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Rotary's code  
of Conduct



(1933 - 2024)

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BID ADIEU to former Prime Minister  
**Dr. Manmohan Singh,**  
the Visionary Economist and Statesman”



(1932 - 2024)

*Royalweeks pays rich tributes to the departed souls*



As we step into 2025, the Rotary Club of Alleppey stands at the confluence of history and hope, marking 76 illustrious years of service, fellowship, and impact. This milestone is not just a testament to the resilience of our club but also a celebration of the countless lives touched by the Rotary spirit.

The New Year is an opportunity to reflect on the journey so far. From historical beginning in 1949 as the second club in the Rotary District, the Rotary Club of Alleppey has grown into a beacon of leadership, rooted in values and guided by the Rotary motto, Service Above Self. Over the decades, we have addressed community needs, supported education, enhanced healthcare, and promoted environmental sustainability. These achievements are a tribute to the dedication of our members and the collective power of Rotary worldwide. The Platinum Jubilee project we have initiated last year providing homes to seven under privileged homeless people speaks volumes of our commitments to the community around us. It is said that every milestone is also a

marker for fresh beginnings. As 2025 dawns, let us channel the wisdom of the past into the possibilities of the future. I personally wish that the year ahead calls us to focus on the evolving challenges of our times—climate action, inclusivity, and technology-driven solutions for societal upliftment. The Rotary International theme, “Service above Self,” should inspire us to strengthen our commitment to projects that uplift our local communities while resonating globally. As we gear up for our 76th anniversary celebrations, let this year remind us of our shared purpose and the enduring value of fellowship. Let us engage younger generations, embrace innovation, and reinforce the District Rotary theme “Create your own legacy”, coined by the first ever lady Governor Rtn Dr Tina Antony in ways that inspire pride and participation. Royalweeks will continue to chronicle this journey, serving as a mirror to our achievements, a platform for ideas, and a guide for our shared vision. To all our readers, Rotarians, and friends: may this New Year bring you joy, prosperity, and the fulfillment of seeing lives transformed through our collective efforts.

Here's to a remarkable 2025

Jai Rotary!

Rtn PAG MPHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai



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Secretary





## JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Vocational Service is the cornerstone of Rotary and was the key to the beginning of the Rotary ethos of service above self. Rotary's founder Paul Harris recognised that people could use their vocations to help others in the community and thus Rotary was formed and has been serving its local and international community for over 100 years.

The objective of Vocational Service is to:

- adhere to and promote high ethical standards in all their business dealings,
  - recognise the worthiness of all occupations, and
  - contribute individual professional expertise and skills to addressing societal problems and needs.
- Vocational Service therefore asks Rotarians to be ethical leaders and to serve others through their professions; to practice high ethical standards; and to advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship between professional and business people.

The Four-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct provide the framework which should guide all Rotarians in their business and professional activities. The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary International in 1934 and remains the essential standard by which Rotarians measure ethical behaviour.

- **Promote ethical standards:** Rotarians should adhere to and promote high ethical standards in business and professions.
- **Recognize the value of all occupations:** Rotarians should recognize the worthiness of all occupations, not just those pursued by Rotarians.
- **Contribute professional skills:** Rotarians should contribute their professional skills to address societal needs.

**Vocational Service is based on the following Rotary Objects of Service:**

- Developing acquaintances as an opportunity for service
- Dignifying each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

Leadership and ethical behaviour is an important element of every Rotary position. Our club does much to reinforce this value in its internal affairs and in all its dealings with community events.

Club members keep abreast of what is happening in other vocations via job talks given by members and participating in vocational visits to other members' businesses.



## Minutes of the regular meeting held on 27th December 2024

The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7:30 pm. Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar invoked the blessings of god almighty. The president Rtn. John Kurian declared the meeting as a closed one. Then in his speech he conveyed the sad news of the demise of our former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and the renowned writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair. One minute silence was observed in the memory of the departed souls. In the presidential address, president informed that our X mas – New year celebration would be held on 3rd January 2025. Then the club passed a resolution assigning Rtn. John Kurian to be the Balloting Officer (Elector) for the District Governor Nominee Designate Election of RI District 3211 during the year 2024-25.

The president requested the returning officer Rtn. Venugopala Panicker to conduct the club level DG election and the returning officer informed the voting time as one hour, 7.50 to 8.50 pm. After the election, the returning officer declared the results.

Then the Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S thanked everyone present at the meeting and offered special thanks to the host of the meeting Rtn. Dijo Antony Cherian.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the president at 9 pm for dinner and fellowship.

**Rtn. Sujith T S**  
Secretary

## Glimpses of 3927th Meeting



## The greatest gift we can give is the impact we can make in the community at large and the global reach our small acts can have- says Trish Carr

(Trish Carr is the Past President of Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood and now serving as Rotary Community Leader (equivalent to Assistant Governor). She has involved in many areas of Rotary both in the Club level and District level. She is a seasoned rotarian willing to take up any challenges. She spoke to me at the sidelines of the club meeting hall about the projects of her club and her vision for future in Rotary-Editor)

Me: Good evening Trish!

Trish: Good evening Pillai!

It was wonderful to have you attend our meeting. Unfortunately, we had many members away or ill which was disappointing nevertheless we all thoroughly enjoyed your company and learning about your club, Rotary Club of Alleppey.

**Q1.** Can you share with me your experience in Rotary and how do you relish it?

**A.** I started in Rotary some 8 years ago; however I have been in the background for many years as the partner of a Rotarian of over 30 years. As I am a firm believer in doing my best once committed to a role, I have quickly become involved in many areas of Rotary both at club level and District level. From Secretary to President,

district Chair of RYLA, District Chair of Technology, running District Conferences amongst some of my roles and now as Rotary Community Leader with 14 clubs ( similar to an Assistant Governor).

Rotary offers a unique experience that encompasses service with personal growth and fellowship. The greatest gift we can give is the impact we can make in the community at large and the global reach our small acts can have. I thoroughly enjoy building connections, working with like-minded people as well as the leadership opportunities, the opportunities for self-development and the diverse range of people I can connect with. I am veery proud of our club which is approaching its 68th year, our dedicated members and community volunteers have touched many lives and many a difference to countless individuals and organizations both locally and globally.

**Q2.** I heard about Rotary OP Shop your Club established at Burwood. Can you pease give details of the project?

**A.** Our Opportunity Shop opened some 22 years ago, the shop collects quality second hand goods from community donors/partners and recycles these for sale to the general public. It is staffed entirely by volunteers. The sales of quality second hand goods provide those in the community less fortunate affordable items, in turn funds from the sale of these goods supports out charitable causes including our Community Grant program, local hospital and many other of our charitable activities. Importantly it reduces landfill and promotes sustainability as well as building community connections. Recently we celebrated the achievement of raising over \$1 million dollars via the Op Shop which has been passed on to the community.

**Q3.** The incumbent Rotary International President is a lady. Stephanie is the second lady President of Rotary International. As a lady Rotarian and Past President, how do you feel?. Do you aspire to scale more heights in Rotary?

**A.** Diverersity in Rotary is extremely important, it provides broader viewpoints and perspectives, allows for a more holistic, balanced leadership and is made much richer with different ideas and solutions. Diverse teams usually exhibit better collaboration and foster communication particularly as different approaches to problems are often required to be successful. A good blend of members can only enhance a club, strengthen it and drive positive change within Rotary and the broader community. Men and woman each have unique abilities and approaches and this can only strengthen the organization and broader community.

As a past President and now community Leader it is an honour to have the opportunity to serve and hopefully inspire other women to take on community service. It is exciting to see that Rotary International has also embraced women in leadership and that can only benefit the

organization.

Regarding my aspirations in Rotary, I am a Rotarian who is eager to serve and if that means I need to step up to take on more leadership roles that I am happy to do so, and have already done so, however this is not the reason I joined the organization. Service above Self is far more important than Self above Service!

I have a mantra I aspire to live by - my What if's....

### What if

- I listened more • I assume positive intent • I think outside the box • I entertain new ideas
- Walk in someone elses shoes • I wish without limits • I consider another perspective
- I spend time outside my comfort zone But it's not all about me rather the biggest difference we can make is what we can do together as an organization

### What if

- We celebrated our success more often
- We changed how and what we did from time to time
- We all respected each other more than we do now
- We considered team results as personal success
- We encouraged an environment of trust and collaboration
- We created our own innovative culture

Shift happens! We just need to look at things from a different perspective. A Diverse environment allows us to be our best.

Trsh: Best wishes for Christmas and I hope to see you before you return

Me: Merry X mas and Happy New Year to you and all in the RC Box Hill Burwood too.





## ROTARIAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, activities, report any suspected harassment and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

## NEXT MEETING

The regular meeting scheduled to be held on 1st January 2025, is postponed to be held on 3rd January 2025 as Family dinner meeting to celebrate X mas & New year @7.30 pm on 3rd January 2025. Host team: Rtn Arjuna Reddiar, Rtn A Balakrishnan, Rtn Varghese Kurisinkal, Rtn Adv Babu Joseph, Rtn Jijo Chacko, Rtn Tom F Joseph & Rtn George Malayil



7 Rtn'e. Rosamma Jacob w/o Rtn. Jacob Neroth  
7 Annet Anju d/o. Rtn. R. Sreenivasan 9 Rtn. Jijo Chacko 9 Rtn. Dr. Sethu Ravi  
14 Vidhu M Unnithan 19 Annet Gowri Sankar (S/o Unnikrishnan)  
20 Annet Anoop S/o Rtn. T. Sivakumar 21 Ajith B S 22 Rtn. T. Sivakumar  
26 Annet Sharat s/o Tomi Eapen 27 Rtn. V. Deepak

## JANUARY



1 Rtn. Thomaskutty Joseph & Tessy  
10 Rtn. Jacob Philipose & Sethu  
25 Rtn. Murugan & Sindhu 26 Rtn. Babu Joseph & Neena  
27 Rtn. Prof. Gopinathan Nair & Vijayalakshmi Nair

## TEAM 2024 — 2025

**PRESIDENT** - Rtn John Kurian | **VICE PRESIDENT** - Rtn T.S.Ajith  
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**Jt. SECRETARY** - Rtn Dr.Sethu Ravi | **SERGEANT AT ARMS** - Rtn Princy Sebastain

## STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE** - Rtn Sajana.B.Nair | **DIST. PROJECT** - Rtn Adv. Venugopala Panicker  
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**COMMUNITY SERVICE** - Rtn Subramania Iyer | **FOCUS PROJECT** - Rtn Adv. V Deepak  
**VOCATIONAL SERVICE** - Rtn Jose Arathupally | **FAMILY OF ROTARY** - Rtn Rosie John  
**YOUTH SERVICE** - Rtn Ambu Vaidyan | **LITERACY MISSION AND CLUB HISTORIAN** - Rtn Tomi Eapen  
**CLUB RECREATION** - Rtn Naga Raj | **CLUB IT OFFICER** - Rtn Lukose Mathew Malayil  
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