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**ROTARY CLUB OF
KOTTAYAM NORTH**

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@ 7.30 PM, NORTH ROTARY HALL KODIMATHA.

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2024- 25

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Rtn. George Thomas Kannukuzhi

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Weekly Meeting

Dear RCKN members,

Notice is hereby issued for the
2247th weekly meeting (Installation
Ceremony) of our club being held on
06/07/2024 @ J Avenue Centre,
Vadavathoor at 7.00 pm.(IST).

Request all members to attend the
meeting with family.

Rtn Jabyson Philip
President

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KNOW OUR PRESIDENT



Rtn Subash K Pillai was born in the year 1961 as the son of late Krishna Pillai and late Radhamoni Amma, Munjinadu house, Kollam. He graduated from SN College, Kollam.

In 1984 Subash shifted to Kottayam and entered into Logistics business by becoming a franchisee of ABT Parcel service. He made his debut into the social circle of Kottayam by joining the Jaycees movement in 1995 and was the President of Jaycees Kottayam South in 1998.

Subash joined Rotary Club of Kottayam North in the year 1999. His name was proposed in Rotary by Rtn George Thomas Kannukuzhi. He is an active Rotarian ever since and over the years, was in charge of various portfolios in the Director Board. Rtn Subash was the person behind various entertainment programs of the Club in the later years, especially the skits in the online media during the covid period. Last year he appeared as the Santa Clause in each of the Member's house for the Christmas Carol.

Rtn Subash is married to Sunitha hailing from Palghat. She is a Past Inner wheel President and is active in Kottayam social circle. They are staying at Kurian Uthup Nagar, Nattakom. This couple has a daughter Aparna (Shalu), who is married to Rahul and the couple is living currently in UK.

We all look forward to an action-packed year under Subash's leadership.

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The 2246th meeting of RCKN held at Kottayam club on 27/6/24

President starts the proceedings, calls the meeting to order at 8 Pm. Rtn Madhu John lead the Rotary invocation.

Presidential address

President Rtn Jabyson welcomed all attendees to his final meeting as president of Rotary. He expressed heartfelt appreciation for their cooperation and support throughout his tenure.

President Jabyson reminded everyone about the upcoming "Akosham" award



function scheduled for June 30th at Sree Dhareeyan Auditorium, Karunagapally. He emphasized the importance of leaving by 11:30 am to ensure timely arrival for lunch, and urged all members to attend.

Regarding the letter to be submitted to the Municipality concerning our comfort station, plans are in place to meet with Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA on Saturday, given his availability on weekends due to ongoing parliamentary commitments.

President Jabyson also extended gratitude to PAG Rtn V J John, Editor, for publishing the 50th issue of the weekly bulletin, "The Vision."

Preparations for honoring deceased members with their photographs displayed before the next meeting are complete.

Dr. Biju has been tasked with overseeing the removal of our logo from the Kodimatha median. The recent coverage in Mathrubhumi regarding this matter is promising, and efforts are underway to have it published in Manorama as well.

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President-elect Rtn Subash K provided details about the upcoming installation ceremony, which has been rescheduled to Saturday to accommodate the availability of Chief Guest Mr. Hemchandran. The ceremony will commence punctually at 7:15 pm at J.J. Hall, Vadavathoor, with parking available behind the hall. It will be a joint installation meeting of Rotary and Inner Wheel.

Secretary Ciby Kurian then conveyed announcements and extended gratitude to all present members for their dedicated commitment over the past year.

The meeting concluded with birthday celebrations for Rotarians Rtn K.A Abraham, PP Rtn Bobby Abraham, Rtn Rahul Thomas Pious, and PP Rtn Sreekumar.



Birthday cakes were cut in their honor, with Rtn K.A Abraham also providing Payasam to mark the occasion. Secretary Rtn Ciby Kurian hosted the fellowship, and President Rtn Jabyson Philip adjourned the meeting, encouraging continued celebration.

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AAGHOSHAM

District Awards Nite

Rotary Awards for the year 2023-24 were distributed at a glittering function named 'Aaghosham'. It was held at Sreedhareeyam Convention Centre, Karunagapally on June 30, 2024 from 2 Pm onwards. This year the District Awards Committee lead by Rtn R Sreekumar decided to limit the total number of awards substantially.



Our Club bagged the following Awards;

District Level

Five Star Club

Five Star Rotarian Rtn PAG K J Jacob

Meritorious award for Club Bulletin 'VISION'

Kottayam Revenue District

Best Club in District Project

Zonal Level

Best Club in Club Administration

Best Club in Service Projects

Best Club in International Service,

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Eleven members from our Club under the leadership of Jabyson and Ciby attended the Award function. The other participants were Rtns V J John, Pradeep, Joshy, Varghese Mathew, Kiran, Dr Biju, Legi, Jomon & Betty.

THE OVERALL BEST in District 3211

Best Club Quilon

1 st Runner Up Trivandrum South

2 nd Runner up Karunagapally



The Presidents and Secretaries of the Best Club as well as the runner up Clubs were selected as the best Presidents and Secretaries respectively. This is the pattern followed up to the Revenue District level

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Our Chief Guest this week



A. Hemachandran IPS

A chemical engineer by education, Hemachandran graduated from government Engg college Trissur in 1982. Began his career with Hindustan petroleum Corp in 1982. Passed the civil services examination 1985 and joined the Indian Police Service in 1986.

Allotted to Kerala cadre, held important assignments in law and order, intelligence, crime branch etc. Retired as DGP in 2020. Also did a stint in the prestigious Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy which trains IPS officers. Recipient of President 's police medal for Meritorious service.

Acquired MBA in human resource management while in service.

After superannuation he has been writing his experiences in police service in Samakalika Malayalam Vaarika. DC Books has published it under the title 'Neethi Evide'.

He is married to Malini Hemachandran who is a law graduate and the couple has a son Vasudev Hemachandran, Manager, RBI.

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Tomychayans and Abychayans house visit



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Invitation



Rtn Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25



Rtn AKSM SUDHI JABBAR
District Governor 2024-25



Rtn Mathew Thomas
Asst. Governor 2024-25



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Installation
Ceremony

Combined installation
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOTTAYAM NORTH &
INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KOTTAYAM NORTH**

Installation Meeting
On Saturday 06th July, 2024 at 7.30 pm
@ J Avenue Center, VADAVATHOOR.



Chief Guest
Rtd. DGP. A. Hemachandran

Guest of Honour:
Mrs. Rosey Mathew
Co - founder
Excelsior English School , Kottayam



President
Rtn Jabyson Philip

Secretary
Rtn Ciby Kurian

President
Mrs Kochurani Alex

Secretary
Mrs Mini Mary Cherian

President Elect
Rtn Subash K Pillai

Secretary Elect
Rtn Kiran C Kurian

President Elect
Mrs Mini Mary Cherian

Secretary Elect
Mrs Retnam Kurian



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Innerwheel



Just for a laugh !

After multiple root canals and caps,
now my mouth has
more CERAMIC than TEETH.

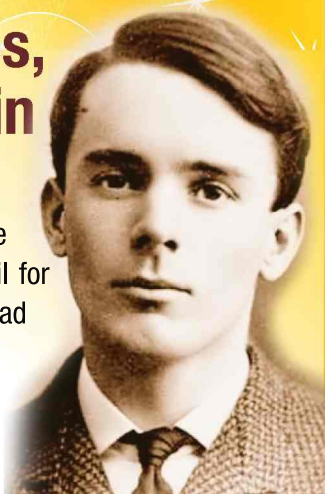
**Now.. I am wondering
if I should switch to
HARPIC instead of COLGATE**



DENTISTRY HUMOUR

Samuel Stokes, an American in Khadi

When Samuel Stokes left home in Philadelphia & set sail for India aged 22, his parents had hoped he would return home after a year or two. But this did not happen. Instead, Stokes made India his home.

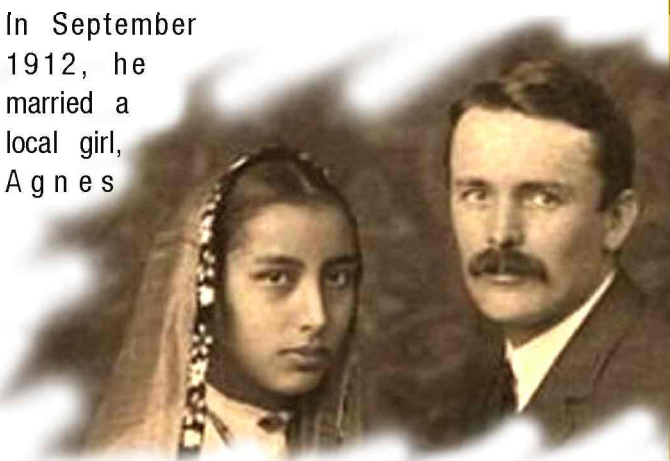


Stokes worked closely with Mahatma Gandhi and took part in the Non-Cooperation Movement. He was imprisoned for six months for sedition in the Lahore jail & refused bail, the only American to be jailed in India's struggle for Independence.

During World War I, while helping find recruits for the British army, Stokes initiated the campaign to abolish the practice of beggar, under which hill people were forced to provide free labour to officials.

He wore Khadi, learnt Sanskrit, became a Hindu and introduced apples to Himachal Pradesh.

In September
1912, he
married a
local girl,
A g n e s



Benjamin, and built a house on Barobagh Hill in Kotgarh. A three-storeyed structure with a gabled roof and wraparound balcony, it was constructed with locally-sourced wood and stone, and named Harmony Hall in memory of Stokes's family home in south New Jersey.

Stokes and Agnes had seven children, the third of whom, Tara Chand, died when he was eight. A school

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they set up to educate local children, including their own, was named after him. Over the years, Tara School attracted an assembly of teachers inspired by Stokes's vision, including Dhan Singh, Munshi Fazl Ali, V Sundaram (once Madan Mohan Malviya's secretary), and the Gandhi acolyte Richard Gregg.

Samuel Stokes renamed himself Satyanand and never went back to the US after a trip he made with his young wife in 1914. His family still maintains roots with Kotgarh in Himachal Pradesh where Stokes started it all.

Few years ago, his granddaughter Asha Sharma, wrote a biography on Samuel Stokes, "An American in Khadi".

While serving the poor, this 'American in khadi' ended up shaping the economy of Himachal Pradesh. Satyanand Stokes had many avatars – missionary, educator, Gandhi associate, apple cultivator. But at heart, he was a mystic in search of meaning.

His initial time in the country was spent caring for leprosy patients and as a wandering missionary living a frugal life. Travelling through the towns and villages of Punjab province, he would help the ailing and the outcast wherever he found them. To him, nursing a terminally-ill patient was like a mystical, near-death experience and he would experience these visions all his life.

He died in 1946 & was cremated in the hills he loved so dearly. For some reason his contribution has largely been ignored.

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

6th July



Betty K. Kurian

06.07.1965

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

7th July



Rtn Joseph P.J. & Suja Joseph