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## From Editor's desk

### Decision Making- Majority Vs Consensus

In the decision making process both majority decision and consensus are important tools. There are fundamental differences in the way the decision-making process is carried out when reaching a conclusion via majority rule versus when an agreement is negotiated through consensus. Majority rule and consensus each have their own set of benefits and obstacles. In the process of consensus all group members participate in the decision-making process, including those with minority opinions. Majority rule does not require that the group comes to any agreements or compromises. The decision of the group is decided according to whom or what receives a majority of votes.

Consensus, a democratic decision-making process, necessitates that group members engage in a dialogue and share information for the purpose of increasing others' understanding of the issues and to provide a rationale for choosing a particular position. By including the whole of the group in the discussion and decision-making process, everyone becomes invested. If only some group members participate, it is more likely that only those who were the biggest advocates would continue to provide support for a decision. To reach a consensus, there has to be a context or environment created that is conducive to respectful dialogue and the healthy exchange of ideas. There should be a mutual respect, common vision, or shared principles between group members in order for the group to succeed in reaching a worthwhile consensus.

Majority rule does not require the same level of interpersonal communication. It is a democratic process which ultimately comes down to simple mathematics.

In a voluntary organisation like Rotary most of the clubs follow the majority vote in the decision making process. In our club also the bye-laws envisage decision by majority vote even for DG election or election of office bearers. Even though the minority feelings will get hurt by the decision favouring the majority, in due course of time people forget about the same and sink their differences. Notwithstanding what bye-law says, it will be always better to follow the consensus method for taking important decisions.

I am happy that during my a decade over experience in our club no incidence was reported, which has a direct bearing on our club can be cited where consensus of the members was not arrived at. I hope the good track record will continue and the collective wisdom will prevail.



Secretary  
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Rtn. PHF M. Kumaraswamy Pillai



Jai Rotary!

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

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

I wish to tell you the story of Aman a seven year old boy affected with Cerebral Palsy who is not able speak and communicate. Aman, when he was around three was taken by his parents to Mrs. Shani Anaz, Managing Trustee of Alfa Charitable Trust, Ernakulam. The healing touch of Mrs. Shani who is a post graduate in Pediatric Physiotherapy and the different methods of learning development by a team of Occupational Therapists, Behavioral therapists etc under her, made wonders to Aman. The team found out that Aman has super intelligence and they gave him laptops. The result is, he started writing poems in English. Later Shani published the collection of Poems of Aman. I can proudly say that Shani was instrumental in helping around 150 children affected with CP and Autism who were not able to walk but crawl only, and they are now able to walk almost normally. She wiped the tears of 300 parents of these 150 children.

We have on July 27th started a centre for such kids in association with "Alfa Charitable Trust" for running a Centre named "Rotary Alfa Learning Development Centre" as a Saphathi project. If we are able to give a helping hand to even ten disabled children for their rehabilitation and development, I consider our Saphathi project is worthy and will leave an indelible mark in the minds of public of Alappuzha.

Rtn K Cherian

## Report on Charter day – Saphathi Celebrations 25.07.19

The Saphathi Celebrations of the Club started with Ceremonial Parade accompanied by our Annets and led by Sgt At Arms. Rtn. R.N. Ajith Kumar. The Chief guest of the Saphathi Celebrations meeting was Justice Kemal Pasha. Rtn. DGE Dr. Thomas Vavanikunnel and DGN Rtn. K. Sreenivasan were Guest of Honours of the function. Chief Guest and the dignitaries lighted the traditional Nilavikakku. Rtn. NAM Kunju invoked the blessings of God Almighty. The theme song of Rotary was rendered beautifully by the Anns of Royal Petals. Rtn. T. Sivakumar welcomed the gathering. President Rtn. Cherian in his address mentioned about the services done by the Club in the yester years to the community of Alappuzha. He appreciated the contributions of the Past Presidents and especially Rtn. Ravi Karunakaran and Betty Karan. A cake was cut by the President along with the dignitaries announcing the Birthday of the Club. The Chief Guest was introduced to the gathering by Rtn. Adv. S. Murugan. Justice Kemal Pasha in his address congratulated Rotary for the Services it is rendering to the public. The academic achievements of Annets Rohit Subramaniam, Vivek Neroth and Aswathy Sivasdas were recognized by giving them presents of the Club by the Chief Guest. The History of the Club authored by Rtn. Tomi Eapen, historian of the Club, was released by DGE Rtn. Thomas Vavanikunnel. The Saphathi special Royal Weeks was handed over to AG Rtn. Deepak by the editor Rtn. M. Kumaraswamy Pillai which was released by the AG by handing over a copy to the Chief Guest. The Club member identity card was released by DGN Rtn. K. Sreenivasan by handing over first identity card to Rtn. Abdul Rahim, senior member of the Club.

All past presidents were then honored by handing over mementos by the President. The Guest of Honours were then introduced by Rtn. Subramania Iyer. Rtn. Thomas Vavanikunnel, Rtn. Sreenivasan, AG Rtn. V. Deepak, GGR Rtn. Devarajan, Alleppey East president Rtn. Binu Mathew and Inner wheel president Rtn. Rosie John felicitated. Secretary Rtn. John Kurian in his vote of Thanks thanked the dignitaries, the host team members, Anns and leaders of Royal Petals Deepa and Vijayalakshmi Nair and members of Royal Petals, Annets and all. The meeting disbursed for fellowship and dinner at 9.30PM.

John Kurian, Secretary.



*Hearty Congrats* Rty Annet Ananda Bai

Rtn T A Ananda Bai d/o Rtn T S Ajith Kumar got admission at P K Das Institute of Medical Sciences, Ottappalam for MBBS course.

Royalweeks wish all the very best



## Sapthathi Celebrations-Photo Gallery



### 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 ?

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS August

3 Rtn. John Kurian,

5 Annet Abhishek, s/o Rtn. Dr. Arum Babu,

8 Rt'ne Sunitha Sivasadas,

12 Rtn. Jacob Neroth

13 Rtn. Mohammed Shafeeq,

15 Annet Tinu, d/o Rtn. Tomy Pulikattil



## Honouring Past Presidents and Senior Rotarians



## BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS

My dear Rtn M . Kumaraswamy Pillai,  
Hearty Greetings.

Thank you for sending the copy of your weekly bulletin "e-royal weeks". As usual, your bulletin is outstanding with good layout and it contains all the ingredients of a model Club Bulletin.

Best wishes to you and all the members and their family.

Kind regards,

Rtn. K.P. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, PDG

## Engagements



**Next Meeting : 7-8-2019 at 7.30 pm**

**Host: Rtn. Biju Sathyan**

**Ignite - Membership Development Seminar on 11th August at 2.00 pm at Contour Convention Centre, Changanacherry**

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