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DISTRICT 3211

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

#### ROTARY LAUNCHES CELEBRITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Rotary International launched its celebrity ambassador program on 19 September, welcoming Kat Graham, Sibongile Mlambo, Gaby Moreno, and Archie Panjabi.

Through traditional and social media, events, advocacy and more, ambassadors will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Rotary's work and engage with supporters to amplify the organization's mission and impact.







The inaugural Rotary ambassadors include:

<u>Kat Graham</u> - actress, singer, producer, humanitarian

<u>Sibongile</u> <u>Mlambo</u>actress, producer, philanthropist

<u>Gaby Moreno</u>, artist, producer

<u>Archie Panjabi</u>, actress, producer



# **REGIONAL NEWS**

### ESRAG QUIZ COMPETITION FOR INTERACT CLUBS – PARTICIPATION BY RCTC INTERACT CLUBS

**Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group** (ESRAG) was formed to empower members of the Rotary Family worldwide to take actions to sustain our environment.

ESRAG South Asia, which comprises of India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bengladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Pakistan, organised an online Regional level Quiz competition for Interact Clubs on 16th September 2024. 

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Few of the Interact clubs in District 3211 participated in the competition , including both clubs sponsored by RCTC, Love Dale and St John's School.





ESRAG Global Chair, Rtn PDG Yavuz Atila addressing during the Curtains Down

Sravana Sarath from Love Dale School represented District 3211 in the curtains down Talk show which was highly appreciated by the organisers.

Kudos to Sravana !!

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **'UYARE' SEMINAR AT KUNDARA**

'Uyare' Project Seminar and Onam Celebrations was held at Pavithram Convention Centre, Kundara on 22nd September.

Shri NK Premachandran, the MP of Kollam constituency was the Guest of Honour and Dr Divya S Iyer IAS the MD of Vizhinjam Port was the Keynote Speaker





Rtn Capt PRK Kartha is receiving appreciation for conducting 'Uyare' Signature Project.





## WEEKLY MEETING

The meeting #1760, Club assembly, was called to order by the President on the 20th Sep, at 07.40 pm at the Hotel Horizon and 8 members attended.

Rtn C Suresh 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 Capt PRK Kartha welcomed all members, especially as the club assembly was being held in the Onam season.

The president readout brief reports of Committee Chairs already forwarded to him:

**Rtn Donn Thomas :** Projects Chair : GG project is progressing well. An application from a destitute lady was also considered for financial help to complete her house, the basement of which is already constructed.

Uyire Project: AG Rtn Dr Ranjit Suseelan confirmed that 10 beneficiaries identified were and forwarded to Dist. Chairman Uvire Project, Rtn Dr Meera John. The president informed the house that out of 40 kits promised for Ente Kanmani Project, 23 contributions have been received. He requested that the remaining ones be subscribed.



Sasikumar Menon : Chairman TRF Rtn informed that \$ 20,000/- had to be targeted from club members for the GG project. As there were 26 club members who have not yet become PHF, a request needs to be all addressed to of them for liberal contributions.

**Rtn Prem Kumar Thampi :** Chair of Administration confirmed that award portal updation was underway.

**Rtn Flt Lt Shibu Varghese** rerported that career guidance talk was carried out for the Interact Clubs. A Regional Quiz was conducted by ESRAG South Asia, where both our clubs participated. Our Interact member Sravana Sarath represented the district in ESRAG curtains down after the quiz.

Rtn MPHF Dr Mohanlal emphasized that all club members must approach the club activities with equanimity. The president reiterated the need for the club to remain a cohesive group.

All members were expected to actively participate in the FIRE competition on 28/9/24 at the club level.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (SEPTEMBER)

### **BIRTHDAYS**





**ANNIVERSARIES** 

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 Rtn Gireesh Gopal - 05 Sep

Rtn Flt Lt Shibu Varghese - 06 Sep

Rtn S Balachnadran - 08 Sep

Rtn Dr V Sukumaran - 09 Sep

Rtn Dr Bijulal - 13 Sep

Rtn PDG Suresh Mathew - 15 Sep

"IT'S A SIGN OF YOUR OWN WORTH SOMETIMES IF YOU ARE HATED BY THE RIGHT PEOPLE."

Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin

# **INTELLECTUAL'S HUMOUR**

Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, a great Teacher, Philosopher and former President of India in whose honour Teachers' Day is celebrated, was an exceptionally "witty man"..!!

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The King of Greece came to India on a State visit.

President Radhakrishnan welcomed him at the Palam Airport.

. "Your Majesty.. you are the first King of Greece to come to India "on invitation.."!!

The last time, Alexander, the Great, "came uninvited."

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Gandhiji: Don't drink Milk which is the essence of Beef.

Radhakrishnan: "In that case, we all are Cannibals. For, we drink our Mother's Milk, which again is the essence of Human Flesh."

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Winston Churchill while having a cup of Tea said to Dr. Radhakrishnan: Sugar is the only English word where "s" is

pronounced as "sh" ..!!

Dr. quipped: "Are you sure?"

Once Winston Churchill hosted a State Banquet in honor of Dr Radhakrishnan who washed his hands before eating and used his hands for having the food while Churchill used Spoons and Forks..!!

Churchill could not stop himself from advising Dr.Radhakrishnan to use Spoon and Fork saying that they were more hygienic.

Radhakrishnan replied.."

Since nobody can use my hand to eat, my hand is more hygienic than any Spoon or Fork you use"..!! \*\*\*

On one of his travels, Dr.Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan was asked a question by a member in the audience.

"What's the difference between a Station Master and a School Master..!?"

The question was irrelevant and bordering on impertinent, too..!! However, this brilliant gentleman replied calmly...

"While a Station Master minds the Train, a School Master trains the mind..!!"