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- Covid19 cases hit 81 in India, 2 deaths reported so far.
- India has launched a containment lockdown
- The death toll world over exceeds 5000
- Pandemic declared by the WHO
- Rotary International President cancels all travel programmes and confines to RI headquarters
- Following that many District Governors have also cancelled or postponed District events including Conferences

The State of Kerala is facing back to back calamities over the past 3 years. The Super Floods 2018, Floods in northern districts during 2019 and now the Pandemic Covid19 that has already taken 2 lives in the State. The State health department is making concerted efforts to prevent transmission of the virus and the State is successful in creating a model for others in containment of the Covid19. Rotarians as usual should also join hands with the authorities in creating an awareness among the general public in maintaining personal hygiene. No wonder the Rotarians are well experienced in awareness creation. We, Rotarians are forerunners in the case of hand

wash as we have been propagating among school children the importance of hand washing under our renowned WinS programme for the past 5 years. The programme still continues. Let me borrow a slogan the people of West Bengal "What the Bengal thinks today, India will think tomorrow" and coin a slogan for Rotary as "**What Rotarians think today the World will think tomorrow**"
Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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

Thank you Dr. Abraham Thayyil, for your vivid presentation in the last regular meeting, enlightening us the measures to be taken, on the situation of Corona problem. Covid 19 virus fear has slowed down the acceleration of economic growth of the country drastically. As far as our state is considered, the tourism industry has come to a standstill. The road side vendors are not getting their items sold off. Cinema halls are shut, Malls are partially closed, churches and temples have thin attendance. The purchasing power of general public is getting affected. Throughout the world, all governments have failed to both deal with the new disease and calm the public. Governments and leaders are not designed to do the both. The Chinese for example, initially sought to deal with the virus in secret. The Italians under reacted and took a step that is unsustainable in the long run, closing down most of the country. This has of course created crisis of confidence throughout the world. The normalization of the corona virus is inevitable, and leaders begin by deliberately understating the problem followed by public outrage and attempt to calm them. The public is afraid and wants the virus dealt with. On February 3, Kerala detected its first case of corona virus. It was India's first case too. The measures taken by State Government to contain the spread are appreciable. The state has brought in a strict infection protocol. The Government went to work as soon as the first case was detected, dispatching directives to district officials informing them of the protocol. During the epidemic-like situations, preventing panic is as important as preventing the disease itself. In that trial, Kerala gained creditably well, setting a template for other states to follow. Let us all be true citizens adhering to the protocol and supporting the Government and help to come out of the crisis.

Jai Rotary,

Rtn. K. Cherian.

Minutes of the Regular meeting dated 11th March 2020

Regular meeting of the Club started at 7.45 PM with invocation of Blessings of God Almighty by Rtn. Jacob Neroth. President informed that we have conducted Cancer detection and Screening three camps for women police personnel and family of police officers on 7th of March at W & C Hospital, Alappuzha, Government Hospital, Kayamkulam and Government Hospital, Sherthalai. The same was in association with Alappuzha Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, Obstetrics and Gynecology department of Medical College Alappuzha. We had also conducted a Press meet on 5th to give publicity to the event. President also informed that we have given a reception on 10th March to one Retractor from Bangalore Sri. Shirish Govardhan who is on a South India cycle tour on a campagain to end Polio. President then requested Rtn. Abraham Thayyil to give an awareness class on precautionary measures to be taken to fight Corona infection. Dr. Thayyil gave a very useful presentation about the problem and the precautions to be taken by the public. Rtn. Sivakumar opinioned that we should have a dialogue with inner wheel members and sort out their grievances. President replied that we will have discussion with the members of inner wheel and try to settle the problem. Rtn. Varghese Kurisinkal and Rtn. Sajan Nair joined the deliberations. The host of the meeting was Rtn. Cijo Alex. 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 ?

Message from DSG

Dear Torchbearer Presidents and Secretaries,

In view of the Corona epidemic and the restrictions imposed by Government, the District Governor's official visit to Clubs and other public functions of the District is cancelled until 15.03.2020 or until further announcement. Clubs are requested to avoid family meetings and other public activities during this week. If regular meetings are held, no other club members or guests are to be allowed and the occasion should be used to give COVID-19 awareness to members. Clubs in and around the areas where COVID-19 infections are identified should avoid even the regular meetings. Let's join hands with the Government to fight this dreaded virus to the best of our abilities.

Regards

Adv. Alex Thomas

District Secretary General.

Cancel Rotary events, says RI Directors

Dear Rotary Leaders,

In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic and keeping in mind that the health and safety of our Rotarians and Rotary families is of Paramount importance, it is prudent to postpone / rework / cancel Rotary events including Conferences, Training Events, Intercity meets, Seminars, Rotary meetings. Wherever possible they may be held online. The RI Board is fully supportive of this and encourages District Leaders and incoming District Leaders to give full and proper consideration to this keeping in mind the advice and directives of local health authorities and the government. The OCVs for current year may be continued as per discretion of individual District Governors.

Regards,

Kamal Sanghvi

RI Director.

Dr. Bharat Pandya

RI Director

Prez Cherian cancels Australian tour

Prez Cherian and First Lady Shaila were booked for an Australian holiday tour and the Board at its meeting held on 2nd March granted leave for 10 days. In view of the travel restrictions due to Covid 19 pandemic, Cherian called off his travel plans.

The Rotary Club of Alleppey cancelled the monthly family dinner meeting for the month of March.

Rtn Dr Abraham Thayyil spoke on nCovid 19



Rtn PP Dr Abraham Thayyil with tonnes of experience in general Medicine behind, spoke on the nCovid 19 viral infection and the methods to prevent the contraction at the regular meeting held on 11.03.20. He dealt in detail about the different modes of transmission of virus, precautions to be taken etc. Royalweeks express sincere thanks to Dr Thayyil for the inputs.

The History of Rotary Bell

In 1922 the US Rotarians organised an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them awarded as a prize, a bell from a popular patrol bunk which was placed on a wood that came from HMS "Victory", admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent as on the ships, order, discipline and the time, to guide us through the weekly hour and half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the rotary meeting, at which time the people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolises the authority invested in the Rotarian, elected to the highest position in Rotary and through him, reminds those present of his authority. When Presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell the last hit turning the gavel over to their successors, symbolising the transfer of authority



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS March

8 Sethu Philipose

11 Mallu George Mathew

12 Vinod K. Balaji

14 N.A.M. Kunju

15 Ammini Thayyil

16 Jobu S/o George L. Mathew

17 Mathew Joseph

20 B. Sivadas

20 R. Srinivasan



RI President Mark calls off all Rotary travels



The complications of international travel with restrictions imposed due to the Coronavirus resulted in the difficult decision for Gay and me to suspend our Rotary travel and to fly from London, England to Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. We look forward to resuming Rotary travel as soon as possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this challenging time.

Engagements



Next Meeting scheduled to be held on **18.03.2020** stands

cancelled on account of pandemic nCovid19.

Members are advised to stay away from crowd and follow the instructions of health department of Govt of Kerala

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