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## ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAPALAM

Club 22653

District 3201



# Rotary



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## President Speaks



**Dear Fellow Rotarians**

**Rtn PHF PM Krishnadasan**

### **“ Rotary Greetings ”**

We now completed 2 months in year 2016, rather entered to last quarter of my rotary presidential tenure. Last month was with full of activities, Chinakkathoor Pooram, grand celebration in the mind & soul of all residing near Ottapalam, District conference “ Santhosham ” another festival for Rotarians of dist 3201. Further participation in neighboring Club’s GOV’s, in addition to all our routine community services projects.

Friends, though days were less in this month specialty in this February was that we had the great opportunity to join 2 grand celebrations fellowship dinner – 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of Annette Malavika D/O of Rtn.Dr. Satishkumar, & marriage reception of Annette Shreehari with Indu, S/O Rtn PP Radhakrishnan. To add was a changed atmosphere arranged for board meeting @ the Ram’s villa, a meeting well remembered & thus the events in February goes on good friendship & fellowship.

I feel privileged & bit proud as president of this Ottapalam Rotary club in success in launching this 9<sup>th</sup> issue ORN ( Ottapalam Rotary News ) Bulletin of March 2016. Indeed the credit goes to the Editorial team and to editor himself, for the whole hearted efforts & dedication to release bulletin every month without fail and I salute them for their dedication. Now it’s you to judge seriousness of my comment & to encourage this team.

With Best wishes & great regards

Yours in RotaryR

**Rtn PHF Krishna Dasan.**

**President**

## Secretary's Report

**Rtn MPHF Dr M Narayanan**



Dear fellow Rotarians,

February was yet another month of hectic Rotary activities, the month we celebrated Rotary's 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, and the District Conference the gala event of our District "Santhosham 2016" was held in Coimbatore.

In February, we had four weekly meetings, one board meeting, and family get together twice in connection with a wedding and birthday celebrations of annets.

Rotarians and Anns attended District Conference in Coimbatore. The family involvement and participation from Lady Rotarians and Anns, not only in club level activities but also in events like District conference are really encouraging.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> issue of 'Ottapalam Rotary News'. The monthly e bulletins have been widely accepted and appreciated . We are really thankful to all Rotarians, district leaders and well-wishers who regularly appreciate and encourage our e bulletins.

Thanks and regards

Rtn Dr M Narayanan

## RI PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

K.R. RAVINDRAN  
PRESIDENT 2015-16

MARCH 2016



Some years ago, I was asked to speak at an Interact club in my home city of Colombo, Sri Lanka. I have always taken my interactions with Rotary youth very seriously, so I prepared my remarks carefully and put the same effort into my presentation that I would for any other event. After the meeting, I stayed to chat with a few of the Interactors, answering their questions and wishing them well.

I came out of the classroom where we had met into the autumn afternoon. The bright sun was shining directly into my eyes, so I found a bit of shade behind a pillar where I could wait for my ride.

As I stood there, hidden from view, I overheard a group of the very Interactors who had just listened to my speech. Naturally I was curious: What would they be saying? What had they taken away from my presentation? I quickly realized that what they had taken away was not at all what I had intended.

They were not talking about what I had said, the stories I had told, or the lessons I had come to their school to impart. To my astonishment, the major topic of conversation was my tie! I listened with amusement as they chattered about my Western clothes, my background, my business; every aspect of my appearance and behavior was dissected and discussed. Just as they began to speculate about what car I drove, my ride arrived and I stepped out into view. They were perhaps a bit embarrassed, but I just smiled, got into the car, and drove off with a wave.

Whatever they learned from me that day, I learned far more. I learned that the lessons we teach with our examples are far more powerful than those we teach with words. I realized that as a Rotary leader, and a prominent person in the community, I had, for better or worse, become a role model for these young people. Their eyes were on me in a way that I had never before appreciated. If they chose to emulate me, they would model themselves on what they saw, not what I told them.

All of us in Rotary are leaders, in one way or another, in our communities. All of us bear the responsibility that comes with that. Our Rotary values, our Rotary ideals, cannot be left within the confines of our Rotary clubs. They must be carried with us every day. Wherever we are, whoever we are with, whether we are involved in Rotary work – we are always representing Rotary. We must conduct ourselves accordingly: in what we think, what we say, what we do, and how we do it. Our communities, and our children, deserve no less.





**Rtn. K Ramachandran**

## Last Month's Puzzle

You are in a room with 2 doors leading out. Behind 1 door is a coffer overflowing with jewels and gold, along with an exit. Behind the other door is an enormous, hungry lion that will pounce on anyone opening the door. You do not know which door leads to the treasure and exit, and which door leads to the lion.

In the room you are in are 2 individuals. The first is a knight, who always tells the truth, and a knave, who always lies. Both of these individuals know what is behind each door. You do not know which individual is the knight, or which one is the knave. You may ask one of the individuals exactly 1 question.

What should you ask in order to be certain that you will open the door with the coffer behind it, instead of the hungry lion?

**Answer:** You ask one of the individuals what the other one would say if you asked him which door is holding back the hungry lion and then open this door.

Winners: **NONE**

## This Month's Puzzle

Here is a list showing the month and a number for each month .

January 7110

February 826

March 5313

April 541

May 3513

June 4610

July 4710

August 681

Decipher the logic and find the number for September = ?

## For the logophile

**Labyrinthine** -- resembling a labyrinth; intricate, complicated.

## Link of the month

<http://indiabudget.nic.in/> all about budget and economic survey

## Thought of the month

### THE DONKEY

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to every one's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less

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Enough of that crap . . .

The donkey later came back, and bit the shit out of the farmer who had tried to bury him. The gash from the bite got infected, and the farmer eventually died in agony from septic shock.

### MORAL FROM TODAY'S LESSON:

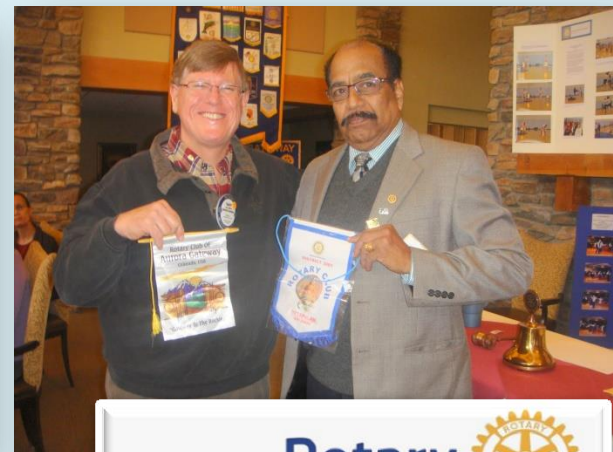
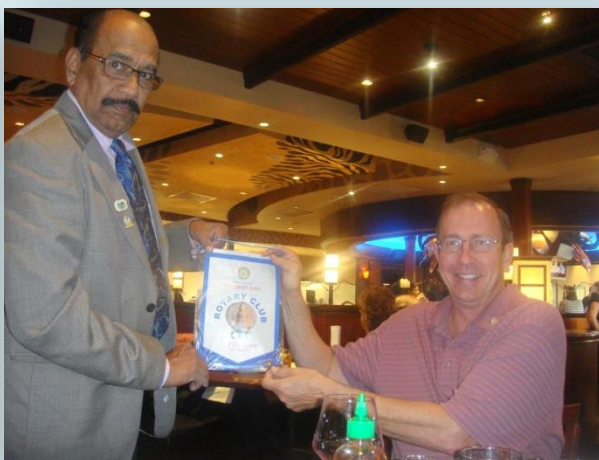
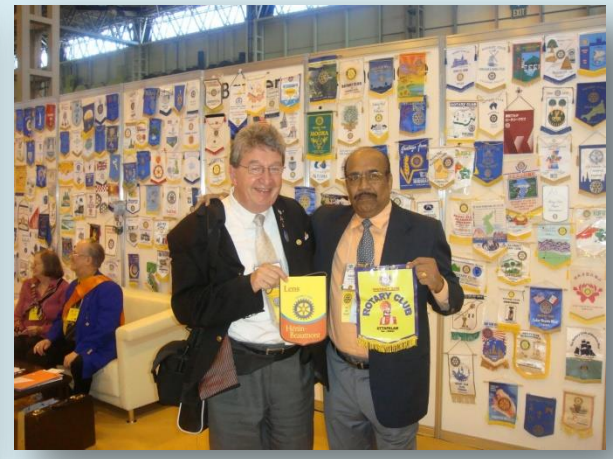
When you do something wrong, and try to cover your ass, it always comes back to bite you.



# A Page from a Globe Trotter's album

Rotary Club of Ottapalam has its flag got exchanged In scores of Rotary Clubs around the world. Thanks to the untiring tours carried out by Rotarian couple Rtn PP MPHF Ambalakat Ram Mohan and Rtn MPHF Nirmala Rammohan. They are still counting.....

East or West..  
We have  
reached  
Nuke and corner  
of the world





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