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*From Editors desk*

## Every adversity brings new experiences and new lessons

Today is the fifth day of lock down. Quite unfamiliar situation for all of us. But it is inevitable to contain the community transmission of Covid 19. For us the Keralites locked in house for 12 hours or 24 hours during Hartal days is nothing new. But when some one says that you can not go out that too for 21 days continuously becomes a problem. But for Rotarians it is an opportunity for learning new lessons in profitably using your enforced holidays. Our President is no exception. He has taken lead in organising a virtual meeting on 25th. It was arranged in haste and hence the participation was less. Further it will take time to get all members familiarised with the using of the app. Nevertheless the meeting was conducted in all its protocols and decorum. The special talk of Kitchappa on the possible impact of the Covid 19 on Indian economy. Barring fellowship the meeting was complete and served its purpose.

There was report that on 27th the RI Directors from India took a virtual meeting of all DGEs from India and the meeting was joined by RIPE in line. Around 45 people participated the one hour meeting. Many of the Clubs in our district have started virtual meetings and this amply proved the skill of Rotarians in turning adversities into opportunities.

I sincerely hope that the lock down will be withdrawn after 21 days and normalcy restored. Till then we will continue to hold virtual meetings.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



**THE FOUR WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

Is it the truth ? Will it build goodwill and better friendship ?  
Is it fair to all concerned ? Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?

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

The most treasured wealth of each one of us, is our own family. We have the obligation to take care of the safety and security of our family. Covid 19 pandemic is a threat; the whole world is fighting against. We have the obligation to keep our family members safe. We have to keep our neighbors safe. We have to keep our community safe. I am concerned about the family of my Rotary members. My dear fellow Rotarians, Please keep safe, Stay safe, stay inside. Let us all co operate with the authorities to fight it safe.

E Club of Dubai, the only E Club in the district, is our offshoot. Our E-Royalweeks is one of the few weekly e-bulletins in the district, which is coming out so beautifully. The Lockdown for 21 days gives us another opportunity. Opportunity for conducting an E-meeting. Opportunity to continue the meeting of our members who were regularly attending and even with members, who had no time to come regularly to the meetings. We have successfully convened an E-meeting last Wednesday. I was not that confident of making this happen. But idea cropped in through the whatsapp messages and advices of our members. I was trying many apps for that purpose. Some apps were able to be used only against payments. But we finally found that the TeamLink App is a free app and it worked well. The link for the same was sent through our group whatsapp. Few of us only, were able to install it properly. With a little bit of assistance anybody can install it and join the group meeting. I request the members who had successfully installed it to contact few of our friends and assist them to install the same. It is absolutely necessary to have a good interaction between our members in a war like situation like this. The problems faced by any of us can even be shared and we can suggest solutions and help each other. Let us all wait for the White Dove of the Noha's arch with the olive twig in its beak, bringing the news from the far east, that the pandemic is controlled and we can come out safe and live happily ever, as before.

*Jai Rotary,*      **Rtn. K. Cherian.**

### **Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on 25.03.20**

An online meeting of the Club was convened through the TeamLink platform on an experimental basis at 7.30PM on 25th March. Members were requested to download TeamLink app through a web link forwarded through Whatsapp. Seven of our members were able to attend the meeting through video conferencing. Rtn. R. Krishnan invoked the blessings of God Almighty. President informed that we will be giving assistance to more members to install the app and attend the online weekly meetings till the present crisis situation is over. President also informed that we had supplied a consignment of Sanitizer kits to District Hospital, Alappuzha and also we have set up a Hand wash station near KSRTC bus stand last week. Members are requested to comply with the Government guidelines by strictly adhering to the 'Stay at Home' protocol.

Rtn. Krishnan talked in brief about the possible economic impact to the country due to Covid 19 pandemic. It may take months or even years to recover and compensate the loss incurred. Rtns. K. Cherian, R. Krishnan, Kumaraswamy Pillai, S. Murugan, T. S. Ajithkumar, Ajith Vani and Antony Malayil attended. Rtns Tomi Eapen and Mohemmed Shafeeq attempted to join the meeting but were unable to establish contact. President proposed vote of thanks and the meeting adjourned at 8.20 PM.

## CONNECTING DURING COVID 19 RESPONSE

For more than a century, Rotary has connected the world through fellowship and service. The COVID-19 pandemic has altered our daily routines and forced the cancellation of many in-person Rotary and Rotaract club meetings and events. But even when we can't hold our usual events, members have lots of ways to stay engaged, connect with one another, and serve their communities.

Clubs can meet online using services such as Zoom, Skype or GoToMeeting. All three platforms offer robust support, from their directions for setting up an account to helping with technical issues. Rotary and Rotaract members get a discount on Zoom through Rotary Global Rewards. Members can also connect with each other on social media and with services such as FaceTime, Google Hangouts, or WhatsApp groups.

Learn how Rotarians and Rotaractors are staying in contact and keeping members engaged during these difficult times:

- Find ideas and resources for holding virtual meetings, engaging through social media, and serving from afar in District 6690's guide to Maintaining Member Engagement During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Read how the Zone 34 Rotary coordinators are maintaining membership engagement (hint: ingenuity and adaptability) and download their COVID-19 response guide.
- See how Big West Rotaract, a multidistrict information organization in the western region of North America, is connecting Rotarians and Rotaractors who are experiencing difficulties with others who can help. Look at its Rotary and Rotaract COVID-19 Mutual Aid form.
- Read advice from Charlotte Ahlberg, past chair of the Rotary International E-Club Committee, on taking your club online.
- Visit Rotary's website to get more tips and guidance for holding online club meetings.

How is your club or district keeping your members engaged during the COVID-19 response? Share your ideas and resources or participate in a discussion in the Meeting Online group in Learning Topics.

### My beloved Rotarians, Annes and Annets,

I am sure you are all fully aware of the really trying, bizarre and crazy times that we are all going through. The dreaded COVID-19 pandemic is threatening to run havoc through the social fabric of our state. It is affecting the life of people dramatically across the globe. It is not only an attack on our physical strength, but also on our mental strength, putting even the strongest among us into stress, frustration and boredom. Most of us are forced to twiddle our thumbs. The silver lining is, make use of this lockdown period as an opportunity to put your feet up, relax, chill out and spend quality time with your families

Don't forget that we all have a civic duty to abide by all the directions of the Govt. and health authorities to stem the spread of the much feared Corona Virus. Please don't forget the simple fact that the Virus doesn't move on its own, we move it and, if we stop moving, the virus stops moving and, if the Virus stops moving, it dies.

Because of the COVID-19 threat, our Rotary activities also had suffered a lot. We were constrained to push back our much anticipated Shireesham, 2020. I hope and trust that the lockdown and other preventive measures will soon be over and, we could catch up with our activities soon.

It is almost time for us to pay the RI dues. If we can pay by March 31, 2020, the exchange rate will only be Rs.72/- per USD. Because of the drastic and unprecedented devaluation of Rupee against USD, from April 1, there is a likelihood of an increase in the exchange rate. So, please try to take advantage of the current lower rates and pay the RI dues before March 31, 2020.

I am happy to note that most of the Clubs in RID 3211 are doing their little bit to ameliorate the sufferings of the masses in these days of untold miseries. Clubs are distributing food packets to all the Police officials on duty and also the destitute and the vagabonds in the streets, opened Kiosks in public places dispensing Sanitizers and Masks, provided space for hand washing facilities, distributed pamphlets to create awareness about the Virus and, much, much more.

Please take care of your health, more than ever. Together, let us fight the COVID-19 threat and, overcome it soon. We are in this all together and we will get through it. We will come out of it stronger and closer than ever before.

Wishing you the very best from the bottom of my heart, as always.  
**Rtn. Shirish Kesavan, District Governor**

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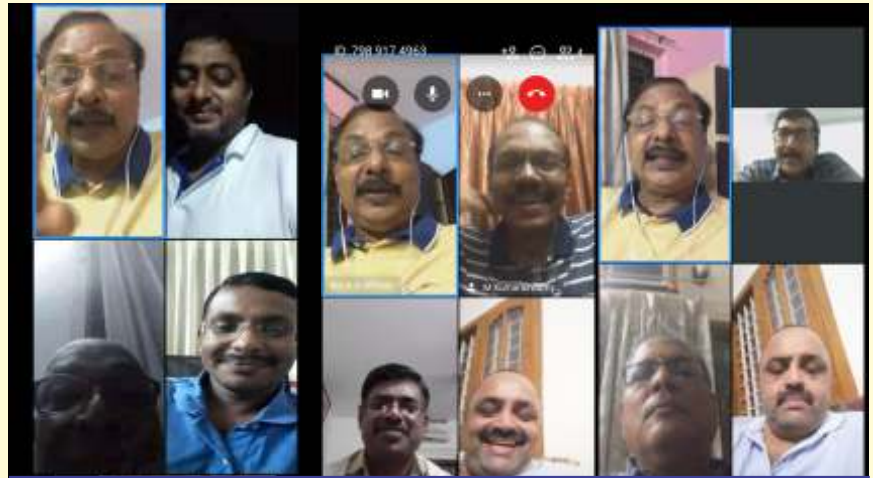
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### RC Alleppey handing over Hand Sanitisers to the District Medical Officer

President Cherian and Secretary Kurian handed over a bag full of hand sanitisers to Dr Anita Kumari, District Medical Officer, Alleppey for distribution among the general public to fight Covid19 by taking part in the Break the Chain campaign

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