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From Editor's desk

It's back to back calamity for Kerala

Torrential rains during the past couple of days proved fatal and so far claimed the precious lives of 44 people. When I started writing this column the telecast of floods and land slides are shown one after the another on TV and updates of the flash floods appears as scrolls. Preciously on the first anniversary of the Super floods 2018, we are ill-placed to face yet another fury of the nature. On a recap, last year on 16th August 2018, severe floods affected the state of Kerala, due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. It was the worst flood in Kerala in nearly a century. Over 483 people died, and 140 are missing. Properties worth ₹.400 billion (US\$5.8 billion) were damaged. About a million people were evacuated. According to the Kerala government, one-sixth of the total population of Kerala had been directly affected by the floods and related incidents. The Government of India had declared it a Level 3 Calamity, or "calamity of a severe nature" that Kerala suffered the deluge due to the discharge of excess water from 80 reservoirs across Kerala, spurred by heavy rainfall. RC Alleppey also extended our squirrel's support in the rescue operations, relief and rehabilitation of flood victims. Post flood period there were hectic activities headed by the State Government, NGOs etc. A lot of Seminars on the precautionary measures to be taken, mapping the areas prone for flooding when the dams shutters are opened, Technical support from the Netherlands Govt. having low lying areas below the mean sea level like Kuttanad and so on. But for some improvements in weather forecast system, still we are moving in a snail's pace. May be locations and characters are changed but the visuals are same. Swelling water bodies, raising water levels, heavy landslides causing damages to the houses, roads and buildings, Cochin airports closed for 3 days, etc. Fellow Rotarians it is time for us to act. Let us try to help our fellow beings whatever way possible.



Jai Rotary

Rtn PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

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

News paper reports on flood situation, especially in Northern districts of Kerala like Wynad are pouring in. The water level of Pamba river is also rising. Our memories of the previous year's trauma has not yet faded. We salute the volunteers and fishermen who had done commendable service saving many lives, risking their own life. The rehabilitation projects done by the Rotarians in our District 3211 last year, is worth several crores. We have participated in the reconstruction of houses, supply of essentials to flood affected and a lot more. Is Kerala heading for a similar situation? Of course, Government is now well prepared for addressing the eventualities. But can we be complacent? Hats off to Rtn. Shyam Kurup, our own member who has not waited for any support or motivation. He has already started with his friends in the late night of 9th August itself to Wynad. It is our obligation and duty to raise to the occasion. When we are sleeping under a strong roof, think of the hundreds who have already lost their dear and near in the landslides, and the thousands who are finding shelter in refugee camps. I request fellow Rotarians to rise to the occasion and lend your ideas and resources to formulate a concrete proposal for designing our plan of action to support the victims

Minutes of the meeting dated 7th August, 2019

The regular meeting of the Club for the week started at 7.45PM with invocation of the blessings of God Almighty. President informed the sad demise of mother of Rtn. Thomas Joseph Kavalackal and mother in law of Rtn. Luka Malayil. The members observed one minute silence as a homage to the departed souls. President appraised the gist of discussions and decisions of the previous board meeting of the Club dated 2nd August as under. Independence day flag hoisting is proposed to be held at 8AM on 15th August, followed by breakfast meeting. Rtd Prof. Ramaraja Varma of S D College is invited as the chief guest. The regular meeting of 14th Wednesday is postponed to Thursday, 15th August.

- ii. As a literacy project, five copies of Kerala Kaumudy will be sponsored for Muhammedens Girls Higher Secondary School, situated in our adopted ward.
- iii. Dinner meeting for August is proposed for last week of August.
- iv. Onam dinner will be held around 20th of September.
- v. Request for permitting meetings of Rotary Club of Coir City and Marari at our premises is put on hold as there is objection from few of our members. It is decided to constitute a committee comprising of Rotarians Adv. Venugopala Panicker, Adv.V. Deepak, Vijayalakshmi Nair, Kumaraswamy Pillai, Antony Malayil along with President and Secretary to suggest ways of utilizing and maintenance of the building in front of the Club premises.
- vi. A letter is received from Innerwheel Club regarding occupying Club premises, which will be replied suitably.
- vii. The Club boy's remuneration is increased by an amount of Rs.500/- per month.

It was decided that the dinner meeting for August will be on 22nd Thursday, as 23rd is a public holiday.

President informed that we had conducted Civil Service Orientation Classes to Higher Secondary School students of Alappuzha town on 3rd August. Around 100 students participated. The classes were taken by Dr. Nirmal Ouseppachan IAS. Club trainer Rtn. Subramania Iyer welcomed the gathering and Rtn. PP. M. Kumaraswamy Pillai felicitated.

Rotarians Sajan Nair, George Thomas, Tomi Eapen, Vidhu Unnithan, Kumaraswamy Pillai, T. Sivakumar, AG V. Deepak participated in the deliberations. Secretary proposed Vote of Thanks with a special mention of the host Rtn. Biju Sathyan.

The meeting disbursed at 9 PM.

John Kurian, Secretary.



Rtn Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar has been selected to serve as the President of Rotary International for 2021-2022.

Royalweeks extends hearty Congratulations and wish him all the very best as RI President for 2021-22.

Civil Service Orientation Class led by
Dr. Nirmal Ousephachan, IAS designate @
Revikarunakaran Hall on 03.08.19



Sreedhar T Sujith S/o of
Rtn. Sujith T S. Graduated in civil
engineering from M A college of
engineering, Kothamangalam.
Royalweeks wish him all the very
best.



Honouring the Past Presidents Rtn P O Thomas and Rtn R Sreenivasan Rtn Raju Chandy,

BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS

Dear Bulletin Editor PP. Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai,

It's really pleasant to write to one of the best presidents during my tenure as District Governor. Your professionalism and exposure brought laurels to your club

Warm regards

Rtn Major Donor Suresh Mathew, PDG

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS August

- 12 Rtn. Jacob Neroth
- 13 Rtn. Mohammed Shafeeq,
- 15 Annet Tinu, S/o Rtn. Tomy Pulikattil



RI News



Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year. "A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world," says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as "one size does not fit all." He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries. As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and

reinforce the core values of Rotary. Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology. Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization. Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of Shelter Box, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster. Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools. A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India). Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards. He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

Engagements



Next Meeting: Independence Day Celebrations on 15.08.2019 at 08.30 AM
Break fast meeting- hosted by Rtn. Arjuna Reddiar and Rtn. A Balakrishnan

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