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My shrunken world - As Lockdown continues From Editors desk

As of now the lockdown in India to contain the Covid-19 pandemic will continue upto May 3rd and we will have a free movement from 4th May, hopefully. Of course the exit strategy from the lockdown is being debated and the relaxations in controls announced are being withdrawn on many occasions. To my experience in life I have not spent such a long time confined my own house- not even during the war time. There have been reports of 'shadow pandemic' as an impact of lockdown. The government authorities, women's rights activists and civil society partners have flagged increasing reports of domestic violence during the crisis, and heightened demand for emergency shelter. Helplines in many countries have registered an increase in calls by more than 30per cent. Confinement is fostering the tension and strain created by security, health, and money worries. And it is increasing isolation for women with violent partners, separating them from the people and resources that can best help them. It's a perfect storm for controlling, violent behaviour behind closed doors. And in parallel, as health systems are stretching to breaking point, domestic violence shelters are also reaching capacity, a service deficit made worse when centres are repurposed for additional COVID-response.

But for many who turns adversities into opportunities, confinement is a wind fall. For many of us it provided an opportunity to fulfil the job procrastinated for quite long. We have been getting reports through print and electronic media on how people have profitably utilised the lockdown period. Our Rotarians and their families have also did their part well. The deed of Annets of Rtn Deepak Amruta Ramalekshmi and Devan Madhavan stands out. The duo have beautifully and artistically painted cartoon characters inside of their house compound walls. Hats off to the highly talented kids.

The lockdown also turned our Club digital. We had the opportunity to sponsor the first E-Club of the District at Dubai and the the meetings of the E-Club is being conducted online. But now we were also forced to follow suit and Prez Cherian has successfully conducted 3 online meetings. It is gratifying to note that there is more participation than our normal meetings.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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Fight against Covid 19 in Kerala is on the verge of a Success. It is the concerted effort by the Government, the Health Department in particular and the literate population of Kerala, that made the impossible, possible. The achievement, which our State has accomplished, is definitely commendable. In the context of fighting the pandemic, our District Governor has decided to execute a Global Grant Project of USD2.00 lakhs for purchase of ventilators to the Government Hospitals in Kerala. The days of Covid 19 teaches us the necessity of strengthening our medical facilities. The so called developed countries miserably failed in the war against the virus. Behind the curtain there were skeletons. The world now realized the sorry state of affairs, in the most important Health Sector, of these countries. The death toll was not able to be controlled by them and the life of many senior citizens was left to destiny. It is true that any opportunity to strengthen the Health Sector of our state is to be supported. The installation of the Ventilators in District hospitals may not come to use for the Covid 19 patients of the state, because the number of such patients is on the decreasing trend. By the time the Ventilators are installed, we would have come out of the present crises. But the investment which we are doing now will be of help to thousands of poor patients who are approaching the Government Hospitals in years to come. Developments of infrastructure in Government hospitals will make available, quality treatment to the public at low or nil cost. This will be a long lasting memento and a tribute to the self less services of the Health Workers of the State. DG has requested Clubs in the District to contribute USD5000/- and to become a participant of the Global Grant Project. On conveying the message to our respected honorary member Rtn. Betty Karan by me, she immediately responded by sending her contribution cheque of Rs.1.00 lakh in favour of the Club. No words to express our gratitude to Madam Betty Karan. We remember with gratitude the benevolent contributions of PDG Rtn. Revi Karunakaran and Rtn. Betty Karan to the Club and to the Society all these years. Now it is our turn to supplement the same. I request each and every member of our Club to come forward and be a part in this Project by contributing at least a small amount as TRF contribution. Let us all participate for a good cause. The days of lockdown can be compared to the days of lent and let us spare a little money and join hands with our Governor to extend a helping hand to the Government administration, and show our solidarity.

Stay Safe. **Rtn. K. Cherian.**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on 15.04.2020

A virtual meeting of the Club was held on 15th April at 7.30PM. Rtn. Raju Chandy invoked the blessings of the God Almighty. President welcomed the participants and informed that Club's Board meeting was held on 13th April. President said that we will not be in a position to hold any dinner meetings during the current year due to the present situation. Twenty two members are yet to host dinner meetings and their contribution for dinner is decided to be collected at a rate of Rs.4000/- per head. The amount will be remitted to TRF as their individual contributions. DG has requested our Club to participate in the Global Grant project of purchase of Ventilators to Government hospitals. The TRF contribution from members can be utilized for becoming a participant of the Global Grant project and DG will be specially recognizing the Club for the contribution. E Club of Dubai, has requested us that if we contribute

USD2500/- they will also try to raise a corresponding amount to make total contribution of both Clubs USD5000/- . Rtn. Mohammed Shafeek detailed the discussions he had with president of E Club in this regard. President also informed that International dues is to be remitted before 30th April and many of our members are yet to pay second half dues. The Account number of the Club will be posted in the whatsapp group so that members can directly remit the dues in the account. Following members attended the meeting. Rtns. George Thomas, Subramania Iyer, Varghese K.A., Tomi Eapen, Kumaraswamy Pillai, R. Krishnan, R. Sreenivasan, NAM Kunju, Tom Joseph, Mohammed Shafeek, T.S. Ajithkumar, RN. Ajithkumar, Raju Chandy, A. Balakrishnan and S. Murugan. Rtn. George Thomas proposed vote of thanks and the meeting ended at 8.15PM.

Rotary is closely monitoring the pandemic of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members. Health and safety of Rotarians are always our top priorities.

Grant options to respond to COVID-19 As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, and to help people affected by it. The Rotary Foundation offers several options that Rotarians can use to help care for and protect people in their own communities and others around the world.

District grants Districts can use district grant funds to support local activities, like purchasing thermometers, protective medical gear, or other items to donate to medical professionals who need them. Districts can also use contingency funds from an open district grant or repurpose previously planned activities as a COVID-19 response. As districts prepare to submit new district grant applications for 2020-21, we encourage you to designate funds for COVID-19 responses. As a one-time exception, the Foundation will allow expenses related to COVID-19 that were incurred since 15 March 2020 to be reimbursed through 2020-21 district grants.

Disaster Response Grants and Rotary's Disaster Response Fund Rotary's disaster response grants provide a fast and effective way to respond to local events. The Rotary Foundation recently added COVID-19 projects to its list of eligible activities for these grants. Each district can apply for one grant (of up to \$25,000) to address COVID-19, depending on the availability of funds. Disaster response grants are funded by the Rotary Disaster Response Funds to help districts around the world respond to disasters. The fund accepts online contributions and DDF. Districts may designate that their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund be used exclusively for COVID-19 grant activities. Cash contributions will be used for general disaster response, including response to COVID-19.

Global Grants Global grants remain an excellent way to make a transformative impact in a community. If medical equipment is needed in order to respond effectively to COVID-19, global grants can help pay for these items. The Foundation is waiving the 30 percent foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19. Note that these grants still require both a host and international partner.

For additional information, contact your Regional Grants Officer.

My Lockdown experience *Auditor at Home.*

A friend of mine a Chartered accountant made an audit of her home - her findings:

Quarantine effect I have realised our home & kitchen is the most mismanaged place.

Following anomalies have been observed :

1. There is no stock ledger maintained. Procurement is not in line with provision factor. Purchase orders are placed verbally. Inventory maintenance is very poor. **2.** There is no budgeting documents. **3.** There is no indexing of products. **4.** No bin cards were displayed. **5.** No Annual, monthly or quarterly stock taking has been carried out. **6.** No Inspection has been carried out for years. Most of the spoons and plates are of wrong pattern and do not match with the original part number. **7.** No procedure of Inventory valuation **8.** Weighing scales non existing. **9.** No handing over /taking over files maintained. **10.** No SOP and menu displayed. **11.** Fire fighting equipment not held. **12.** Sufficient reserves are not maintained. *(Courtesy: Rtn R Krishnan)*

KUDOS TO AMRUTA AND DEVAN



Annets Amruta Rameswari and Devan Madhavan, siblings of Rtn V Deepak, AG took time during lockdown to paint the Inner side of compound wall of the house with Cartoon Characters. Congrats Amruta and Devan.

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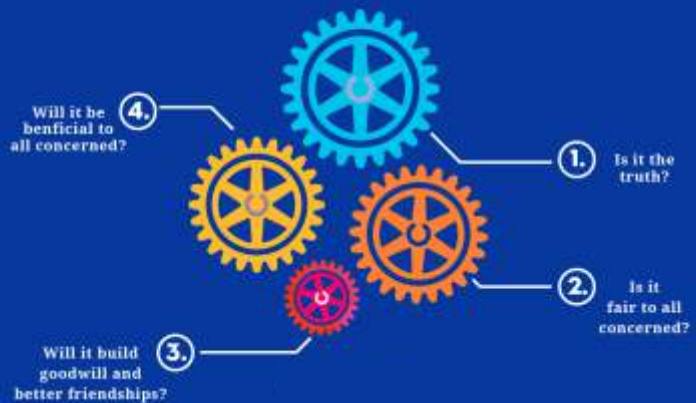
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- 22. Rtn. Joseph Francis
- 23. Rtn. George Thomas
- 27. Rtn. Siby George
- 29. Rtn. Varghese K.A.

Rtn R. Krishnan (Kichappa) handing over Masks and hand sanitizers worth Rs 50,000/- on behalf of the SDVCAA (SDV CENTRAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION) to the District Police Chief Mr. James Joseph IPS



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