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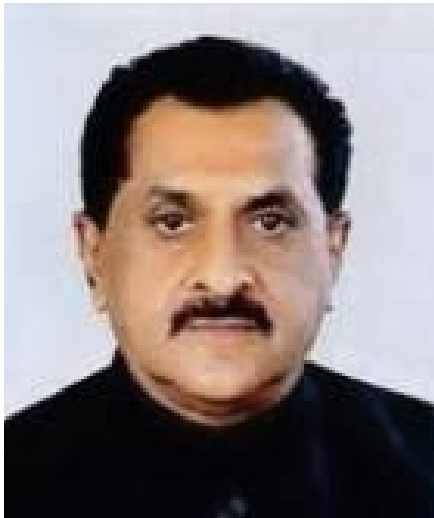
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CHIEF GUEST



Justice Jacob Benjamin Koshy was born on 13 May 1947 to Mr. Koshy, then Principal of the Brickfield Higher Secondary School in Malaysia. Took B. Sc Degree from Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum in 1966 and Law Degree from Government Law College Ernakulam in 1966. Enrolled as an advocate in Kerala Highcourt in October 1968

Highcourt and Retired in the year 2009.

Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal for forfeited property of Smugglers , Foreign Exchange Manipulators and Narcotic drug Act offenders 2010-2013

Additional charge of chairman of Appellate Tribunal under The Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2010-2013

Kerala state human rights commission 2013-2018

National president of YMCAs in India December 2018 to February 2023

Chairman of JB Koshy Commission Jan 2001 to March 2003

Executive Chairman of Kerala state Legal Service Authority (2006 to 2008)

Chairman of Indian Law Institute (Kerala Chapter) 2007-2009

Chairman of of advisory board under the COFEPOSA Act and National Security Act 2005-2008

Former Chancellor of Chanakya University , Patna

Patron of Kaliyantal/Kalikavu Global Family

Presently trustee of YMCA Indian student hostel and guest houses in London and Birmingham

Married in November 1974. Wife Meena Two daughters Rupa and Resmi Both married.

Got Post graduate degree in 1971 from Kerala University. Joined Menon and Pai , Advocates firm in 1972 . Appointed as permanent judge of Kerala high court in January 1996. Acting chief justice in 2008. Elevated as Chief justice of Patna

HEARTY WELCOME TO JUSTICE BENJAMIN KOSHY TO RC ALLEPPEY



01 July 2024

Rtn. John Kurian
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Rotary needs your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. By following Rotary's Action Plan and making sure all members feel a sense of belonging in your club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make your club a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in your community.

I look forward to working beside you as we change the world with The Magic of Rotary.
Warm regards,

Stephanie A. Urchick

Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President, 2024-2025



Dear Rotary Leaders.

Rotary International is one of the world's most structured organization, where people unite and take action to make MAGIC OF ROTARY in the world. Rotarians worldwide have used their passion, intelligence and energy to take action to create long standing change through many sustainable projects.

The success of any such organization like Rotary International is only because of the

seriousness amongst its members to imbibe and share vast information about Rotary and its basics.

While a new Rotary year often signals transition, it does not mean we have to abandon the foundation that makes our clubs who they are. In fact, we should build upon the foundation and progress made by our outgoing leaders and the leaders and members who have helped us get to where we are today. Continuity in terms of working together year after year to reach long term goals is what helps clubs be vibrant and healthy.

This year's RI President Stephanie Urchick selected the Rotary theme as MAGIC OF ROTARY. She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary.

The year ahead promises excitement and growth. I challenge myself and each one of you, to surpass our own expectations. There's no greater joy than knowing we've done better than we never ever imagined. Together let's cultivate a world filled with hope, where Rotary's impact knows no bounds. We have the power to shape a better future and with our unwavering dedication, we will make the future a reality through the Magic of Rotary.

Your's Sincerely,
Rtn.Sudhi Jabbar



VIDYA PEETAM , DISTRICT LEARNING ASSEMBLY & DG'S INSTALLATION (A BIRD'S EYE VIEW)

Training, training and training , yes Rotary is all about training to mould up true Rotarians who are ready to work for the needy. And District Learning Assembly is intended to impart intensive training to the the Rotary leaders. This year's Learning Assembly is rightfully named as "VIDYA PEETAM" and was held at one of the most

panoramic venue of Southern Kerala , AL SAJ CONVENTION CENTRE, KAZHAKOOTTAM on Sunday the 23rd June 2024 from 03:00 pm onwards.

RC of Alleppey is always a step ahead in participating in all the Ditsrict programs and this time, unfortunately we had only eight , though twelve registered. One of our lady members, Rtn.Princy Sebastian made a solitary drive in advance to the destination and the others in two different vehicles. The team comprised of AGE

Rtn.Antony Malayil, AG Rtn.K.Chcrian, Incoming President,Rtn.John Kurian, PAG Rtn.R.Krishnan, PP Rtn.John Mathew, PAG Rtn.Vijayalakshmi Nair and PAG Rtn.Prof.S.Gopinathan Nair.

The programme started exactly as per the schedule, ie at 03: 00 pm with the ceremonial procession followed by lighting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries.DG Rtn.Dr.G.Sumithran proudly inaugurated the function with a heart touching stepping down deliberation , expressing personal gratitude to the core team members and the entire Rotarians who joined their hands with those of him to lead the ditsrict to the new level of immense glory.The incoming leader, Rtn.Sudhi Jabbar, in his acceptance speech, brought out his policies to be materialized during his tenure of leadership.

Immediately after the inaugural ceremony session we had a tea break for 15 minutes where we enjoyed the culinary skill of Ruchi caterers in terms of snack items like Banana fry , Samosa, Chilli Baji , Veariety of teas etc etc. The break up sessions for various training classes were ready by that time

and the participants rushed to the respective rooms to avail the benifits of the excellent training by eminent trainers in the gracious presence of beloved PDGs.

After the completion of the meaningful training sessions, the most awaited part of the programme ie, the swearing in ceremony of our incoming leader AKSM Rtn.Sudhi Jabbar commenced at sharp 05 : 35 pm DGE's etnry in to auditorium along with his loving family members followed by the entire fellow Rotarians of his home club, RC of Kazhakoottam,in fact , created a new sense of simplicitiy coupled with discipline.DG

Rtn.Dr.G.Sumithran adorned Rtn.Sudhi with the presidential collar in the gracious presence of First lady, Rtn.Dr.Smitha and incoming First lady,

Rtn.Salma.DG Rtn.Sumithran assured all sorts of support to the incoming leader and Rtn.Sudhi expressed his heartfelt gratitude to DG for his mindset of support and assistance for presenting a fruitful Rotary year ahead.In the Key note address by chief guest,RID Rtn.Raju Subramaniam , enlightened the entire audience through his amazing words of wisdom.I may say the best speech of the day by all means.

FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP, one of the mottos of Rotary , was at its best in the well equipped pavilion.RUCHI Caterers once again proved beyond doubt that their prestigious banner can't be written off from the highly competitive field , just through their redefined hospitaliy in serving qualtiy food delicacies to the entire participants.By and large, the program proved to be one of the best of its kind.Kudos to Team Sudhi Jabbar for their enthusiastic efforts to present such a spectacular Rotary event for the Rotarians and their loving family members.

Rtn PAG Major Donor Prof.S.Gopinathan Nair
RLI Chairman (24-25)



OUR NEW SECRETARY Rtn **T.S SUJITH** WITH HIS SPOUSE Rty Ann **DEEPA**



I am happy to be back in the editorial desk of Royalweeks after a gap of three years. In particular, to be in the seat during the platinum jubilee year and I am waiting for the opportuntiy to report the 75th Charter Day Celebrations of our prestigious club through these columns. It was an eventful year that just passed by. Our club went through a lot of turmoil during the previous year which culminated in the change of the elected President. But our illutsrious club handled the issue with a great maturtiy which is quite unique for RC Alleppey. The ripples created in one of our neighbouring clubs still continue and there has been a lot of

mudslinging between the warring groups. For Alleppey, it was strictly an internal affair and nothing leaked out. Kudos to team Alleppey and its erudite leaders.

Rtn PHF John Kurian is taking over the reins of our club on 6th July 2024 with a fabulous team of office bearers. I have been watching Kurian from the day he was inducted to our club during the year 2016. His personaltiy traits are exemplary and he has a strong inner urge to do something for the betterment of the socitey. I am happy to be a part of his team.

Rotary observes July as the "Change over Month". Perhaps, Rotary is one among the few organisations where invariably there will be a leadership change every year. Be it in Evanston in USA, at the Ditsrict level in the 529 Rotary Ditsricts and at the 46,000 Rotary Clubs world over, the baton is handed over to the

successors. I have heard a couple of Kerala State Ministers on different occasions commenting high on this practice of Rotary. They added sarcastically that it seldom happens in politics.

We are having the second woman leader as our Rotary International President. Rtn Dr Stephanie A Urchick from the USA. A Rotarian since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a varitey of International service projects including Polio prevention through National Immunisation Days in India. Her Presidentship will be marked as the last year the Rotary declares a theme to be observed internationally. Stephanie has announced "Magic of Rotary" as RI theme for this year. Yes, whatever done by the rotary turns out to be magic.

Rtn Sudhi Jabbar, our own new leader in the Ditsrict 3211, is one of the youngest Ditsrict Governors in the country. At the age of 47, Sudhi shows impeccable maturtiy to face challenges. I feel proud to note that our own PDG late Revi Karunakaran adorned the position, which had a bigger territorial jurisdiction including parts of Tamil Nadu and Srilanka, at the age of 45 years. I wish Sudhi and his team all the very best in the Rotary year 2024-25.

Before I conclude, I would like to exhort the fellow members that Royalweeks is your own baby and try to upbringing her the way you like it. Bring up your literary cotnributions to enrich the columns of RW. Wish you all a meaningful rotary year in 2024-25.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



It is indeed a great privilege for me to write message in a Rotary publication, 'THE ROYAL WEEKS', with 75 years of track record. Several historical events and messages span over seven decades of the Club and the Rotary community were covered and preserved through the 3900 issues of this bulletin. Through this installation special bulletin, I take privilege to salute all the Past Bulletin Editors and Presidents of the Club, under whose leadership this publication etched a record in

the history of Rotary World. In this Platinum Jubilee year, I believe that the members have to assume more responsibilities to maintain the track record and true spirit and essence of the Rotary. My Greetings to the new team and I extend my overwhelming support to serve the community through Rotary. As the Rotary theme denotes, let us work together to enjoy 'The Magic of Rotary'.

Rtn. CA. Antony M Malayil



The St. Mary's Orthodox church known as 'Valiapally', is one among the churches believed to be established by Saint Thomas, the Apostle at the sleepy village of Niranam, when he visited the region during AD52. Rtn John Kurian, belonging to the successive generation of the set of people baptised by the St Thomas, is the 76th President of the

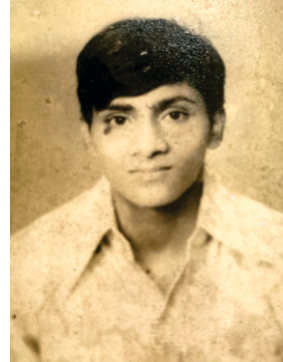
illustrious RC Alleppey. Kurian belongs to Kolathuvizhalil family and he is proud to share that for the Kudumbayogam of his family, there will be a gathering of not less than 2000 people.

Rtn John Kurian fondly called as Aniyam Kunju was born to late V M Kurian and late Mary Kurian. Late Kurian was working in the Iraq Military for long and he repatriated to India abruptly on hearing the news of the death by drowning of his 8 year old son. Later he joined a private bank at Madurai and finally came and settled at Alleppey by joining the Water Transport Department as Section Superintendent. John Kurian had his studies at St. Michel's School, Thathampally and the S D V High School, Alappuzha. He continued his studies through private registration. John Kurian lost his father in the year 1965 and the family decided to continue in Alleppey. Mr George Kurian, elder brother of Kurian, took him to Dubai and through his influence Kurian got selected in the Dubai Defense Services during the year 1980. Though Kurian joined the services in the entry cadre, he later got promoted to the post of Stores-in-charge. In the year 2009 Aniyam Kunju got retirement from the Defense services and joined another private company engaged in the man power supply. And finally during the year 2014, he called it a day in Dubai after

completing 34 long years of service and repatriated to India. John Kurian is a good conversationalist and listener too. He maintains a unique quality of winning over friends through his innocent talks in the family circles, church and other social groups. Kurian always tries to present a smart look by his appearance and also the upkeep of his car.

Kurian was inducted to RC Alleppey during the year 2016. Kurian without wasting time became close to all the members of the club and their families too. During the year 2017-18, Kurian served as the Sergeant-at-Arms. He did wonderfully well in the post and won acclaims from all our members and even from the neighbouring clubs. In the succeeding year 2018-19 Kurian was elected as Joint Secretary and he became Acting Secretary during the last four months consequent to the sudden demise of then Secretary Rtn Moncy Varghese. Kurian became Secretary during 2019-20 and he performed well to the best of his abilities. During the year 2020-21, Kurian was elected to the post of Vice-President. In the succeeding year 2021-22, when the club management found it difficult to find a suitable person as Secretary, Kurian without any reluctance volunteered to become the Secretary for the second time in three years. Kurian gave full support to then President Varghese Kurisinkal and he was instrumental in the tie-up with Joy Alukkas, Alappuzha for executing a few charity projects like financial aid to a cancer patient, construction of house for a poor family and distribution of dialysis kits to kidney patients. These projects brought good PR to the club during the Covid-19 times. Considering his selfless services to the community and active participation in rotary matters, the club unanimously elected him as President for the year 2023-24. Destiny willed otherwise as Kurian had to undergo a surgery and prolonged medical treatment and Kurian opted for 2024-25 as President. This year is more significant to RC Alleppey as the Platinum Jubilee year of the club.

Kurian is married to Elsamma John, a pious lady always standing behind her husband. The Kurians have two daughters; elder one Mrs Sumi Nijo married to Rev. Fr. Nijo Pulikkottil in Trissur and they have a daughter Ria P Nijo, 1st year BSW student at St. Thomas College, Trissur. Mrs Sunu Chritsy is the second daughter married to Chritsy Thomas who has done Masters in Electronics and working as Relationship Manager at Doha based Company. They have a daughter, one and half year old Misha Sara Chritsy.



TEAM 2024-25



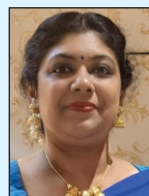
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