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It was nothing less than a 'house warming' ceremony at Cherthala on 13th October when DGE Dr Tina Antony officially occupied the District Office for the year 2025-26. As she described, the DG's seat is located in the rear end of the main hall of the house and the back drop depicts the district theme for the year 2025-26; **CREATE YOUR OWN LEGACY**. What a meaningful theme, it applies to individual Rotarian, the club and even for the district itself. The district office is well designed and also the colour scheme. She has chosen royal blue and metallic gold, the official colours of rotary to decorate the district office. The festoons and banners, even the dress of the DGE herself is matching with the official colours of the rotary. One thing is for sure, Tina is a meticulous planner and good in execution too. She loves to stay in the crowd always like the late Oommen Chandy. Perhaps that may be the reason for her to choose to sit in the hall rather than in an exclusive room.

Again, RC Alleppey sent a big delegation to attend the District Office inauguration comprising of 14 Rotarians. Yes, RC Alleppey continues its patronage with the District Governors from Alleppey Revenue district. Be it our own PDG Revi Karunakaran and others viz PDG John C Neroth, Rtn K Babumon and now Dr Tina Antony. As in the past, RC Alleppey enjoys good representation in Tina's cabinet. Top among them is our own Kitchappa who will serve as the District Secretary General. He joins the select band of DSGs from RC Alleppey, late Rtn Perumal Jacob, Rtn Raju Chandy and Rtn Vijayalakshmi Nair. It is celebrations time for RC Alleppey. Royalweeks wish Tina and her team all the very best in the rotary year 2025-26. Jai Rotary!

**Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai**



**STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**  
RI President



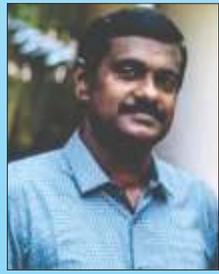
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Secretary



**UYARE KAYARILODE is a life changer for women to be self-reliant, confident and pillars of support to their families-**

**Rtn Dr Meera John, Chairman, UYARE**

(Rtn Dr Meera John, Chairman, UYARE who inaugurated the UYARE KAYARILODE project of RC Alleppey on 3rd October, was highly inquisitive about the project. She has been enquiring on the opportunities available for the trained women, the marketing support of their produce and the average possible earnings of the trained workers. She aims at empowerment of women from the economically weaker sections of the society through the Uyare Project. Hats off to Rtn Dr Meera John for her unwavering concerns on the welfare of the women workers. On her return from Alleppey she has



written to the President and fellow rotarians of RC Alleppey on her impression about the UYARE KAYARILOODE project. Thanks Dr Meera for your support and encouragement- Editor)

Dear President and Fellow Rotarians of RC Alleppey,

I am overflowing with joy and pride as I congratulate the Rotary Club of Alleppey, led by the visionary President Rtn John Kurian, on the resounding success of "UAYARE-KAYARILOODE." This pioneering project embodies the very essence of service and empowerment, transforming lives and fostering hope.

At the heart of this initiative lies the unwavering dedication of PAG Rtn Kumaraswamy Pillai, whose passion for empowering women and promoting sustainable livelihoods has been the driving force. His meticulous planning, tireless efforts, and ability to secure resources have been truly remarkable. Dear Rtn Kumarasamy, your commitment is a shining example of Rotary's spirit. I also extend my deepest gratitude to Prof Gopinathan Nair, Uyare Alappuzha Revenue District Mentor, AG Rtn Antony Malayil, and esteemed Rotarians like Rtn Tomy Eapen and Rtn Vijayalekshmi Nair for their invaluable guidance and mentorship. Your expertise and encouragement have been instrumental in shaping this project. Rtn Sethu, your enthusiasm was contagious, and I appreciate the collective support of Rotarians, including Past First Lady Rtn Rosie John.

The collaboration between Rotary Club of Alleppey, Coir Board, and Alappuzha Coir Cluster Development Society (ACCDS) is a testament to the power of partnerships. Together, you are in the process of empowering 20 women workers to become self-sufficient entrepreneurs through comprehensive training, resources, and support. "UAYARE-KAYARILOODE" is more than just a project - it's a life-changer for these women, enabling them to be self-reliant, confident, and pillars of support for their families. With a total financial implication of Rs 2.45 lakhs, this initiative promotes eco-friendly coir products, reduces carbon emissions, and uplifts the socio-economic conditions of 20 families. To President Rtn John Kurian, Rtn Kumaraswamy Pillai, AG Rtn Antony Malayil, and the entire team, I offer my heartfelt appreciation for your tireless efforts. May "UAYARE-KAYARILOODE" inspire many more initiatives, fostering positive change and transformation in our communities.

Warm regards,

**Rtn. PAG Dr. Meera John**

### **Minutes of the regular meeting held on 9th October 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7:30 pm. Rtn. George Thomas invoked the blessings of God almighty. In the presidential address, the president thanked the participants of the beach run and the launching of UYARE-KAYARILOODE project. He also announced that the dialysis kits proposed to be distributed in association with Joy Alukkas will be done on 24th Oct 2024. President also informed that in lieu of the decision taken to skip two dinner meetings, there will not be any family dinner meeting this month. The president then informed the general body about the decision of the Board taken at its meeting held on 5th October to terminate the membership of past president Rtn. Dr. Mohammad Aslam.

Thereafter Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S thanked everyone present at the meeting and offered special thanks to the host of the meeting Rtn. Aju Jacob Mathew. Then the meeting was adjourned by the president at 8:00 pm for dinner and fellowship.

**Rtn. Sujith T S**

Secretary



### **Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, to host 2028 Rotary International Convention**

Rotary has announced that Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, will host its convention in 2028. The Rotary International Convention welcomes tens of thousands of members and their friends and family each year from around the world. Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are excited to showcase their beautiful metropolitan area and the incredible community service projects they have underway. The Rotary International Board initially selected Minneapolis to host the convention in 2029.

The change to 2028, with the convention occurring 27-31 May, gives members a chance to explore an additional location in 2029 before Rotary's 125th anniversary convention in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in 2030. A replacement host city for 2029 has not yet been chosen.

## **GLIMPSES OF 3916th REGULAR MEETING**



## DISTRICT OFFICE OF DGE Dr TINA ANTONY INAUGURATED

- ◆ DG Sudhi Jabbar inaugurates ◆ Speakers heap praises on Tina
- ◆ Kitchappa swung into action as DSG-elect ◆ District Project (2025-26)- OPPOL aiming at Empowerment of women announced
- ◆ No separate RI President's theme from 2025-26. "Service above Self" will continue
- ◆ Tina announces district theme for 2025-26 as "Create your own legacy"
- ◆ Rtn Daleema Jojo MLA praises Tina for her humility and communication skills, invites her to join politics
- ◆ PDGs foresee Tina to become a notable Rotary leader in India in 5 years time ◆ Record attendance in the function



## MY FITNESS CHALLENGE



**Rtn Raju Chandy**

I consider myself fortunate to be one among those who have been exercising right from the college days. My college life started in St Xaviers College Trivandrum, where I did my Pre-degree course. There was a newly made tennis court in that college and there I learned tennis with the help of a trainer ( provided by the College for students).The two years of tennis training was an internship for me when I joined Loyola College Madras for my graduation. Loyola, that produced tennis veterans like Ramanathan Krishnan and Amritraj brothers, had 16 tennis courts. Courts 1,2 and 3, were reserved for class players (Vijay Amritraj, Anand Amritraj and a couple of other professional players). Ordinary players like me could play only in courts ranked 8 and below. Ample number of courts was a blessing , for us as we never had to wait outside the court for a game. My 'love' with tennis continued throughout my college life and my gaming exercise too was enjoyable. During my teaching life in Nigeria, I used to play tennis when and where I got an opportunity and time. But occasional travels and relocations came in the way of my regular gaming exercise. After I returned to India in 1984, I tried to revive my tennis talent by playing trial games in Rama Varma tennis court. But I was disappointed to realise that I had lost touch with the game after a considerable gap. Then I slowly switched over to walking. Morning walk was never my choice for I enjoyed the early morning sleep. As I started my own business in 1986, I gradually made it a habit of walking from home to office and back to home in the evening on every working day. I nurtured and developed this habit to best of my health and ability for the last 38 years. With my present health conditions, I walk 5 to 7 kms daily at a speed of 1 km per 10 minutes. Today walking has become part of my life, and I sacrifice it only when I travel.

I know I am not the only person to say that walking is the best medicine for life style deceases. For everybody, experience is the best teacher, and you experiment and see the difference. My humble prayer is that I should be able to walk like this as long as my health allows me. My appeal to my co-Senior Citizens is to "walk and stay fit".



## ROTARY SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD NOMINATIONS INVITED

Rotary's Service Above Self Award honours Rotarians – and now also Rotaractors – who help others by volunteering their time and talents. Only district governors can nominate candidates for this award, and up to 150 recipients are selected each year.

If you know someone who has demonstrated exemplary service, encourage their governor to nominate them for the Service Above Self award – one of Rotary International's highest distinctions in service – by completing the online nomination form between 1-31 October.

Rotarian in the spotlight



Rtn Dr Sethu Ravi

When the RC Alleppey decided to take up the training and self-employment project in the manufacture of value added products in coir under the District project "UYARE", there was no second choice for the position of Programme Co-ordinator. It was an unanimous decision to nominate Rtn Dr Sethu Ravi. Within the short period in Rotary she has won the hearts of every one through her active participation in the meetings, communitiy projects, medical camps and cleaning activities on Gandhi Jayanthi day. The most difficult task in organising such training programmes for women workers, is the identification of proper candidates for training. The response to the news item published in leading dailies was luke warm. But Sethu didn't give up. She pursued the matter through the several neighborhood groups known to her. Amazingly she was able to identify 20 women workers and training was started as scheduled on 3rd October. She continues to visit the training centre, interacts with the trainees and motivates them. Royalweeks places Rtn Dr Sethu Ravi in the spotlight and wish her all the best in the future.

NEXT MEETING

@7.30 pm on 16th October 2024. Host: Rtn. Dr. Arun Babu



- 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.e. Remya D/o Kumaraswamy Pillai 18 Isha Nagaraj D/o Nagaraj
- 26 Thomaskutty Joseph 28 H. Nagaraj 28 Raju Chandy

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

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