



# Rotary Club of Kazhakuttom

Club No.28135 Chartered on 17/6/1991



*The* **KAZHAKUTTOM**



# \_\_\_\_Newsletter



## ONAM KIT DISTRIBUTION AND HONOURING THE COOKING STAFF



Our Onam kit this year was different. Ninety-six cooking staff of different schools under Kaniyapuram Sub-district were honored in a function arranged on 7th September at The Government High School Kazhakkuttom. Sri. Kadakampally Surendran MLA distributed Onam kits along with aprons and caps to all these staff.

Rtn. S S Nair President, Rtn. S Manikantan, Secretary, Rtn. Vinod P, Treasurer and Rtn. Muraleedharan S were present from our side.

Sri. Unnikrishnan Parackal, BPC, Sri. Harikrishnan, AEO, Smt Bindu. I, Principal, HSS and Smt. Sheejadharan, Headmistress, GHS were present from the side of the Education Department.







**STEPHANIE A URCHICK**  
**RI PRESIDENT**



**SUDHI JABBAR**  
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



**S S NAIR**  
**PRESIDENT**



**MANIKANTAN.S**  
**SECRETARY**

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

**We** have completed three months of this Rotary year. And I have completed three months as Club President. I feel three-months' time is sufficient to assess and analyse the performance of the club and its members. A SWOT analysis from my side may help us to have corrective actions and strengthen our unity and comradeliness.

**Strengths:** The unity of our Rotarians is our biggest strength. Their rich experience is another one. We have twenty-three past Presidents and thirteen past Assistant Governors. Presently we have the DG and DSG from our club. We have an attractive permanent club hall. Our classification is also above average.

**Weakness:** Busy schedule of the Rotarians seems to be the biggest weakness. Very few could turn up for projects and programs. Owing to the business interests changing fixed schedules seems to be impractical for many. Hesitancy to engage in Rotary programs is another one. Projects and programs being repetitive Rotarians may be feeling bored. A few Rotarians pose to possess in-depth knowledge, contacts and experience but enjoy

criticising and never come up with anything significant.

**Opportunities:** Most of the members may be willing to support if good projects are projected. Their vast experience could be channelised for implementing sustainable projects. The influence and easy approach to the District Governor and District Office is another

opportunity. Our location in the midst of the IT industry may be a good opportunity for many things.

**Threats:** Poor attendance in club meetings. Increased indifference to club

activities. Internal groupism and actions influenced by politics. Lack of belongingness. Frequent shifting of club venue. Difficulty in collecting even the obligatory club dues. Lack of initiative from the experienced.

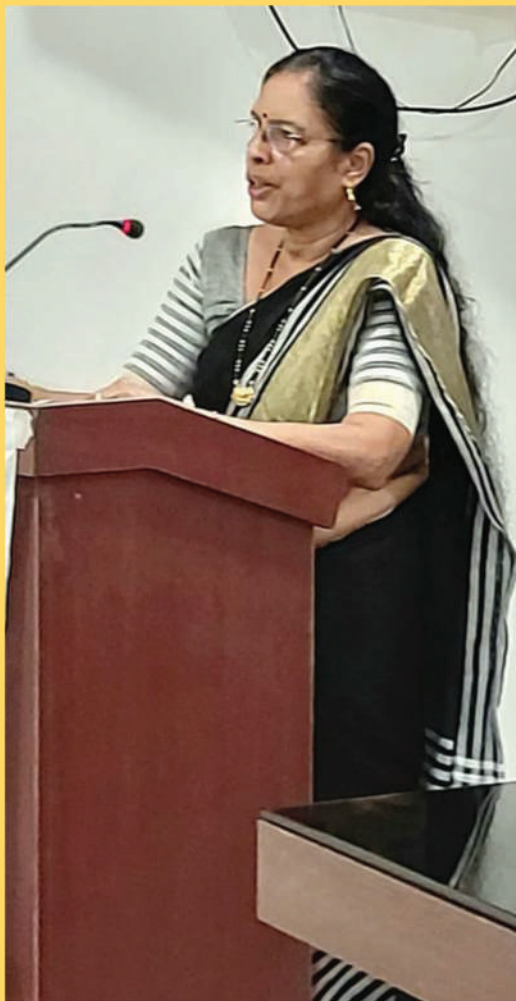
More items could be added to each area but my purpose is to enlighten our members through these broad findings. Our Rotarians should assess the situation and change their attitude and approach to the Rotary and to the Club. The President could be a good catalyst.

**Rtn. S S NAIR**





## *First Lady's Rotary* *meeting* – a nod to the President's wife taking the lead



Respected President, Secretary, Rotary members, Anns and Annets good evening.

This is a special occasion given to Anns for conducting today's Rotary meeting. I have not attended such a meeting in the last ten years since my husband joined the Club. A special thanks to the President, Secretary and all Rotarians for giving us this opportunity.

As a self-introduction I may say that I am V S Pushpa Nair and am a graduate in English Literature and a post graduate in political science. I am having Higher Diploma in cooperation and another Diploma in Personal management and public administration.

I was working in the Employees Provident Organisation under the Ministry of Labour and Employment for about forty years and retired as Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner. This being an all-India organisation I had the opportunity to serve in various states.

Participation of ladies in Rotary activities of our club is comparatively low now a days. Rotary gives much importance to the family. May I take this opportunity to remind the Rotarians to consider the Anns and Annets also in the Rotary celebrations? The Club should organise tour programmes for them also for their relaxation, enjoyment and involvement.

The Onam celebration is coming on 29th and we Anns should actively involve in this by organising various cultural programmes.

FIRE competition is also announced and this is an opportunity to showcase our abilities as we have been doing earlier. Let us join hands to make it live.

Congratulations to the team of Tug of war for their achievement. Rotary Ann Remya Syamlal stood first in the Anns category in the Chess competition. Chess was introduced in the competition this year only and our Club claimed the first position. This is a great achievement and we Anns should be proud of Remya. Congratulations Remya.

I conclude my words by thanking once again the President and his team for this wonderful opportunity given to us. Thanks

Ann. PUSHPA NAIR V S





# *First Lady's Rotary*

*meeting* – a nod to the President's wife

taking the lead



Rotary Ann Preetha, who is the present Secretary of the Kadinamkulam Service Cooperative Society had a talk on the cooperative sector. In her ten minutes speech she highlighted the role of the cooperatives in the society and the general strength and weakness of the cooperative sector. She was very clear and composed while handling the questions from audience.

Multi-tasking seems to be the birthright of the women! This was echoed throughout the speech of Ann Soumya during her talk on balancing family, profession and Rotary. Her lucid presentation of this complex subject attracted the attention of all



Ann Kamlesh Kaur was at her best when she simplified the complex issue of stress management with her well-spoken words. She had simple solutions even to complex issues related to stress. Her ten minutes speech was highly informative and enlightening.





Rotary invocation Rtn.  
Sheela Devi

## *First Lady's Rotary meeting*

— a nod to the President's wife  
taking the lead



Welcome address Ann.  
Shaila



Vote of thanks Ann.  
Dulan

The weekly meeting with a difference





## **Decisions of Director Board Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



- The meeting started with a silent prayer
- The Income and expenditure accounts for the month of Aug, 2024 was presented. It was approved with the suggestion that an abridged version may be posted in the WhatsApp group of the Club.
- Decided to celebrate Onam on 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- There will be no club meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> due to Onam
- It was decided to authorize Rtn Dr. Rajendran, Club Learning facilitator, to plan the training program (CROP), tentatively second Saturday and Sunday during October.
- Decided to issue a notice to Rtn Ali Shias for the outstanding Club dues.
- Our club is the title sponsor of Rulers Arts and Sports Club, Stationkadavu. The decided to send one representative to the program of the above sports club.
- The meeting was adjourned by the President after vote of thanks by the Secretary.



House of Smt. Mary of Kalpana Colony, Menamkulam was renovated and redone with the endowment fund received against the contributions made by the District Governor, Rtn. ASKSM Sudhi Jabbar.

The key of the renovated house was handed over by Sri. Hari Prasad, President, Block Panchayath, Pothencode to Smt. Mary on 7th September, 2024 in the presence of DG Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar and DSG Rtn. Reynold Gomez.

Rtn. S S Nair, President, Rotary Club of Kazhakuttom was also present on the occasion.



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### വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികൾക്ക് മെൻസ്ട്രുവൽ കപ്പ് നൽകി

കോട്ടയം • ചരമാലിന്യ നിർമ്മാർജ്ജന പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി കഴക്കൂട്ടം റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ്ബ് വർക്കല ക്ലിഫ് വേ അപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ്, കോട്ടയം സർഗ്ഗശേഷി രേഖിയോ എന്നിവരുടെ അമലഗിരി ബീക്കെ കോളജിലെ മുഴുവൻ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികൾക്കും മെൻസ്ട്രുവൽ കപ്പ് സൗജന്യമായി നൽകി കോളജിനെ സാന്നിധ്യം പാലം പ്രദീപനം ആയി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു. സമ്മേളനം നിഷ ജോസ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. കോളജ് അസി. പ്രഫ. ദിയ ഫിലിപ്പ് അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു.

ക്ലിഫ് വേ അപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് മാന്റേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ ബിപിൻ ഉണ്ണിക്കൃഷ്ണൻ വിതരണോദ്ഘാടനം നിർവഹിച്ചു. റോട്ടറി ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ഗവർണർ സുധി ജബ്ബർ, ലീവാകയർ കമ്പനി മാന്റേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ വർഗീസ്, റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ്ബ് കഴക്കൂട്ടം പ്രസിഡന്റ് എസ്.എസ്.നായർ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. മെഡിക്കൽകോളജ് അസോഷ്യേറ്റ് പ്രഫ. ഡോ. ദിവ്യ സാറ രാജു ക്ലോസ് നയിച്ചു.

Rtn. Bipin Unnikrishnan sponsored menstrual cups for all the five hundred girl students of B K College, Kottayam on 30 August, 24. In a function held in the college Rtn. Nisha Jose inaugurated the distribution of the cups. District Governor Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar explained about the project. Rtn. S S Nair, President offered facilitations.

Rotarians of R C Kazhakuttom with Rtn. Nisha Jose during the function.





## CLUB MEETING – 31 AUGUST, 2024.

**Sri. Gerosh Kumar. V**, Chief Hydrographer, Government of Kerala was our Guest speaker in the weekly meeting held on 31st August, 2024.

He spoke about the opportunities awaiting us once The International Sea Port at Vizhijam becomes fully operational. According to him this potential is still unexplored or unexplained to the business world. The opportunities that may open up is unimaginable and immediate action in assessment and implementation will lead to sustainable growth and wealth creation. He emphasised some areas which could give immediate results.

1. Tourism – A large number of crew members of the cargo ships will land and they need arrangements for entertainments and explorations.
2. The ships may require regular servicing, repairs and maintenance for which separates yards and technicians may be required which will open up opportunities for our youngsters.
3. The logistic management may be another area which require lot of man power and planning. The ships expected here are of abnormal size with incredible carrying capacity which cannot be managed with ordinary logistic planning.
4. Opportunities also awaits us in maritime insurance, disputes, arbitrations etc.
5. Vast potential is anticipated in the supply of drinking water to the personnel managing these ships, this is going to be a big business.



A memento being presented to Sri. Gerosh Kumar by Rtn. S S Nair, President. Rtn. Sebastian P C, Acting Secretary and the host of the meeting, Rtn. Syam Kishore, Club IT Officer, Rtn. Syamlal, Sergeant at Arms and the wife of Sri. Gerosh Kumar looks on.





Ann Remya in action in the Chess tournament in Anns' category. She got first prize.



Men in action!  
Tug of war, first prize!

The tug of war team and the chess champion with the District Governor Rtn. Sudhi Jabbar and Rtn. S S Nair, President, along with other Rotarians and Anns and annets.





# ROTARY NATION BUILDER AWARD

*The Rotary's Nation Builder Award is a recognition typically given to individuals who have made significant contributions to their community or country, reflecting Rotary's ideals of service and leadership. Generally, this award is intended for individuals outside of the awarding club's immediate circle to acknowledge their impact on society at large.*

*While it's not standard practice for Rotary clubs to give the Nation Builder Award to their own family members, there may be some flexibility depending on the specific rules and traditions of the Rotary club in question. However, to maintain the integrity and impartiality of the award, clubs might prefer to recognize individuals from outside their immediate family or membership circle.*

## ROTARY NATION BUILDER AWARD WINNER 2024

Dr.UNNIKRISHNAN PARACKAL DOB 01/03/1981

Educational Qualifications: M.Sc. Geography, B.Ed. SET in Geography, UGC-NET in Geography, Ph.D. in Geography, PG Diploma in Computer application.

16 years of service in Higher secondary school teaching and 2 years of service in educational project coordinator.

Achievements and Innovative Teaching Methods:

Muttathoru padassala: Programme designed and implemented to overcome the issues related with the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Three research papers have been published in international and national journals of environmental science.
- Presented research papers in three international and national seminars
- Attended three international seminars on Environmental Research
- Attended two national seminars on water resource management.
- Best Teacher coordinator in Educational District on Environmental related activities 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- Expert committee member for preparing test book by State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) • Expert committee member for preparing handbook for higher secondary school teachers. • Member of state Core Group of resource persons in Geography.





## ROTARY NATION BUILDER AWARD 2024



Rtn. Prem Kumar, Chairman, Chalachitra Academy presenting the Rotary Nation Builder award to Sri. Unnikrishnan Parackal, Block Project Coordinator, Samagra Shikha Kerala, Block Resource Centre, Kaniyapuram on September 5, Teachers' Day in the presence of Rtn. S S Nair, President of the Club and Sri. Harikrishnan AEO, Kaniyapuram.

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District 3211



**Rotary Club of Kazhakuttom**

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**Focus project**  
**BOTTLES OF HOPE**



### Focus Project - Bottles of Hope

The project proposes to **distribute good quality water bottles, with photographs of the students, of schools in comparatively backward areas.** The students upto the age of ten only are targeted.



# TEACHERS' DAY

## CELEBRATIONS

RTN. MURALEEDHARAN. S

RTN. SHIJU GOPINATH

ANN. SOUMYA

ANN. BINDU. i

ANN. RINA

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September in a function held in the Club Hall. Rtn. Prem Kumar, Chairman, Chalachitra Academy was the Chief Guest.

All the teachers in the Rotary family were honored along with the Special Educators attached to the BRC, SSK, Kaniyapuram Sub-division by the Chief Guest, in the presence of Rtn. S S Nair, President.





## BOTTLES OF HOPE



Focus project- 'Bottles of Hope' was implemented in the RLPS, Kulathoor on 4th September, 2024. The project was sponsored by Rtn. Bipin Unnikrishan and was inaugurated by Sri. Pallippuram Jayakumar.



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# CLUB MEETING



In our weekly meeting dated 24th August Dr. Jayamoney was the guest speaker. He spoke about financial matters including budget. The picture shows the Rtn. S S Nair, President presenting memento to Dr. Jayamoney. Rtn. Muraleedharan, Acting Secretary, Rtn. Syamlal, Sergeant at Arms, Rtn. Suresh Kumar and Rtn. Krishna Kumar, who hosted the meeting, are also seen.



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The fourth house under the Undayakiran housing project was started on 12th September, 2024. Rtn. Sajeew Joseph along with IPP Rtn. Balan Bhaskaran laid the foundation stone of the proposed house.

This was the second house Rtn. Sajeew Joseph is sponsoring under this scheme. He sponsored one house last year.

The function was graced by the presence of Rtn. S S Nair, President, Rtn. Suresh Kumar N R, Rtn. Timmy Antony and Ann Helen.

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തൊഴിൽ ചെയ്യാനുള്ള അവകാശം എല്ലാമനുഷ്യർക്കുമുണ്ട്. അടുത്ത ദിവസം നമ്മെയെല്ലാം അഗാധ ദുഃഖത്തിലാഴ്ത്തിയതും മനുഷ്യരാശിയെത്തെട്ടിച്ചതുമായ സംഭവം വളരെ സമർത്ഥമായ ഒരു പെൺകുട്ടി അന്ന സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ ജോലിഭാരത്തിന്റേ സമ്മർദ്ദത്താൽ ഹൃദയം പൊട്ടി മരിച്ചു. ജീവിതം ഒരു മത്സര കമ്പോളത്തിൽ നിൽക്കുന്ന അവസ്ഥയിൽ നമുക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ഉന്നതമായശമ്പളത്തോടുകൂടി ലോകം മുഴുവൻ വ്യാപി നേടിയ ആഗോളഭീമൻ കമ്പനിയിൽ ജോലി തരപ്പെടുത്തി സുഖമായി ജീവിക്കണം എന്നതാണ് ഒരു ശരാശരി തൊഴിൽ സ്വപ്നം കാണുന്ന യുവാക്കളുടെ മോഹം. എന്നാൽ ചെന്നുപെടുന്നതോ വിശ്രമമില്ലാതെ ജോലിഭാരത്തിന്റേ ശരീരികമായും മാനസികമായും വലഞ്ഞുപോകുന്ന മനുഷ്യരെയാണ്. ആഗോള ഭീമൻ കമ്പനികൾ മാത്രമല്ല പൊതുമേഖലാ ബാങ്കുകൾ പല സർക്കാർ സംവിധാനംപോലും ഈ കരാളഹസ്തം നീട്ടി ജീവനക്കാരെ തെക്കിപ്പിഴിയുന്നു. ആഗോള ഭീമന്മാർ വികസിത രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽ നൽകുന്ന ശമ്പളവും ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും വികസ്വര രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽ ആനുപാതികമായി നൽകുന്നില്ല. ഇവിടെ ജോലിഭാരവും ടാർഗറ്റ് തികയ്ക്കാനുള്ള വെപ്രാളമാണ് മിച്ചം.

ഇതൊക്കെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയ യുവജനങ്ങൾ രാജ്യം വിടുന്നു അവർ ഇവിടുത്തെ പാസ്പോർട്ട് ഉപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. ഗൾഫിൽ പോയവർ നാട്ടിൽ പണമയച്ചുതിരികെ വരുന്ന പോലെയല്ല ഇന്നത്തെ പോക്ക്. ഇന്ന് ഇവിടുത്തെ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റികളിൽ പഠിക്കാൻ ആളില്ല. ഇവിടെ വിദേശ പണം വരില്ല. ഇത് വയോജനങ്ങളുടെ നാടായി മാറും. ആറ്റു നോറ്റ് വളർത്തിയ മക്കളെ ഒന്ന് കാണണമെന്ന് തോന്നിയാൽ ഊഹിക്കാമെന്നതേയുള്ളൂ. സമാധാനിപരമായി ജീവിക്കാനുള്ള ജോലിയാണവശ്യം പെട്ടെന്ന് മരണം വരിക്കാനും ജീവിതം മുഴുവൻ സമ്മർദ്ദത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കാനുമുള്ള ജോലിസംസ്കാരത്തെ തിരിച്ചറിയണം. നമുക്ക് ജീവിക്കാനുള്ളതാകണം ജോലി അത് നമ്മുടെ അന്തകനായി ആഗോളഭീമന്മാരുടെ ലാഭം ശതകോടികൾ ആക്കാൻ നമ്മൾ മക്കളെ വലിച്ചറിയരുത്. നമ്മുടെ തൊഴിൽ സമയത്തിലും വേതനത്തിലും ഒരു പൊളിച്ചെഴുത്ത് ആവശ്യമെന്നിരിക്കെ ഒരു മുതിർന്ന കേന്ദ്രമന്ത്രിയും ഒരമ്മയുമായ വ്യക്തി അന്നയുടെ മരണകാരണം ജോലിസമ്മർദ്ദം ആണെന്ന് പുറത്തുവന്നപ്പോൾ പ്രതികരിച്ചത് എന്നെ തെട്ടിച്ചു. അവർ പറഞ്ഞത് ധ്യാനം ചെയ്ത് മനസ്സിനെ ശാന്തമാക്കാൻ പഠിക്കണമെന്ന്. നമ്മൾ എവിടെയാണ്. നമ്മൾ പശ്ചാത്യരാജ്യങ്ങളിലെ ജോലിസമയവും വേതനവും നോക്കുക. അതേ തൊഴിൽ സംസ്കാരം ഇവിടെയും വേണം.

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