 

Bulletin of

ROTARY CLUB OF TRIVANDRUM NORTH

**President: Rtn Ashok P Menon Secretary Rtn PP Sivaramakrishnan**

APRIL – Maternal and child health

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# My dear Rotarians

Every beginning has to have an end. So also is my tenure as President of this prestigious club. Let me take this opportunity to thank all Rotarians and family members for their love and affection and active participation. I had a very co-operative and proactive Board which worked as a great team to make this Rotary year memorable and fruitful. Thanks to you all board members, especially to Kaimal Chettan for the WinS program and Rtn Dr Easwara Pillai for the record Foundation contribution of USD 6900, AG G M Pillai for all help and advice, Rtn MG Sreekumaran Nair for taking care of the financial burden, Rtn Varghese Oommen for the entertainment portfolio, and Rtn Sivaramakrishnan, secretary par excellence for his wonderful support and for bringing out 10 very informative bulletins.

Rotary leadership changes every rotary year. John F Germ with his new Rotary theme ‘Rotary Serving Humanity’ is our Rotary International President for 2016-17. Our new governor (district 3211) is Rtn Dr John Daniel. And our new president is the youthful and enthusiastic Rtn Sunil Kumar. He has built up an excellent Board of experienced senior rotarians and youthful and energetic youngsters. I wish Rtn Sunil and his team all the very best in the new rotary year.A big THANK YOU to you all from my heart.

**Secretary’s message:** Dear Rotarians This is the tenth and last monthly bulletin of this rotary year. I hope you all enjoyed glancing through the material in the bulletins.

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve maternal health and reduce child mortality for children under five.

**Area of Focus Statement of Purpose and Goals**

TRF enables Rotarians to improve the health of mothers and their children by

1. Reducing the mortality and morbidity rate for children under the age of five;

2. Reducing the maternal mortality and morbidity rate;

3. Improving access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders and health care providers for mothers and their children;

4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to maternal and child health.

**Council grants clubs greater flexibility in meeting, membership**

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of $4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary’s website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary’s governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The $4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn’t either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be $60 in 2017-18, $64 in 2018-19, and $68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

“We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo,” said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. “We must think about our future.”Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council’s decisions:

* A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions — recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They’ll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only. The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on Legislation to concentrate on enactments — changes to Rotary’s governing documents. Proponents predict that the Council on Legislation can then be shortened by a day, saving $300,000.
* Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued that too few Rotaractors (around 5 percent) join Rotary. Sometimes it’s because they don’t want to leave their Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It’s hoped that giving them more options will boost the numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.
* The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have “e-club” in their names can keep it, however.
* The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.
* A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest orderBottom of Form



**APRIL**

2nd Shyam annet of Dr Easwara Pillai

4th Sreeji annet of Gopakumar

5th Rishma annet of K P Thomas

8Th Lakshmi annet of S Perumal Pillai

10th Jacob V Oommen annet Varghese Oommen

13th Rtyn Sunitha ann of Ashok P Menon

23rd Rtyn Meena ann of Pratap Pillai

29th Anupama annet of Dr M S R Dev

29th Rtyn Ajitha Shankar ann of Sudheesh Shankar

30th Saradamma ann of Krishnan Nair

**MAY**

1st Thanmaya annet of Mahesh

2nd Arya annet of Anil Kumar

4th Akhil annet of Retnakumar

5th Rtn P M Jose

9th Rtn Giridharan Nair

10th Aiswarya annet of Padmakumar

14th Rtn K N Sivan Kutty

14th Rtn Ramachandran

14th Saranya annet of Rtn Giridharan Nair

18th Rtn Dr Ashok Kumar

19th Rtn Dr M S R Dev

19th Rtyn Jasmine Anil

20th Rtn Chandra Mohan

24th Rtyn.Jayasree ann of Retnakumar

24th Rtyn.Vijayalakshmy ann of MGS

27th Rtyn.Mary Jose ann of P M Jose

26th Nikhil annet of Retnakumar

28th Rtyn. Girija ann of K N G Kaimal

29th Rtn A Retnakumar

**JUNE**

2Nd Rtn Dr Ramakrishnan Nair

3rd Rtn Sethunath K S

10th Rtn Anil Kumar

16th Arun annet of Sivaramakrishnan

18th Rtyn.Ramani ann of Gopakumar

24th Sidharth annet of Ashok P Menon

27th Rtn Dr P Madhava Kaimal

27th Kishore annet of G M Pillai

30th Rtyn Girija Sethunath



**APRIL**

12th Rtn. T S Mahesh & Sandhya Rani

17th Rtn.Varghese Oommen & Sajni Varghese

**MAY**

2nd Rtn Ashok Kumar & Chandrika

2nd Rtn. Sivaramakrishnan & Padma

10th Rtn.Retnakumar & Jayasree

**JUNE**

3rd Rtn Ramachandran & Jyothi

6th Rtn Dr M S R Dev & Ann Geetha

28th Rtn Ramadas Pillai & Sindhu Pillai

29th Rrtn Chandra Mohan & Sreelatha

**Statement of activities of the Club till 30/04/16**

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| 1. Date of payment of 1st Half Club Invoice | 14/09/2015 |
| 1. Date of payment of Rotary News Magazine Subscription | 22/09/2015 |
| 1. Date of payment of District Dues | 09/10/2015 |
| 1. Date of payment of 2nd Half club invoice | 29/02/2016 |
| 1. Have you submitted reports in all months | YES |
| 1. Have you submitted reports before 20th of succeeding month | YES |
| 1. Did your president attended PETS @ Goa | YES |
| 1. Did your Secretary attended PETS @ Goa | YES |
| 1. Your Club’s Total Contribution to District Directory in INR | - |
| 1. Your Club’s Contribution to TRF ~~per Rotarians~~ or Per Club in $ | $ 5600 (23 Members) |
| 1. Number of new members inducted, who have ID No   Dr Ashok Kumar 9363984, Padmakumar K C 9416603,  Viswanath K 9416606, Ravindran K T 9559101) | 4 |
| 1. Number of District Project WinS I Star completed | 6 |
| 1. Number of District Project WinS II Stars completed | 4 |
| 1. Number of District Project WinS III Stars completed | - |
| 1. Rotarians registered in District Seminar |  |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for District Training Assembly | 16 |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for District Project Seminar | 6 |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for District Leadership Seminar | 5 |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for District Membership Seminar | 6 |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for District Vocational Service Seminar | 8 |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for The Rotary Foundation Seminar | 26 |
| 1. No. of Rotarians registered for District Conference | 19 |
| 1. Did your Club participated in all the District Events/Seminars | YES |
| 1. How many Club Assemblies conducted by the club | 10 |
| 1. Did you organise Club Assembly after District Training Assembly | YES |
| 1. How many times your AG attended in your club’s program? | Many times |
| 1. Is your club qualified to receive Grant? | YES |
| 1. Is your Club registered in Rotary Club Central? | YES |
| 1. No. of Rotarians attending RI Convention | NIL |
| 1. How many Club Bulletin you have published – Monthly/bi weekly/weekly/Special | 9 till date ( monthly)  One more will be published by 15th May |