and updated)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS February

9 Biju Sathyan
10 Asma D/o N.A.M.Kunju
11 Prabha Krishnan
15 George Thaiyyil



The Good, Bad and Ugly from the Union Budget 2020

(Excerpts from the presentation on Union Budget 2020 by Rtn R Krishnan)

The good includes relief of tax burden for lower and middle income groups, 100% exemption for sovereign wealth funds in infrastructure and other notified sectors, the abolition of DDT and the fact that the Government continued to stick to the FRBM's fiscal deficit goals.

The no-good factors are as follows:

- ◆ No clear road map for .2.1 lakh crore disinvestment target proposed for FY 20-21.
- ◆ No mention of land and labour reforms which has been long overdue
- ◆ Multiple tax regimes have made overall structure slightly complicated for a person not so familiar with taxation.
- ◆ DDT in the hands of shareholders would be taxed in the highest bracket that is 43%.



Engagements

Next Meeting: @7.30 pm on 19.02.2020
 Host: Rtn George Zachariah George

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