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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday

10th July 2024

at 7.00 PM

at Rotary Cochin Balbhavan

Topic:

**Closed meeting to discuss
the plans for RY 2024-25**



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THE COCHIN ROTARIAN

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with immense gratitude and a profound sense of duty that I embrace the role of President for this upcoming Rotary year. As we step into a new chapter, I ponder upon the core essence that binds us together, I see the well thought out theme of Rotary International — the Magic of Rotary. This magic, I reckon, lies not just in our shared efforts but in the spirit of friendship, service, and fortitude that weaves through all our endeavours.

Throughout the vicissitudes of time, our club has thrived, consistently demonstrating resilience and a commitment to making a difference. It is this undying spirit of service that has seen us through challenges and will continue to guide us as we embark on new projects and initiatives. We stand tall as a club because we

stand on the shoulders of the leaders of the past who have lend stature to the club and took it to a 'pride of place'.

Our District has the theme of BLOSSOM - stands as a testament to the power of collective effort and the incredible impacts in various areas we can achieve when we work together. As members of this esteemed district, we have an extraordinary opportunity to not only address local needs but also to make significant contributions on a global scale.

I invite each one of you to embrace this journey together as we also look inside and become more focused on some of the core values we joined Rotary for – to become the best version of ourselves and also kindle camaraderie and fellowship. Let us leverage our diverse skills, our rich experiences, and the unique perspectives each member brings to the table. Together, we can navigate through any challenges and celebrate our successes, big and small, with the same fervour.

I am confident that, with your continued support and active participation, we will create a lasting impact that will resonate far beyond our immediate community. Your insights, suggestions, and involvement will be invaluable as we work towards our shared goals.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for embodying the true spirit of Rotary. Let us move forward, united and determined to make this year one of our most impactful yet.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rajesh Nair

President, Rotary Club of Cochin

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JULY 2024



Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary itself.

With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering

the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and

it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

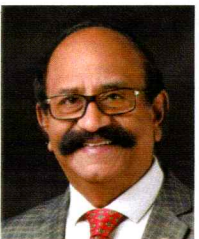
The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts — but only if we have your support.

The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing The Magic of Rotary.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25

FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Dear President Rtn. Rajesh Nair,

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Blossom Team 2024-25 of Rotary Club of Cochin, a

well-established Club with Goodwill, in District 3201. I am sure under the excellent leadership of Rtn. Rajesh Nair, the projects and plans in your Club will expand the reach by enhanced participation and involvement of your members.

As we get more energised on the 119 years of service by Rotary International, to humanity especially for the under privileged in the society, the service projects of your Club

based on Core Values of Rotary, should be inspirational and motivational to others.

We have to open more and more opportunities realising the changes the society expect from us. For that new and young leadership should also be encouraged to come forward to understand the socio-economic uprise of the underprivileged. After Proper interaction with members, when they realise the impact of the real requirement, they will become alert and find new paths to take on enhanced responsibilities. It paves the way for successful implementation of required service projects.

It's a fact that you can do Projects in all the Avenues of Rotary, with

proper interaction with members and the beneficiaries in the society.

For all these we require a strong Rotary Foundation which reaches all nooks and corners across the globe with Global Grant Projects and other Humanitarian Projects like End Polio etc etc. Let us increase the membership base and cause extensive increase in the Public Image of Rotary so that strengthening The Rotary Foundation with regular contributions will be much easier.

Then we can placard the world, the Magic of Rotary!

With Best Rotary Regards
Rtn. AKS Adv. N. Sundaravadivelu
District Governor 2024-25
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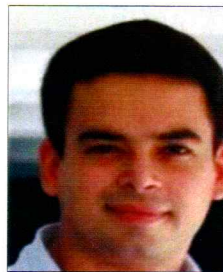
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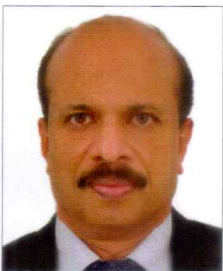
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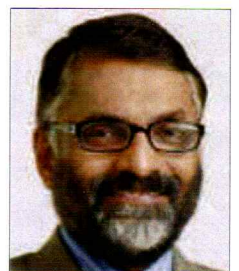
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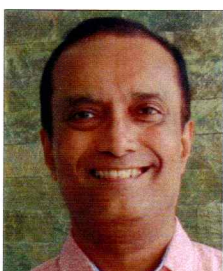
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MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,



I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude as I reflect on the past year. Serving as your President has been one of the most challenging yet enriching experiences of my life. It has been a journey marked by collective hard work and whole-hearted commitment from each one of you, leading to incredible achievements.

We have been honored with several prestigious awards, recognizing our efforts across all avenues of service. These accolades are not just trophies or certificates on a shelf; they are a testament to the dedication, passion, and relentless spirit of our members. Each award symbolizes the countless hours of hard work and the deep commitment to making a difference in our community.

Our achievements extend beyond the awards. We have executed impactful projects, forged meaningful partnerships, and initiated programs that will benefit our community for years to come. The ties we have established with various organizations and the support from our CSR partners have been crucial in funding and expanding our initiatives. The success of projects like our two Global Grant projects, our club's first CSR India Grant project, the solar street lamps in Perumbalam, the Shiksha Scholarship Scheme, the EnviroWatch solution, and many others, are clear indicators of what we can achieve when we come together with a shared vision.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all our board

members, committees, and every Rotarian who has contributed to our success. Your guidance, support, and dedication have been the backbone of our achievements this year. From the meticulous planning and execution of service projects to securing essential funding, each of you has played a vital role.

Special thanks to those who have been my pillars of strength: PP Raveendra Krishnan, PP Susheel Aswani, and PP V.R. Nair. Your leadership and unwavering support have been instrumental in our success. I am also grateful to our advisors to the board of RY2023-24, Past President Dr. Sujit Vasudevan and C.A. Salim, whose wisdom and insights have guided us through challenging times.

As I hand over the presidency to Rtn. Rajesh Nair and his vibrant team, I do so with a heart full of hope and optimism. I am confident that under his leadership, our club will continue to scale new heights and make an even greater impact. Rtn. Rajesh, along with Incoming Secretary Rtn. Gayatri and the new board, have my utmost support and best wishes.

As we look to the future, I encourage all of us to continue stepping into leadership roles, participating actively in projects, and supporting each other. Our journey of service does not end here; it is a continuous path of growth, learning, and making a difference.

In closing, I want to thank each one of you for making this year unforgettable. Your support, dedication, and friendship have made this journey truly special. Together, we have made a significant impact, and I look forward to seeing our club thrive under the new leadership.

Thank you with heartfelt gratitude.

Prakash Aswani

President RY2023-24
Rotary Club of Cochin



RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick celebrates the magic of Rotary. She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary.



Rtn. PP M. Jairam
Rtn. Francis Alaatt

01 July
10 July



Rtn. Ajit Moopan / Rtn. Jasila	01 July
Rtn. PP K. Gopakumar / Rtn. Dr. Prabha	04 July
Rtn. PP V.K. Madhav Mohan / Rtn. Radha	07 July
Rtn. Dr. Vivek Anilkumar Saraf / Rtn. Dr. Neha	09 July