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Every year Rotary announces a district project which will invariably linked to one of the areas of focus of Rotary International. Many a times, this will be a repetition of the project taken up in the yesteryears and no wonder people will be inclined to choose such projects which are implementation friendly for the clubs. This year the District Governor Rtn Sudhi Jabbar has chosen an innovative district project for skilling youth and employment generation which remains one of the major issues faced by the administration. He has given a beautiful name for the project; **UYARE- skill up: fly high**. It is more pertinent that the DG has nominated a committed Rotary leader with proven track record, Rtn Dr Meera John as the Chairman.

Rotary Clubs are identified and recognised by the general public only when we do some of the projects which address the perennial problems of the community. Unemployment happens to be one of the major challenges of the country with such a vast population. There is huge potential in the country for finding one's own employment opportunity. Perhaps it may not be a white-collar job everybody aspiring for. We have umpteen opportunities around us in the blue-collar category, provided we have the skill required for doing the job. The project UYARE aims at skilling the people to acquire knowledge in a particular field for self-employment opportunities. The project poses great challenges for the 150 odd rotary clubs in the district 3211. It doesn't stop at giving training for skill

upgradation alone. We have to link the trained workers to appropriate Government schemes for creating own manufacturing units. Rotary clubs have to play the role of catalysts in the true sense. What is needed is to open our eyes, ears and heart to explore the various schemes and services offered by the Union Government and the State Governments in skilling and self-employment opportunities. The unemployed rural women may not have access or awareness on the opportunities and organisations like Rotary has a greater role to play.

Our club is launching a novel project "UYARE- KAYARILOOODE", a training programme for 2 months in the manufacture of value-added products out of coir by the Coir Board in association with the Alappuzha Coir Cluster Development Society. This is a stipendiary programme with potential for self-employment opportunities on successful completion of the training. Rtn Dr Sethu Ravi, Co-Chair, Uyare and Prez Kurian are striving hard to identify the trainees and commence the training on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Wishing good luck to the team.

Jai Rotary

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

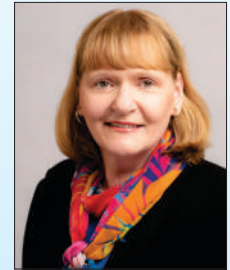
## ROTARY FOUNDATION- MULTI-DISTRICT CONCLAVE



The Multi District Rotary Foundation Conclave at Kochi was such a splendid event showcasing Kerala, it's art, culture and festivities as we acknowledged the wonderful contribution by Rotarians to the Foundation, the Mammoth and impactful projects undertaken by clubs.

Foundation Trustee Mark Maloney and Gay his partner, were the Chief Guests and Trustee Vice Chair Dr Bharat Pandya the Guest of honour, besides a galaxy of Rotary luminaries. The Conclave was well organised & meticulously curated by Conclave Chair PDG Sunil K Zachariah & the team of Governors of the 5 host Districts, 3201, 3203, 3204, 3211 and 3212. Trustee Bharat Pandya was at his usual best in captivating the 750+ audience with his eloquent & inspiring address. RI Director Anirudha Roychowdhury, Director elect Muruganandam M & Past Director Basker Chockalingam shared their insights & motivated all to do more & grow more. Presence of RRFC Gowri Rajan & EPNC Chinnadurai Abdullah added value to the event with their talk on Foundation & Polio projects & updates. Stealing the show was PDG Shaju Peter with his superlative introduction of the world leader with his unmatched ability to talk straight from his heart, with astute perfection with data & details. Finale was the inspirational address of TRF Chair Mark in his unique style, pepped with wit, story telling & indepth knowledge & rich experience. An evening well spent, interspersed with colorful cultural performances by Rotarians & Anns of Clubs of Cochin, with the mother Club of the district, Rotary Club of Cochin, taking the lead. Governor-elects Dr GN Ramesh & Dr Tina Antony compered the event with much elan & ease. The fellowship & networking with friends from across the 5 Districts too gave a nice feeling.

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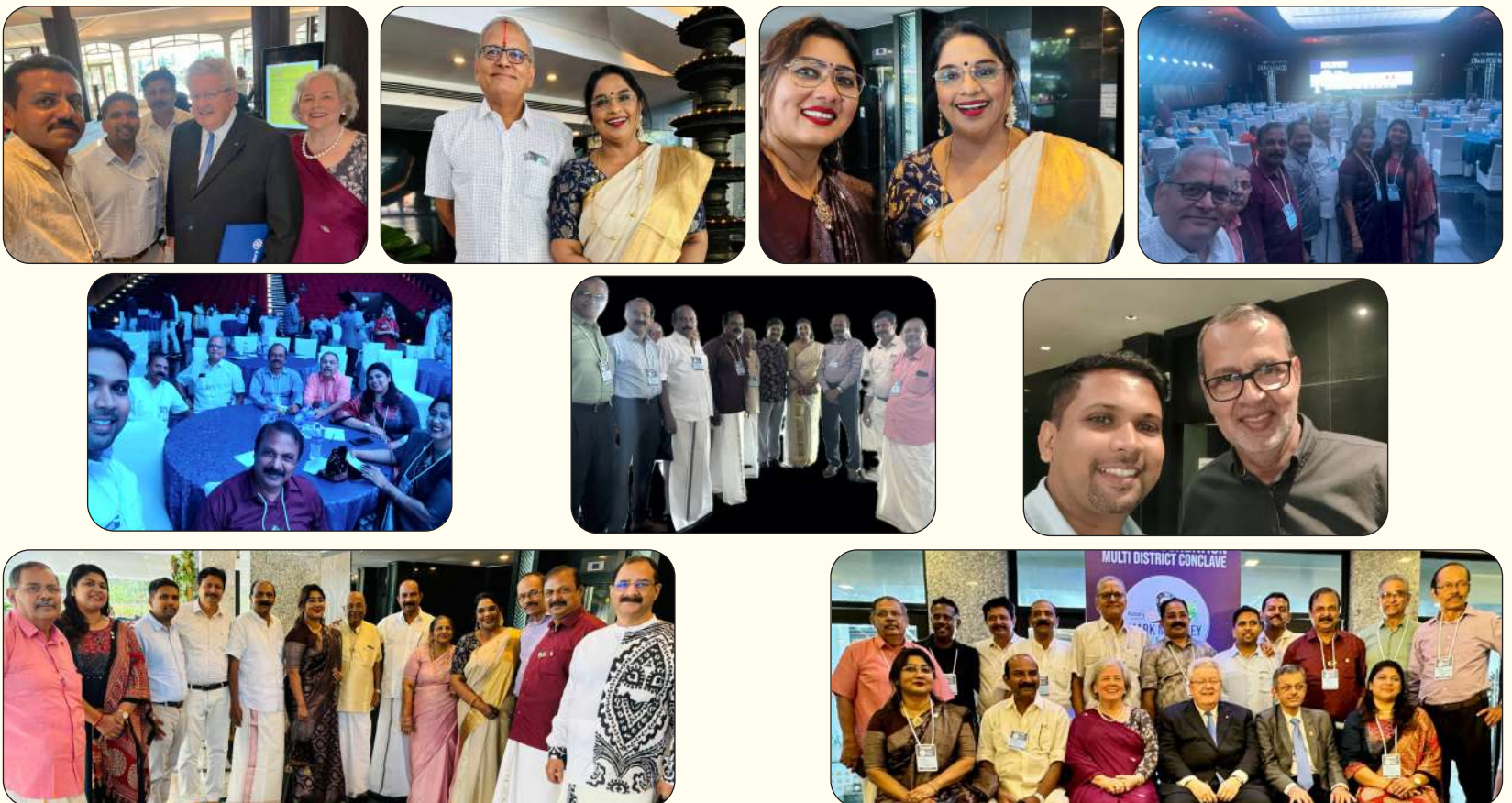
## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7:30 pm. Rtn. Muhammed Shafeeq invoked the blessings of God almighty. In the presidential address, the president thanked everyone for making the Onam Celebration a grand success, particularly the host team members under the chairmanship of Rtn Kumaraswamy Pillai. Then the president talked about the Uyare Dist Project Seminar and Onam Celebrations held on 22/9/24 at Kollam and the Multi District Conclave held on 24/9/24 at hotel Le Meridian, Kochi.

Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai then gave a detailed speech on his experience at the Multi District Conclave held on 24/9/24 at Hotel Le Meridian, Kochi. He mentioned that more than the seminar he enjoyed the travel to Cochin and back in the company of 12 fellow rotarians in a traveller. Then the Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S thanked everyone present at the meeting and offered special thanks to the host of the meeting Rtn. Abdul Rahim. The meeting was adjourned by the president at 8:30 for dinner and fellowship.

**Rtn. Sujith T S**  
Secretary

## Glimpses of Rotary Foundation Multi-District Conclave held on 24th September at Kochi



## Glimpses of 3914th Regular Meeting



### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (INDIA) BAGS CSR AWARD

The Rotary Foundation (India) was named Best CSR Implementing Partner (Global Organization) at the 14th India CSR Awards. India CSR Network is India's largest media organisation covering Sustainable Development, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Sustainability, and related concerns.







### Rtn. T. Sivakumar

Rain or shine, I used to get up in the morning by 5.30 on alarm call. The first thing I do is to drink atleast one litre of water. After the morning routines, I go for a morning walk. Being a resident of Punnamada area, I prefer to walk through the lake side road as there will be scanty traffic. In fact I consider it as an healthy environment with the cool morning breeze from the lake and the oxygen rich coconut groves. The morning sight of children swimming in the lake also stimulates happiness hormones in all of us. The not so brisk, but moderately speed walk will last upto 50 minutes. And before winding up, I used to carry out some physical exercises for 10 minutes on the banks of the lake. After the one hour package I rush back to home to plunge into the daily schedules. This will continue all the six days in the week with Sunday holiday for me to take complete rest. The morning walk gives me the energy and enthusiasm to face the challenges on that day. My advise to all my colleagues is to practice atleast half-an-hour work out every day to keep yourself fit for that day.

## GIFT OF WATER – KUTTANAD WATER SUPPLY PROJECT UNDER GLOBAL GRANT



As the Assistant Governor of Zone 26 (2023-24), I was on the lookout for a common project involving all the four Clubs in the Zone. It was then that the present DGE Tina Antony offered to help. PDG Scaria Jose Kattoor, the limb man of Rotary, who is having wide connections with International Clubs introduced us to Rtn. Jeff of Rotary Club of Crabtree, USA. Also RC

Changanacherry, PDG Scaria's Club assured their participation to the project. DGE Tina Antony's RC Aroor Satellite Ctiy also offered their support. Our Club was given the status of host club with me as the Primary Contact and Rtn. Jose Arathumapally and Rtn. John V George were assigned the role of secondary contact. The strong support of DGE Tina Antony and PDG Scaria Jose Kattoor helped to make the dream come true.

### Water Sanitation and Hygiene is one of the focus areas of Rotary.

The project aims to provide clean drinking water to the Kuttanad region



in Alleppey district, which, despite being surrounded by vast stretches of water, faces severe scarcity of potable water. Kuttanad, renowned for its picturesque backwaters, has the lowest altitude in India, where farming

is conducted 1 to 2 meters below sea level. However, groundwater remains the only viable source of drinking water, as surface water in canals, ponds, and wells is heavily contaminated. The contamination stems from pesticide and fertilizer runoff from farms, as well as raw sewage from houses and houseboats being dumped into the waterways.

Currently, residents rely on private suppliers for drinking water, which is transported by tanker trucks. This water is sold at exorbitant rates, placing a significant financial burden on low-income families, who are forced to spend a large portion of their income on this basic necesstiy. This project aims to alleviate this crisis by providing safe drinking water in the most affected areas of Kuttanad. The plan involves sourcing water by drilling tubewells, pumping the groundwater, and treating it to meet standards for human consumption. The initiative will benefit around 9,000 households, including schoolchildren, offering them a

reliable and affordable supply of clean water. We have identified four locations in Kuttanad namely Neelamperoor, Kandankary and two in Champakulam for the project. In Neelamperoor and Kandankary we will be drilling tubewells and in Champakulam openwell

source is available. Drilling of tubewell at Neelamperoor was inaugurated by DGE Tina Antony on Chingam 1st (17th August) 2024. Rev. Fr. Jiji Punnoose, Vicar of Neelamperoor Knanaya Church blessed the function. PDG Scaria Jose Kattoor felicitated. Rtns. President John Kurian, PAG K. Cherian, Past Zonal Secretary Kumaraswamy Pillai, John V George and Jijo Chacko attended the function from our Club and representatives from other partner clubs including president of E Club, Dubai Rtn. Roy Sebastian attended. Rev.Fr. John Pathalil, Vicar, St. Joseph's Church, Kandankery inaugurated the drilling of tubewell at Kandankary on 26th September. President Rtn. John Kurian, Secretary Rtn. T.S. Sujith, Rtns. John V George, Lakshmi Gopakumar and Sethu Ravi along with me attended the function at Kandankary. We propose to complete the project by end



of November 2024. Major Donor Rtn. Prof. S Gopinathan Nair and Rtn. Princy Sebastian made contribution

s of USD 1000 each for our share of Global Grant and I am grateful to them for the same. E Club of Kerala Global and RC Changanacherry Greater also made their contributions to become a partner to the project. The total cost of the project is USD41244/- equivalent to INR 34.24 lakhs.

This project will bring immense relief to the people of Kuttanad, ensuring access to a fundamental resource that is currently scarce and costly.

Rtn.PAG K. Cherian



# Rotarians in the spotlight



## Rtn Tomi Eapen & Rtn Rosie John

This week there were many rotary leaders of our club in the spotlight. Top among them is Kitchappa whose untiring efforts made the participation of RC Alleppey at the Multi-District Conclave turned to be a great success. As much as 16 rotarians registered for the event and 15 participated. I am sure this was the biggest delegation to the event from the district 3211. It was a great demonstration of your leadership skills dear Kitchappa. But I would like to place two of our rotaraians who participated in the event at Kochi braving their ill health and physical impediments, on the top. For that matter Tomi never says NO to any rotary call. Also Rosie who was literarily lifted to the mini bus by Nagaraja and Kitchappa. She also complained of cough and cold throughout the journey. Both stayed back in the vehicle when all of us disembarked at Andhakaranazhi for cake cutting to celebrate birthday of Kitchappa. The dedication of these two is a lesson to the fledgling rotarians like Princy who was also part of the delegation. Royalweeks salutes both Tomi and Rosie for their unwavering dedication and commitment to Rotary and place them in the spotlight this week.

**NEXT  
MEETING**

**@7.30 pm on 2nd October 2024.  
Host:Rtn. Jacob Philipose**



- 1** Rtn Preetha Ajith
- 4** Rtn'e Rajalakshmi Balakrishnan
- 7** Mehza, D/o Rtn. NAM Kunju
- 12** Vijayalakshmi, D/o Rtn. Balakrishnan
- 15** Vivek, S/o Rtn. Jacob Neroth
- 17** Rtn. Remya D/o Kumaraswamy Pillai
- 18** Isha Nagaraj D/o Nagaraj
- 26** Thomaskutty Joseph
- 28** H. Nagaraj **28** Raju Chandy

**OCTOBER**



- 19** Rtn Abraham Thayyil & Rtn. Ammini Thayyil
- 21** Rtn. R. Krishnan & Rtn. Prabha Krishnan

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