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OFFICIAL NEWS LETTER OF ROTARY COCHIN EAST



INSTALLATION

The Rotary Club of Cochin East had its 53rd Installation Ceremony on the 6th of July at Mercy Hotel. The new board for the club headed by new **President Rtn. Thomas Vettiyil** and **Secretary Rtn. Navin Mathew** was installed along with other board members.

The installation ceremony, was attended by Rotarians from sister clubs and senior Rotary functionaries. Three new members were also inducted at the ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a family get together and fellowship. The night ended with a sumptuous dinner.



JOINT COTS WITH RC KOCHI UNITED

On 22nd July, Cochin East Along with Rotary Club of Kochi United conducted a Joint Club Officers Training Seminar aimed at educating and empowering club officers. The session featured presentations from three distinguished speakers. **Rtn Balagopal**, the District Zonal Facilitator, provided an introduction to Rotary's history, for a deeper understanding of the organization's mission. **AG Rtn Sanjeev Samuel** explained the various responsibilities of club officers, emphasizing the importance of leadership to Rotary's values. Finally, **Rtn Dr. Kuriakose** shared his expertise on how Rotary International and District 3201 work towards impactful change. The event was a significant learning experience for all attendees, reinforcing the role of club officers in advancing Rotary's vision.



SPEAKER MEETINGS: CLASSIFICATION TALK



Our new member, **Rtn. Biju Vithayathil** gave a very informative and engaging talk on AI (Artificial Intelligence) titled AI- A Primer. His talk featured a lot of details one might have missed due to the hype around the subject. He illustrated how a lot of what we consider AI is just statistics wrapped in marketing lingo as AI. He also clarified the possible future directions AI specifically generative AI can take and how we need to prepare for the same.

COCHIN EAST INTERACT INSTALLATION

Cochin East Interact Club Installation was held on 21st July at Rtn. Dr. K Varghese Hall. The event was graced by our AG. Rtn Sanjeev Samuel and our President Rtn. Thomas as well as a number of other Rotarians, Anns and Annettes. The new Interact President is Intr. Sneha Maria Johnson and the secretary is Intr. Nathania Thomas Annettes of Rtn. Johnson P Tomy and Rtn. Thomas Vettiyl respectively. The club organised a lively event similar to a full fledged Rotary Club installation.



BHAVAN'S ADARSHA VIDYALAYA INTERACT INSTALLATION



Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya Interact installation attended by Rotarians Thomas Vettiyl, Navin Mathew and Swarnarevathy Jayaraja on the tenth of August.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

The club celebrated the nation's 78th Independence day at our club premises with a flag hoisting by our club president Rtn. Thomas Vettiyl. This was followed by an invigorating talk by our senior member Rtn. Sunny Mathew who enthralled everyone with his poignant stories about what it means to live in a free country and what our forefathers sacrificed to get it.



COMMENDATION

In a matter of great honour for our club our member **Rtn Dr Greeshma Nataraj** has received the "Rashtriya Padma Bhushan Samman" award, approved by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, for her remarkable contributions to mental health services. We hope this recognition inspires her to continue advocating for mental health awareness and we support her to continue her stellar work.



KELKAMO- HEARING AID CAMP THIRUVALLA

Our Global Grant program "KELKAMO" had a new camp that was inaugurated by AG Rtn Sanjeev Samuel on the 12th of July. This project is dedicated to improving the lives of children through the gift of hearing. The camp was held at **CSI Vocational Higher Secondary School for the Deaf, Thiruvalla, Kerala**. The camp was attended by a number of Rotarians including Kuriakose, Aby, Johnson, Thomas Vettiyil, Vinu



KELKAMO- HEARING AID CAMP KOTTAYAM

Kelkamo had another edition at **SH Njanodaya School for the Deaf, Villooni, Kottayam** on 6th August. Rotarians Thomas Vettiyil, John Chacko, Saleem, Navin, Mathew Sunny, Arun, Lal and our new member Josy John were present at the camp.



DISTRIBUTION OF TUBELIGHTS TO ST. PHILOMINA'S SCHOOL

On the 8th of July we distributed 20 sets of tube light to **St. Philomina's School Koonammavu**. Upon request from Headmistress of St. Philomina's School Koonammavu, we have handed over 20 tube light sets. Thanks to our Rtn. Johnson, Service Project Chair, for taking the lead



NEW MEMBERS



JOSY JOHN

If ever you are worried about the safety of yourself or your near ones or even if you are worried about the safety of the city, district, state or the country the man to call is our new member Rtn Josy John. A Safety Ambassador/ Practitioner/ Evangelist, and Thought Leader, Josy is passionate about Safety focused on Protecting human lives and Preventing accidents, with more than 35 years of experience across a wide spectrum of industries and services Rtn Josy has worked with illustrious organizations like Tata Consulting Engineers and L&T. He has even worked on the safety aspects of the upcoming superfast trains in Gujarat.

BIJU VITHAYATHIL

Rtn Biju Vithayathil has a bio that is almost exhausting having worked in office automation, petrochemicals consumer durables, retail, education while also being involved in start ups, consulting, project execution he also pursues construction as a hobby! He has consulted with IT companies for Retail Analytics, helped small businesses execute their business plan, set up a pharmacy retail chain. excellent skills in project management Was involved in the commissioning of the FACT Petrochemical Divisions' Caprolactum Plant. He was also involved in the commissioning of the Retail Infrastructure and stores for Reliance Retail in Kerala. Set up a business school from scratch in Kochi. He has also developed and executed training programs at corporates and at IIM, Kozhikode for Indian civil service recruits. Whew!



SURESH C THOMAS

Suresh is a multi- talented new member of ours who by the way has a black belt in Karate! I feel a bit safer already. He is presently working as an independent management consultant, having previously worked as HR Chief Study and Business Partner at Kuwait Oil Company. While there he was responsible for transformation of the HR side of the company and was involved in many strategic initiatives for nearly 20 years. Before this he worked as management consultant with the renowned consulting firm KPMG.

FAMILY MEET

A family meet held on 27th July at our club hall. This monthly meet had everyone celebrating all the birthdays and anniversaries that fell during the month of July. Among the festivities were games for the Annettes and eating of a lot of cake!



SPEAKER MEET

We had a very informative and pragmatic member's speaker meeting by Rtn. Dr. Jolly Thomson on Lifestyle Diseases Reversal- When to Begin and How? This meet was held on the 27th of July at our club hall.



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