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ROTARY CLUB OF TRIVANDRUM NORTH

AUGUST- MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**INSTALLATION NEWS**

Rtn Ashok P Menon was installed as the 44th President of our club in a glittering and solemn function held at Hotel SP Grand Days on Wednesday 2nd July 2015. Rtn C K Mohan Kumar President 2014-15 presided over the meeting and Sri T K A Nair IAS (Rtd) former Adviser and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India was the chief guest.

After the customary Secretary’s report President Rtn C K Mohan Kumar in his address informed that the club has won 28 awards from the district and the Change Maker award from R I.

President Rtn Ashok P Menon in his acceptance speech recalled the excellent service projects carried out by our club in the past and the contributions made by many senior Rotarians and Past Presidents in keeping the flag of the club fluttering high. He vowed to keep up with the tradition and appealed to members and families to give him all support to enable him achieve more laurels for the club.

The chief guest Sri T K A Nair an erudite scholar and an excellent orator lauded the efforts of Rotary in contributing to the well being of the society. He cited the Polio Eradication program of RI to emphasize his point. He wished the club all the best and assured the cooperation of himself and his various associations

The installation function ended with fellowship, dinner and entertainment.

# Membership development

**T**o be effective, a Rotary club needs members. The Club’s ability to assist local and international communities, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level is directly related to the strength, size, and involvement of its membership base.

**T**o be an effective, relevant, and vibrant group within a community, a Rotary club needs to continually admit new members and retain current ones. A club's ability to serve the community is directly related to the strength and size of its membership base. A club that stays active encourages Rotarians to remain connected to the organization.

### “Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One”

"Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One," the membership slogan approved by the RI Board of Directors, is a reminder that every Rotarian is responsible for inviting new members and keeping clubs active and vibrant. It also stresses that retention is an essential component of a strong club and membership base.

### Finding members

New members bring important benefits to the club, including an increased capacity to serve the community, future leadership, diversity, and fresh ideas, interests, and energy.

When you’re approached by a prospective member, it is helpful to have a [concise speech](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/elevator_speech_template_en.pdf) ready about Rotary and your club’s accomplishments.

### Keeping members

Retaining qualified members is as critical to Rotary’s long-term health and success as inducting new ones. Current members who are dedicated, active, and motivated support the effective functioning of the club and are likely to attract new Rotarians. [Successful retention strategies](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080807_news_yourvoice08.aspx) include educating members and keeping them involved and informed. When a new member becomes active and connected, both the club and the member become strong

***Why Join Your Local Rotary Club?***

**Professional Networking**

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one’s circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community’s owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

**Service Opportunities**

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

**International Awareness**

With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary’s highest objectives is to

build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

**Friendship**

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

**Good Citizenship**

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

**Family Foundations**

Rotary sponsors some of the world’s largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training

opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

**Entertainment**

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today’s demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

**Ethical Environment**

Encouraging high ethical standards in one’s profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by 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?

**Leadership Development**

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

**Diversity in Membership**

Rotary’s classification system ensures that a club’s membership represents a variety of the community’s professional men and women, including leaders in

business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

# Rotary receives top honors for Future Vision



##### *From left, RI President-elect Ron Burton and wife, Jetta, Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Past RI President Luis Vicente Giay, RI President Sakuji Tanaka, RI General Secretary John Hewko, and Celia Elena Cruz de Giay at the awards banquet.*

**R**otary has received a silver Edison Award in recognition of the [Future Vision Plan](http://www.rotary.org/en/grants), the new grant model that enhances the scope, impact, and sustainability of humanitarian and educational projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Since 1987, the Edison Awards have recognized innovative new products, services and business leaders in the United States. The awards symbolize the persistence and excellence personified by Thomas Edison. Winners represent active contributors to the cause of innovation in the world.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka accepted the award during the annual [Edison Awards](http://www.edisonawards.com/) gala held 25 April in Chicago, the city where Rotary was founded in 1905. The Future Vision Plan received top honors among funding models competing in the Lifestyle and Social Impact category. Nominee ballots were judged by a panel of more than 3,000, including members of seven associations that represent a wide range of industries and disciplines.

“This Edison Award recognizes and validates Rotary’s innovative approach to humanitarian service, as we constantly strive to improve lives and communities by addressing the world’s most pressing problems,” says Tanaka. “It is a great honor to accept such a prestigious award on behalf of Rotary’s global membership of 1.2 million men and women.”

The Edison Award coincides with the successful completion of a three-year pilot in which 100 Rotary districts in more than 70 countries tested Rotary’s new grant model.

The Future Vision Plan simplifies Rotary’s grant process, and focuses Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact. The model is innovative in combining Rotary’s volunteer base and a global reach with local resources to support sustainable, high-impact results in communities all over the world. The model funds more than US$100 million in service projects annually.

The new grant model will be implemented 1 July for Rotary clubs worldwide.

REMEMBERING Dr. A P J KALAM

Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India passed away on July 27, 2015. More than a reputed scientist, administrator, visionary par excellence, he was an embodiment of simple living and high thinking, loved and respected by all. The nation will fondly remember his invaluable contribution to science and technology in various arenas of space, defense, atomic energy which brought fame and reputation to the country amongst the international community.

His vision for the nation was based on equality, the dignity of the individual and justice- social, economic and political- to every Indian. He was an ardent secularist as well as a religious man. He believed that all religions are connected through spirituality.

He came from a modest background, but educated himself and worked hard to rise to the top. He got the sobriquet of People’s President because of his humility and accessibility. He was adored by children. He met more than 10 lakh children and interacted with them. His child-like simplicity was an instant hit.



5Th August- Rtyn Mercy Jacob ( Rtn Jacob K George)

19Th August – Rtn IPP C K Mohan Kumar

20th August-Annet Preetha ( Rtn Dr P Madhava Kaimal)

24th August-Annet Lavanya( Rtn Dr B K easwara Pillai)

25th August- Annet Prity ( Rtn C K Mohan Kumar)

26Th August- Annet Manoj Kumar ( Rtn Dr Balakrishnan Nair)

29Th August- Annet Preethi ( Rtn Dr Anand)



17th August – Rtn Ashok Menon & Ann Sunitha

28th Rtn PP K I Koshy & Ann Annie

# History of Women in Rotary

### Timeline of women in Rotary

#### 1950 An enactment to delete the word “male” from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

#### 1964 The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

#### 1972As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

#### 1977 Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

1980The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as “male persons.”

#### 1983-86In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### 1987 On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members. Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

#### 1988In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### 1989 At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

#### 1990 As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a [feature on women in Rotary](http://books.google.com/books?id=RDIEAAAAMBAJ&lpg=PP1&pg=PA26#v=onepage&q&f=false).

#### 1995 In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

#### 2005 Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

#### 2008 Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

#### 2010 More than 199,000 women are members of Rotary clubs worldwide, with an increasing number serving as district governors.

#### 2012 Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

#### 2013 Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.