

EDITORIALY YOURS



What a day it was on 25th July 2024 at the Revikarunakaran Rotary Hall at Alappuzha. It was drizzling from the morning, but the clouds disappeared in the Afternoon paving way for the Platinum Jubilee

celebrations at the RC Alleppey without any interruption. Me and my wife were a bit late in reaching the venue and I had to park the car in a long distance. From there itself we could be able to hear the sound of "chendamelam" to receive the VIP guests at the gate. The Revikarunakaran hall and the entire premises wore a new look with illuminations and festoons. By then the announcements were started by the MCs. Megha was at her usual best and she has been scaling up meeting after meeting in her performance as MC. But Kichappa's voice was a bit scratchy as he was not fully recovered from his fever and throat pain. By 7.15 pm itself the hall was almost full and the ceremonial parade commenced, led by Sergeant-at-Arms. Princy is graduating herself as a copy book Sergeant-at-Arms. By then the hall was full and spilled over to the makeshift arrangements outside the hall with LED screen. When you see the visuals of the audience on the screen, it reminded me of the district seminars with

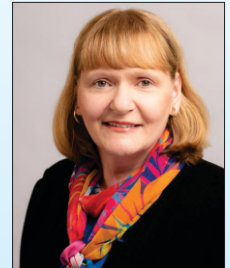
a cross section of the rotarians, Ditsrict Officials and PDGs. The welcome address of Platinum Jubilee Committee Chairman Rtn Raju Chandy was emotionally charged. Sajan introduced the Chief Guest in his inimitable style. The speech delivered by the Chief Guest PRID Rtn Major Donor Dr Mahesh Kotbagi was really exuberant. The Chief Guest, DG Sudhi Jabbar and all the Past Ditsrict Governors heaped praise upon RC Alleppey for its 75 years of yoemen services to the communtiy. The handing over of keys to the three beneficiaries and their families was the highlight of the function. Later when PDG Dr John Daniel in his speech mentioned that tears of joy were rolling down from the eyes of the beneficiaries and those words enhanced the esteem of all members of the RC Alleppey. The entire proceedings went off well and the time management was impeccable. With so much of speakers and activities, the President was able to wind up by 9 pm. Let me place on record my sincere appreciation to Rtn Raju Chandy, Chairman of Platinum Jubilee Committee, Rtn Sivakumar, who coordinated the contrsuction of houses and other members for their untiring efforts in making the project a great success. I would also like to congratulate our senior passionate rotarian and historian Tomi Eapen for his never-say-die attitude in bringing out the Platinum Jubilee Souvenir braving his ill health. Jai Rotary

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



Royalweeks wishes to place on record its sincere thanks to the following Rotary Leaders for their participation, good wishes and blessings to RC Alleppey on its Platinum Jubilee Anniversary:

Rtn Major Donor PRID Mahesh Kotbagi, Rtn AKSM DG Sudhi Jabbar, Rtn Major Donor K P Ramachandran Nair
Rtn AKSM PDG Dr G A George, Rtn PDG George Mathew, Rtn Major Donor PDG Koshy Panickar, Rtn Major Donor PDG John C Neroth
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Rtn PDG K Srinivasan, Rtn Major Donor PDG K Babumon, Rtn Major Donor PDG Dr G SumithranRtn Major Donor DGE Dr Tina Antony
Rtn AKSM DGN Krishnan G Nair, Rtn AKSM PAG Dr Meera John and a host of Rotary leaders and invited guests.



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GLIMPSES OF PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



PAST PRESIDENTS HONoured



OBITUARY

Mrs Rose Thomas (87)

M/o. Rty Ann Teena Tomy Pulickattil

Funeral services will commence

@ 2.30 pm on 31.07.2024



Minutes of the Charter Day Meeting and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations held on 25th July 2024

The day 25th July marked our club's 75th birthday, the Charter Day, and members celebrated the Platinum Jubilee wholeheartedly. Past RI Director Rtn. Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi was the chief guest of the day. The meeting commenced at 7:15 p.m. at our club hall. Sergeant at Arms Rtn. Princy Sebastian led the ceremonial parade. After the lighting of the lamp, as a symbol of peace and unity, the 75th Charter Anniversary cake was cut by Senior Rotarians AKS member Rtn. Betty Karan, PP Rtn. Abdul Rahim and PP Rtn. Dr. Abraham Thayyil, which was distributed among the gathering. The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. John Kurien. Rtn. T. Sivakumar invoked the blessing of God Almighty. A one-minute silence was observed to pay respects to the departed soul of Late. A. Sankarlingam, father of Rtn. PRID A. S. Venkatesh, and all departed Rotarians of the club. Rtn. Raju Chandy, Platinum Jubilee Chairman and host team leader, welcomed the gathering. After the presidential address, the club honoured all the past presidents. Rtn. R. Krishnan, MC briefly narrated the achievements of all past Presidents during their respective presidential periods and President Rtn. John Kurien presented special gifts to all the past presidents. A visual presentation of Rotary Village was made on the LED screen followed to which the keys of newly built houses were handed over to the beneficiaries by the chief guest PRID Mahesh, DG Rtn AKSM Sudhi Jabbar, and AKSM Rtn. Betty Karan. Rtn. Sajan Nair introduced the chief guest, Rtn. Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi. The chief guest then addressed the gathering with his cherishing and inspirational words. DG, AKS member Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar, also addressed the gathering with inspirational words. After his speech, Souvenir Committee Chairman Rtn. Tomi Eapen handed over the Platinum Jubilee Souvenir to the chief guest, which was released by him. President Rtn. John Kurien then handed over a cheque to our DG for the district project "Ente Kanmanikku." The president also presented a tree sapling to our senior Rotarians and inaugurated the PLANATREE-tree planting project. Our Hon. member, AKSM Rtn. Betty Karan, offered felicitations. PDG Rtn. KP Ramachandran Nair, Chairman, PDGs Council, PDG Rtn. John Daniel, and AG Rtn. Antony Malayil also felicitated. The president recognized and presented a memento to MCs Rtn. R. Krishnan and Ann Megha Jijo. Secretary Rtn. Sujith T. S. then extended vote of thanks to the chief guest, other dignitaries, host team Rtn. Raju Chandy, Rtn. Venugopala Panicker, Rtn. Murugan, Rtn. R. Krishnan, Rtn. R. Srinivasan, Rtn. Gopinathan Nair, Rtn. Vijayalekshmi Nair, Rtn. Antony Malayil, Rtn. Luckose Malayil, Rtn. T. Sivakumar, Rtn. George Thomas, Rtn. Sajan Nair, Rtn. Mathew Joseph Mappilasseril, Rtn. Abraham Thayyil, Rtn. George Thayyil, Rtn. Joseph Thayyil, Rtn. Dijo Antony, and Rtn. Rajnish Ramamoorthy, and the gathering. The president then adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. for fellowship and dinner.

MY FITNESS CHALLENGE



I wake up at 4:45 am in the morning. After that, I do my morning prayers till about 6:00 am. Also I go to the church for the holy mass and return by about 7:30 am. Then I read the newspaper and get ready for the day. I have my breakfast by 8:30 am and I head out for farming supervision to supervise the workers. I come back by 10:30 am but in case I get more time in between I go to the other farms to supervise. Then by 11 am I'm back home. I later go to the factory to help my son by supervising the workers there. Then if I get time I'll watch something on my phone. I watch the 1:00 pm Manorama news. And by 1:30 pm I have my lunch with my children and grandchildren. By 3:15 pm I start my regular exercises. I used to do cardio on the treadmill for 45 mins but now after my surgery I started fast walking around the house for 30 mins followed by joint and muscle exercises for another 30 mins. Post that I have my evening tea and finish off my major activities for the day by 5:30 pm. By 8:00 pm we do the family prayer and by 8:30 I have my dinner with my kids and grandchildren. In between 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm I go to bed.

Rtn. Dr. Abraham Thayyil

(Next week: Rtn Princy Sebastian)

SERVICE IN ROTARY IS ALSO A PART OF SPIRITUALISM" says Rtn MAJOR DONOR Dr MAHESH KOTBAGI



Rotary Clubs should strive hard to extend our helping hand to the hapless people around us, said PRID Mahesh Kotbagi. He was speaking after handing over the keys of the three houses built by RC Alleppey to the beneficiaries identified, as part of its Platinum Jubilee project. Mahesh said that RC Alleppey should not stop here but continue to implement bigger projects like Rotary hospital or Dialysis Centre. Money is not at all a concern. He lauded RC Alleppey for its projects like Blood bank, Ambulances and flood relief activities. Mahesh was in all praise for efforts of late PDG Revikarunakaran and his spouse Rtn Betty Karan done for Rotary and also to the public in Alleppey. He said that he has not seen such a collection of artefacts in

a Museum run by a private trust anywhere in the country. DG Sudhi Jabbar said that RC Alleppey is a role model to other clubs in the District 3211. He also wanted Alleppey to take up Skilling centres to create employment opportunities to youth.

PRID HAILS ROYAL WEEKS

Dr Mahesh Kotbagi was in all praise for the club bulletin of RC Alleppey which was started circulation in the year 1949 by taking carbon copies on typewriters. It has transformed into photocopying and then to digital printing. He doubted whether there is any other club in the country with such a legacy.

POOJA GAVE A PRECIOUS GIFT TO PRID MAHESH

Pooja a teenager was polio afflicted and unable walk. She confessed that her lifetime wish was to walk up to the wash room without any external support. She was admitted to Kotbagi Hospital, Pune where she underwent a surgery by Dr Mahesh. After three days she walked up to the wash room without any support. The next day during his rounds, Dr Mahesh received one of the most precious gifts from Pooja, a chocolate. Dr Mahesh vouched that it was the most sweetest chocolate he ever had in his life.



Rtn E Jacob Philipose

Yacoobji was in the lime light this week at the inaugural function of the UTT E John Philipose Memorial All Kerala Open Prize Money Ranking Table Tennis Tournament organised by YMCA Alappuzha. This year it is the 66th edition of the tournament. Yacob said

that the tournament was started by his brother late Jagan Philipose in the memory of their late father and former Minister E John Philipose 65 years back and continuing without any interruption.

Royalweeks wishes to congratulate Rtn Jacob Philipose for his ptaronage in conducting the tournament.



Rtn Mathew Joseph

Mathappan in his capactiy as the President of Alappuzha Ditsrict Boxing Association inaugurated the selection of the team for participating in the State Level Boxing Championship. Royalweeks wishes to Congratulate Mathappan.



- for giving us the best experience on our historic Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- for being an amazing leader
- for leading with humiltiy and inspiration
- for being resilient in facing the challenges
- for bringing a host of PDGs and other VIPs to the meeting
- for giving due credits to the other members of the team
- for the excellent planning and execution in organising the function

Royalweeks places on record its sincere appreciation to Raju Chandy and entire team members of Platinum Jubilee Committee for the great show

NEXT MEETING

31.07.24 at 7.30 pm

HOST
Rtn.SHYAM KURUP



- 3** Rtn. John Kurian
- 12** Rtn. Jacob Neroth MPHF
- 13** Rtn. Mohammed Shafeeq
- 19** Rtn. Tomi Eapen
- 23** Rtn. Arjuna Reddiar. P



- 7** Rtn. Raju Chandy
- 10** Rtn. Dr.Mohammed Aslam
- 25** Rtn. Unnikrishnan. R. Adv.
- 26** Rtn. Dijo Antony Cherian
- 29** Rtn. Tomi Eapen
- 30** Rtn. Sujith T.S.
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