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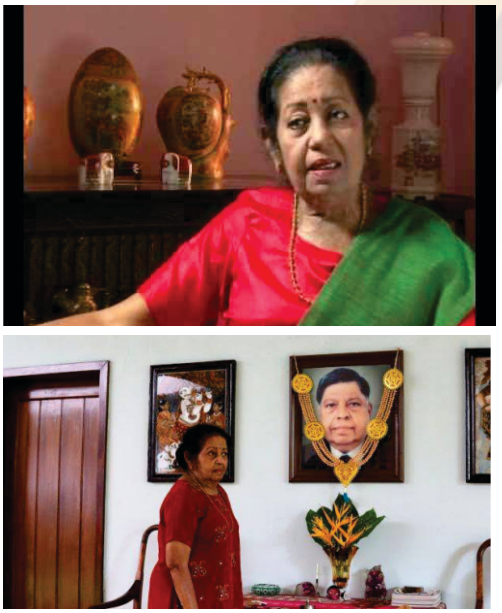
EDITORIALLY YOURS



The regular meeting held on 7th August was very lively as there were many issues raised by the members. This include the reported denial of admission of two Anns of our club to the Inner Wheel Club of Alleppey. There were arguments and counter arguments on the issue. While one group say, the spouses of all rotarians shall be by default admitted to IWC. Others say that the IWC has its own by-laws and the admission of new members will be governed by that. The Inner Wheel Club has a history of 100 glorious years and the objects of the club are promoting true friendship, encouraging the ideals of personal service and fostering international understanding. It is time for both Rotarians and the Inner Wheelers to have a proper introspection on the issue. Rty Ann Margarette Golding, the founder of Inner Wheel movement, would have never thought that such situation would come even after 100 years of existence of the organisation. There has been a few changes in the Bylaws of the IWC and as per the existing guidelines for club extension and membership development in IWC, besides the women related to existing and former Rotarians and Inner Wheel members, membership is also open to women with a flair for creating friendship, service and international understanding. I consider it only as a family feud as the Inner Wheel is an extended family of Rotary and wish that it will be resolved amicably keeping the spirit of Rotary and Inner Wheel Club. Jai Rotary!

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

Barry Rassin writes to Betty Karan
 “Turning challenges into sustainable solutions, your generosity creates hope in our world, and we are most grateful”





March 2024
 Mrs. Subhadra Revi Karunkaran
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Dear Mrs. Karunkaran:
 This past year, people around the globe have overcome challenges and crises, thanks to you. Supported by the passion, energy, and commitment of our donors, Rotary continues to deliver life-changing solutions where they are most needed.

Because of your generous support, you're receiving the enclosed copy of Rotary's 2022-23 annual report. You can also explore a digital version at www.rotary.org/annualreport. In its pages, you can read about what our collective action is achieving. The words, images, facts and figures offer a sense of the transformational impact our partnership makes. Programs of Scale awarded US\$2 million to United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt. Disaster response grant funding of US \$14.8 million is helping people recover from natural disasters and conflict. For World Polio Day, Rotary members in 118 countries helped raise awareness on the benefits of eradicating polio.

Even as we look back, our focus is on the future – a future filled with healthier, more resilient communities. Turning challenges into sustainable solutions, your generosity creates hope in our world, and we are most grateful.

Sincerely,

 Barry Rassin
 Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2023-24



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#STAND WITH WAYANAD

She sings to celebrate!

She dances to rejoice!!

She weeps at the sorrow of mankind!!!

Yes, Ann Deepa Sujith, the poetess of RC Alleppey, mourns for the hundreds who lost their lives at the Wayanad landslides, through the poem she scribbled.

Royalweeks dedicate the poem to the people of Wayanad hit by the landslide.

Thanks Deepa for your sentiments

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai.



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എന്നേയ്ക്കുമുറങ്ങിയ പ്രാണനുണരാം മുതജീവനികളുണ്ടോ

ദീപാ സുജിത്ത്

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 7TH AUGUST 2024

The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7.30 pm and Rtn. Varghese Kurishingal invoked the blessings of the God Almighty. One minute silence was observed to pay respect to the departed soul of Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar's grandmother.

The President informed the house on the major decisions of the Board meeting held on 5th August 2024.

1. The regular meeting due on 14th has been postponed to 15th August 2024, Thursday and would be held as a breakfast meeting along with our Independence Day celebrations. As usual Rtn Arjuna Reddiar and Rtn A Balakrishnan have kindly consented to host the meeting.

2. The Innerwheel president Sujini Venkidachalam's proposal for paying Rs 1000 as electricity charge for using the rotary hall for their meetings was discussed by the board and it was decided to collect Rs 1500 per meeting. The Board also authorised the president to convey to the innerwheel club president the club's concern on the denial of admission of 2 of our Rotary Anns to the innerwheel club.

3. It has been decided to organise a 2 monthst raining programme for

women workers in coir mats/handicrafts making at our premises in association with the Coir Board and the Alappuzha Coir Cluster Development Socitey. After the training the successful candidates will be supported in setting up of coir units and marketing of their products.

Thereafter the president invited Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai, the Programme Director of Dist. Project UYARE, to explain about the project, it was decided to implement it during the end of September 2024. There ensued discussions on the membership issue of Inner Wheel.

Then the Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S thanked, Rtn. Kumaraswami Pillai, Rtn. T Sivakumar, Rtn. Ajith Kumar T S, Rtn. Adv. Murugan, Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar, AG Rtn. Antony Malayil and Sajana Nair for their active participation and also offered special thanks to the host of the day Rtn. Varghese Kurishingal. Then the meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm by the president for dinner and fellowship.

Rtn. Sujith T S
Secretary

3907th Meeting held on 7th August in pictures



MY FITNESS CHALLENGE



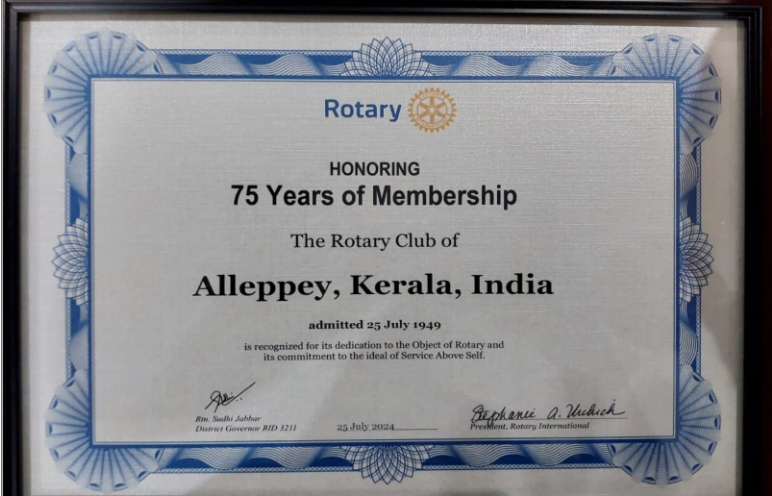
Doing exercise regularly is a big challenge, particularly for me, as I am involved in a lot of outstation travel. My friend gives me a missed call at 4.20 am every morning, much to the dismay of my wife, whose sleep often gets disturbed. This is followed by my own safety alarm in snooze mode. I am out of the house by 5 am, joined by my friend enroute and we together walk from stone bridge to the lake behind Lake Palace Resort and cover a distance of around 6.75 kms up and down. It takes around an hour and a quarter. Thereafter, it's stretching and loosening time, combined with some yoga and pranayama for about 15-20 mts. At this age, I don't take it rigorously, but sufficient enough to keep my joints moving freely and to eliminate stiffness, more so because I am involved in a sitting job. A glass of filter coffee after that is so soothing and refreshing. Walking through this route during rainy season is also fantastic with the canal on one side and as we approach Lake Palace you have the lush green field on the other side. It's really soothing.

And a word of motivation to my fellow Rotarians, walking is an addiction and once you do it regularly you feel sad when you miss your walk even a day, like the same way you miss a drink

Rtn R Krishnan

(Next Week: Rtn. PAG K. Cherian)


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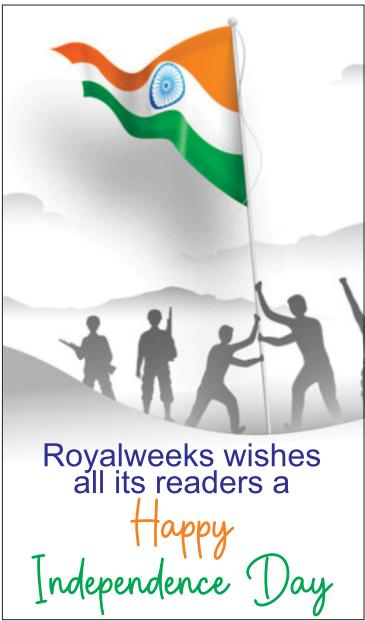
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District News

ALAPPUZHA REVENUE DISTRICT SEMINAR ON DISTRICT PROJECT "UYARE" HELD
Seminar on UYARE, District project, for Alappuzha Revenue District was held on 11th August 2024 at 11 am at the Coir Craft Convention Centre, Alappuzha. DG Rtn AKSM Sudhi Jabbar inaugurated. Around 120 delegates participated.





Rtn Jose Arathupally

Rtn PP Jose Abraham is in the spotlight this week for his exemplary performance as the President of Alleppey Town Boat Club. A leading businessman in the tourism sector with 3 multi-bedroom, state-of-art, luxury house boats, Jose is a passionate water sports lover too. Like other Kuttanadans, Jose loves Snake boat races wherever it is held. At the Chambakulam Moolam Boat Race, Jose lifted the title cup as captain of "Valiya Diwanji" snake boat rowed by Alleppey Town Boat Club. Now his team of smart rowers are practicing day and night for the world renowned Nehru Trophy Boat race considered to be the olympics of Snake Boat races. Jose's team will try their luck rowing the famous Payippadan Chundan. He is quite sad that the boat race has been postponed due to the Wayanad landslide disaster and new date has not been announced. Jose is confident that the Never-say-die attitude of Alleppey Town Boat Club members will enable him to lift the prestigious Nehru Trophy this year.

Royalweeks wishes Rtn PP Jose Arathupally all the very best in the Nehru Trophy Boat Race.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting scheduled to be held on 14.08.24 has been postponed to 15th August 2024 as Independence day celebrations and break fast meeting at 8.30 am.
HOSTS: Rtn Arjuna Reddier & Rtn A Balakrishnan



- 3 Rtn. John Kurian
- 12 Rtn. Jacob Neroth MPH
- 13 Rtn. Mohammed Shafeeq
- 19 Rtn. Tomi Eapen
- 23 Rtn. Arjuna Reddier. P

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- 7 Rtn. Raju Chandy
- 10 Rtn. Dr.Mohammed Aslam
- 22 Rtn. Princy Sebastian & Mr. Sebastian
- 25 Rtn. Unnikrishnan. R. Adv.
- 26 Rtn. Dijo Antony Cherian
- 29 Rtn. Tomi Eapen
- 30 Rtn. Sujith T.S.
- 31 Rtn. N.A.M.Kunju
- 31 Rtn. Sivadas. B

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