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THE ROTARY YEAR BEGINZZZ...



The new rotary year begun with the crowning of Rtn Chandru as the President on 21st June 2006. The installation ceremony was held at Hotel Renaissance with good crowd of Rotarians and guests. The function was short and crisp, which was appreciated by all. The whole team of the Board also got installed on the same day. We also witnessed the induction of two new lady Rotarians on that day.

With the beginning of the New Year, we had our website updated with latest information and the official rotary's website also was updated 100%. It was a great effort by Rtn. Shaju on this. The monthly bulletin was published as e - rocoInt in the website.

In the Club Assembly, a detailed plan for the year was presented by the Prez and Sec. The plan includes membership development, RYLA, formation of Interact/Rotaract, Medical / Dental Camps, Cricket matches, Help a School, Treasure Hunt, and more...

The first month also witnessed a speaker meeting and a great family meeting with great participation from all.

THE PREZ BUZZZ...

Its work time ahead!!

Our main agenda for the year is to make the club stronger in all aspects. Last month went off well and as per plans. We had Board meeting & club assembly; we had speaker meeting & read aloud, and the month ended with a family meet – and all were well attended. These definitely are taking us towards the right direction.

Last month, we witnessed, few set backs on memberships. Raghu had to leave our family to move to Chennai and Ganesh is leaving soon due to transfer to his adopted hometown, Kolkatta. At the same time its nice to see that we have very good prospective members. Month of August, being a membership development month, I look forward for more new members to be inducted.

Our plan for having Interact and Rotaract club also is looking to get materialized. With good attendance and fellowship in all meetings, I am sure we will have great August ahead

Last, but not the least, let me congratulate Rtn. Cinu for coming out with the second issue of ROCOINT of the year, in time,

Great going folks!!

Chandru



Rtn. William B. Boyd
President Rotary International
2006 - 2007



THE ALL BLACKZZZ...

what is it in a colour?

so thought every one till the first family meet of the current rotary year was announced..

and quite a brouhaha ensued.. flurry of mails, frantic phone calls.. shopping lists made and remade, tantrums thrown and caught.. aahaha!

it was quite astonishing to see how disciplined rci-ans have turned out to be!! all dressed in black, not a strand of blackened hair out of place and then all 'hell' broke loose..

one even turned colour blind.. or was he turning a blind eye towards his wife who happens to be one who looks too much into other people's eyes.. (occupational hazard).. black shirt or blue shirt, when its bound to be discarded, what does the colour matter! even salman khan would agree..

someone exchanged all that's sparkling on a not-so-narrow street to be a king of maanikyam, and sent his anne into fits of sulking.. I don't blame her!!

the watchdog of discipline turned out to be an early bird catching the worm, sorry, 'paambu'.. literally!

one earnest rotarian, dared to do something he has never in his life done before.. wearing black, you sillies! what all, in the name of rotary!! on second thoughts, he had a point there, dress code should not be a camouflage.

the charter family with 'two' many rotarians, had a dress code within dress code!! improvisation is the key to success, folks!

there are people who happily embraced the colour code, you know why? this is one magic colour which makes people look slim..

one or two left their wives at home.. fighting over a dress code!?? tsk tsk tsk..

but all said and done, it was loads of fun!! watch out .. last seen, the CSD was logged onto the website, 'www.crazyideasunlimited.com'.. ohmigod!!

LOOKING THRU TINTED LENSEZZZ...



As an ophthalmologist, while looking into eyes, I always wondered, how we look at the world through tinted glasses. Even though I am not a professional writer, as a professional thinker, I am trying to analyse how people look through different tinted glasses. Let me dream through my own tinted glass (a plain one)

Looking through the "rose-tinted" glasses, one sees only the pleasant parts of life. She thinks it is more pleasant than what it really is. She is nostalgic for the past and everything is rosy for her.



Looking through "green-tinted" lenses, its green as in cash. She can see only money as referred by green. And by extension, she is greedy, which is being motivated purely by money. Not every promising courtship ends up in a perfect marriage when she views a prospective mate through green-tinted glasses. But again, when they pretend there is no problem, they are looking through glasses tinted green by the color of money

Looking through 'gold-tinted' lenses, she is looking for a hot time, asking where the discos and bars are, how to get ... (u know)



Looking through "red-tinted" lenses, its reviewing the History (Book review). She looks for additional articles and for more in-depth information on her industry.

Looking through 'testosterone-tinted' glasses, it's mainly done by criminal lawyers. They view other's special rights between the lines of the Constitution



(THE END OF MY COLOURED DREAMS THRU PLAIN LENS) PERIOD

We all look at the world through tinted glasses, whether we like to admit it or not. Tinted by our own experiences, we can feel that and different things jump out at us at different times in our lives. It can be unexpected too. So please choose your "correct" lenses.

Next time around, I will discuss 'tinted glasses' more befitting of my profession, not looking through tinted lenses!

Contributed by
Dr. Lilan

THE DISTRICT OFFICIALZZZ...



Congratulations!!! SR, Hari & Rajeev

It was a great moment for our club to have three district officials during the year 2006-07

Rtn PP S R Nair
Assistant Governor Region 1C

Rtn PP Harikrishnan P K
District Joint Secretary, GOV

Rtn PP Rajeev Vyloppilly
District Seargent-at-Arms

THE EDZZZ...

First of all let me thank you for motivating and supporting me for the first issue of our Rocoint of the year. I am glad to understand that all of you liked the contents and style of Rocoint. Now the difficult part is to maintain the similar content and style through out the year. However I hope I am doing a work satisfactory to all.

This month's bulletin covers our installation ceremony and the family meet. A detailed write up was given on Rtn. Chandru's crowning. Long Live Lion King!! The Black & White (spirited) family meet is also featured with photos and comments. Thanks Manju for helping me with comments.

I added a new column this month for Ann's contributions, and we got our first contribution from Dr. Lilan. Thanks Lilan for the same. I expect more anns to contribute and make it lively.

I am featuring "Mongoose" this month - as the character of the month. I have decided to feature all possible of our RCI Kingdom members in our coming bulletins. Hope you will appreciate that.

August - being the month for membership development, lets welcome new members to our family, and lets works together to get more members (no pun intended!!)

I wish our club a "BIG development" in membership!!

Cinu



THE QUOTEZZZ...

[e-mail is a wonderful media for communication, and following are the "email quotes" made by our rotarians / anns during thier email wars. I hope all of you can understand who, when, what & why] **EDZZZ**

10 July

I have made my decision. I will be resigning in about a month and a half and will not continue in RCI anymore. I am leaving RCI as I have got an assignment as a football coach

18 July

i can do aall of this but dont have time...

jokes apart, can you please find time for this?? am asking you this from the bottom of my heart..

26 July

However start practicing tHe pronounciation of words such as Honoribicabilitudenitetibus and please give stress on your rs & ws -

Try to remember words like Chutzpah, Schmuck, Schlock, Pheendi... etc too.

27 July

blacklegs will be blackmailed, blacklisted, and sent to black hole with a black eye, as blacksheeps..

29 July

is this called a blackminder.....i really am keeping my fingers and legs and all crossed ...if this is the state of affairs... god save the evening....

31 July

first time in my life i wrote something seriously !! so next time around will write 'humourous trivial nothings'

THE WISHEZZZ...

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

03	Tharun	s/o Gibu
10	Suma	w/o Pradeep
16	Alena	d/o Cinu
18	Varun	s/o Abraham
21	Meria	w/o Benny
22	Shalini	d/o Dr.Siby
29	Ayushi	d/o Madan

ANNIVERSARIES

20	Ramesh Madhavan & Beena
26	Rajeev Nair & Asha Nair
30	Prashanth Menon V & Reshmi



THE MONGOOZZZ...

This teetotaler & hyperactive animal has vowed to kill the "snakes / pambukal" those crawling during the nocturnal hours in RCI Jungle. During late nights, we can see this (Brahma)chari looking for suitable "preys" in the Jungle premises, but not so lucky so far. This creature will assist the Lion in the Kingdom Management.



As per Indian Calendar, this is Ramayana month. All pious Hindus are on prayer, and they spend time reading the Ramayana, the story of Rama.

How can RCI be not part of it? So we decided to tell the story of our Rama, the one and only Reji Raman.

Reji Raman is the son of KS Raman and Rema Raman. That is indeed a lot of Ramans!

He was born very recently, some 38 years back. While he claims to be a native of Kureekad near Chottanikkara, our research had shown a Gujju tinge in his manners and movements. On exploration further, it is learnt that all his formative years were spent in Gujju Rashtra, where his dad worked.

Life was *saro che* there. Having tasted ahimsa and seen Sabarmati during childhood, he still has not been able to come to terms with Mallu Rashtra and feels that the undercurrents here are pretty high and very dirty. That looks to be the reason for him having decided not to conjugate with anything mallu and retained his 'Ottathadi' aspect. He signs off as B. Chari but his friends feel that since he could not become A. Chari, he had chosen to be B.Chari, with plenty of options still existing for future (from C.Chari to Z. Chari)

Reji Raman confined his higher studies within Ernakulam with alma mater as Bharata Mata College and SMS, CUSAT. While doing MBA, the entrepreneurial bug bit him and he went into consultancy during studies. (He forgot to read the biographies of leading businessmen of the world such as Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Richard Branson, and Michael Dell etc, all of who had chucked studies to go into entrepreneurship). Instead of chucking studies, Reji came out successfully with a post graduation in management from CUSAT. Thereafter, he wasted one year working for a Tour Operator conceptualizing and visualizing tour packages for tourists. Since it was an idea whose time has not come (in 1992), it did not work out.

In 1993, along with friends from the college, Reji started the first marketing research and consultancy firm in Kerala by name Centre for Research & Consultancy. With his professor from CUSAT, the group also runs an NGO: Centre for Socio Economic Development. Both organizations are doing well and have made their mark in the State.

Reji came into Rotary when he was told by the wise man (?) that Rotary membership helps in business growth. Though he is yet to taste that, he had started enjoying Rotary, particularly RCI. He had been part of all the RCI boards so far and this year increased in involvement by becoming its Secretary.

Since he has no other encumbrance, the club members feel that he should make the best Secretary of the District and are eagerly watching his every move.

Having told the story of Rama, let us end with the prayer:

Rama Rama hare hare, Rema Rama hare hare !

[the above profile is styled by SR]