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Next Meeting

Panel discussion on
Gadgil Report

Wednesday,

17th September 2014

at 6:30 PM

at Rotary Balbhavan

Panampilly Nagar

WEEKLY SPEAKER MEETING 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

The Club Speaker Meeting on Wednesday 3rd September welcomed Smt. Shyamala Surendran, a dancer par excellence who is a shining example of a person firmly committed to the revival and preservation of our value systems and traditional art forms. Smt. Shyamala is the Founder and Managing Trustee of Dharini School which imparts authentic training in classical art forms. This prestigious institute trains students of all age groups in Bharatnatyam, Mohiniyattom, Carnatic vocal music, Veena, Mridangam and Violin.

She is a recipient of Kerala Sangeet Natak Akademi (2009) award for her contribution to Mohiniyattom. She has performed at major dance festivals all over India and abroad. She conducts annual workshops and lecture demonstrations in Germany, Russia and Hungary.

She emphasised the purpose of dance which is to educate the illiterate, enlighten the literate and entertain the enlightened. Dance has two forms which is the aggressive Thandava and the soothing Lasya. Bharatnatyam is a blend of both Thandava and Lasya, while Mohiniyattom is completely lasya. Dance originally was used to worship Gods, and in India dance has been there for more than 2000 years. Dance is a long thought out and carefully fashioned ritual that needs concentrated study and ef-



fort by both Guru and Shishya.

Dance can also be further classified into Tribal, Folk and Classical. Dance sharpens the mind, increases the intellect and also relaxes the mind.

The eight main classical dance forms of India are, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Manipuri, Kathakali, Mohiniyattom, Odissi, Kuchupudi and Kshatriya dance of Assam. Kathakali and Mohiniyattom are the two dance forms of Kerala.

She lamented about the lack of interest and awareness in classical dance by the masses, especially the youth who are more inclined towards the western form of dance.

She went on to explain the different expressions and nuances of the dance forms with the help of Sindhu Sunny who beautifully demonstrated it on stage.

All in all an entertaining evening well spent.



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2014



Help us reach our goal.

Rotarians are generous people. They give to many good, charitable causes in their communities but in many instances do not support their own charity: The Rotary Foundation.

This Rotary year, I would like to see every Rotary club make a contribution to our Rotary Foundation.

Remember that the good we do in the world is limited only by the contributions we receive. And when we give to our Foundation, we are not sending cash to Evanston - we are helping a blind man to see, a polio victim to walk, a child to grow to adulthood healthily, a student to become better educated, and a family to have food to eat.

Each year, the trustees of The Rotary Foundation set a goal for the Annual Fund - the fund that feeds the World Fund. This year, the goal is US\$123 million, with each Rotarian being asked to contribute a minimum of \$100. I am conscious that this figure would mean more in some countries than others. But Rotarians should give according to their means.

The slogan Every Rotarian, Every Year means exactly that. Every Rotarian should make a contribution to our Foundation every year. Make it a priority this year to impress on your club the importance of every club supporting our Foundation in some way.

As I said at the outset, Rotarians are generous people. I am sure you will translate that generosity into giving to our Rotary Foundation.

It is up to each and every one of us to do so.

John Kenny
Trustee Chair 2014-15

SRI LANKAN ROTARY PARTNERS WITH MISS CHINA FINALISTS FOR HEARING AID PROJECT



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa being presented a 'Jade Urn' by Yue-Sai Kan to mark the occasion. Pictures by Ruwan De Silva

The Rotary District Sri Lanka collaborated with the 15 finalists of the Miss Universe China 2014 who are currently in Sri Lanka on a pre-pageant tour, towards a hearing aid project worth ₹100 million, which was launched at Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel yesterday. The project was launched under the patronage of First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa.

Rotary, after having identified this issue, located a donor who came forth with the amount worth of Hearing Aids. The project is valued at ₹100 million in equipment and specialized time. Twenty five children were presented with hearing aids by the Miss China finalists in the presence of a distinguished gathering which also included past Governors of Rotary.

"This initiative is unique, given that those who would not have had access to this sophisticated equipment worth between ₹60,000 and ₹110,000 each, now has the opportunity of owning one, which is specially manufactured in Germany. One thousand of such hearing aids will be donated by Rotary across the country," Governor Rotary of Sri Lanka and Maldives, Gowri Rajan said.

"Today's event is unique given that it is a Private - Public - People partnership. The base hospital in a respective geographic area will verify patients by performing an audiogram of the potential beneficiary and then the Rotary engages the recipient to receive the equipment," Rajan said.

The Miss Universe China finalists, along with the reigning Miss China Jin Ye and Yue-Sai Kan, of whose production company handles the Miss China event were present were also present on the occasion. "The Miss China finalists were full of praise for the initiatives taken by First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa for the welfare of children.

Columnist and Business Professional Rohantha Athukorala said, "This initiative taken up by Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts as well as with other subsidiaries sheds light towards using different pivots on 'Nation Branding' and to position Sri Lanka globally. "There are a number of pillars through which outsiders would find high credibility in Sri Lanka. The experiences that the finalists have seen and appreciated; whether it is by witnessing the country's cultural triangle or by being part of a charitable happening such as this, along with Rotary, helps create nation branding among the global masses," he said.

ONE ON ONE *with* RTN. PHF RAGHU JAIRAM



Rtn. Raghu Jairam, wife Radhika, children Sanjana and Srikanth

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| 1: Your inspiration in life... | The Almighty... Otherwise no one yet! |
| 2: Your happiest moment... | When my children were born. |
| 3: Your greatest regret... | Not going for higher studies inspite of ample opportunity. |
| 4: Your best holiday destination... | Switzerland. |
| 5: A cherished childhood memory... | Playing at the back yard of our ancestral home with umteen cousins and friends. |
| 6: Marriage to you is... | Caring and sharing. |
| 7: A movie/cartoon character you adore... | Mr. Bean. |
| 8: An excuse you use... | Am travelling. |
| 9: Your favourite time of the day... | Anytime after 8... |
| 10: Your mantra in life is... | Play hard. |
| 11: A dish you relish... | Rice with Thai green curry. |
| 12: Rotary to you is... | Service above self, friendship & fellowship. |

PRESIDENT SUKUMARAN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT, KERALA FINE ARTS SOCIETY



കേരള ഫൈൻ ആർട്സ് സൊസൈറ്റി പ്രസിഡന്റ് പി.എസ്. സുകുമാരനും സെക്രട്ടറി ടി.പി. രമേശും.

പി.എസ്. സുകുമാരൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ്

കൊച്ചി • കേരള ഫൈൻ ആർട്സ് സൊസൈറ്റി പ്രസിഡന്റായി പി.എസ്. സുകുമാരനെയും സെക്രട്ടറിയായി ടി.പി. രമേശിനെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. കാമാക്ഷി ബാലകൃഷ്ണ, ജി. ഗോപിനാഥൻ, എസ്.പി. സോമൻ (വൈ. പ്രസി), എം. ഗോപിനാഥൻ (ജോ. സെക്ര), പി.എൻ. നന്ദകുമാർ (ട്രഷ്യ) എന്നിവരാണ് മറ്റു ഭാരവാഹികൾ.

തോട്ടുപടി • മുരിതം അനുഭവം നടുവിലപരലിസബത്ത് നേരിയ വിട്ടിലേക്കടലോരത്തെണിച്ചു വിട് ആണുകാർ കശകതിയ വിട്ടു വയ്യില്ലാതെ വലല്ലാനം ഗ്രാമപഞ്ചായത്ത് പ അനുവദിച്ച അസംസ്കൃത വിലവർധനയച്ചെലവും മുലത്രമേ നിർമ്മിക്ക

മേൽക്കൂര പൂർത്തിയാക്കാതെ വലപാപഞ്ചതി ടി ഔവർ ഭേണി പൂർത്തയും ഏറ്റെടു മുറികളുള്ള ഹരമാക്കിയ മാവേലിക്കര ഷാ ഇഗ്നാക്കും. മന്ത്രി തിമിയാവു

Wedding bells



Sandeep, S/o Rtn. Vasant & Rtn. Prabha was wedded to Arya on 31st August, 2014. We wish the young couple a wonderful and joyful married life ahead.



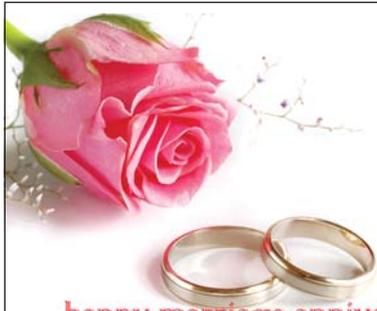
10 Health Benefits of Ginger

1. Ovarian Cancer Treatment
2. Colon Cancer Prevention
3. Morning Sickness Relief
4. Motion Sickness Remedy
5. Reduces Pain & Inflammation
6. Heartburn Relief
7. Prevention of Diabetic Nephropathy
8. Migraine Relief
9. Menstrual Cramp Relief
10. Cold & Flu Prevention



LIGHT UP ROTARY WITH A GIFT OF HEARING

Rotary Centre for Senior Citizens invites micro donations of ₹5000 and ₹10000 from Rotarians and Clubs to fund a hearing aid for a needy patient. Your donation will qualify for Sec 80 G income tax exemption. First donation has been kindly offered by Algiers Khalid.



- Rtn. A.P. Mathew & Rtn. Shanta 13 Sept
- Rtn. Raghu Jairam & Rtn. Radhika 15 Sept

happy marriage anniversary



- Rtn. Kurian C. George 14 Sep
- Rtn. Sidharth Dominic 14 Sep
- Rtn. C.A. Salim 15 Sep
- Rtn. Sebastian Zacharias 15 Sep