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Rtn. Mark Daniel Maloney



Dist. Governor  
Rtn. Shirish Kesavan



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*From Editors desk*

## March -Water & Sanitation month



BY 2030 EVERYONE  
WILL HAVE SAFE WATER  
TO DRINK

#GlobalGoals

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable

Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency. Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure. The new water purification plant provides reliable access to potable water. Area of Focus in Rotary in the month of March is Water and Sanitation. This month also includes the World Rotaract Week from the 7th until 14th of March. The clubs world over will be celebrating the month through any one or more of the following activities

- Create awareness on water Conservation by Street play / Banners / Literature Distributions / Seminars at club level and for local community, Rain water harvesting awareness.
- Clean Drinking Water at Railway Stations, Bus Stations, Schools or Public Places, Re-use of waste Water.
- Create Public Toilets Facilities, Create Awareness on Sanitation at Schools - Colleges - Economically Backward Areas.

- Create Sewage / Concealed Drainage system, Bore Wells, Building Check dams.
- Providing Carriers (Transportation Systems) to carry water pots.
- Rotary Club of Alleppey has a good track record of doing global grant projects on water and sanitation. Senior Rotarians like Sajan and Sivan have mastered in the skill of getting global grants and we have supported the local community in Kuttanad by installing R O water plants. I must say the water and sanitation is the most appropriate theme for service projects in Rotary.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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

International Women's Day is on 8th March 2020. Our celebration of Women's Day was by organizing Cancer Detection and Screening camps in association with Alappuzha Obstetrics and Gynecology Society and OBG Department of Alleppey Medical college. The camps were conducted at three places, Sherthalai Government Hospital, Kayamkulam Government Hospital and W&C Hospital Alappuzha. The event was publicized by convening a Press Meet at Press Club, Alappuzha on 5th March. The first phase will cover women police officers and women family members of police officials. A formal inaugural function was held at W&C Hospital on 7th March. I would like to specially mention about the Outstanding Woman of our Club Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair. Teacher, the most enterprising Rotarian of our Club was the one who had suggested for this novel project in connection with the International Women's Day. Teacher's association with Dr. Lalithambika, HOD of OBG Dept, Alappuzha Medical College helped us to conceive the idea of conducting a Cancer Detection and Screening Camp for women. For each and every project of our Club, during the year, the support and leadership of teacher was always there. Of course the same was the case all these years and will be the same in the coming years also. Teachers commitment to make any event successful, let it be a very small function or a mega event, she takes all-out effort, tries to motivate fellow Rotarians and see to it that the results are fruitful. The glittering contribution of teacher during the current year is becoming the first Major Donor of this 70 year old prestigious Club. Let us all dedicate this Women's Day to our dear teacher 'The Outstanding Woman of Rotary'.

Pranams Teacher.  
**Rtn. K. Cherian.**

## **Minutes of the Regular meeting dated 4th March 2020.**

Regular meeting for the week started with invocation of blessings of God Almighty by Rtn. T. S. Sujith. President in his opening remarks congratulated the host team for the February dinner meeting for the successful and systematic conduct. However he expressed his concern over the low attendance of the members in the dinner meeting. President informed that following decisions were taken in the board meeting of the Club held on 2nd March.

It was decided to conduct the dinner meeting for March by end of March or first week of April. In connection with Women's Day Celebrations, we propose to conduct three cancer screening camps at Sherthalai Government Hospital, Kayamkulam Government Hospital and W&C Hospital, Alappuzha in association with Alappuzha Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, Obstetrics and Gynecology department of Medical College Alappuzha on 7th of March. We have also decided to give assistance to visually impaired members of Kerala Federation of Blind for purchase of pen cameras. It was also decided to sponsor a tread mill to Rotary Alfa Kids Learning Development Centre and to set up a Sensory Integration facility for them to train the children. Rtn. Tomi Eapen, last year's bulletin editor and historian of the Club presented a bound volume of last year's bulletin to the immediate past president. Rtn. Tomi Eapen suggested that we may set up an archive for preserving our mementos and other credentials of the Club so that the posterity will have clear cut picture of the history of the 70 year old club. Inner wheel Club which has crossed 50 years also may be asked to join the project. Rtn. Antony Malayil, Immediate Past President then presented the audited accounts for previous year, which was adopted with modifications. Rtn. George Thomas and Rtn. Gopinathan Nair joined deliberations about the accounts. AG Rtn. V. Deepak requested maximum participation for the District Conference to be held in April. The host of the meeting was Rtn. T. S. Sujith. Secretary proposed vote of thanks and the meeting adjourned at 8.45PM

**John Kurian, Secretary.**

## RI News

### Paying Tribute to Founder on the Rotary's Birthday

Mark Maloney, Rotary International President, showing his "square" with 2019-2020 theme- Rotary Connects the World. Preparing to follow: President-Elect Holger Knaack and his wife, Susanne; President Nominee, Shekhar Mehta and his wife, Rashi. In celebration of Rotary's birthday, February 23 at the Chicago grave of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary



### Kerala Entrepreneurs Network(KEN) honouring Teacher on women's day.

Dr T M Thomas Issac, Hon'ble Minister for Finance & Coir, presented memento to Teacher.  
Royalweeks congratulate Rtn Vijayalakshmi Teacher

## RI News

### RI Board of Directors' Meeting held

The third 2019–20 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 27–29 January 2020 at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, IL USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed nine committee reports and recorded 39 decisions.

#### Programs, Meetings, and Awards

The Board established an annual Rotaract per capita dues fee structure of US\$5.00 for university-based clubs and \$8.00 for community-based clubs, beginning 1 July 2022 and agreed that the \$50 one-time chartering fee for new Rotaract clubs will be eliminated beginning 1 July 2022;

clarifying its decision from October 2019 regarding a Rotaract age limit and in response to Rotaractor feedback and survey data, agreed that a Rotaract club may, but is not required to, establish upper age limits, provided that the club (in accordance with its bylaws) obtain the concurrence of its members and the sponsor club(s) (if

## 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 ?

## 2019-2020

**President** - Rtn. PHF K. Cherian

**Vice President** - Rtn. PHF T. S. Ajithkumar

**President Elect** - Rtn. MPHF Krishnan Venugopal

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**Secretary** - Rtn. PHF John Kurian

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**Treasurer** - Rtn. MPHF George Thomas

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Club Administration** - Rtn. MPHF Raju Chandy

**Rotary Foundation** - Rtn. PHF Venugopala Panicker

**Membership** - Rtn. MPHF Murugan. S

**Public Relation** - Rtn. PHF Jose Abraham

**Service Project** - Rtn. PHF T. Sivakumar

**Club Advisor** - Rtn. MPHF Prof. Gopinathan Nair

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**Executive Secretary** - Rtn. MPHF P.O. Thomas

**International Service** - Rtn. MPHF R. Krishnan

**Serjeant at Arms** - Rtn. PHF Tom Joseph

### STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Club Service** - Rtn. MPHF Jacob Neroth

**Vocational Service** - Rtn. PHF MPH Sajan Nair

**Family of Rotary** - Rtn. PHF Rosie John

**Youth Service** - Rtn. PHF Tomy Pulikkattil

**Literacy Mission Convenor** - Rtn. PHF Siby George

**General Convenor** - Rtn. PHF Vidhu Unnithan

**Club IT Officer** - Rtn. PHF Dijo Antony Cherian

**Club Recreation** - Rtn. PHF A. Balakrishnan

**Club Projects** - Rtn. PHF John Mathew

**District Project-REACH** - Rtn. PHF Thomaskutty Joseph

**FIRE** - Rtn. PHF T.S. Sujith

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

**District Project - WinS** - Rtn. PHF Shyam Kurup

**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 March

**2** Rosie John

**4** K. Cherian

**5** Jose Abraham

**5** Sarada, d/o Subrahmaniam

**8** Sethu Philipose



applicable);

renamed Rotarian Action Groups to Rotary Action Groups and agreed to admit non-Rotarians as members of these groups; to enhance Rotary's engagement with local communities, approved a non-Rotarian event concept for launch at the 2023 Melbourne convention; selected the 2019–20 recipients for the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and the Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award, to be awarded at the 2020 Honolulu convention;

approved 147 recipients for the 2019–20 Service Above Self Award.

### Administration and Finances

The Board agreed to cease producing the Official Directory; approved President-elect Knaack's proposed 2020–21 Rotary committee appointments, including his selection of Johrita Solari (USA) as vice president, Bharat Pandya (India) as treasurer, and Stephanie Urchick (USA) as Executive Committee chair;

approved the 2020–21 district governors funding budget of US\$9.3 million.

### Clubs and Districts

The Board continued its review of a global membership test project that is not club-based; reviewed six resolutions that were adopted by the 2019 Council on Resolutions.



### Engagements

Next Meeting: @7.30 pm on 11.03.2020

Host: Rtn Cijo Alex

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