



***BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
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***OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH***

**Vocational Service** -- Vocational Service, one of Rotary's Avenues of Service, encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions and to practice high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process. Observed each October, Vocational Service Month spotlights Rotary club projects related to this avenue, offering an opportunity for clubs and districts to use their professional skills in service projects.

**The Four-Way Test.** 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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***The RI president's monthly message, October 2010***



**“Way Down Yonder in New Orleans”** -There have been many songs written about New Orleans due to its history and heritage as one of the music capitals of the world. I particularly like the happy sound of “Way Down Yonder in New Orleans,” whose lyrics now beckon us as we think about the 2011 RI Convention in that city, 21-25 May – a full month earlier than the RI conventions in recent years! The New Orleans convention will officially start on Saturday – not on Sunday as it has for the past few years. The House of Friendship, the showplace of our annual conventions, will open on Saturday morning, and all preconvention meetings will end at noon on Saturday, to allow Rotarians and their guests to spend more time there before the plenary sessions start on Sunday. Additional good news is that the House of Friendship will be located right next door to the plenary session hall in the convention center, and the hours of operation will be extended to permit more fellowship and networking time for our visitors from around the Rotary world. It will be the place to be for Rotarians and their families! Our conventions almost defy description because they are so diverse in their appeal. Rotary fellowship and networking are at their best as we meet our fellow Rotarians from around the globe, and international service is truly enhanced as Rotarians make new friends from faraway places. So the best way to understand and appreciate a Rotary convention is to attend the outstanding event being planned for New Orleans. Come join us in New Orleans as we work together to make the world a better place. And Let the Good Times Roll ... Again! *Laissez les bon temps rouler ... encore!*

**Ray Klinginsmith**  
**President, Rotary International**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Our main monthly activities started on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gandhi Jayanthi day with literary competition in Malayalam and English for all high school students around Mavelikara Taluk. Fifteen schools were invited to participate in this event. We had very widely experienced judges for evaluating the participants of Malayalam and English. Altogether, about 60 students competed in Essay writings, Poetry recitations and extempore speeches. Very attractive prizes were awarded to the winners and runner ups. The M.V. Samuel memorial ever-rolling trophy was bagged by Bishop Moore Vidyapeeth high school. Judges unanimously pointed out that probably due to visual media impact, the presentation skills of our school children are slightly diminishing. As a part of our ongoing district project, a poor disabled and mentally ill lady patient was provided with Rs.3, 000.00 worth of medicines. Similar projects are under consideration to fulfill our district theme 'enable the disabled'. Our fun-packed family tour was organized to Kuttikkanam resorts on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. As per the comments received, this was one of the most thrilling and enjoyable tour the family ever had in recent years. Thanks to the organizers and participants. Our regular weekly meetings and Saturday geriatric clinics are conducted as scheduled. October family dinner is on 30<sup>th</sup> of October when we hope to meet all our members, inns and Annets.

**Rtn Stephen Varghese**

## Secretary's Corner

9<sup>th</sup> weekly meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September--The meeting was called to order by the president and invocation was read by Rtn PP PHF Dr George.P.Mathai. The president congratulated all Rotarians for their active involvement in making this year's Onam celebrations a runaway success. He specially congratulated Rtn. Simon Francis for decorating the Athapookkalam in such a grand manner, the inner wheel club members with special mention to the president and secretary for organizing cultural programmes for the ladies and kids, thanks to the sincere efforts taken by lekshmi, Suzanne and Ammu.A special word of thanks was due to Rtn.PAG PHF Poulose.K. Koshy for delivering the Onam message, Rtn.Babu.P.Joseph and Rtn.Viji George for handling the fellowship, the club secretary for organizing and executing the entire show. We were able to induct a new member Dr.Mathew.K.Sam to our club during the Onam function, thanks to Dr.Ramadas for inducting the new member. Shuttle tournament of the district is scheduled on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Our monthly dinner will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September and a proposal to conduct the annual club tour on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September was put forward as there will be a hike in hotel rates from October due to peak season. Rtn.Dr.Ramadas suggested to conduct a director board to discuss about the literary competitions and the same was decided to conduct soon after the coming weekly meeting. The secretary read the minutes of the last weekly meeting, birthdays and wedding anniversaries were remembered. lucky dip was won by Rtn.Sasidharan Pillai. The meeting adjourned for fellowship and dinner at 9pm.

### **10<sup>TH</sup> weekly meeting 8<sup>TH</sup> September**

The meeting was called to order by the president and invocation was read by Rtn. Jimmy Chacko George. Preparations for the forthcoming literary competitions for school children scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October are in full swing. The president suggested that he had personally visited most of the schools in and around Mavelikara and invitation letters were also sent. Rtn. Lloyd Alexander and Rtn. Jacob Jacob will represent our club at the district shuttle tournament. There will be a youth leadership award programme on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at hotel Aida, Kottayam. Mr. M.S. Abraham's requisition letter for membership to our club was read out and the same will be decided in the director board. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries were read out and lucky dip was won by Rtn. PP. Dileep Kumar. The meeting adjourned for fellowship and dinner at 8:45pm.

### **11<sup>th</sup> weekly meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September**

The meeting was called to order by the president and invocation was read by Rtn. Dr. Ramadas.. Our monthly family dinner is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. Rtns. Kurien Varghese, Simon Varghese, Thomas Pothen and Parameswaran Pillai will be the hosts.

Rtn. Babu. p. Joseph presented a requisition letter seeking financial and medical aid for a deserving patient Rtn. PAG. Dr. Ramadas suggested that the funds allotted for the 'Enable the Disabled' programme should be utilized by the club rather than donating the amount to the district. This was in reply to the question raised by the president that the district governor's letter mentioned

about cooperating with the Chetthipuzha hospital and that all clubs must cooperate with the assigned hospital in undertaking the same. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries were remembered. Lucky dip was won by Rtn.Dr.Ramadas. The meeting adjourned for fellowship and dinner at 9pm.

### **12<sup>th</sup> weekly meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

The meeting was called to order by the president and invocation was read by Rtn.Ansar Mohammed. The seminar held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September was attended by the President ,GGR and Rtn.PP PHF Simon Francis. The Preparations for the literary competitions are in full swing and the president along with Rtn.PAG .Dr. Ramadas and Rtn PP.Jacob Varghese has purchased prizes for the event. the Schools visited earlier will be reminded and the president requested all rotary inns to actively participate along with the inner wheel club. Rtn.Abey john suggested that all schools should be informed that the registrations will start at 9am sharp and end at 9:30am and that no one should be permitted to register after the stipulated time. This suggestion was welcomed by all. The secretary requested the members to postpone the tour to the first week of November as per the feedback received from a few Rotarians that they will not be available on October. Hence, the date was fixed on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our family dinner will be conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. The secretary read the minutes of the last weekly meeting. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries were remembered and the meeting adjourned for fellowship and dinner at 9pm.

### **13<sup>TH</sup> weekly meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September**

The meeting was called to order by the president and invocation was read by Rtn.Jacob Varghese. An official letter from the district governor regarding the selection of Rtn.Dr.Babu Chacko of the RC club of Kottayam as the official district governor nominee was read out. The club donated rupees three thousand worth of medicines for the mentally handicapped patient as per the requisition received by the club through Rtn.Babu.P.Joseph. The president thanked all those who attended the family get-together. We were able to induct Mr.M.S.Abraham's as a new member to our club, thanks to Rtn. PAG.Dr.M.S.Abraham for inducting the new member. The inner wheel club donated rupees three thousand for purchase of medicines for the geriatric clinic. The president thanked this novel gesture and requested them to continue their participation. Our literary competitions will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October and we expect a good participation this year, thanks to the voluntary contributions made by Rtn.PP..Abraham Mathew for offering refreshments. Rajesh Rangaswamy for offering snacks for the children and the secretary for offering files and pens required during the event. The secretary read the minutes of the last weekly meeting, bides and wedding anniversaries were remembered. Lucky dip was won by Rtn.Dr.Sujith Mathew. The meeting adjourned for fellowship and dinner at 9pm.

### **Rtn Dr Sunil Mathew Thomas**

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#### **A man is talking to God**

The man: "God, how long is a million years?"

God: "To me, it's about a minute."  
The man: "God, how much is a million dollars?"  
God: "To me it's a penny."  
The man: "God, may I have a penny?"  
God: "Wait a minute."

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*The Rotary of today is different from the Rotary of yesterday and the Rotary of tomorrow cannot, must not, be the same as the Rotary of today. Rotary will continue to evolve.*

### **Our New Member Rtn PP M.S.Abraham**



**A native of Mavelikara he ,graduated from Kerala University .and joined a reputed coaching Centrein Bombay. Having gained wide popularity among students he started his own Coaching centre,known as Alpha Classes. In 1996 joined Rotary club of Dombivili uptown and was very active in the club projects and conducted several seminars in the field of education. In 2004 became the president of Rotary club of Dombivili Uptown. He became the Chartered President if Dombivili Y.M.C.A in 2001 and was very active in Y.M.C.A and helped to have own building for Y.M.C.A. He is the life member of Dombivili Gymkhana. He was the Chairman of Keraleeya Samajam, which is the biggest Malayalee Organisation of its kind in the entire Asia; from 2004 to 2008 He is the Chief Co-coordinator of SOORYA Festival in Mumbai, the Largest and the Longest Festival in Asia. Presently conducting private tuitions for Mathematics in his own newly started**

institution 'Maths Academy'. He is married to RS Lizy Abraham and the couple has two sons, Sam Abraham, B.Tech and Paul Abraham a final year Engineering student.

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*A very drunk man comes out of the bar and sees another very drunk man. He looks up in the sky and says, "Is that the sun or the moon?" The other drunk man answers, "I don't know. I'm a stranger here myself."*

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**Wish them all many Happy Returns of the Day**

**BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rtn Rajesh Rangaswamy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rtn Dr. Ninan George  
3<sup>rd</sup> R. Annet Hari Govind (S/o Rtn. Dileep)  
11<sup>th</sup> Rtn Dr. Ramdas  
16<sup>th</sup> R. Annet Suzane (D/o Rtn. Ansar)  
18<sup>th</sup> R. Annet Minu (D/o Rtn Stephen Varghese)  
21<sup>st</sup> R. Ann Ponnammal (W/o Rtn. Parameswaran Pillai)  
23<sup>rd</sup> R. Annet Mini (D/o Rtn. Stephen Varghese)  
26<sup>th</sup> Rtn. Stephen Varghese  
30<sup>th</sup> R. Annet Suraj.P (S/o Rtn Pushpangadhan)

31<sup>st</sup> R. Ann Dr. Biji (W/o Rtn. Dr. Sunil Mathew Thomas)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR OCTOBER, 2010**

24<sup>th</sup> Rtn. Lloyd Alexander & Sherly

25<sup>th</sup> Rtn. Dr. M.S. Abraham & Ramani

**Events in Photographs**



A new member is inducted



Lucky dip winner



Literary competitions 2010  
Ramakkal medu



Family tour enroute

***Let us all celebrate 24th October, the World Polio Day, showing our generosity in contributing to the cause of Polio eradication. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.. "I believe the end is near" for polio, says RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Furthermore, he said, \$US1.5 billion will be saved by governments when polio is eradicated.***

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### **Are you a beggar?**

An emperor was coming out of his palace for his morning walk when he met a beggar. He asked the beggar, "What do you want?" The beggar laughed and said, "You are asking me as though you can fulfill my desire!" The king was offended. He said, "Of course I can fulfill your desire. What is it? Just tell me." And the beggar said, "Think twice before you promise anything." The beggar was no ordinary beggar; he was the emperor's past life master. He had promised in that life, "I will come and try to wake you in your next life. This life you have missed but I will come again." But the king had forgotten completely -- who remembers past lives? So he insisted, "I will fulfill anything you ask. I am a very powerful emperor, what can you possibly desire that I cannot give to you?" The beggar said, "It is a very simple desire. You see this begging bowl? Can you fill it with something?" The emperor said, "Of course!" He called one of his viziers and told him, "Fill this man's begging bowl with money." The vizier went and got some money and poured it into the bowl, and it disappeared. And he poured more and more, and the moment he would pour it, it would disappear. And the begging bowl remained always empty. The whole palace gathered. By and by the

rumor went throughout the whole capital, and a huge crowd gathered. The prestige of the emperor was at stake. He said to his viziers, "If the whole kingdom is lost, I am ready to lose it, but I cannot be defeated by this beggar."Diamonds and pearls and emeralds, his treasuries were becoming empty. The begging bowl seemed to be bottomless. Everything that was put into it --everything! -- immediately disappeared, went out of existence. Finally it was the evening, and the people were standing there in utter silence. The king dropped at the feet of the beggar and admitted his defeat. he said, "Just tell me one thing. You are victorious - but before you leave, just fulfill my curiosity. What is the begging bowl made of?"The beggar laughed and said, "It is made up of the human mind. There is no secret. It is simple made up of human desire."This understanding transforms life. Go into one desire -- what is the mechanism of it? First there is a great excitement, great thrill, adventure. You feel a great kick. Something is going to happen; you are on the verge of it. And then you have the car, you have the yacht, you have the house, you have the woman, and suddenly all is meaningless again. What happens? Your mind has dematerialized it. The car is standing in the drive, but there is no excitement anymore. The excitement was only in getting it. You became so drunk with the desire that you forgot your inner nothingness. Now the desire is fulfilled, the car in the drive, the woman in your bed, the money in your bank account - again excitement disappears. Again the emptiness is there, ready to eat you up. Again you have to create another desire to escape this yawning abyss.

That's how one moves from one desire to another desire. That's how one remains a beggar. Your whole life proves it again and again -- every desire frustrates. And when the goal is achieved, you will need another desire. The day you understand that desire as such is going to fail comes the turning point in your life. The other journey is inwards. move inwards, come back home.

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