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Rotary worldwide celebrates 24th October as World Polio Day. The day happens to be the birth date of Jonas Salk who invented a vaccine against Poliomyelitis. In our club also we celebrated Polio Day at our regular meeting held on 23rd, with a talk on prevention of Polio resurfacing in India, by our senior Rotarian Dr Abraham Thayyil. If fact Appachan, as he is fondly called, is a role model to all Rotarians of RC Alleppey. With his 57 years in Rotary, still he never misses a rotary meeting if he is available in the town and makes it a point to attend the meetings on time. Another worth following thing is that he never say No to any assignment given to him by the President. The duty assigned to him by the President for a talk on Polio on the Polio Day eve was also gracefully accepted by him and he delivered an informative talk on Polio. A brief report on his talk is given elsewhere in this issue. Thank you Dr for

your continued patronage with RC Alleppey. Under the FIRE programme, the singing competition at the club level was held on 23rd October after the meeting. Four Rotarians and one Annet participated. It is heartening to see that our Rotarians respond to the calls positively and took part in the competitions. As the famous quote says "The important thing is not to win, it is to take part". My hearty congratulations to all especially Annet Joseph Malayil S/o. Rtn Antony Malayil. Jai Rotary!

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

Rotary Clubs should keep vigil to prevent Polio cases in India - Dr Abraham Thayyil.



Dr. Abraham Thayyil spoke about Polio eradication at the regular meeting held on 23rd October on the eve of "WORLD POLIO DAY". Polio is an illness caused by a virus that mainly affects nerves in the spinal cord or brain stem said Dr. Abraham Thayyil. In its most severe form, polio can lead to a person being unable to move also called paralytic stage. Here the muscles are flayed to begin with and subsequent atrophy. It can also lead to trouble in breathing, swallowing which may lead to death. He said that oral polio vaccine is found to be the most effective solution to prevent the dreaded disease. Even though one dose of vaccination would be sufficient to prevent the disease, as a factor of safety, repeated doses are recommended.



Dr. Abraham Thayyil recalled that during earlier years, Rotary Clubs were actively involved in organising National Immunisation Programmes and it was ensured that all the children of the area receive polio vaccine on that day. He exhorted the rotarians to continue the same vigil throughout to keep Polio away.



STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
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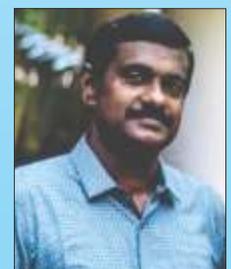
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Minutes of the regular meeting held on 23rd October 2024

The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7:30 pm. Rtn. Vijayalakshmi Nair invoked the blessings of God almighty. The president Rtn. John Kurian, informed the gathering about the sad demise of Shri. Lal Kalpakavadi f/o Ambu Vaidyan and Shri. N Venugopal (f/o Ashok and Vivek former members). A one-minute silence was observed in memory of the departed souls. In his presidential address, president expressed appreciation to everyone for their participation, which made the family tour a success, he also thanked Rtn. Nagaraj for successfully organizing the tour. Then President invited Rtn. Dr. Abraham Thayil to speak about Polio. After Rtn. Dr. Abraham Thayil's talk, Rtn. Princy Sebastian and Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar shared their experience on the family tour, after which Rtn. George Thomas also talked on Polio. After the meeting our club level FIRE competition was conducted, in which annet. Joseph Antony Malayil, Rtn. Sivakumar, Rtn. Nagaraj, Rtn. Jose Abraham, Rtn. R Krishnan and Rtn. Adv. Deepak participated. Then the Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S thanked everyone present at the meeting and offered special thanks to the host of the meeting Rtn. Jose Abraham. Then the meeting was adjourned by the president at 8:30 for dinner and fellowship.

Rtn. Sujith T S

Secretary

MADHURAM MALAYALAM PROJECT LAUNCHED @St. Joseph's High School on 25th October 2024



HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES -Rtn Dr Sethu Ravi



Higher education in India is one of the largest and most complex in the world. It provides under graduate, post graduate, research programs, diploma and certificate courses. All these courses are provided through universities (Central 54, state 416, private 366, deemed 125 and open Universities), affiliated and autonomous colleges, and specialized institutions like IITs, IIMs and NITs. They're governed by UGC, AICTE, NAAC and NBA.

Though the present higher education system in India faces many challenges, it also offers several opportunities. The major challenges are inadequate infrastructure, insufficient resources and outdated curriculum. Limited access to quality education in rural areas and with the advent of many private universities and colleges higher education becomes unaffordable for many. Brain drain is also a major challenge of today. (It is Brain gain for developed countries)

Online and distance learning platforms expand the research and increase the accessibility for higher education. Quality education system can be improved through skill development courses, foreign collaboration and gov't's new education policy (. NEP2020). New opportunities are to be provided through diversification of courses incorporating AI and data science.

To overcome the challenges and to grab the worldwide opportunities, investment in education (now less than 4% of GDP) is to be increased. To achieve excellence in quality of teaching, faculty development programs are to be made responsive. Establishing PPP funded universities, collaboration with industries for innovative courses, scholarship programs for the needy and brilliant students and increased financial aid to colleges and universities for innovative solutions etc. are some of the suggestions for improving the present system of higher education in our country.

FIRE- CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION HELD





PRINCY ON DUTY TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Rtn PHF Princy Sebastian will be on duty as the Sergeant at Arms to the RI President Stephanie

Urchick at the Multi-District Conclave to be held at Kochi on 8th December Royalweeks heartily congratulates Princy and wishes her all the best in her Rotary career

ALLEPPEY ROUNDUP



President John Kurian inaugurated "VAYOJANA SANGAMAM" organised by Triveni Cultural Centre and Library on 28th October.



CONGRATULATIONS ANNETS

Annet Luciana Dijo won Bronze medal in 200 m ,500 m and Annet George Dijo won Bronze in 500 m in Alleppey District Rollerskating championship. Royalweeks congratulates both Luciana and George on their victories

FAB FIVE OF RC ALLEPPEY



PRINCY-NAGA COMBO DID IT



Rtn Princy is a travel freak as we could understand. She only started planning for the Kuttikkanam trip sitting in the van bound for Le Meridian to attend the Multi District Conclave. Her continued persuasion with fellow Rotarians and planning were exceptional. Rest was the done by Naga.

MY FITNESS CHALLENGE



Rtn Sajjan B Nair

After an alarm wakeup call in the morning at 5.30am I usually hit the Mullackal road by 6am with my walk ending up around 7. This has been my routine for the last 30 years whether it is rain(with umbrella on) or shine. During the stroll I meet several of the vegetable, fruit, flower, coconut, tea vendors and many others whom we greet between us with "namasthe, namaskaram, good morning, etc" along with small jovial chats while walking. Many of them are known to me only by faces and not by names. This routine also gives me an opportunity to pray (of course from outside) among the various temples in and around the Mullackal, Thathampally and the Thondankulagara areas.

In short this morning walk gives spiritual, emotional and physical health to me over the last several years. Also a little bit of the morning fresh air. I also make it a point to carry my walking shoes while travelling so that my focus on daily routine is not disrupted.

Glimpses of 3918th Meeting



Rotarian in the spotlight



Rtn H. Nagaraja

This Rotarian is a multitasker. He is a jeweller by tradition who ventured into travel and tourism industry. He has been organising the tours of RC Alleppey ever since he joined the club and his travel plans, property selection etc are immaculate. He is a great singer too and always makes the fellowship corners very lively with his melodies. This Rotarian is a good party giver and people seldom miss the meetings hosted by him. Those meetings will have a variety of home made food and treat to our taste buds. Rtn Nagaraj organised the recent Kuttikkanam tour in-style. The entire participants appreciated Raja for his meticulous planning and organising the trip. Royalweeks places Rtn Nagaraja in the spotlight this week.

NEXT MEETING

@7.30 pm on 30.10.24.

Host: Rtn Roy Palathara



10 Tomy Pulikkattil **15** Geetha D/O Arjun Rediar **17** Ashwin S/o R. Srinivasan
20 Ms. Tiya D/o Jacob Neroth **21** Dr. Abraham Thayyil
23 Antony Malayil **27** Sajan B. Nair **30** Darsan S/o R. Krishnan

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3 Nagaraj. H & Vigeesha **5** Vijayakumar. A.R & Syama
8 Vidhu M. Unnithan & Nisha **13** Vidhu Kumar & Preetha
19 Mathew Joseph & Ruby **22** George Thayyil & Deepa
25 Joseph Thayyil & Divya

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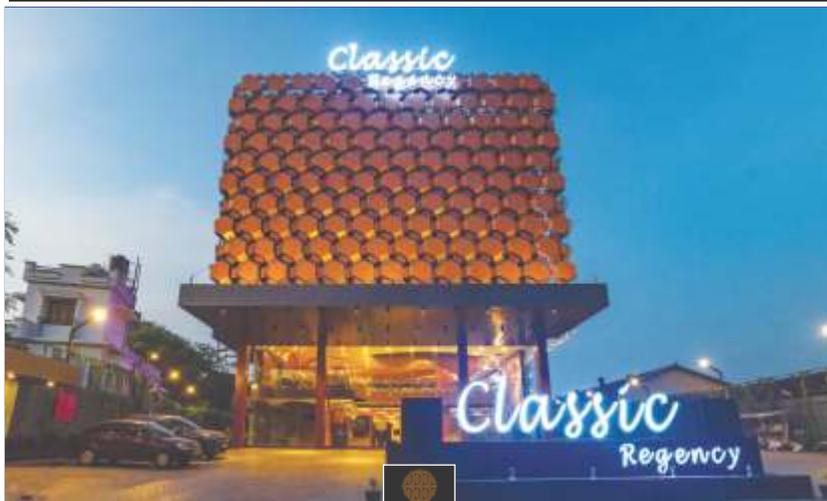
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