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SAPTHATHY SPECIAL

Hearty Welcome to Justice Kemal Pasha



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Justice B Kemal Pasha was born on 25 May 1956 in Anchal village in Kollam district. He Completed his primary education from Govt U.P School Vadamon, high schooling from Govt. High School Anchal, graduation from St. John's College Anchal. Later he took his LLB from Government Law college, Thiruvananthapuram and Masters of Law from M G University, Kottayam.

He enrolled as an Advocate on 16-12-1979 and started practice in the same year at Kollam with Advocate P. Vijayaraghavan. He was appointed as Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ernakulam in 1995 thereafter he served as District and Sessions Judge Thiruvananthapuram, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kozhikode, Special judge (SPE/CBI) at Ernakulam, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kottayam, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Thrissur, Principal District

and Sessions Judge and STAT, Ernakulam and Registrar General of High Court of Kerala. While serving the post of Registrar General of High Court of Kerala, he was appointed as Additional Judge of the High Court of Kerala on 28 January 2013 and became a Permanent Judge of the High Court of Kerala from 30-06-2014 and he is one of the Board of Governors of Kerala Judicial Academy. Justice Pasha demitted his office upon attaining age of superannuation on 24 May 2018. Justice Phasha is married to Kasthuri, a home maker and the couple is blessed with two daughters Alli and Archa

It was with at most sadness, the common man reacted to the stepping down of Justice Kemal Pasha as he strongly believed that the judge has always been one who stuck to the set of laws and upheld values while making his verdicts. Justice Pasha has been fearless in his acts and in doing so, he antagonised several power centres.

In a recent interview with the New Indian Express daily Justice Kemal Pasha said that 'I'm bold, but I don't think I was a controversial judge. Yes he is bold and takes decision which are fair and just.

Royalweeks extend a hearty Welcome to Justice Kamal Pasha to RC Alleppey



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Dear Rotary Club of Alleppey members,

I am honored to congratulate the Rotary Club of Alleppey on its 70th anniversary.

Since your club was chartered, you have made the commitment not only to represent Rotary in your community, but also to do significant, meaningful work from which your community will benefit.

We all live in our communities, in our countries, together on this planet. And when we join Rotary – when we give back through Rotary with our abilities, our time, and our resources – we are declaring that we know that our presence on this globe carries with it the obligation to serve.

All of the service that Rotary does, all of the lives we change, all of the children in the world who will never, ever get polio – all of this happens because we, joining together through Rotary, are strong. Because Rotarians, with the family of Rotary, have risen to the challenge, paid their civic rent, and met their obligations as members of their global and local communities.

Each Rotary club is unique in its own way. By reaching this milestone, you have shown your commitment to our organization and to all that Rotary does and hopes to do. Congratulations once again on your 70 years. I know that you will continue to serve your community and beyond for many more years to come as *Rotary Connects the World*.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney
Rotary International President, 2019-20

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Rtn. Prof. K. Udayakumar



Rtn. Dr. Thomas Vavnikunnel



Rtn. K. Srinivasan

Dear President Rtn. Cherian. K & the members of the Rotary Club of Alleppey,
The District team joins me in congratulating The Rotary Club of Alleppey on its completion of 70 years of yeoman service under the Rotary umbrella.

It is a matter of pride for RID 3211 that 4 Clubs in the District have crossed or are crossing the 70-year mark, and Alleppey is one of them.

The city of Alleppey will always be grateful to this pioneer organization for the innumerable deeds which have gone a long way in the support and development of the area. The District is proud to have such a Veteran Club in its ranks. It is not a coincidence that the first Arch Klumph Society Member of not only our District, but also this part of the world emerged from your venerable institution.

Vintage Clubs such as yours play an important role in providing a beacon to the other Clubs to follow, to emulate and to excel. The leadership your members have displayed even beyond the Club level is highly appreciable.

The Clubs sponsored by this exemplary organization have also taken forward the task of connecting to the society and the world and furthered the cause of Rotary.

I am confident that the Rotary Club of Alleppey will continue to stand out as an example to others, dispensing selfless service and binding the Rotary fraternity through fellowship.

Rtn. Shirish Kesavan
District Governor, RID 3211



I am proud to be a member of the illustrious Rotary Club of Alleppey which has produced many rotary luminaries over the past 70 years. I am happy that the SAPTHATHY celebrations of the Club is organised by the President and his vibrant team in a most befitting way. I wish the function all success.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn V Deepak
Assistant Governor



Rotary Club of Alleppey (1949-2019)

'Marveling Saga of Seventy Years'



Rtn. MPH Tomi Eapen
Club Historian



Late A.R. Sulaiman Sait

The town of Alleppey has always excelled in socio, cultural and political arena of the town. In its social scenario Rotary International plays a vital role since seven decades. It was in 1948 that a host of prominent Rotarians from Kochi under the leadership of that charismatic Jewish Industrialist the late S. Koder, came to Alleppey to see the possibilities of starting a Rotary Club in Alleppey. They met some of the veteran citizens who were the cardinal stones of the town like A. R. Suliman Sait, the then Municipal Chairman, K. C. Karunakaran, founder of Alleppey Co, N. J. Mathew, Director, N. C. John & Sons, Dr. M. S. Ramachandran, Dr. T. K. Kuruvilla, V. Kesavan, P. C. Mukharji, Parthasarathy Iyengar (Pappa Swami), J. Murugandi, M.L. Janardhana Pai, K. Srinivasan, Kassim Suliman Sait, V. Z. Job, so on and so forth. With their untiring efforts, the dream came true and Rotary Club of Alleppey was born in 1949.

The Charter Presentation was held in an august assembly of noble and eloquent intelligentsia and renowned stalwarts from the different cross sections of the town. It was held at the Geography Hall of Leo XIII High School on 25 the July 1949. RI admitted R. C. Alleppey as Club # 7339, in RI District 56, comprising the State of Kerala, part of Tamil Nadu and the whole of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). The then District Governor, Col. Wignaraj from Colombo was the guest of Honour and presented the Charter to A. R. Sulaiman Sait, the Charter President. V. Kesavan was the Charter Secretary. There were 21 Charter members, none of them are alive today. The Banquet was held in Hotel Wayside Inn, north of Trippl Bridge, the only class hotel of those days, owned by the

Gujarathi Rotarian C. N. Nariyalwala. The Club held its weekly meetings every Wednesday here, until 1976, until it owned its own Community Hall, bought in commemoration of the Club's Silver Jubilee.

A Club Bulletin Since Day 1

Perhaps one of the greatest achievements of the Club in its seventy years of existence is that the Club issued, "Members' Bulletin" on the very next week on 1st August 1949 and numbered issue 1. It was type written and carbon copied on single page sky blue coloured manifold paper. To crown all, it is still continuing. Its title, cover, content, shape, print and layout changed extensively as per the skilful imagination, dedication and commitment of the changing editors. It was christened as 'Royalweeks' in 1979 when I first became its editor. The title stands for "Rotary Club of Alleppey Weekly Bulletins". Today, this issue is numbered as 3645, since 1-8-1949. The Story of Royalweeks' was published in the early history of the Club, 'Four Decades of Service' published by me in 1980. Today the whole Bulletins are kept in bounds year wise in Club Archive Shelf, which tells the yearly activities of the Club, as a treasure to the posterity. Seven Decades of Service', the 70 years of history is ready to be published during the Saphthathi, the septuagenial celebrations today.

Resplendent Activities

In Four Decades of Service, the activities of the Club were reported decades-wise as no yearly reports of the Secretaries were available. The history was traced from the bulletins kept in bundles on the upper deck of the kitchen of Kassim Sulaiman Sait, who bequeathed it to me when he left Alleppey and when I interviewed him as a Past President for tracing the history. Perhaps I may be the only Rotarian who read all the 3645 bulletins. All issues are now kept neatly in bounds. The dazzling activities of early four decades were presented under four heads, viz 'The Fifties', 'The Sixties', 'The Glorious Seventies' and 'The Rewarding Eighties'. To mention a few:

Functioning of a Community Centre on the beach side with a reading room and Adult Education programme, Adoption of a fishermen's colony, Donation of an Electro Cardiogram, and Ambulance, Padmasri Dr. Modi's Free Eye Camp and a record total of 512 operations performed in 1967. In the last three decades since 1990, more worthy and noted activities were carried out every year. No year went by without any major and worthy service projects. No Presidents were second to anyone. They proved their mettle and added to the glory of the Club. Many a stalwarts and leaders of different professions and business magnates have embraced Rotary. Their name and fame, commitments and unstinted involvement in Rotary activities brought laurels from far and wide.

Traffic blinking lights at key points, Blood Bank building at W & C hospital, built to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Rotary International, Low cost buildings and Champ pipes and Overhead tanks at the outskirts of the town, Mortuary at Sahrudaya Hospital, Ambulance Service, Bus Passengers Waiting Sheds at different junctions, Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, yeomen service carried out during the recent worst-hit flood havoc and the relief work at the adopted Kayalpuram village, Distribution of thousands of soil less Grow bags with vegetable saplings, LN 4 Prosthetic Hand Fitment Camp and to crown all, the Saphthathi Memorial, 'Rotary- Alfa Kids Learning Development Centre' at our Community Centre.

The continuing projects like Rotary - Neelima Merit Evening to honour the laureled students, Youth Activities, Vocational Awards and Jewel of Alleppey Award Presentations are to mention a few.

The Club Premises

Our Community Centre owned in 1974 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Club, underwent face lifts from time to time, like modernizing the hall, A/C Board Room,

The tiled path from the gate to the hall, the canopy in front of the hall, the Recreation room fitted with Billiards table etc.

In RI District 3211



2019-2020

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- Club Historian** - Rtn. MPHf Tomi Eapen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS

July
 23 Tobu s/o Rtn.Tomy Pulilkattil,
 26 Sulekha, d/o Rtn.Shafeeq
 27 Arun, s/o Rtn.Dr.Arun Babu

August
 3 Rtn.John Kurian,
 5 Annet Abhishek, s/o Rtn. Dr. Arum Babu,
 8Rt'ne Sunitha Sivasadas,
 12 Rtn.Jacob Neroth 13 Rtn.Mohammed Shafeeq,
 15 Annet Tinu, d/o Rtn. Tomy Pulikattil



Our presence and contributions to the RI District, are stupefying ! Our members adorned many a key positions in the District like District Governor, Lt. Governors, Associate Governors, Asst. Governors, District Secretaries and Treasurers etc. The Club played hosts to a number of key District events like Dist. Conference, Dist. Assembly (3 times) and a host of major District events over the years.

The Charisma of Revi Karuna Karan



Late Rtn. Revi Karunakaran PDG

Perhaps the most charismatic member ever produced by our Club is the late PDG. Revi Karunakaran, the doyen of Coir Industry, who shone like a luminous star in Rotary world over. He was a 'Benefactor', who contributed enormously to the Rotary Foundation and held high positions in RI. He was the District Governor during 1976-77. He authored the book 'Rotary For Layman'. The saga continues with his beloved wife Rtn. Betty Karan, who is the first Arch Klump Society (AKS) member of our RI District and its Goodwill Ambassador. Her omnipresence is felt in Rotary International functions regularly.

Luminaries Who Addressed the Club

Many a luminary from different walks of life addressed our Club. They include: C.Rajagopalachari, Sanjiva Reddi, V.V.Giri, Pattom Thanu Pillai, R. Sankar, T.M.A.Pai, P. T. Chacko, B. Ramakrishna Rao, P. K. V, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, RI President Rajendra. K. Sabu, O. N. V. Kurup, Dr. S. Gupthan Nair, His Excellency Marthoma Valiya Methrapolitha, Jacob Punnose (DGP Reted), Justice Cyriac Joseph, Dr. Michael Tharakan (Former VC) etc. and a number of Film stars, ministers and renowned bureaucrats.

Thus goes the history of our Club. Born in yesteryears and flowing through the present to the unknown tomorrows, to meet the posterity who will be proud of those who built it with their sweat and toil, money and might, mission and vision. The saga continues...

Engagements



Dist. Membership development Seminar on August 11 2019 at Contour Convention Centre, Changanacherry
Next Tea Meeting at 7.30 pm on 31st July 2019
Host: Rtn. Dr. Arun Babu

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