



RYLA CLICKZZZ...



RCI conducted the third RYLA at Don Bosco School Vaduthala on 10, 11 Feb 2007 with a record registration of 67 students from 10 Schools. The schools are - Don Bosco, SBOA, St Albert's, Bhavan's Girinagar, Bhavan's Elamakkara, Vidyardaya, Naval Children's School, St John the Baptist and SOS. Rtn PDG Sunil Zachariah inaugurated the Training Programme and told the children that they are in better position now as the whole world is looking at India and India will become a super economy. So think Big. Chandrashekheran made the presidential address and Reji Raman proposed vote of thanks.

This followed the ice breaking session by SR, a lively session and soon all of them were comfortable. The other sessions for the day were Art of Public Speaking by Bejoy Peter, Creative Thinking by P K Jayan, and Emotions Management by SR himself. In the evening there was a very lively talent nite that started at 7 pm. We had to screen participants for lack of time. They were a talented lot. They danced along with the Rotarians till 9:45 pm and had dinner.

The day two began at 6:30 am with yoga conducted by yoga master Suresh. It was a one-hour session. At 9 am after breakfast the Sessions began with Leadership in Action by Mr Benny. After tea the second session was Go and Conquer by Rtn K N Shastri.

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



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District Governor 3200
2006 - 2007

THE PREZ BUZZZ...

Dear Members

We continued our march towards achieving our annual plans in the month of February also.

RYLA conducted at Don Bosco School was well appreciated by one and all. We had some excellent participation in both quality and quantity. The biggest satisfaction was the appreciation we received from the students who participated.

Member's attendance in District conference was very good. Our activities were well noticed thorough display of all issues of ROCOINT at the venue.

This is the period when lethargy normally sets in as we move toward the last quarter of the Rotary year. But I am sure we will see that it does not happen at RCI. We have Governors visit and the chartered day in March which should keep us active. The cricket tournament has begun and we have started our campaign well. We look forward for all your support by cheering the team and hopefully we will lift the cup again.

In the month of March, we will have a family get together. We are planning for one to celebrate our charter day as usual during March.

My best wishes for all the Annett's for their Final exams.

Truly, **Chandru**



RYLA ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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The Valedictory function saw Prof Bruce Miller give a motivational speech followed by the Prize Distribution.

The President made the Presidential address and the sec proposed vote of thanks. The leaders of the six teams also spoke about the programme. They were all happy and wished that it had been extended for few more days. Prof. Bruce Miller, Rtn. K.N. Shastri and President Chandrashekheran gave away the prizes.

The Winners were

Best Performers - Talent Nite

1. SBOA
2. Don Bosco School

Special Prize: Manu Madany, SOS Youth Home

Best Rylarian-

Boy : Vinay Madhava Menon ,
Bhavans Girinagar

Girl : Aparna Shaju, SBOA

Most Popular Rylarian

Boy: Abel Thomas, Don Bosco

Girl : Ambika Sudhakaran,
Naval Public School

Best Team: Thunder Warriors



RCI NEWZZZ...

01-02-07

A combined Rotary meeting was held at Hotel Renaissance with Rotary clubs of North, Kalamassery and South. Rtn MPHF Barry Friedman made a presentation on the "Gift of Life" project. He is the president of the Project.

Gift of Life Programs around the world have provided lifesaving surgeries for over 10,000 children!

The Gift of Life helps children with failing hearts all over the world who desperately need cardiac surgery but do not have the resources to get it. The programme covers all costs

including transportation, clothing, food and accommodation. At times they even provide infrastructure support for hospitals.



Gift of Life is an idea born in 1975 to a group of Rotarians from Manhasset, Long Island, NY, and today is a global effort. In 1974 the Manhasset, NY Rotary Club answered a request for help from the Kampala Rotary Club in Uganda. The response brought five-year old Grace on a 5,000-mile journey from Uganda to Long Island, NY. Then it was twelve-year old Robinah and later the Project took shape in the following year.

The project benefits many children, who would otherwise die, and heal them with the miracle of open-heart surgery. More than 5,000 children have since been flown to US from dozens of nations for rescue treatment and open-heart

surgery...from Europe, the Caribbean, South and Central America, Africa, Asia and US.

Medical centers throughout the U.S., and in Middle East and Southeast Asia, are participating Gift of Life hospitals. Dedicated surgeons and nurses donate their skills to the cause. In Kerala, Amritha Institute of Medical Sciences is the participating hospital. Dr Rao of the Amritha Hospital spoke about the numerous surgeries conducted at Amritha. Children from Srilanka, Malaysia, Uganda, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Pakistan etc had successfully undergone surgeries at Amritha.

President Mohan Welcomed the gathering, President Ranu Gupta Introduced Barry, President Chandshekheran gave a Memento to Rtn Barry and exchanged flags. President Babu proposed the Vote of thanks.



DISTRICT CONFERENZZZ...

RCI attended the District Conference Jyothirgamaya with a 100% attendance. We participated for all the meetings and were also there for the fellowship in full strength. Our members Abraham George, Rajeev V, Harikrishnan PK, SR Nair were part of the committee and contributed in a big way towards the success of the conference. The badges for all the delegates, and officials were designed and printed by RCI (Thanks to Cinu) which was appreciated by all.



Madan and Flaguni were awarded the best Dancing Couples during the Jyothirgamaya Conference Eve. Many of the RCI members along with Annes and Annett attended the Eve which had various entertainment. The highlight was the fashion show. For many of RCI members the highlight was the dance where we all danced till lights were off.



RCI BLASTZZZ...

The Rotary Raymonds Cricket Tournament hosted by RC Cochin started on Sunday, 25th February 2007 at Tripunithura. RCI played the second game of the day of this 20-20-cricket match against Cochin North. RCI elected to bat first and scored 167 runs losing 5 wickets. Then RCI restricted North to 107 for 9! RCI won by 60 runs.

Earlier, RCI were powered by a brilliant opening stand between Chandru (30 of 33 balls) and Madan (15 of 10 balls) that laid the platform for a formidable total against Cochin North. Chandru again was given company by flamboyant Ravi Karolil (25 of 20 balls). Chandru batted for 15 overs and efficiently rotated the strike and Ravi played his calculated strokes on all sides of the ground. When Ravi departed Navin joined Chandru and made a quick 11 of 9 balls before falling to a slow deceiving delivery. Then came the thundering typhoon who seemed to hit balls like never before, Sanjay joined Chandru to make 35 of 30 balls.

Aby joined Sanjay when Chandru fell. Aby tried pushing the tempo and fell after contributing 23 runs of 16 balls. Rajiv joined Sanjay to carry the bat with Sanjay and contributed 10 of 6 balls.

Then when RCI picked the ball, it started swinging, jumping and skidding - the wickets fell at regular intervals and the scoring rate depleted at each ball. The opening pairs, Aby and Madan, were followed by Sanjay and Ravi. They destroyed the top lineup and the game was already won at tea break. Even part-time bowlers - Pradeep and Hari bowled with discipline. There was a brilliant catch by Rajiv Nair and one by Harikrishnan, both close to the boundary!! Moreover the team fielded well to check the scoreboard.

The Team: Madan, Chandru, Ravi, Navin, Sanjay, Aby, Rajiv, Hari, Pradeep, Prashant, Jagan, Manoj Madhav, Saji.

THE EDZZZ...

March, March, March, and as we march towards ninth month of our current rotary year. As the editor of this bulletin, I am glad to express my satisfaction and confidence in bringing out our monthly ROCOINT without any break so far. There were lot of hardships including lack of time, busy official schedules, traveling, collection of articles etc, but with all happiness I was able to edit it nine times in a row. Thank GOD and I thank all of you for all support and encouragement given so far.

This edition highlights RYLA, a project that is very dear to all RCIans and this time we were able to do it in style as usual but with a record participation. I have photo featured the same here. Also I make this edition colorful with some glimpses of the fashion show held during the eve of District Conference, Jyothirgamaya. I hope those of you have missed the eve can console themselves with this.

The last page is dedicated for a STONE man whose inside stories are unknown to most of us. I was able to get the secret out of this guy. Enjoy the story of crow!!

Let's march forward, for more thrilling times with RCI.

With lov,
Cinu



KAKKA & THE STONZZZ...



The only "Kakka" of this Jungle, has floored many animals, flies a lot across jungles, and is now an "International Kakka".



Once upon a time, there was an intelligent crow, which was very thirsty, and to drink water from a vase with little water, picked some stones lying around and dropped into the vase to raise the water level and drink from it. That was a story for kids, but we have a new generation bird amongst us who also deals with stones intelligently to quench his thirst. Assigned with a special duty on international matters, we are glad to present our International Kakka - Elavakkatt Mohammed Abdul Salam - Director International Services of Rotary Cochin International - whom we call "Salam"

Salam was born on 25th September 1959 to E K Mohammed and Khadeeja Mohammed. He was a jovial person since his childhood and loves good company. He had good company in his childhood be it friends or siblings and he had many. He is the second child of the eight children the Mohammeds had.



Period and classes were rare. He says he enjoyed the life there as a sportsman, artist, politician.

Father Mohammed felt his son has had enough of "balapadanga!" hence asked him to come back and join him in his business. He gained lots of experience by way of working at the brick kiln at Athirapally, managing the construction business with his father, sitting at his father's ration shop, running a private line bus on Fort Kochi Aluva route, to finally start the first venture - Chaitanya Flooring.

In 1984 along with his brother-in-law he established Chaitanya Marbles which engages in production of flooring material & flooring contract. He never had to look back after that, and the bird is still flying high. In a year's time the bird picked up stones and started granite and marble business. He opened offices near Edapally named Chaitanya Granite and Marbles and a factory near his home for Designer Tiles - branded as UNICON. He caters to the local builders and house-owners, and as a true International, he exports his tiles to Europe, USA, Middle East and Africa.

The bird is well perched on a high branch and shows tendencies of a migratory bird. His international connections do not cease with exports alone. He has flown over major countries in Europe including UK, Germany, France, Netherland, Switzerland etc, parts of Middle East - like Kuwait, Qatar, Dubai etc, Singapore & Malaysia and Sri Lanka. He has flown with his family to all places in India.



A black and white photo changed the course of this high-flying bird. It was in 1988 when our entrepreneur had just begun business and had tasted his success that he came across an identity card of a beautiful college girl from Panaikulam, Aluva. Salam was floored by the enchanting beauty, Fathima and immediately proposed to her parents. (see that precious photo, which he still carries close to his heart). But it was not easy as her family refused. When Fathima's parents mentioned that she is too young to get married, our hot blooded young man used all magic and powers and coerced them to finally allow him to tie the knot. The happily married couple has three children, Shifas, Suhail and Farhan, studying in 11th, 9th and 4th respectively at Vidyodaya School.



Salam joined the RCI family in 2003 and has been on the director board every year. The man sans any vices, is the Jt. Secretary of Kerala Marble & Granite Dealer's Association and will soon take up more important posts at RCI.

The bird still picks stones from all over India, creates designer tiles, flies nationally and internationally, carries the family close to him, AND we wish to see him fly higher and higher!!



The businessman, politician, agriculturist father, saw to it that all his kids got good education. He sent his second child to the St George High School Edapally, where he excelled in all 'activities'. Salam giggles when he talks about this but does not tell us what it is. After passing out with flying colours Mr EK Mohammed thought of sending his son to Aligar University.

He put him in a car and sent him to Aligar but our adventurous bird landed in Farook College Kozhikode. He liked its environment and the people there and decided to pursue his higher education there. He spent two years there. During this phase he let the animal in him out and participated fully in all activities and studies was considered as an extracurricular activity. He was a football player, shuttle player, cricket player, kabbadi player and also took to dramatics with his friends like Shibu Chakravarthy. Strikes and politics were a part of the growing up at Farook as it was Emergency



MARCH

THE WISHEZZZ...

BIRTHDAYS

7	Asha	w/o Rajeev Nair
14	Gayathri	d/o Vivek
16	Cinu	
17	Sanjay	
19	Manjula	w/o Jagan
23	Manju	w/o Shaju
27	Prakash	
28	Siby	

