



EDITORIALLY YOURS



It is only a very few days left for the much awaited District conference “Valiya Perunal-A Celebration of Rotary Spirit”. As Rotarians, we cherish opportunities to come together, celebrate our shared vision, and rekindle the bonds that make our movement truly special. This year, the much-anticipated Rotary District Conference 2025 is set to take place on February 8 & 9 at Gokulam Park Convention Centre, Kochi. This grand event, a highlight of the Rotary calendar, promises an enriching experience for all attendees. It is more than just a gathering; it is a platform for camaraderie, the exchange of pleasantries, and the renewal of friendships. It allows us to reflect on our collective impact, gain inspiration from one another, and strengthen the spirit of service that defines Rotary. There is a lineup of eloquent, hand-picked speakers who will share insights on topics of contemporary relevance. Their perspectives will not only enlighten but also inspire us to take forward our mission with renewed passion and purpose. As in the past, RC Alleppey should endeavour to participate in a big way in the largest

convergence in the Rotary year. I would appeal to the members especially the new ones to come forward voluntarily and join the RC Alleppey delegation to the conference.

The Pre-President Elect Learning Seminar (Pre-PELS), organized by Revenue District Directors and Assistant Governors of Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts set the stage for an inspiring and well-prepared Rotary year 2025-26. This crucial training session equipped incoming leaders with the knowledge and vision needed to steer their clubs effectively. Representing Rotary Club of Alleppey at the seminar were President-elect Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar, Secretary-elect Rtn. H. Nagaraja, District Secretary General Rtn. R. Krishnan, Revenue District Director Rtn. K. Cherian, AG-elect Rtn. Jose Abraham, and District Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Princy Sebastian. Their participation underscores our club’s commitment to leadership excellence and active district engagement. A special mention goes to Rtn. Lakshmi Gopakumar, who is set to create history as only the second lady to become President of RC Alleppey. Her leadership promises to bring fresh perspectives and continued momentum to our club’s journey of service.

With an empowered team and a strong foundation, we look forward to another impactful Rotary year ahead! Jai Rotary!

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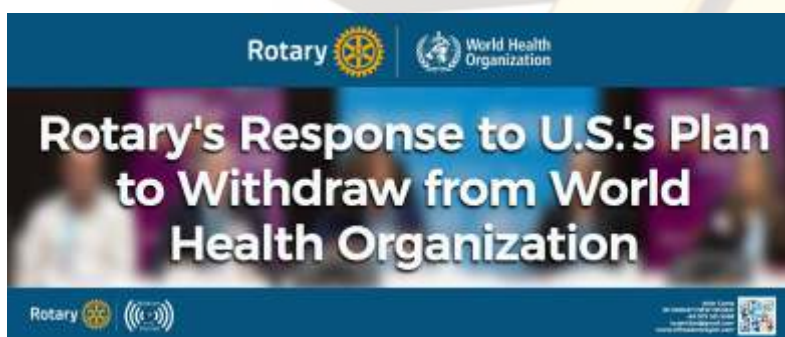
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Rtn. JOHN KURIAN
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Rtn. SUJITH T.S
Secretary



Rotary notes the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has

innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child.

Although this decision creates new challenges, Rotary remains dedicated to ensuring that every child is protected from this preventable disease. We are confident that the GPEI will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to implement effective strategies to keep polio vaccines available for every child in the United States and around the world, especially those in the most challenging and remote regions. The most important decisions leading to a polio-free world are made every day by parents who present their children for vaccination.

We remain committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfill the promise of a polio-free world. Together, we have ended smallpox, and together, we can ensure that polio becomes the second human disease to be eradicated from the planet.

- Rotary International



Glimpses of RC Alleppey honouring the Teacher duo



Minutes of the regular meeting held on 29th January 2025

The meeting was called to order by the president Rtn. John Kurian at 7:30 pm. Rtn.Sethu Ravi invoked the blessings of God almighty. After which One minute silent prayer was observed to pay respect to the departed soul of Smt. Radha S mother of Rtn.Rajanish Ramamoorthy. The president Rtn. John Kurian in his speech, informed that the inauguration of the project Ashwamedham – TB eradication Programme by Rotary club of Alleppey in Association with W & C hospital will be held on 3rd Feb 2025 at W & C hospital. Then he informed that Rtn. Raju chandy will be sponsoring a wheel chair for a disabled person, next week.

AG Rtn. Antony Malayil informed about the group registration for the Dist. Conference and requested everyone to register.

Then the Secretary Rtn. Sujith T S, thanked all the rotarians present in the meeting and also offered special thanks to the host of the meeting Rtn. Sethu Ravi.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the president at 8.15pm for dinner and fellowship.

Rtn. Sujith T S

Secretary



PADMA AWARDS FOR KERALA ROTARIANS

Government of India has decorated two Rotarians with the nation's highest civilian honour *Padma Bhushan Award*

Dr Jose Chako Periappuram of Rotary Club of Cochin Global, D3201- P R Sreejesh of Rotary Club of Kizhakkambalam, D301



Royalweeks congratulates Padma Bhushan
Rtn Dr Jose Chacko Periapuram and Padma Bushan
Rtn P R Sreejesh

RC Alleppey @Pre-PELS, Kottayam



CLUB ROUND UP



Donated 10 moulded chairs to Cyber Cell Alleppey.
Thank you Rtn Tomy Pulickattil for sponsoring the chair



Ashwamedham 6.0 Launched



Ashwamedham 6.0, leprosy detection project and training of volunteers, jointly organised by the Women & Children Hospital and Rotary Club of Alleppey was launched by Shri Alex Varghese, District Collector, Alappuzha.

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In the seventies, attendance rules were very strict and most of the clubs were religiously following them. If a member was absent for four consecutive meetings, his membership termination was automatic. There was a saying "attendance is not an end in Rotary, but nonattendance is the end of a Rotarian". Of course there was a provision for make-ups, i.e. to get attendance credits by attending another club's regular meeting or some other specified meeting held on either side of the missed meeting. (Later this was relaxed to 14 days either side and now makeup need only be done in the same Rotary year). Even now, the Standard Rotary Club Constitution (SRCC) provides for termination for four consecutive absences, but with the consent of the club's board only. The SRCC also states that failure to attend or makeup atleast 50% of the regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year (of which atleast 30% of regular meetings in each half of the year at the home club or satellite club), can attract termination. Attendance requirements can also be met by engaging in Club's Service activities for 12 hours in each half year.

Rotarians can get attendance credit by attending regular meetings of any Rotaract Club, Interact Club, Rotary Community Corps, a Rotary Fellowship, RI Convention, Rotary Institute, Multi-Zonal Conference, District Conference, District Training Assembly, Intercity meetings, meetings of District Committee, Club's Board and Satellite Club. Participation in Club's service projects and spending atleast 30 minutes at a club's interactive website is also eligible for attendance credit.

If a Rotarian's age plus years of Rotary service crosses 85 or has 20 years of Rotary service in one or more clubs, the club board can exempt the member from attendance requirements. Board can also give leave of absence to a member for one year for any reason and for extended period on medical grounds.

Clubs may, however, add to or amend these makeup provisions in their bylaws or even do away with the need for any makeup for retaining the membership. In other words, in the matter of attendance, it is now laissez faire for clubs.



Rtn Muhammed Shafeeq

This week, we proudly recognize Rtn. Shafeeq for his unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to our club. A soft-spoken yet highly knowledgeable Rotarian, Shafeeq has been a pillar of support in many ways, his efforts often speaking louder than words. Most recently, he and his spouse Sebi graciously hosted the 53rd anniversary celebration of Gopi Sir and Teacher at the elegant Classic Regency, ensuring a memorable evening in a four-star ambience. His generosity and thoughtfulness reflect the true spirit of Rotary. Shafeeq's contributions to our club are countless. Notably, in 2017, he served as the GSR for the e-Club of Kerala Global, Dubai, when we had the privilege of sponsoring the club. His leadership and dedication played a crucial role in its successful chartering. As a second-generation Rotarian of our club, Shafeeq carries forward a rich legacy of service and fellowship. We celebrate his enduring passion for Rotary and his steadfast commitment to making a difference. Royalweeks happily places Rtn Muhammed Shafeeq in the spotlight this week.

NEXT MEETING @7.30 pm on 05.02 2025 Host: Rtn Rosie John



6 Rtn. K. N. Venugopala Panicker **8** Rtn. S. Murugan
19 Annet. Asma d/o NAM Kunju **11** Rtn'e. Prabha Krishnan
15 Rtn. George Thayyil **24** Rtn. John V. George
24 Rtn. Gopinathan Nair

FEBRUARY



9 Ambu Varghese Vaidhyan and Ann
19 Rtn. Jacob Neroth and Rosamma
21 Rtn. Antony Malayil and Anu

TEAM 2024 — 2025

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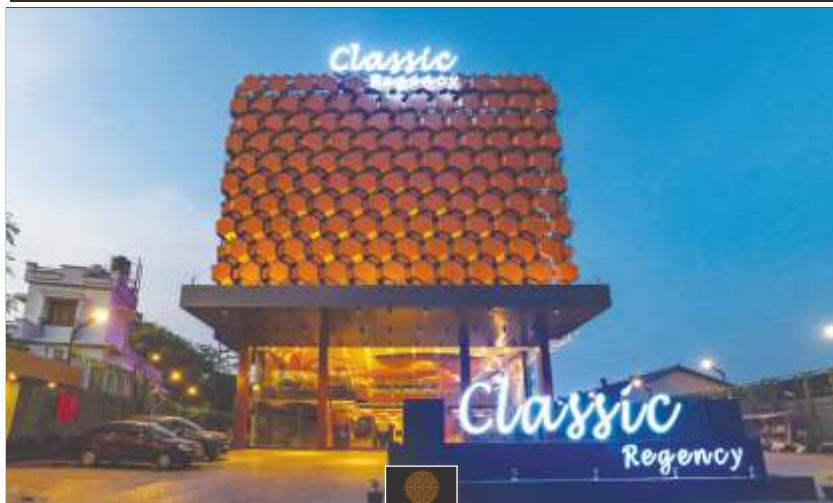
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