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Rtn. MD Dr. Santhosh Sreedhar
District 3204 Governor



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- CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS
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IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Honoring
**CHARTER MEMBERS
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CLUB HISTORY
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Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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EDITOR

From the Desk of the

"Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation, and a pinch of creativity." — Bo Bennett.

It is with immense pride and heartfelt joy that we present this **Special Charter Day Edition** of *Ripples*, commemorating the remarkable journey of the Rotary Club of Pilathara since its inception in 2008.

This edition is not just a celebration—it's a tribute. A tribute to the visionary leaders, passionate members, and community partners who have walked hand-in-hand over the years, making a lasting difference through service. In these pages, we have attempted to chronicle the story of our club—its spirit, its evolution, and the milestones that have defined its path.

We understand that every year of leadership brings its own set of challenges and triumphs. While we may not be able to capture every detail or every heartfelt moment experienced by our past presidents and office bearers, we have made a sincere effort to highlight the key activities and major accomplishments that stood out each year. Accompanied by snippets of historical context and reflective summaries, this edition aims to offer a panoramic view of our club's vibrant legacy.

To our seasoned members, we hope this serves as a nostalgic reminder of how far we've come together. And to our newer members, may this serve as a beacon—an inspiring look into the foundation on which we stand and the road that lies ahead.

Let this edition reignite our enthusiasm—an enthusiasm fueled by inspiration, sustained by motivation, and carried forward with creativity—as we continue to serve and grow, in true Rotary spirit.

Rtn. PHF Sunil Kottarathil
Club Secretary

Message from the PRESIDENT

Today, we stand on the strong shoulders of the visionary Rotarians who chartered the Rotary Club of Pilathara in 2008. Since then, each passing year has added a new chapter to our story—one shaped by dedication, compassion, and a shared commitment to **Service Above Self**.

This is a day to celebrate—not just our anniversary, but the enduring values, leadership, and spirit of community that define who we are. As I reflect on our journey, I am filled with immense **gratitude, pride, and hope**.

- Gratitude to the leaders who showed us the way.
- Pride in knowing we are carrying forward their legacy with honour.
- And hope that the best practices we've built together will continue to grow, guiding us to become one of the finest clubs in our district.

To our new members—this is your legacy to inherit, uphold, and enrich. And to those who have been part of this path for years—this is a time to reflect and recommit—to lead with purpose, inspire others, and continue building stronger communities.

Let us embrace the same enthusiasm that brought us here, and leave a legacy the next generation will be proud of. May the Rotary Club of Pilathara continue to thrive and serve with excellence.



Rtn. C.K. Purushothaman
Club President

Rotary Pilathara



THE EARLY DAYS

The Rotary Club of Pilathara was established in 2008, with Club No. 78753, as part of Rotary International District 3202. **Chartered on 9th April 2008**, the club began its journey with 20 dedicated charter members under the dynamic leadership of Charter President Rtn. Er. K. Raveendran, a visionary engineering educationist and a socially committed philanthropist. The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Payyanur and was formally inaugurated on 9th June 2008 in a grand ceremony by the then District Governor, Rtn. L. Narayanaswamy. The formation and initial development of the club were expertly guided by the Governor's Special Representative, Rtn. MD Dr. Santhosh Sreedhar, a true mentor to the club, and Rtn. C.T. Narayanan, then President of the Rotary Club of Payyanur.

After completing the initial formalities, the club commenced its full-fledged operations on 1st July 2008, marking the beginning of a new Rotary year. Under the capable leadership of Charter President Rtn. Er. Prof. K. Raveendran and Secretary Rtn. Prof. P.V. George, the club took its first significant steps toward making a lasting impact in the community. Rtn. M. Prakash served as the District Governor during this period. The club's leadership team included Treasurer Rtn. K. Damodaran and five Directors responsible for the key avenues of service - Club Administration, Community Service, Vocational Service, International Service, and New Generation Service.



Rtn. MPH F Ben. Er. Prof. K Raveendran,
Charter President



Fact Sheet

Charter Date	:	09-April-2008
Sponsor Club	:	Rotary Club of Payyanur
Charter Members	:	20
District Governor	:	Rtn. L. Narayanasami (2007-08) Rtn. M. Prakash (2008-09)
Mentors	:	Rtn. MD Dr. Santhosh Sreedhar (Governor's Special Representative) & Rtn. CT Narayanan (President of Sponsor Club)
Charter President	:	Rtn. MPH Ben. Er. Prof. K Raveendran
Charter Secretary	:	Rtn. Prof. PV. George
Charter Treasurer	:	Rtn. K. Damodaran

From the outset, the Rotary Club of Pilathara was deeply committed to Rotary's values and ethics. The club members actively engaged in Rotary awareness programs, ensuring that the importance of weekly meetings and structured service projects was well understood. The guidance and unwavering support from the sponsor club, Rotary Club of Payyanur, played a crucial role in stabilizing and nurturing the new club during its formative years.

In its inaugural year, the club successfully completed approximately 33 service projects across various avenues of service, earning recognition within Rotary District 3202. Notable initiatives included eye check up / cataract operation camp, Dental camp for school students at Pilathara UP School, Ayurveda Camp for the public, Polio immunization program at PHC Pilathara, Vocational Excellence Award presentation, Distribution of Water filters and Purifiers and the distribution of Onam kits and Onakkodi to the differently-abled residents of Asraya Swasraya Sangam, Mathamangalam. These impactful programs quickly established the club as a pillar of service in the local communities of Pilathara and neighboring panchayaths, including Cheruthazham, Kadannappalli, Perul, and Kunhimangalam.

The outstanding efforts of the club in its first year did not go unnoticed. The Rotary Club of Pilathara received three prestigious awards, recognizing its excellence in public image initiatives and its dedicated participation in the Pulse Polio Immunization Program. These early achievements set a strong foundation for the club's future endeavors, reinforcing its commitment to the Rotary motto: **Service Above Self**.

Over the years, the club has grown in strength and stature, continuously expanding its impact through meaningful projects and leadership development. As the Rotary Club of Pilathara moves forward, it remains dedicated to upholding the highest standards of service and community engagement, making a difference in the lives of many.



Meeting Venue

“ A well-chosen meeting venue is crucial for successful meetings, fostering collaboration, ensuring privacy, and creating a professional atmosphere. ”

During its early days, the club operated out of a rented room on the top floor of the Grace Plaza Complex in Pilathara Town. However, the space was small and congested, making it difficult to host major events. As a result, significant functions such as the Governor's Official Visit (GOV) and family gatherings were often held at alternative venues, including the New India Restaurant meeting hall and the Cheruthazham Bank Auditorium. Despite these logistical challenges, the club continued to thrive, steadily building its reputation as a committed and dynamic force for community service.

Charter members



Rtn. PHF KP Balan



Rtn. PHF Er. E.
Kunhiraman



Rtn. PHF Dr. V.
Prabhakaran



Rtn. PHF Dr. Ranjith
Raveendran



Rtn. Dr. Ashil
Mohandas

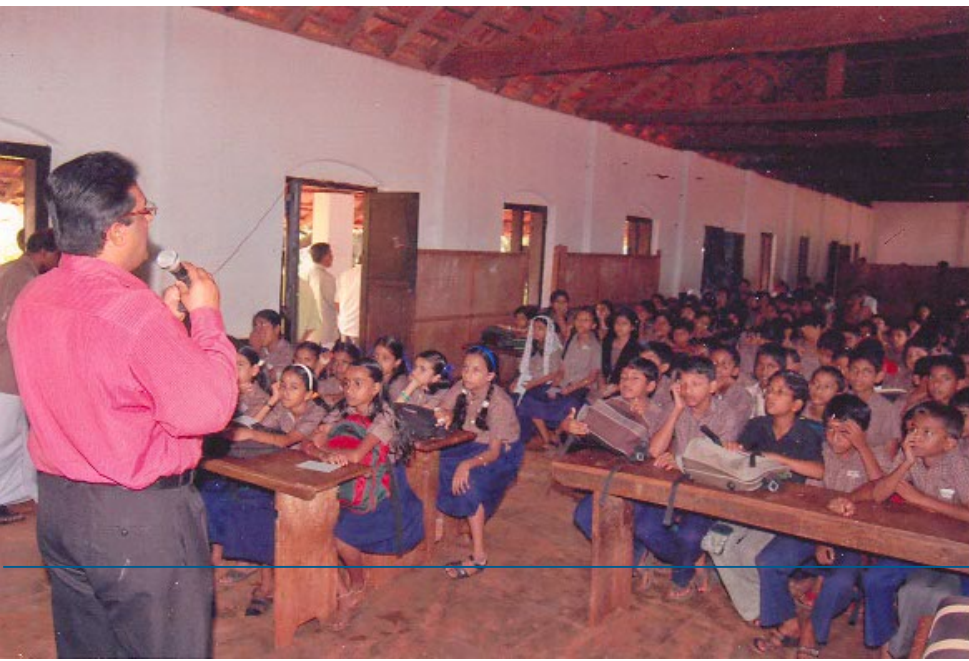


Cheruthazham Bank Auditorium



New India Restaurant
Meeting Hall





President : **Rtn. Late PHF MV. Purushothaman**
Secretary : **Rtn. Prof. PV. George**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. EK. Sagadevan**



Rtn. Late PHF MV. Purushothaman

During its second year (2009-10), the club was led by **Rtn. Late PHF MV Purushothaman**, an esteemed educationalist, alongside **Secretary Rtn. Prof. PV George**. Under Rtn. Purushothaman's leadership, the club reached new heights through impactful humanitarian service programs. Major projects from this period included a Mega Medical Camp in collaboration with Minerva Hospital, Mangalore, for the early detection of heart diseases, as well as Ayurveda and eye check-up camps. The club also extended financial assistance to Sree Narayana School, Payyanur, launched a tailoring and garment-making course for young girls, and provided financial aid to cancer patients. A particularly notable initiative was the annual Onam kit and clothing distribution to the visually impaired residents of **Asraya Swasraya Sangam**, a program personally sponsored by Rtn. MV Purushothaman that continues to this day.

The club's dedicated efforts earned special awards from District Governor Dr. Sagadevan, recognizing its balanced community service approach and outstanding mega medical camp for heart disease detection.

President : **Rtn. PHF KP Balan**
Secretary : **Rtn. PHF KC Satheesan**
District Governor : **Rtn. MD V.G. Nayanar**



Rtn. PHF KP. Balan

The third year of Rotary Club of Pilathara was marked by notable achievements under the leadership of President Rtn. PHF KP Balan, a Development Officer at LIC, and Secretary Rtn. PHF KC Satheesan. With a strong commitment to community service and organizational growth, the club continued to build on its foundation.

A significant milestone during the year was the club's recognition by the District Governor for its impactful participation in the Pulse Polio Immunization program. This recognition highlighted the club's dedication to public health initiatives and its increasing visibility in the district.

During this period, the club executed nearly 50 service projects across various areas of focus. Some of the most notable initiatives included the distribution of bicycles and computer printers to Perul UP School, conducting medical camps, organizing tailoring classes for skill development, planting trees to promote environmental protection, and installing traffic signboards for public safety. These activities reflected the club's commitment to both immediate community needs and long-term development.



Importantly, this was the first year the club made a contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), showcasing a growing awareness of Rotary's global mission. **On 21st June 2011**, President **Rtn. KP Balan** became the club's **first Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)** by contributing **USD 1,000** to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**. On the same day, **Past President Rtn. MV Purushothaman** also attained PHF status. However, due to a communication and processing error, the contribution made by **Charter President Rtn. Er. K Raveendran** was mistakenly credited to **Rtn. KM Raveendran**, resulting in the latter being recognized as a PHF in the system.

While the club welcomed three new members into its fold, four existing members discontinued their association, bringing the total membership at the end of the term to 24. Despite these changes, the club remained steady in its momentum and continued to grow in service, recognition, and fellowship.

President : **Rtn. Sqn. Ldr. P. Chandukutty**
Secretary : **Rtn. AV. Kunhikannan**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. PV. Ravi**



Rtn. Sqn. Ldr. P. Chandukutty

The Rotary year 2011-12 was a remarkable chapter in the history of Rotary Club of Pilathara, marked by dynamic leadership, disciplined execution, and significant milestones. The club was led by **Rtn. Sqn. Ldr. P. Chandukutty**, a vibrant and disciplined personality from the Indian Air Force, well-known for his strict adherence to time management and ethical standards. Serving alongside him as the Secretary was **Rtn. A.V. Kunhikannan**, whose meticulous coordination contributed immensely to the club's effective functioning. Under the inspiring leadership of Rtn. Chandukutty, the club continued its upward trajectory in service, structure, and visibility.

One of the major highlights of the year was the chartering of two youth-centric Rotary clubs for the first time in the club's history. A **Rotaract Club** was established at **Coop Arts and Science College, Pilathara**, and an **Interact Club** was formed at **St. Mary's School**, extending Rotary's values and community service ethos to the younger generation.

Another notable development during the year was the **launch of the club's official website**, a step that strengthened its public image and digital presence. The introduction of a **bi-monthly club bulletin** further enhanced communication among members and improved Rotary visibility in the region. During the same period, **Dr. Ranjith Raveendran earned the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)** recognition, while five enthusiastic new members were inducted into the club, strengthening its membership base.

The club undertook **around 45 impactful service projects**, aligning closely with all **district priority areas**. These projects covered a wide range of community needs and showcased the club's commitment to balanced and inclusive service. The quality and diversity of its initiatives earned the club **five distinguished awards** from the Rotary District. Among them were the **Best Change Maker Club Award** for upholding high ethical standards and the **Best Club for Enforcing a Non-Liquor Policy**, reinforcing the club's stance on healthy social values.

Additionally, the club was recognized for its efforts in **women empowerment, vocational service, and world understanding and peace**, cementing its reputation as a well-rounded and socially responsible Rotary club. The collective enthusiasm, teamwork, and vision of the club members during this term set a strong benchmark for the years to come and solidified Rotary Club of Pilathara's role as a leading force in community service and ethical leadership.

President : **Rtn. Er. PHF E Kunhiraman**
Secretary : **Rtn. AV. Kunhikannan**
District Governor : **Rtn. T. Somasekharan**



Rtn. Er. PHF E. Kunhiraman

The Rotary year 2012-13 marked a significant chapter in the journey of the Rotary Club of Pilathara. The mantle of leadership was passed on to **Rtn. Er. E Kunhiraman**, a professional electrical engineer, in a grand and memorable installation ceremony held on **23rd June 2012**. Under his able leadership, the club continued its evolution into a mature and dynamic unit, effectively balancing efforts in both club administration and community service.

One of the standout achievements of the year was the successful organization of a **two-day Regional RYLA**. This event was a milestone for the club as it was the **first time** that Rotary Pilathara hosted a regional-level program. It not only elevated the club's standing within the Rotary community but also showcased its organizational capability and commitment to youth development.

The club also implemented several impactful community service projects during the year. Among them, the **installation of a Bio-Gas Plant** worth ₹2 lakhs at **HOPE Charitable Trust** demonstrated a commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives. The **distribution of 100 wheelchairs** to differently-abled individuals further highlighted the club's dedication to inclusivity and social support.

Health and wellness remained a priority, with the club organizing a variety of **medical camps** in collaboration with **Pariyaram Medical College**. These included **general medical, dental, and Ayurveda camps**, along with active participation in the **Pulse Polio Immunization campaign**. Additionally, **vocational training programs** in tailoring and garment making were conducted, empowering local women with practical skills to support their livelihoods.

Membership also saw positive growth during this period. **Six new members** joined the club, bringing the total membership to **35**. This growth reflected the club's increasing influence and the appeal of its service-oriented mission.



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The club maintained strong communication and member engagement through the regular publication of its bi-monthly bulletin, “**Ripples**,” which documented activities, achievements, and club updates.

Recognition for the club's efforts came from the Rotary District, which conferred **nine awards** to the club, including the prestigious honor of being named the **Second Best Club** among Group 3 clubs. Furthermore, both **President Rtn. Er. E Kunhiraman** and **Rtn. Dr. V Prabhakaran** were honored with the **Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)** title, acknowledging their exemplary service and commitment to Rotary ideals.

In summary, the year 2012-13 was a transformative and rewarding period for Rotary Club of Pilathara, marked by innovative projects, organizational achievements, and growing recognition within the larger Rotary family.



President : **Rtn. Late PHF Er. C Damodaran**
Secretary : **Rtn. Late E. Raveendran**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. Senthilnathansiva**



Rtn. Late PHF Er. C. Damodaran

During the Rotary year 2013–14, the Rotary Club of Pilathara was led by Rtn. Late PHF Er. C Damodaran, whose leadership proved to be both inspiring and impactful. The club undertook an impressive total of 50 service projects, each reflecting the Rotary spirit of community service and engagement. Among the most notable initiatives were the formation of both Rotaract and Interact Clubs, marking a significant step in involving youth in Rotary's mission. The club also organized swimming lessons for youngsters, providing them with valuable life skills and encouraging physical fitness. In addition, medical camps were conducted to support community health, and volleyball coaching sessions were arranged to promote sports and teamwork among the youth. One of the landmark achievements of the year was the successful completion of a District Grant Project, which resulted in the construction of a bus waiting shelter at Meenkulam Sreekrishna Temple, offering practical benefits to daily commuters in the area.

The club's strength grew to 38 dedicated members during this period. It was a moment of pride when President Er. C Damodaran and Sqn. Ldr. P Chandukutty were honoured with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition for their exemplary service and commitment. The year concluded on a high note with the club being bestowed with 10 District Awards, a clear reflection of the passion, teamwork, and dedication demonstrated by the members throughout the term.



President : Rtn. Late E. Raveendran
Secretary : Rtn. C. Krishnan
District Governor : Rtn. K. Sreedharan Nambiar



Rtn. Late E. Raveendran

During the Rotary year 2014–15, the Rotary Club of Pilathara was led by Rtn. E Raveendran, whose effective leadership steered the club through a highly productive and well-recognized term. Around 40 project activities were carried out across the five avenues of service, earning the club a strong reputation among the public and within the wider community. The club's commitment to meaningful service was further reflected in its success in securing three District Grant projects. These included the construction of a Girl's Friendly Toilet valued at ₹2.5 lakhs, the installation of a Water Purifier worth ₹25,000, and the provision of a Touch Screen White Board complete with a camera and computer, valued at ₹3.5 lakhs.

Membership dynamics during the year saw the induction of three new members, while four members discontinued, resulting in a closing strength of 37. Despite the slight fluctuation in numbers, the club remained vibrant and active, delivering impactful projects and reinforcing its presence as a committed force for service in the region.



President : **Rtn. PHF K.C. Satheesan**
Secretary : **Rtn. C. Krishnan**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. T. George Sundararaj**



Rtn. PHF K.C. Satheesan

During the Rotary year 2015–16, under the leadership of Rtn. PHF K.C. Satheesan, the Rotary Club of Pilathara continued its upward trajectory, placing special emphasis on strengthening family bonds through regular family meet programs that fostered unity and camaraderie among members. The year witnessed the execution of nearly 60 projects, reflecting the club's unwavering commitment to community service and development.

Among the highlights were two impactful District Grant projects: the installation of a Napkin Vending Machine at Kadannappalli UP School and the creation of a Hand Washing Station for Vilayancode UP School, both aimed at promoting health and hygiene among schoolchildren. The year also saw the inauguration of significant ongoing permanent projects, including "The Smart Classroom" for Kadannappalli GHS and a dedicated Girls' Toilet facility for Pilathara UP School. These initiatives showcased the club's dedication to long-term educational and infrastructural improvement in the region.





President : **Rtn. PHF PV. Surendranath**
Secretary : **Rtn. PHF MP. Krishnan**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. P. Jayaprakash Upadhy**



Rtn. PHF PV. Surendranath

In the year 2016-17, under the leadership of Rtn. PV Surendranath, the Rotary Club experienced a vibrant and productive term. A total of 45 projects were successfully executed, encompassing almost all of the District Priority Projects and Rotary International Priority Projects. Among these, the Organic Farming initiative stood out for its innovation and timely relevance. This project not only aligned with sustainable practices but also garnered significant appreciation across Rotary circles. It received a special mention at the District Conference "Anandam-2017", bringing pride and recognition to the club.

The term was also enriched by impactful events that left a lasting impression on the community. One such memorable initiative was a motivational training session for women titled "You Are Beautiful," conducted at Lasya Kala Kshethram in celebration of World Women's Day. Another highlight was an inspiring session by Jaycee International trainer Adv. Vamankumar, which empowered participants with motivation and practical insights. Together, these initiatives reflected the club's commitment to meaningful service and social empowerment during the year.





President : **Rtn. PHF MP. Krishnan**
Secretary : **Rtn. PHF T. Rajivan**
District Governor : **Rtn. PM. Sivasankaran**



Rtn. PHF MP Krishnan

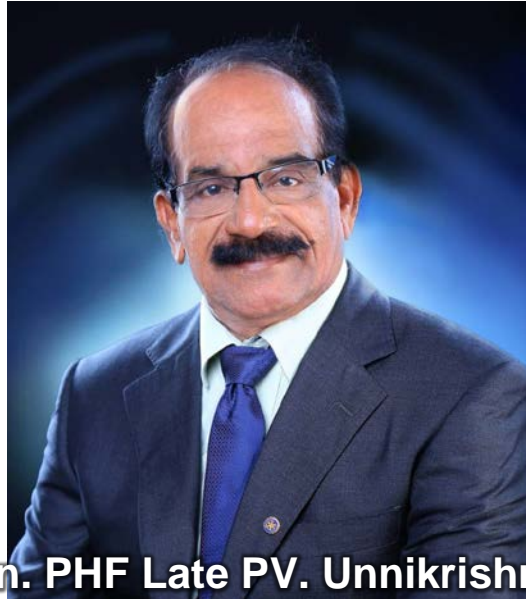
During the year 2017-18, Rtn. PHF MP Krishnan took charge as the tenth President of the Rotary Club of Pilathara. A retired Class-A Executive Engineer from the Central Engineering Service and a certified valuer, Rtn. Krishnan led the club with dedication and vision. Under his leadership, around 45 service projects were successfully executed, reflecting the club's commitment to impactful community service.

Some of the notable initiatives from this term included the setting up of a children's park at the Cheruthazham PHC, a blood donation camp organized at Kaithapram College of Engineering, and the renovation of Cherupuzha Anganvadi. The club also conducted swimming lessons and facilitated the formation of an Interact Club at Aravinda Vidyalaya, promoting youth engagement and skill development. A significant milestone during this term was the **formal inauguration of the Anns Forum of Pilathara Rotary Club**, marking a new chapter of involvement and inclusivity within the club's extended family.





President : Rtn. PHF Late PV. Unnikrishnan
Secretary : Rtn. PHF Late Er. C Damodaran
District Governor : Rtn. Dr. EK Ummar



Rtn. PHF Late PV. Unnikrishnan

Rtn. PHF Late P.V. Unnikrishnan led the Rotary Club of Pilathara during the year 2018-19 with remarkable dedication and enthusiasm. His tenure as President was marked by the successful execution of 40 impactful service projects that addressed various community needs. Among the major highlights of the year were the distribution of water purifiers to schools under the TEACH program, aimed at providing access to clean drinking water for students. The club also constructed a hand washing station at Kadannappalli UP School to promote hygiene among children and installed a hot and cold water dispenser at Cheruthazham PHC for the benefit of patients and visitors. Additional noteworthy initiatives included providing swimming training to local youth and extending vital support to flood-affected families in Kuttanad.

The efforts of the club during this vibrant year were well recognized, with six district awards being conferred upon it. However, the period also witnessed a moment of deep sorrow in June 2019, with the unfortunate demise of two eminent leaders of the club. Rtn. PHF Er. C. Damodaran, who was serving as the Secretary, and Rtn. Er. Kuhammad both passed away due to illness. Their loss was a significant blow to the club and its members. The legacy of Rtn. PHF Late P.V. Unnikrishnan and the dedicated contributions of these departed Rotarians remain etched in the club's history as a source of inspiration and pride.



President : **Rtn. PHF NV. Rajmohan**
Secretary : **Rtn. MPHF K. Aravindakshan**
District Governor : **Rtn. A. Karthikeyan**



Rtn. PHF NV. Rajmohan

During the Rotary year 2019–20, under the dynamic leadership of Rtn. PHF N.V. Rajmohan, the Rotary Club of Pilathara faced one of the most challenging times in recent history with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the unprecedented difficulties and disruptions caused by the global crisis, the club remained active and resilient, executing more than 35 meaningful projects that made a tangible impact on the community. Key initiatives during the year included a tree plantation drive at the Ayurveda College, installation of signboards at the vehicle parking area in Pilathara, and the distribution of a water purifier and umbrellas to Pazhichiyil Anganvadi. The club also extended support to flood relief efforts by distributing dress materials and continued its swimming coaching program, promoting safety and physical well-being.

A major highlight of the year was the successful organization of the Multi-Regional Seminar Nethruthwa-19 on Rotary Leadership Development, held on 15th December 2019 at Hotel Vishakh International, Payyanur. The seminar, hosted by the Rotary Club of Pilathara, attracted enthusiastic participation and was widely appreciated. During the peak of the pandemic, the club intensified its humanitarian efforts, distributing food and drinking water to the needy and vulnerable sections of society. These selfless acts of service, carried out in the face of adversity, demonstrated the club's unwavering commitment to Rotary values and community welfare.



President : **Rtn. MPHF K. Chathukutty Nambiar**
Secretary : **Rtn. MPHF MC Shaji**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. PC Harikrishnan Nambiar**



Rtn. MPHF K. Chathukutty Nambiar

The year 2020–21 unfolded amid the global shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, presenting significant challenges to community life and public service. In this difficult time, the Rotary Club of Pilathara entrusted its leadership to Rtn. MPHF Chathukutty Nambiar, a dedicated Rotarian known for his commitment to humanitarian work. Despite the restrictions and uncertainties, he led the club with remarkable resilience and continued to deliver impactful service projects throughout the year. Notable among these were the distribution of television sets to deserving higher secondary school students to support their online education, the installation of sanitizing dispensers in local banks to enhance public hygiene, and the distribution of Onakkodi and Onam kits to the members of Ashraya Swasraya Sangam. The club also carried out tree sapling plantation drives, reinforcing its environmental commitment. As part of its annual tradition, the club presented the Vocational Excellence Award to Mr. Vasudevan Namboothiri, an exemplary organic farmer, recognizing his contributions to sustainable agriculture.

The most iconic and long-awaited milestone of the year was the laying of the foundation stone for the Pilathara Rotary Bhavan on 6th December 2020. The ceremony was graced by Rotary State Coordinator Rtn. Pramod Nayanar, marking a moment of pride and fulfillment for the club. This development was a cherished dream for many past leaders, including Rtn. PHF C. Damodaran, Rtn. Kunhammad, and Rtn. PHF P.V. Unnikrishnan, who had tirelessly worked towards establishing a permanent home for the club. The realization of this dream was made possible by the club's acquisition of land owned by Past President Rtn. PHF MP Krishnan, who generously offered it at a reasonable price. The laying of the foundation stone symbolized not just a structural beginning, but the embodiment of years of hope, effort, and unity among members, further strengthening the legacy of the Rotary Club of Pilathara.



President : Rtn. MPHF K. Chathukutty Nambiar
Secretary : Rtn. MPHF KP Muraleedharan
District Governor : Rtn. Dr. Rajesh Subhash

As the pandemic continued to disrupt normal life, Rtn. MPHF K. Chathukutty Nambiar once again took up the mantle of leadership and served as the President of the Rotary Club of Pilathara for the 2021–22 term. Demonstrating unwavering commitment, he led the club through another year of impactful service, responding to the ongoing needs of the community. Key projects undertaken during this term included the distribution of mobile phones to students for online learning, the provision of a wheelchair to a deserving individual, and the organization of a blood test campaign to promote public health. The club also donated a water purifier to the Mathamangalam Anganvadi, continuing its focus on improving access to clean drinking water.

In recognition of outstanding service and dedication, the club presented the Nation Builder Award to Sri C. Kesavan Namboothiri of Mandoor UP School, and the Vocational Excellence Award to Sri Latheesh Master, both of whom were celebrated for their respective contributions to society. The most significant milestone of the year, however, was the completion of the long-cherished Rotary Bhavan project. The construction was meticulously overseen by Rtn. MPHF K.V. Sukumaran, whose efforts ensured the successful realization of the club's dream. The building, named Rotary Pearl, was inaugurated on 19th June 2022 in a grand ceremony attended by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rajesh Subhash and MLA Sri M. Vijin. The inauguration of Rotary Pearl marked a proud moment in the club's history, symbolizing the resilience, unity, and vision of its members even in the face of global adversity.



President : Rtn. MPHF K. Aravindakshan
Secretary : Rtn. MPHF KV. Sukumaran
District Governor : Rtn. V.V. Pramod Nayanar



Rtn. MPHF K. Aravindakshan

Rtn. MPHF Aravindakshan was ceremoniously installed as the President of the Rotary Club of Pilathara on 22nd June 2022, marking the first-ever public function held at the newly inaugurated Rotary Pearl. The opening of this dedicated club building infused new energy and enthusiasm into the club's operations, paving the way for a vibrant year filled with impactful service and community engagement. One of the most significant developments during this term was the active revival of the Anns Forum under the dynamic leadership of Ann. Bindu Surendranath. Their presence added a new dimension to the club's outreach efforts. A standout feature of the year was the regular monthly family meetings, which not only offered a platform for entertainment and fellowship but also played a key role in strengthening the bond among the Rotary families.

The club carried out a variety of meaningful service projects during this period. These included the distribution of wheelchairs to Manav School for differently-abled children and to other needy individuals in the community, organizing medical camps with support from the district-sponsored Aster Medical Van, a blood donation camp, financial aid to support the education of girl children, and assistance to local Anganwadis.

A particularly commendable initiative was the Eye Care and Cataract Detection and Removal Camp held at Kadannappalli U.P. School, reflecting the club's commitment to public health. The Anns Forum actively contributed by organizing initiatives such as the "Sunday Funday" program for students, a one-day RYLA with campfire activities, and a Zumba fitness session, demonstrating their enthusiasm and creativity in community service.

A milestone event of the year was the grand reception organized at the Pilathara Bus Stand to honor Rtn. Fayiz Ashraf Ali, who embarked on an inspiring bicycle expedition to London, spreading the message of world peace and international understanding.

The club also witnessed significant growth, thanks to a well-executed membership drive that raised the strength from 23 to 35 members. For its outstanding contributions and impactful work throughout the term, the Rotary Club of Pilathara was honored with 16 district awards, capping off a truly remarkable year under the leadership of Rtn. MPHF Aravindakshan.





President : **Rtn. MPHF K.P. Muraleedharan**
Secretary : **Rtn. MPHF Raveendranathan C.**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. R. Sethu Shiv Shankar**



Rtn. MPHF K.P. Muraleedharan

During the Rotary year 2023–24, Rtn. MPHF Muraleedharan led the Rotary Club of Pilathara with great dedication and enthusiasm, ensuring active participation and engagement from members throughout the term. Under his leadership, the club executed an impressive total of 72 service projects, reflecting the team's unwavering commitment to community welfare. Among the most notable initiatives were *Kaithang*, a unique Ayurveda-based medical support program for children suffering from cerebral palsy and other Developmental Brain Diseases (DBD), and a Mega Eye Camp organized at St. Joseph's College in association with Mam Trust Hospital, Kanhangad. Another significant project was *Daya*, which involved the donation of five wheelchairs and 100 bed sheets to the Government Medical College, Kannur, with the generous support of Rtn. T.T. Sajeevan. The club also organized a Mega Republic Day Quiz for primary school students from 32 schools in and around Pilathara, and a well-attended two-day RYLA held at Ursuline School with active support from the Anns Forum.

One of the highlights of the year was the successful hosting of the Multi-Regional Leadership Seminar *Saradhyam*, where a galaxy of prominent Rotary leaders including District Governor Rtn. Sethu Sivasankar, PDG Rtn. V.G. Nayanar, and DGND Rtn. Bijosh Manual graced the occasion, offering valuable insights and motivation. The club also continued its tradition of monthly family meetings, fostering fellowship and unity among members and their families. These consistent and well-executed activities earned the club numerous district recognitions, culminating in the prestigious awards for Best President and Best Secretary—honors that reflected the collective spirit and excellence of the team led by Rtn. MPHF Muraleedharan.





President : **Rtn. PHF CK. Purushothaman**
Secretary : **Rtn. PHF Sunil D. Kottarathil**
District Governor : **Rtn. Dr. Santhosh Sreedhar**



Rtn. PHF C.K. Purushothaman

The year 2024-25 marked a remarkable chapter in the history of the Rotary Club of Pilathara as it soared to new heights under the inspiring leadership of President Rtn. PHF C.K. Purushothaman. With unwavering dedication, meticulous planning, and a highly professional approach to service, the club executed over 100 impactful projects within the first eight months of the term alone. These initiatives spanned all seven Rotary areas of focus and aligned seamlessly with the district's priorities. From awareness sessions and medical camps to environmental initiatives and social support programs, the club left a lasting imprint on the community. Among the standout projects were *Chittilappally Swapnabhavanam*, which provided homes to two deserving families, vocational training in partnership with RUDSETI, a massive Organ Donation Drive, the creation of a *Miyawaki forest* for green regeneration, and the development of *Snehathoppu*, a fruit tree garden promoting sustainable food sources. First International Family Tour is happening this year.

The club's commitment to spreading Rotary values was evident through its outreach to the public and educational institutions, resulting in the chartering of one Interact Club and two Rotaract Clubs - coinciding meaningfully with the global observance of World Rotaract Day on 13th March.

First time in the history of the Club, we are achieving EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) status. All the members contributing minimum \$30 to the TRF Annual Fund, achieving a 100% MyRotary account for members, forming a satellite club, active participation in all district events, monthly family meeting with fun and entertainment etc are major achievements.

The club's monthly newsletter, *Ripples*, gained district-wide recognition and received a special mention from the First Lady, Rtn. MD Dr. Sudha Santhosh, during the Governor's Official Visit (GOV). The District Governor lauded the club's systematic and professional approach to record-keeping and reporting, publicly appreciating the Secretary's report as a benchmark for other clubs to emulate.

Throughout the year, the club continued to uphold and refine its best practices, which significantly elevated the overall quality and visibility of its operations. This term has undeniably set a new standard and will be remembered as a golden era in the chronicles of the Rotary Club of Pilathara—an inspiring testament to the power of purposeful service and leadership.

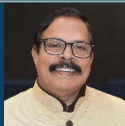


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Secretary

