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Hearty Congratulations

The Rotary Club of Pilathara conveys its deep sense of pride and warmest congratulations to Rtn. PHF M. Balakrishnan, Secretary of our Club, on his appointment as Professional Director of Cheruthazham Service Cooperative Bank.

A respected banker and a man of quiet strength, Rtn. Balakrishnan served with distinction as Chief Manager of Kerala Grameen Bank, earning trust through integrity, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to ethical banking.

This new responsibility is a fitting recognition of a life dedicated to professionalism and public service.



Within Rotary Pilathara, he is admired not only for his administrative efficiency but also for his humility, dependability, and sincere devotion to Rotary ideals. His journey inspires confidence, and his presence reassures all who work alongside him.

The Club is confident that he will enrich Cheruthazham Service Cooperative Bank with vision, and ethical leadership.

We wish him continued strength, fulfilment, and success as he takes on this honoured role.

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I. Membership Overview



Member count as of Jul 1, 2025:

49



Member count as of Nov 1, 2025: 54



Addition:

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Member count as of Nov 30, 2025:

54

II. Community Service

1. **“Clean water to little hearts: WASH Project”:** On 19 October 2025 On 01.11.2025, marking the auspicious occasion of Kerala Piravi, Rotary Club of Pilathara extended a meaningful gesture of care by gifting a water purifier to Puniyancode Anganvadi.



2. **“Gift of Sight, Care & Service: EYE CAMP”**: On 12.11.2025, Rotary Club of Pilathara organized a mega Eye Camp at Kadannapalli U.P. School in association with Payyannur Eye Hospital and the “Vision on Wheels” mobile medical van of Rotary Payyannur. The program was inaugurated by Zonal Coordinator Rtn. V. Narendra Shenoy in a meeting presided over by the Club President. More than 500 students, teachers, and members of the public availed themselves of free eye examinations and professional guidance



3. **“A Gift of Care: Mixer grinder to Anganvadi”** : "Sisudhinam" on 14.11.2025, was celebrated with heartfelt warmth as Rotary Club of Pilathara and the Anns Forum spent meaningful time with the little children of Arathil Anganvadi. A vibrant procession set the tone for a joyful day. As a gesture of support to the Anganvadi, the club gifted a new mixer grinder, bringing value and comfort to the centre's daily activities.



4. **“Celebrating Childhood & Creativity ”:** Hosting of FUNDAY project for children. Rotary Club of Pilathara hosted FUNDAY on 15.11.2025, a vibrant full-day program designed to help children disconnect from gadgets and reconnect with creativity, culture, and joyful togetherness. A total of 62 students took part in a wide array of activities, group performances, short dramas, creative visualizations, and stage presentations, each aimed at nurturing confidence, imagination, and teamwork.



5. **“A Gift to inspire lifelong learning: Gifting a bookshelf to Library”-** Rotary Club of Pilathara strengthened its commitment to promoting learning and community development by gifting a new steel bookshelf to the newly renovated Kadannapalli Public Library on 16.11.2025. The keys were formally handed over to the librarian by Rtn. K. V. Sukumaran, the sponsor of this thoughtful project, symbolizing the shared responsibility of nurturing knowledge.



6. **“Lighting Lives through books-Gifting books and sponsoring prizes for literacy/reading competition”**- Rotary Club of Pilathara added a meaningful chapter to community development by donating books to the newly renovated public library at Kadannapalli and sponsoring prizes for the literacy/reading competitions conducted. AG Rtn K. Aravindakshan inaugurated the event, which was presided by Club President Rtn. Raveendranathan.



7. **Medical Camp for the Public** : Rotary Club of Pilathara, in partnership with KSCF Ezhilode and Aster MIMS Hospital, conducted a mega medical camp at Ezhilode on 19.11.2025, reaffirming its commitment to community well-being. Over 120 individuals received free medical consultations, blood sugar tests, and ECG screenings, services that offered not just healthcare, but reassurance and hope to many families. The project was inaugurated by DPIC Rtn. V. Upendra Shenoy, whose presence inspired the team





8. Helping Her Walk Again: On Nov 19, 2025, Rotary Club of Pilathara brought comfort and dignity to Mrs. T. V. Madhavi by handing over a walker to support her mobility after a painful fall that left her unable to walk. The project was inaugurated by DPIC Rtn. V. Upendra Shenoy at a heartfelt function in Ezhilode, where Panchayath Ward Member Sri. Padmanabhan received the walker on behalf of the beneficiary.



9. Celebrating "Gandhiparvam" with pride : On 09.11.2025, Rotary Club of Pilathara took immense pride in supporting and coordinating the public meeting held to present the Vayalar Smruthi Puraskaram to the eminent Gandhian, veteran teacher, educationist, and writer Sri P. R. Madhavan Nambiar for his acclaimed work "Gandhiparvam." The award was conferred by Shri Vayalar Sarath Chandra Varma at Kadannapalli East L.P. School, where a large gathering warmly honoured the recipient.





III. Youth Service

1. **“Beat the Fear, Top the Year”**: On 12.11.2025, Rotary Club of Pilathara conducted a special motivational programme, “Beat the Fear, Top the Year,” for the students at Ursuline English Medium School who are preparing for the Public Exams. Designed to ease exam-related stress and build confidence, the session opened with an inaugural address by the School Principal and was presided over by the Club President. ZLF and renowned motivational trainer Rtn. P. V. Surendranath delivered an enlightening and highly engaging session, offering simple, practical, and powerful methods to overcome fear and approach exams with clarity and self-belief.



IV. Club Service/Meetings

1. Weekly Meetings (Regular) dated Nov 06, 2025, Nov 12, 2025, Nov 19, 2025



2. Rotary Talk session: Session by Rtn MD. K Raveendran on Nov 19, 2025).



3. Director Board Meeting (BOD) : The Board of Directors Meeting of Rotary Club of Pilathara was held on Nov 12, 2025, at Rotary Pearl, Pilathara, under the leadership of President Rtn. C. Raveendranathan.



4. Monthly Family Meeting: 27.10.2025: Rotary Club of Pilathara's November Family Meet was held on 30.11.2025 in a warm and joyful atmosphere. The event was graciously sponsored by Rtn. K. Raveendran, with Program Chair Rtn. T. Rajeevan ensuring a smooth and memorable gathering.



5. Release of Club Bulletin -Ripples- November 2025: Rotary Club of Pilathara proudly released the November 2025 edition of its monthly magazine, Ripples, on 30.11.2025. Assistant Governor Rtn. K. Aravindakshan officially unveiled the e-copy by handing it over to Anns Forum President Smt. Indira Satheesan.



6. Celebrations with Rotary Family : A Housewarming of Joy and Unity. On 08.11.2025, 32 Rotarians and Anns of Rotary Club of Pilathara came together in a spirit of joy and fellowship to celebrate the housewarming of Rtn. Ashil Mohandas and his spouse Ann Dr. Smitha at their new home in Vilayancode.



7. Rotary Family Togetherness. Rotarians and Anns of Rotary Club of Pilathara came together in a spirit of joy and fellowship to celebrate the wedding reception of the daughter of Rtn. PG Venugopal and Ann Pushpa.



V. Rotary Insights

Paul Harris: Founder of Rotary International



Paul Harris is the founder of Rotary and the pioneer of the modern service-club movement. His enduring belief, that fellowship among professionals could promote ethical conduct and meaningful service, laid the foundation for what later became **Rotary International**.

- Early Life: Paul Percy Harris was born on **19 April 1868** in **Racine, Wisconsin, USA**. Orphaned at a young age, he was brought up by his grandparents in Vermont, where he developed self-reliance and strong moral values. He studied law at the **University of Iowa** and graduated in 1891. Extensive travels across the United States and Europe broadened his worldview and deepened his appreciation of human relationships.
- The Birth of Rotary: In **1896**, Harris settled in **Chicago** and began his law practice. Amid the fast-paced urban life, he missed the warmth and trust of small-town friendships. To revive that spirit, he gathered a small group of professionals from different vocations.

On **23 February 1905**, Paul Harris met with three friends, Gustavus Loehr, Sylvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey, at Loehr's office. This meeting led to the formation of the **Rotary Club of Chicago**, with meetings held in rotation at members' workplaces, giving Rotary its name.

- From Fellowship to Service: What started as a fellowship club soon evolved into an organisation dedicated to community service, ethical business practices, and international understanding. Rotary expanded rapidly across the United States and overseas. In **1910**, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, later renamed Rotary International. Paul Harris served as Rotary's third president (1910–11).
- Legacy: Paul Harris devoted his life to nurturing Rotary's ideals, travelling widely to promote fellowship and service. He passed away on **27 January 1947**, but his vision continues through Rotary's global humanitarian work. The **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition stands as a lasting tribute to his commitment to service above self.

Paul Harris taught the world that **friendship, integrity, and service, when combined, can change communities and promote peace**.