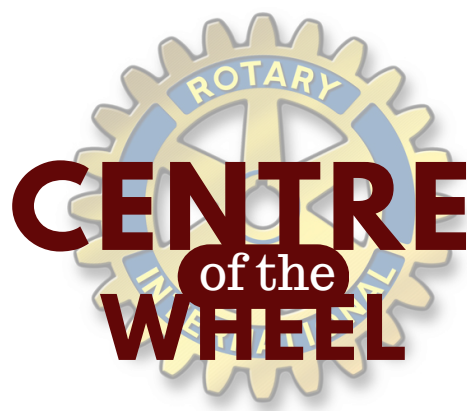


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In January, the Rotary Club of Cúcuta-Ciudad de Arboles purchased about \$600 of school supplies and delivered 100 sets of notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, and more to students in the city. It's about 350 miles northeast of Bogotá. Club members also visited with students in the neighborhood of Las Delicias, says Dora Patricia Lobo, a past president of the club. "The hustle and bustle and joy of these students when they receive their school package warms our souls and encourages us to continue," Lobo says. More than 1,400 students have benefited since the project began.

COLOMBIA



BELIZE



The Rotaract Club of Belize City is renovating a rural school and a Rotary club-sponsored park as part of its youth-focused agenda. In April, club members met at the Hattieville Government Preschool to paint restrooms and complete other beautification work. A later phase will include new toilets. "We've been able to replace chalkboards in 10 classrooms with whiteboards and to donate a printer and other school and hygiene materials," says Kristoff Nicholson, immediate past president. The club partnered with a telecom provider and raffled off smartphones to help pay for the project. It also received a District 4250 grant of \$1,000. In March, club members replaced basketball and goal nets and painted benches and a playset at Love Park in Balama, another element of the project, Nicholson says.

WEEKLY MEETING

The President Rtn PHF Capt. PRK Kartha called the meeting to order at 7.40 pm on 23rd August, at Hotel Horizon. A total of 17 members attended.

Rtn Flt Lt Shibu Varghese read out the Rotary Invocation.

1. In his Presidential address, the President thanked Rtn Sivaprasad for conducting the weekly meeting on 16th, along with Rtn Thomas Vincent.

2. Rtn PDG Suresh Mathew gave a detailed brief on the draft status of GG 2568977 project. An email was proposed to be sent to all the member rotarians so that the financial commitment for the Global Grant can be met from the resources for the club itself. The Project is expected to go on line by September 2024.

3. The President thanked Rtn. PDG Suresh Mathew for his efforts especially for obtaining the international partners using PDG's networks.

4. The President mentioned requests received for financial assistance from PTA of ITI Chakka and Snehasandram Charitable outfit.

5. The DG's appeal for assistance to Waynard Disaster was informed to members.



6. Club Dues: 20 members have already deposited their club subscriptions. The President desired that the remaining members too would follow suit.

7. Secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 August and the minutes were passed.

8. The dates and venues of various events of RISE, starting from 08 Sep 24 were highlighted. Members interested in participating in the events were requested to register in advance.

9. Rtn. PDG Suresh Mathew elaborated on GG 2568977, Blood Bank on Wheels and outlined the global partners and financial aspects of the project. He also clarified the queries on the project with a powerpoint presentation. He also put forth the suggestion to approach second generation of rotarians, especially children of RCTC settled abroad for pooling in the finances.

WEEKLY MEETING (CONTD)

10. AG Rtn Dr. Renjit Suseelan highlighted the Uyire and Ente Kanmani district projects. Upon his suggestion, Rtn Donn Thomas gave a bird's eye view on the conduct of the recently concluded UYIRE Project meeting on 16th August at Hotel Prasanth.

11. AG further stated that entrepreneurs of the club could come forward to help beneficiaries of the Uyire project.

The following members affirmed their readiness to participate;

Rtn Dr. Renjit Suseelan
Rtn PDG Suresh Mathew
Rtn Donn Thomas
Rtn Siva Prasad

Rtn. Prem Kumar mentioned the availability of training in hospital administrative duties at SP Fort Hospital, with NSDC certification. The president added that newspaper publicity would help in attracting probable candidates for Uyire. Rtn. PDG Suresh Mathew expressed his willingness to get the matter scrolled in Kerala Vision. It was decided that the final candidate selection will be by the interview panel constituted from RCTC members.



12. At the AG's initiative, it was agreed in principle to donate maximum kits for the Ente Kanmani Project. A Kerala Vision function could be organized, if there were at least 50 kits being donated in total from the club.

Many members expressed their willingness for contributing to the project:

13. It was suggested that the financial help being accorded to a civil service aspirant by father of RtnPrem Kumar Thampi can also be accounted for under Uyire.

14. The President presented the modified budget for RY 2024-25 and it was passed. (Snapshot attached with the mail)

The meeting concluded with the National Anthem and was adjourned at 8:25 pm for Fellowship & dinner.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (AUGUST)

BIRTHDAYS



Rtn. V Balagopal - 13 August

Rtn. Dr Marthanda Pillai - 26th August



ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Babu Stephen - 17th August

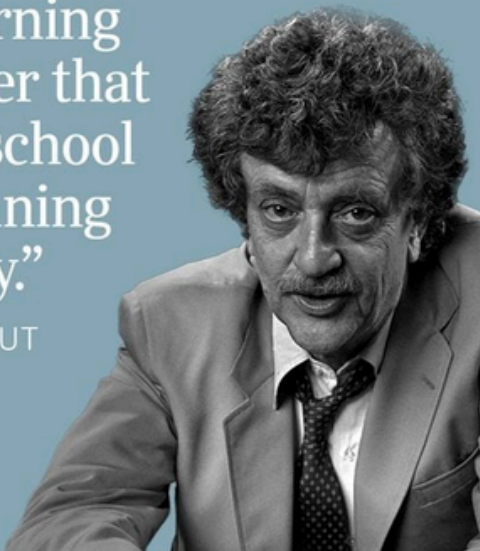
Rtn GN Nair - 23rd August

Rtn George Samuel - 23rd August

Rtn Janadhanan Nair - 27th August

“True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country.”

—KURT VONNEGUT



HUMOUR

A dictator is badly wounded in an assassination attempt and sent to the emergency room.

The dictator's body doubles are all gathered in a room together to see if he'll pull through. After all, if he dies, they'll have to find new jobs.

After a few hours, the body doubles' boss, a high-ranking member of the dictator's intelligence agency, walks in. He says: "I just got off the phone with the hospital and I have good news and bad news. The good news is that El Supremo will make it. The bad news is... well, his left arm had to be amputated."

Trucker calls Boss

- Hi Boss, em, I have a little problem here. I hit some wild animal.
 - Darn...shit happens. Deer?
 - No. Fish.
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Three guys die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: Don't step on the ducks!" So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first guy accidentally steps on one. Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest woman he has ever seen. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to the ugly woman!" The next day, the second guy steps accidentally on a duck, and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing, and with him is another extremely ugly woman. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first guy. The third guy has observed all this and not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly woman, is very, VERY careful where he steps. He manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to him with the most gorgeous woman he has ever laid eyes on a very tall, tan, curvaceous, sexy blonde. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word. The guy remarks, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?" She says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"