

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP A DREAM COME TRUE FOR CLEAN WATER ADVOCATE

Few people could have been more thrilled than Lis Bernhardt, a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, when Rotary and the UN Environment Programme announced a joint initiative this year to empower Rotary members to protect, restore, and sustain local bodies of water with technical guidance from UNEP experts.

A program officer for UNEP, Bernhardt spent five years moving the idea for Community Action for Fresh Water forward through leadership changes at both organizations. After the agreement was revealed during Rotary's International Assembly in January, she posted on her LinkedIn page: "A professional dream has come true." (Read about Bernhardt's experience in her own words on Rotary's blog.)

"Rotary has been a huge part of my working for the United Nations," she later explained. "To be able to give back to Rotary, close that loop, and connect in a global partnership is super exciting."

After short stints with Amnesty International and as a consultant for UN Volunteers, Bernhardt joined the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change in Bonn, Germany, serving as a program officer and head of external relations. In 2009, she took a job with a UN-Water program in Bonn and later moved to UN-Water's office in New York where she contributed to writing the sustainable development goals on water and sanitation.



Her job was to vet applications, including one from the Navajo Nation in the United States.

"Their request met all of our qualifications," she recalls. "They clearly needed access to education. They had issues with drinking water and sanitation. They were a disadvantaged group and a minority. They met all the criteria, except that they were in the U.S.," which disqualified the group.

# CLUB NEWS

## DONATION OF WHEEL CHAIRS TO DIFFERANTLY ABLED

Rotary Club of Trivandrum Central donated 2 wheelchairs to differently abled children. The wheelchairs were sponsored by Rtn Sasikumar Nair, Rtn Prem Thampi, Rtn Capt PRK Kartha and Rtn Flt Lt Shibu Varghese.

Rtn Sasikumar Nair represented RCTC for the function held at Rail Kalyanamandapam.



# WEEKLY MEETING

The meeting #1759, was called to order by the President on the 13th Sep, at 07.38 pm at the Hotel Horizon and 20 members attended.

Rtn Siva Prasad read out the Rotary Invocation. This was followed by the presentation of the previous meeting's report by the Secretary.

In his presidential address, Rtn PRK Kartha welcomed all members, especially the visiting Rtn Jose Ravee, Vice President, Klang Valley Rotary Club, Malaysia, along with his wife Ms Jamuna Ravee.

Further the President requested IPP Rtn Sudeep Kumar to give a brief on RCTC so as to familiarize the visiting rotarian with the club activities.

Rtn Prem Kumar subsequently introduced the visiting rotarian and ann. This was followed by the inputs from Rtn Jose Ravee.



# WEEKLY MEETING (CONTD)

A brief power point presentation by Project Chair Rtn Donn Thomas followed on the need, infrastructure and benefits of RCTC global grant project of Blood Bank on Wheels, costing Rs. 42,07,219/- in total, approximating \$ 53,000/-. Members had a few doubts which were clarified by Rtn Donn Thomas.

The president's closing remarks followed. He wished each and every attendee a Happy Onam. The Vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary.

After the National Anthem, the meeting was adjourned for fellowship and dinner at 08.32pm.



# MEMBER NEWS

## RTN PDG SURESH MATHEW



Our Rotarian PDG Suresh Mathew was the Chief Guest for the inauguration of the new Rotary Hall of the Rotary Club of Thalayolaparambu, on September 8th 2024.



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (SEPTEMBER)

## BIRTHDAYS



Rtn Flt Lt Shibu Varghese - 09 Sep

Rtn G N Nair - 16 Sep

Rtn R R Nair - 16 Sep

Rtn Capt Vijayan Menon Karikath -  
20 Sep



## ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Gireesh Gopal - 05 Sep

Rtn Flt Lt Shibu Varghese - 06 Sep

Rtn S Balachnadrans - 08 Sep

Rtn Dr V Sukumaran - 09 Sep

Rtn Dr Bijulal - 13 Sep

Rtn PDG Suresh Mathew - 15 Sep

# HUMOUR

Wife: "How would you describe me?"  
Husband: "ABCDEFGHIJK." Wife:  
"What does that mean?" Husband:  
"Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful,  
elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and  
hot." Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what  
about IJK?" Husband: "I'm just  
kidding!"

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Girlfriend: "Am I pretty or ugly?"  
Boyfriend: "You're both." Girlfriend:  
"What do you mean?" Boyfriend:  
"You're pretty ugly."

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Bob was in trouble. He forgot his  
wedding anniversary. His wife was  
really angry. She told him  
"Tomorrow morning, I expect to find  
a gift in the driveway that goes  
from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT  
BETTER BE THERE!" The next morning  
he got up early and left for work.  
When his wife woke up, she looked  
out the window and sure enough  
there was a box gift-wrapped in the  
middle of the driveway. Confused,  
the wife put on her robe and ran  
out to the driveway, brought the  
box back in the house. She opened  
it and found a brand new bathroom  
scale. Bob has been missing since  
Friday.

Me: Would you like to be the sun in my life? Her:  
Awww... Yes!!! Me: Good then stay 92.96 million  
miles away from me

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Ralph is driving home one evening, when he  
suddenly realizes that it's his daughter's  
birthday and he hasn't bought her a present.  
He drives to the mall, runs to the toy store, and  
says to the shop assistant, "How much is that  
Barbie in the window?" In a condescending  
manner, she says, "Which Barbie?" She  
continues, "We have Barbie Goes to the Gym  
for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Ball for \$19.95,  
Barbie Goes Shopping for \$19.95, Barbie Goes  
to the Beach for \$19.95, Barbie Goes  
Nightclubbing for \$19.95, and Divorced Barbie  
for \$265.00." Ralph asks, "Why is the Divorced  
Barbie \$265.00 when all the others are only  
\$19.95?" "That's obvious," the saleslady says.  
"Divorced Barbie comes with Ken's house, Ken's  
car, Ken's boat, Ken's furniture..."

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A police officer attempts to stop a car for  
speeding and the guy gradually increases his  
speed until he's topping 100 mph. The man  
eventually realizes he can't escape and finally  
pulls over. The cop approaches the car and  
says, "It's been a long day and my shift is  
almost over, so if you can give me a good  
excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go." The  
guy thinks for a few seconds and then says,  
"My wife ran away with a cop about a week  
ago. I thought you might be that officer trying  
to give her back!"