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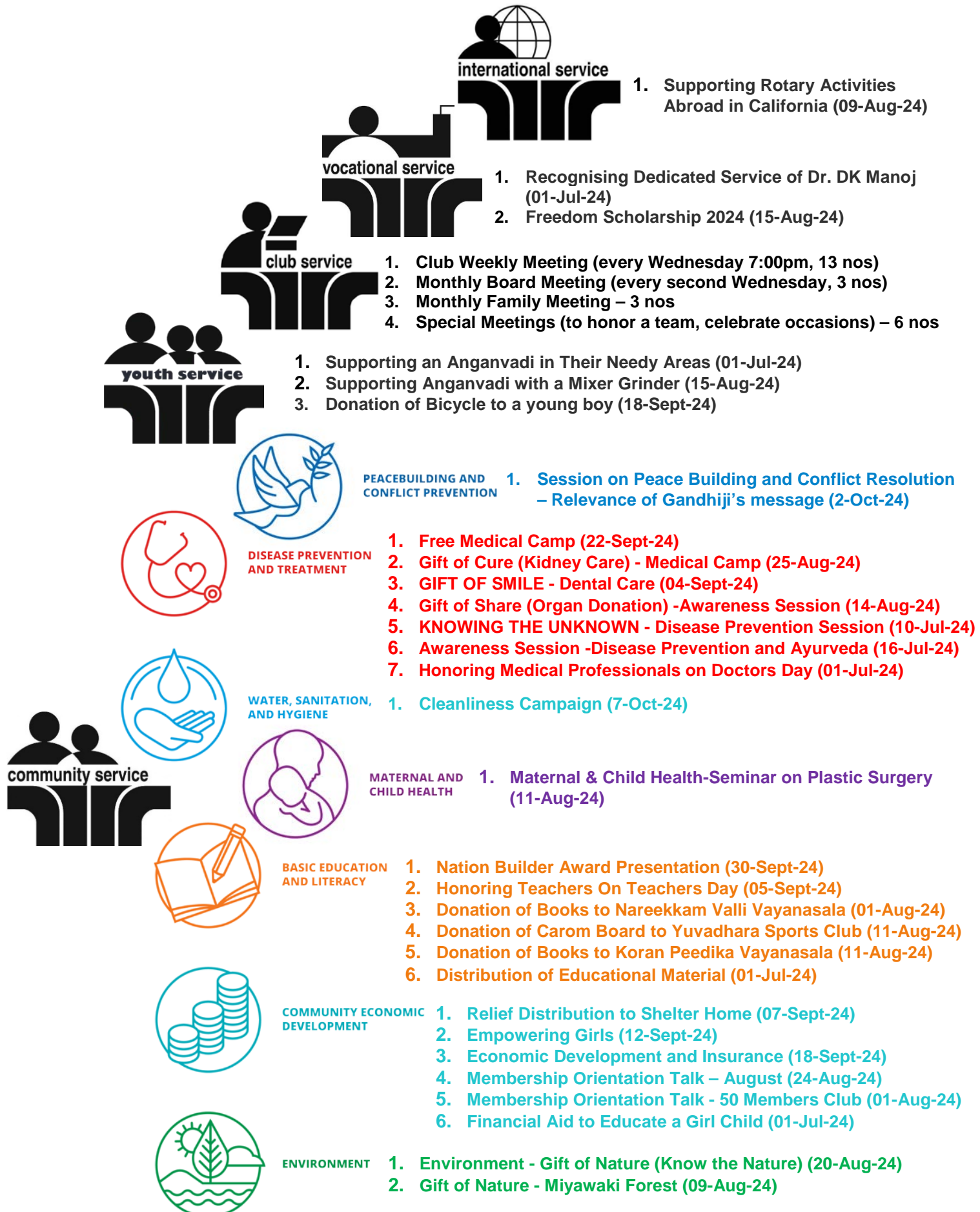
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CLUB OF PILATHARA



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Onam Celebration
with the Rotary Family

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Of the things we think, say or do

3. Is it the TRUTH?

4. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

5. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

6. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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The fourth edition is no exception. As we recently honored all the educators in the club on Teachers' Day, it is fitting that this edition highlights their contributions. Through "Ripples", we celebrate their invaluable role and learn more about these dedicated individuals who shape the future.

Rtn. E.N. Gireesh Kumar
Bulletin Editor

The monthly newsletters are also envisioned to serve as reference material for future reviews of the club's activities during the year, preserving the club's journey and achievements.



Message from the PRESIDENT



***"Success is not final; failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that counts."***
- Winston Churchill

Rtn. C.K. Purushothaman
Club President

As we conclude the first quarter of this term, members of the Rotary Club of Pilathara can take pride in the significant progress achieved across all areas. The consistent growth of the club over the years reflects the dedication of every officer, ensuring we continue on this path of progress.

Embracing Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," enables us to add value in every endeavor. The community around us has numerous areas requiring improvement, and where we identify opportunities for Rotary to make a positive impact, we step in. Our services vary from visits to awareness sessions, seminars, demonstrations, camps, and campaigns, often collaborating with other influential local groups. The Rotary Club of Pilathara remains attentive to the needs of society and acts accordingly, believing that the small steps taken today will lead to significant positive outcomes in the future.

Rotary International's "End Polio" campaign began with a similar vision. Through years of focused effort, we have almost eradicated this global health issue, yet the fight persists until complete elimination. As we prepare to celebrate World Polio Day on October 24th, the Rotary Club of Pilathara is keen to contribute to the cause. This year, we are committed to involving every member in the End Polio drive with a contribution of Rs. 500 (USD 6) towards the End Polio Fund (EPF).

True success lies in uniting to make a tangible difference, bringing immense satisfaction. May the members of the Rotary Club of Pilathara continue to experience this joy of service and progress!



Honoring Teachers on the **TEACHERS DAY**

On 5th September, in celebration of Teachers' Day, the Rotary Club of Pilathara paid tribute to the invaluable contributions of its members and Anns engaged in the education field. Embracing the powerful message that "One book, one pen, and one teacher can change the world," club leaders visited these dedicated individuals to express their heartfelt appreciation.

The Anns Forum took the lead in honoring over 15 members by presenting them with a symbolic gift - a pen and a book - acknowledging their service in shaping the future and inspiring positive change through education.



A portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair, a mustache, and glasses, wearing a white shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a light, neutral color.

Rtn. PHF Dr. V. Prabhakaran

Born on 2nd January 1952 at Padannakkara, Pinarayi, Rtn. Dr. V. Prabhakaran is the elder son of the late CN Balan, a prominent freedom fighter and recipient of the prestigious Thamra Patra Award, and V Madhavi Amma. He completed his schooling at Peralasserri Govt. Higher Secondary School and further pursued intermediate education at Govt. Brennen College, Thalassery, and Pazhassi Raja NSS College, Mattanur.

He holds a Master's degree (MA) from KM Institute of Hindi Studies and Linguistics, Agra University, an M.Ed. from Madurai Kamaraj University, and completed his M.Phil and PhD from Calicut University.

Dr. V. Prabhakaran began his teaching career in 1980 at Govt. Oriental Higher Secondary School, Edathanattukara, Palakkad. Over the years, he served as a High School Assistant (HSA) in several schools across Kerala, including Thalappuzha (Wayanad), Pallikkara (Kasaragod) and Thottada (Kannur). His career took a new direction in 1997 when he was promoted as HSST. Thereafter he served in distinguished positions including guest lecturer at Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Payyannur, later becoming an Assistant Professor at institutions such as the College of Teachers Education (Thalassery), Department of Teachers Education Center (Thonichal, Mananthawadi) and Dr. PK Rajan Memorial Campus, Nileswar (Kannur University). In 2005, he assumed the role of Principal at GHSS Kunhimangalam, where he continued to lead and inspire until his retirement in March 2007, after 28 years of dedicated service to education.

Even after retirement, Dr. Prabhakaran remains actively involved, lending his expertise to educational institutions and committees that seek his guidance, thereby continuing to shape and inspire the academic community.

In addition to his teaching roles, Dr. V. Prabhakaran has contributed significantly to co-curricular, extension, and professional development activities. He has served as a State-Level Resource Person for SCERT, Trivandrum, a member of the DPEP Core Group, and a Key Resource Person for DPEP, QIP, and DIET Kerala. His expertise extends to being a Textbook Expert for classes V to XII and in the preparation of self-learning materials.

He has presented 12 national-level papers and one international paper on Hindi cinema. Notably, he has also undertaken a consultancy project for the Hindi version of the annual plan for the Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod.

Dr. V. Prabhakaran is a prolific author, having published six books in Hindi and Malayalam, as well as numerous articles in leading publications. His poetry has been broadcast on All India Radio (AIR) and FM Radio.

An active member of various social and cultural organizations, including Rotary International, HOPE Charitable Trust, and Payyanur Kathakali Arangu, Dr. V. Prabhakaran continues to be a respected figure in both academic and social circles.

A portrait of a middle-aged man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a red and black checkered shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Rtn. MPHF Prof. Raveendran K

Rtn. Raveendran is born to Sri. M.Kunhikannan Nambiar and Smt. Dakshayani Amma of ancient Kuruvayil Tharavadu of Kannapuram in Kannur District. He has very bright academic Records throughout his course of studies in engineering from Diploma level to Post Graduation and Research studies in Engineering and technology.

He took his Diploma in electrical Engineering with First Class, B.Tech Degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from University of Calicut in first class with Distinction and M.Tech Degree in Electrical Engg (Power Electronics) in first class from CUSAT, Kochi. He possesses Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching Computer Science and Application in first Class with Distinction from NITTTR, Chennai. He has research experience of 4 years in NIT, Calicut. He is an active life Member of Indian Society for Technical Education (India)-MISTE, Member of Electrical and Electronic Engineers-MIEEE (USA) and Fellow of Institution of Engineers - FIE (I). He is a Subject expert in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and a Consultant Chartered Electrical Power system Engineer.

Er. Raveendran joined in the Post and Telegraph Department immediately after his diploma Engg. studies in 1977 and served there for five years and then joined in the Dept of Technical Education, Govt. of Kerala in 1983. He served in the department for 32 years in different capacities as Asst. Lecturer, Lecturer, Head of Department, Principal and the Joint Director (PS). He served as the Principal of RWPC, Payyanur for 15 years. After retirement from govt. service, he joined in the Sree Narayana Guru College of Engineering and Technology- SNGCET, Payyanur (a self financing engineering college run by Bhakthi Samvardhini Yogam, Kannur) as a Professor and Head of Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering. Later, he was entrusted to the Charges of Head of Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering by the Management. He served in the College for 9 years and elevated to the position of Vice Principal of the college.

His Career in Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Kerala:-

He has displayed exceptional acumen throughout his career as a Polytechnic teacher. Beyond teaching, he was an expert committee member involved in infrastructure development, policy-making for Govt. Polytechnic Colleges, and AICTE Expert Committees. He significantly contributed to the curriculum revision of Polytechnic courses in 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2015, chairing the Electrical Engineering program's revision.

He prepared syllabi for KGCE and ITC courses in Electrical Engineering and authored key reports for the development of Polytechnic institutions. As the convener, he led the committee on the amalgamation of Women's Polytechnic Colleges with co-educational institutions and helped enhance the delegated powers of Polytechnic College Principals. His expertise also extended to advising on private technical education institutions in Kerala.

Er. Raveendran was recognized by the Kerala PSC as a subject expert for setting question papers and preparing syllabi for KSEB and PWD exams. In 1998, he was awarded the "Best Polytechnic Teacher of Kerala" by the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) while serving as the Head of Electrical Engineering at Govt. Polytechnic College, Kalamassery.

He had acted as a Convener of AICTE Expert Committee group for the approval of Infrastructural facilities and curriculum of Polytechnic Colleges Kerala. When the department was asked to prepare a detailed proposal and comprehensive report for the implementation of AICTE Pay Scales to Polytechnic College Faculties of Kerala, the then DTE and Senior Joint director had to seek none other than Er. Raveendran, who was entrusted to prepare the detailed proposal and Report for the implementation of the AICTE Package to polytechnic Colleges. The Govt. of Kerala later implemented AICTE Package in Polytechnic colleges as per this report with slight modifications.

As an administrator of Polytechnic College, he had coordinated the development activities of RWPC Payyanur and Govt. Polytechnic College, Kasargod. Infrastructural Development Projects in Polytechnic colleges have been effectively implemented to these institutions under the assistance of MHRD, (Ministry of Human Resource and Development), Govt. of India, which includes implementation of very good Digital library in each college, Renovation of Laboratories, Construction of New academic and administrative Blocks, Men and Women Hostel Blocks with modern facilities etc.

As a Professor in the Electrical & Electronics Engineering department and Electronics & Communication Department of SNGCET, Payyanur, he served for the academic development of the Departments to fulfill the needs for accreditation of the programmes, Chairperson of different mandatory academic and administrative committees of the college entrusted by the management, university and AICTE. He acted as the Chair person for the Answer scripts Evaluation Committee for B.Tech Programmes of Kannur and Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam Kerala Technological University. He was appointed as the question paper setter for the B.Tech

Programmes in the university. His service as a subject expert and Professor was much acclaimed by the Management and student communities. As the vice Principal of the College, he actively involved in the general and academic discipline of the college to make it student friendly College.

Rotary Life:-

Er. Raveendran actively involved in humanitarian and social service activity circle in Kannur District through his rotary services for the past 17 years. He joined rotary in the year 2008 and served as the Charter President of Rotary club of Pilathara. He is quite instrumental in bringing the club from scratch to the present gem level through his untiring services to the Club and the society. He was the Executive Secretary and Bulletin Editor of the Club for 16 years from 2008 onwards. In rotary, he served as the GGR in Rotary International District 3202 during the year 2009-10 and gradually rose to the position of Asst. Governor of the District for Kannur mid zone region in the year 2015-16 when Rtn.Dr.George Sunderraj was the District Governor. Considering his services to the rotary district and the society, He was awarded as an outstanding Asst. Governor during 2015-16. He showed exemplary services to the district and elevated from the position of Zonal chair to the District Chair in the later years. He was the District Deputy Coordinator during the year 2022-23 of the District 3204. (when the District 3202 was bifurcated and formed new district 3204 in the year 2021). He was awarded as the outstanding DDC of District 3204, when Rtn.Pramod Nayanar was the District Governor. At present, he is the District Chair for DEI in District 3204 for the year 2024-25. He is considered to be a role model for rotary activities.

He had actively involved in the construction of building and office facility for Pilathara rotary and materialized the same in the year 2021. He is the Club Advisor and acting as the first Managing Trustee of the Pilathara Rotary Trust and guiding the club and service activities of the club to the next level of heights. Er. Raveendran is an executive committee member of HOPE Charitable trust Pilathara for the differentially able human beings.

In personal life, Er. Raveendran is happily married to Er.P. Suhasini, a Structural Engineer by profession and presently retired as Superintending/ Deputy Chief Engineer in the Irrigation Department, Govt. of Kerala. The couple is blessed with two children, a Daughter Er. Rajeswari Raveendran, a Research / Developer Engineer in Nokia Communications, India Pvt Ltd (former Scientist Engineer -Member Research in the Central Research laboratory of BEL, Govt. of India Bangalore) son Dr. Arjun Raveendran, MBBS from Govt. Medical College, Calicut, presently preparing for his Post Graduate Studies.



Rtn. PM. Govindankutty

Rtn. Govindankutty PM was born on 30th July 1962, the younger son of late KP Kunhiraman Master and late PM Karthyayani Amma, in Cherupuzha. He completed his primary education at Cherupuzha Janaki Memorial UP School, where his father taught, and his high school education at Government Higher Secondary School, Vayakkara. He pursued TTC at Kannur Govt. Men's Training School from 1982 to 1984. He began his teaching career in July 1984 at Mattool MIM LP School, where he served for eight years.

Rtn. Govindankutty married Ramani, a teacher at Kadannappalli UP School, on 24th April 1989. Their elder daughter, Amrutha T, is an IT engineer

at Infosys and is married to Aravind, an IT engineer at Microsoft. They have two daughters, Avatika and Athyantika.

Their son, Akhil T, is a robotics engineer in Delhi and is married to Swathi, a teacher at Delhi Public School.

In 1992, Rtn. Govindankutty joined Govt. UP School Chamundikkunnu through the Public Service Commission (PSC). Throughout his career, he worked in 14 different schools in the Kasargod district. After 35 years of dedicated service, he retired on 31st March 2019 from Trikaripur Govt. LP School Beericheri.



Rtn. EN. Gireeshkumar

കടന്നപ്പള്ളി പടിഞ്ഞാറെക്കരയിൽ അവരോന്നൻ വീട്ടിൽ കൃഷ്ണൻ നമ്പ്യാരുടെയും, ഇടവൻ ഞാറ്റുവയൽപാർവ്വതി അമ്മയുടെയും മകൻ. കടന്നപ്പള്ളിയു.പി. സ്കൂൾ, ഗവ:ഹൈസ്കൂൾ കടന്നപ്പള്ളി എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ സ്കൂൾ പഠനം. പ്രീഡിഗ്രി, ബിരുദം പയ്യന്നൂർ കോളേജിൽ. B. Ed പഠനത്തിനു ശേഷം നിരവധി സമാന്തര കോളേജുകളിൽ ക്ലാസെടുത്തു.

1999 മുതൽ മാട്ടൂർ മുനീർ സ്കൂളിൽ അധ്യാപകനായി ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നു. സാമൂഹിക സാംസ്കാരിക മേഖലകളിലും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു. , ചെറുകഥകൾ, നാടകം എന്നിവ രചിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. "തായ്മൊഴി" സാഹിത്യ കുട്ടായ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ച, "അണിമായനം" നോവലിൽ പങ്കാളിയാണ്. യാത്രയും വായനയും സിനിമയും വിനോദങ്ങൾ. രചനകൾ എല്ലാം ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തി ഒരു പുസ്തകം പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ആഗ്രഹമുണ്ട്. ഭാര്യ ദീപ ഗിരീഷ്, കേരള ഗവ. എംപ്ലോയ്മെന്റ് എക്സ് ചേഞ്ച് തളിപറമ്പ്, സീനിയർ ക്ലാർക്ക്, മകൾ നന്ദന ഗിരീഷ്, കോയമ്പത്തൂർ അമൃത വിശ്വവിദ്യാപീഠത്തിൽ മൂന്നാം വർഷ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ എഞ്ചിനീയറിംഗ് (AI) വിദ്യാർത്ഥി.

Rtn. Vimala Unnikrishnan



Rtn. Vimala Unnikrishnan recently joined the Rotary Club of Pilathara. As the wife of the late Rtn. PV Unnikrishnan, a retired Inspector of Police and past President of the club, she has been actively involved in club activities long before becoming a member. She also served as the Anns Forum President for two consecutive terms from 2017 to 2019.

Originally from Kokkad, Rtn. Vimala Unnikrishnan completed her primary education at Varanakkod LP School, Pilathara UP School, and Govt. HS Eripuram. She graduated from Payyanur College and earned her B.Ed. from Hassan, Karnataka. Her career began as an Assistant Teacher at Edanad East LP School, and after 30 years of dedicated service, she retired as Headmistress from the same school.

She has one son and two daughters. Her daughters reside in Dubai, and her son is in Singapore, all with their families. Rtn. Vimala Unnikrishnan finds fulfillment in her family and Rotary, continuing her commitment to community service.



Rtn. PK Bijoy, born on 2nd October 1982, is the elder son of Sri. MV. Purushothaman and Geetha Purushothaman. An educationist, he holds a BSc in Electronics (2003), MSc in Electronics (2006), and an MBA (2009). He is the Managing Director of National College, Taliparamba, and Director of NICT (Nithyananda Institute of Computer Technology). Additionally, Rtn. Bijoy is the chairman of Kunnathoor Crushers Pvt. Ltd., Managing Director of Kanjirakolly Vantane Ltd, and Managing Partner of Milano Ceramica.

He is married to Ramya Bijoy, a teacher at Aravinda Vidyalayam, Pilathara. The couple has two children, Vaiga Bijoy and Riyan Bijoy, who are studying at central school.

Respecting the **TEACHERS**



Ann. Bindu Surendranath
Ursuline English Medium
School, Pariyaram



Ann. Ramani
Rtd Head of Department
Hindi, Payyanur College



Ann. Thankamani Damodaran
Rtd, NM UP School, Mattool



Ann. Pankajakshi P
Head Mistress, Kadannappalli
East LP School



Ann. NP Vasantha
Rtd. Head Mistress,
Perumbatta Govt. LP School



Ann. Beena Paul,
HSS Teacher, Tagore
Memorial HS School, Vellora



Ann. Jayasree KV
Rtd. Tagore Memorial Higher
Secondary School, Vellora



Ann. Suma PK
Rtd. Higher Secondary School
Teacher, GHS, Pacheni



Ann. Ramya Bijoy,
Aravinda Vidyalayam,
Pilathara



Ann. Ramani T
Sr. Assistance Teacher,
Kadannappalli UP School



Ann. Nisha Sajeewan
School Teacher

Loving memories -
Late Rtn. PHF MV PURUSHOTHAMAN
(Past President – 2009-10)



Sri. M.V. Purushothaman, born on 7th June 1948, was the esteemed founder Principal of National College. Renowned for his dedication to education and charitable spirit, he was respected throughout the community for his noble actions and warm demeanor.

He completed his education at Moothedath High School, Taliparamba, followed by Payyanur College, SN College, Kannur, and SV University, Tirupati, earning a postgraduate degree in English Literature. With over 47 years in the educational sector, he was a guiding force in the community until his passing on 6th July 2022.

National College was founded in 1975, initially offering tuition classes for school and college students. Beginning in a rented space, the institution moved to its own premises on Court Road, Taliparamba, in 1982. Through the dedication of its promoters and educators, National College thrived, evolving into a successful institution that offered a range of courses to benefit students.

He served as the President of Rotary Club of Pilathara during 2009-10. He was instrumental in setting a strong foundation for the club during its initial days.

After his demise, Rtn. MV Purushothaman's noble services in the education field as well as in the community is being continued by his elder son Rtn. PK Bijoy.

SERVICE PROJECTS

During the Month of September 2024

Relief Distribution to Shelter Home AASRAYA SWASRAYA SANGHAM, Mathamangalam

Continuing its longstanding tradition, the Rotary Club of Pilathara, under the leadership of Rtn. PK Bijoy, distributed Onam kits and Onakkodi to the inmates of Aasraya Swasraya Sangham, Mathamangalam on Saturday, 7th September 2024. This annual event, held in memory of late Rtn. PHF M V Purushothaman, past President of Rotary Club of Pilathara and founder and former Principal of National College, Thaliparamba, made a long lasting impact among the inmates of the shelter home for poor and needy people. More than 20 Rotarians and Anns participated in the program.





Gift of Smile (Dental Care) – Awareness Session

On 4th September, Rtn. Dr. Jiji Sankar delivered an informative awareness session on Dental Care, highlighting the importance of maintaining proper oral hygiene. Presented in a friendly and approachable manner, the session made it easy for all members to grasp key concepts and practices. The valuable tips shared were highly appreciated by everyone in attendance. Following the presentation, a Q&A session was held, during which members had the opportunity to ask questions, clarify doubts, and address their concerns. The session was both educational and engaging, leaving members with a better understanding of dental care and its benefits.



Economic Development and Insurance - Advocacy and awareness for preparedness

On 18th September 2024, Past President Rtn. PHF Satheesan KC delivered an insightful awareness session on the role of insurance in promoting economic stability and development. He emphasized the importance of fostering a stable economic environment where individuals can live more comfortably despite the fluctuations in today's ever-changing economy. Through practical examples, Satheesan explained how having valid insurance can provide critical assistance during unforeseen events, be it related to vehicles, homes, or businesses. His session highlighted the importance of insuring assets through correct procedures to ensure financial security during accidents or crises.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, where Rtn. Satheesan professionally addressed all queries from the audience. The attendees left with valuable information that would assist them in making informed decisions regarding their insurance needs.

Everyone benefited from the session, which offered practical knowledge to take proactive steps toward financial security.





EMPOWRING GIRLS – Community Service - Skill Development

The Rotary Club of Pilathara, under the leadership of the Anns Forum, organized one of the most impactful community service projects of the year on 12th September by visiting Mahila Shikshan Kendra, Padannakkad. This heartfelt initiative brought joy and empowerment to the young girls at the shelter home, creating memorable moments that will be cherished.

Leaders of Anns forum and the Rotary Club engaged the children through stories, riddles, songs, dance, and fun-filled moments, while also sharing important lessons on women empowerment through education.

The three-hour event provided the girls with a unique learning experience. In addition to the interactive sessions, the team distributed dress materials, hygiene kits, and other essentials, followed by a dinner for the students. The commitment to empowering girl children was felt deeply by everyone, as they left with satisfied hearts, having made a meaningful difference.





**Presenting a Bicycle to a Young Boy
– Empowering New Generation**

On 18th September, the Rotary Club of Pilathara took a commendable step towards empowering the youth by donating a bicycle to Master Adam John, a needy young boy from CM Nagar, Pilathara. The initiative, led by Rtn. Sajith Kumar KC, was aimed at supporting the younger generation by providing them with essential resources to foster a positive and healthy mindset. Such contributions can have a lasting impact on the youth, encouraging them to grow and succeed in life.

ROTARY QUIZ CONTEST – Club Level

The Rotary Club of Pilathara successfully conducted its Club Level Quiz Contest on 11th September, immediately following the weekly meeting. District Zonal Learning Facilitator, Rtn. PHF PV Surendranath, meticulously led the quiz session, and his efforts in organizing and conducting the contest were highly appreciated by all. The written quiz, consisting of 20 questions, focused on the history, service, and activities of Rotary International.

The top three winners, who will now advance to the Zonal Level Quiz Competition scheduled for October, are:

- Rtn. MPH Aravindakshan K
- Rtn. Sunil Kottarathil
- Rtn. Gireesh Kumar.





Medical Camp

The Rotary Club of Pilathara, in collaboration with Sahakar Medicals and Kunhimangalam Rotary Club, successfully organized a free medical camp at Ezhilode on Sunday, 22nd September, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. The camp was inaugurated by club member Rtn. Dr. KV Prakash.

Over 200 local residents benefited from the camp, where more than 16 types of medical tests, including ECG and eye tests, were provided. Along with the tests, the attendees received diagnoses and recommendations for further medical check-ups and treatments. The event, aimed at delivering essential healthcare services to the local community, was well-organized and recognized as a significant success.



Rotary
Club of Pilathara
Club No: 78753 RI DISTRICT: 3204



30-sept-24 Monday|4pm
Kannapuram East UP School

NATION BUILDER AWARD



ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ



ശ്രീമതി
പി.പി. ദിവ്യ
ബഹു: കണ്ണൂർ ജില്ലാ
പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡന്റ്

Rtn.CK Purushothaman
President

Project chair
prof: K Ravindran

Rtn. Sunil Kottarathil
Secretary



The Rotary Club of Pilathara presented the Nation Builder Award to Smt. Anitha Kumari K, Headmistress of Kannapuram East UP School, on September 30th 2024. The event, presided over by Club President Rtn. CK Purushothaman, was attended by Chief Guest Smt. PP Divya, District Panchayat President, along with teachers, parents, local residents, children, and other prominent personalities, including panchayat officials and representatives from the parents-teachers association.

Smt. Anitha Kumari is renowned for her innovative contributions to education, particularly in teaching mathematics through innovative methods. With over 30 years of experience, she has developed numerous projects, worksheets, and seminars for school children, and served as a valuable resource person. Her dedication to improving education has made her a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Teachers are instrumental in shaping the future of a nation by nurturing young minds, and Smt. Anitha Kumari's efforts exemplify this noble mission. The selection of Smt. Anitha Kumari for the Nation Builder Award, after a thorough evaluation of many deserving candidates, was a proud moment for both the Rotary Club of Pilathara and Kannapuram East UP School.

Rtn. Gireesh Kumar welcomed the audience. Rtn. Raveendran K introduced the award recipient to the audience and briefed on the Rotary activities and mentioned the importance of Nation builder Award. GGR. Rtn. MPHF Aravindakshan K and Club Secretary Rtn. Sunil Kottarathil gave facilitation speeches. Mrs. Anitha C, staff member presented Vote of Thanks, while, Smt. K Rathi (President, Kannapuram Grama Panchayat), Smt. Prema Surendran (Welfare Standing Committee Chairperson, Kalliasseri Block Panchayat), Smt. Pushpavalli (Ward Member), Sri. KM Raghunathan (School Manager) and Sri. Rajeevan KV (PTA President) shared facilitation speeches.





Weekly Meetings

The Rotary Club of Pilathara held its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Rotary Pearl, Pilathara. In September, meetings were conducted on the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, focusing on key club and district events.

During each session, President Rtn. CK Purushothaman delivered a detailed overview of upcoming activities, highlighting major events like the Onam Celebrations, Medical Camp, Nation Builder Award Ceremony, and Rotary Quiz Contest, along with updates on district events such as RLI, TRF, and the Polio Fund initiative.

Secretary Rtn. Sunil Kottarathil presented a thorough report each week, acknowledging the members' active participation and dedication. The club maintains a practice of sharing the monthly account reports during the first weekly meeting of each month. Additionally, the monthly newsletter is released during one of the first two weekly meetings, ensuring members stay informed and engaged with the club's activities.

Members engaged in discussions, shared suggestions, delegated responsibilities, and brainstormed for effective event planning. The meetings typically concluded between 8:00 and 8:30 pm, fostering collaboration and strategic planning for club activities.





Monthly Board Meeting (11-September-2024)

The Director Board of the Rotary Club of Pilathara convened on 11th September 2024 at 6:25 pm at Pilathara Pearl to discuss and organize upcoming projects and programs. President Rtn. CK Purushothaman provided an update on the club's activities, noting that the Wayanad Relief fund collected from members has been transferred to the District for further action. He also encouraged members to participate in the District Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), scheduled from 27th to 29th September in Kannur.

Secretary Rtn. Sunil Kottarathil led the discussions on upcoming projects, inviting suggestions from the members. He also presented the club's financial reports up to the end of August for review. The meeting concluded at 6:45 pm.



Magic Moments



Abhirami, daughter of Rtn. Unnipravan and Ann Beena Unnipravan married to Sreerag on Sunday, 8th September at Luxotica International Convention Center, Mangad.



Family members of Rotary Club of Pilathara celebrated birthday of Rtn. MPH Chathukutty Nambiar during the family meeting on 29th September at Rotary Pearl, Pilathara.



The Rotary Club of Pilathara marked September 29th, 2024, as a day of celebration and camaraderie, as members and their families gathered at Rotary Pearl, Pilathara, for an unforgettable Onam festival celebration. This event also served as the monthly family meeting of the club and coincided with the birthday celebration of Past Assistant Governor and President, Rtn. MPHF Chathukutty Nambiar.

The day-long celebration was meticulously planned to blend traditional festivities with activities that fostered a spirit of unity and enjoyment among attendees. The event commenced with a warm welcome for the nearly hundred participants, including members, Anns, family members, and children, who were treated to a variety of engaging programs.

The cultural segment featured drama, skits, and songs performed by both members and their families, providing an excellent platform for showcasing talent and creativity within the Rotary community. Traditional swings added a nostalgic touch, evoking fond memories of Onam celebrations. A professional photo session was arranged, capturing the spirit of the event and the joyful interactions among participants.

A major highlight of the celebration was the stupendous Onam Sadya, a traditional feast that delighted everyone with its array of Kerala delicacies. The feast embodied the essence of Onam, reflecting values of unity and togetherness while celebrating the cultural heritage of the region.

Throughout the day, a series of fun-filled games and competitions were held, specially crafted to suit various groups, including members, ladies, couples, and children. These games fostered a sense of healthy competition and collaboration, ensuring that every individual present had an opportunity to participate and enjoy. The festivities culminated in a prize distribution ceremony, recognizing the winners of the games and adding an element of excitement and accomplishment to the day's events.

The event was graced by the presence of the distinguished Chief Guest, Sri Ebi N Joseph, Vice President of Kerala Lalithakala Academy and a renowned painting artist, whose attendance added prestige and inspiration to the celebration. His insightful address was well-received by the audience, emphasizing the importance of cultural preservation and artistic expression in community life.





Rtn. Gireesh Kumar, serving as the Program Chair, led the event's coordination with precision, ensuring that each aspect of the celebration was thoughtfully organized to cater to the diverse preferences of the audience. His dedication, coupled with the efforts of the Anns Forum led by Ann Deepa Gireesh, resulted in a seamless and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

The Anns Forum played an instrumental role in managing the entertainment segment, showcasing their commitment to creating a vibrant atmosphere. Their contributions ranged from planning and decorating to actively participating in the events, enhancing the overall celebratory spirit. The involvement of Anns and children added a multi-generational dynamic to the festivities, underscoring the value of family in the Rotary community.

The Onam celebration not only offered members and their families a memorable opportunity to enjoy traditional festivities but also strengthened the bonds within the club. It underscored Rotary Club of Pilathara's commitment to fostering fellowship, cultural awareness, and inclusive participation, aligning with the core values of Rotary.

The birthday celebration of Past AG and President Rtn. MPH Chathukutty Nambiar was another cherished moment during the event. His contributions to the Rotary community were acknowledged with heartfelt messages from fellow Rotarians, reflecting the deep respect and admiration that members hold for him.

The entire event was a testament to the Rotary Club of Pilathara's organizational excellence and dedication to celebrating cultural heritage while providing a platform for members to connect, share, and enjoy. The positive feedback from attendees stands as a testament to the event's success, and it will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the key highlights of the Rotary calendar this year.

The Rotary Club of Pilathara remains committed to its mission of community service, fellowship, and cultural preservation. The Onam celebration exemplified these values by bringing members together in a spirit of joy and unity, showcasing the best of Kerala's rich cultural heritage while reinforcing the club's sense of purpose and togetherness. As the event concluded, participants left with cherished memories, a renewed sense of community, and anticipation for future gatherings that continue to build on this legacy of excellence and fellowship.





RLI The Rotary Leadership Institute

September 27, 28 & 29
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
9.30PM to 5.30PM

Venue: Hotel Benale International, Kannur

Courses

1. Part 1
2. Part 2
3. Part 3
4. Facilitator Orientation Training
5. Graduate Courses

RLI FACILITATORS



PDG Rtn Dr. George Sundararaj
Dist. 3203, Dharapuram.



PP Rtn Mohan Kumar
Dist. 3192, Bangalore



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Dist. 3170, Goa.



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Dist. 3234, Chennai.



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RLI is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for “potential” leaders of Rotary CLUBS. Established in 1992, RLI has become a worldwide organization with divisions in every Continent of the world.

RLI believes that excellent CLUB leadership is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and have not considered what leadership skills are necessary to move Rotary forward.

RLI strongly believes that a good Rotary Club leader must know the evolution of Rotary, its current status and activities in the world and have a vision for what Rotary can be in the future. Therefore, RLI provides a three day non-consecutive basic course in both Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, especially for voluntary organizations. In addition to the specific leadership skills sessions, all the RLI sessions have a leadership component.

In addition to the basic three day course, RLI holds in-depth seminars on important Rotary subjects, including leadership, for the “graduates” of the basic course.

The mission of RLI is to have the clubs in the member districts identify those with the potential for future club leadership and send them to RLI courses at club expense. All member clubs may send any club Rotarian to RLI courses and any Rotarian may attend any course at his/her own initiative.

The overriding goal of the courses for club Rotarians is to create ENTHUSIASM for Rotary by opening up to them the world of Rotary outside of their own clubs and also showing them the great potential of Rotary service for the benefit of the world that can be furthered with excellent leadership in our clubs.

District 3204, under the leadership of DG Rtn. MD Dr. Santhosh Sreedhar, organized a three-day Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) program from September 27th to 29th at Hotel Benale International, Kannur. Prominent leaders and past District Governors from neighboring districts served as RLI facilitators, sharing their expertise. The courses offered as part of RLI provided valuable insights and training, benefiting club members across the district. Members from the Rotary Club of Pilathara, including Rtn. MPH Raveendran K (Part 3), Rtn. MPH Raveendranathan C (Part 1 and Part 2), and Rtn. Sunil Kottarathil (Effective Public Speaking Graduate Course), actively participated in the program, gaining knowledge and skills to enhance their leadership capabilities.



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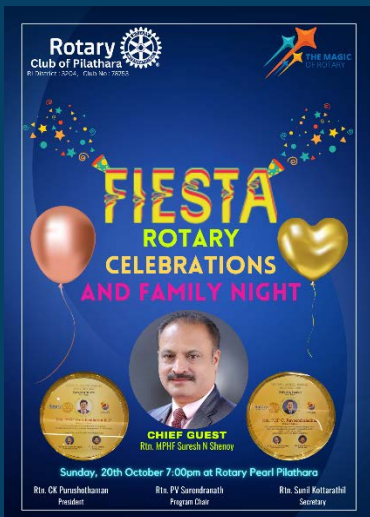
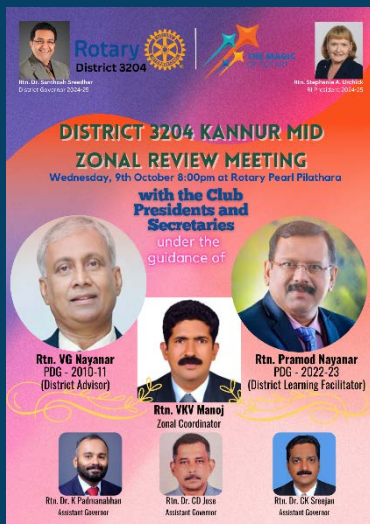
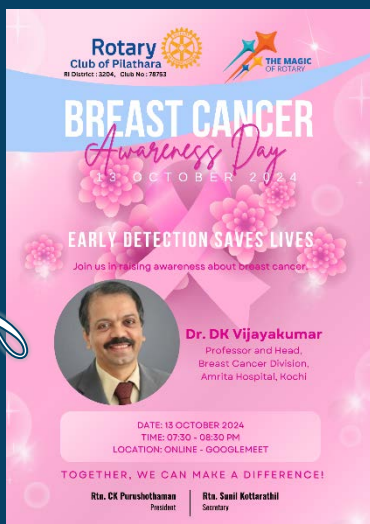


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