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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear members of Palathinkal Kudumbayogam,

I am happy to greet all of you once again through the pages of our Varthapathrika. Since our able and energetic Secretary has jotted down the report of all activities as given below, I am not venturing into that area. I have only one comment to make and that is, we have the same old crowd active and no 'new members' have joined the team to make our events more lively. I hope for a 'sea change' in the near future, failing which all our efforts to make our Kudumbayogam vibrant will become nullified.

During June-August last year, our State got devastated by unprecedented rain and subsequent floods, which made, the 'young and old' and the 'rich and poor' Keralites suffer alike. It appears that the Weather Gods have a score to settle with us. At the time of penning this message, Kerala is reeling under soaring temperature. We have to sit back and think why it is happening. As we all know, this tiny speck of land known as Kerala was a blessed part of our Indian sub-continent. Are we responsible for all that we are facing now? I am forced to think yes and we are. By blocking the water ways, we invited floods. And now we are reeling under furnace like temperature because of neglecting the warnings of nature. We cut down trees, increased carbon emission levels, built concrete jungles and blocked free flow of water ways. Can we go back and save ourselves and the next generation by following in the footsteps of our ancestors and protect our sacred nature? Let us make a beginning and make this a liveable place.

In a month's time, we will all gather together and meet at our Annual General Meeting. I request all members who regularly attend to encourage those who generally don't make it and try to bring them along and make the occasion a pleasant and memorable one.

I must record my appreciation to the President and members of our Ladies wing, who are very active and involve themselves in creative and helpful activities.

I look forward to meet you all on 1st May at our Annual General Meeting.

Thank you.

Bhasi Ipe, President

SECRETARY REPORTS ...



Dear members,

We have had three Executive Committee meetings this year.

The First meeting was on 13th October 2018 at Valsa Isaac's home along with a food festival organized by our ladies wing.

A second meeting was held on 15th December 2018 chaired by our President Bhasi Ipe Arackal at Kumarakom Union Club Resort along with Vembanad lake tour programme. We are glad to mention that two of our family members who live outside Kerala were also present along with their spouses for this meeting. They are Mathew P.Ipe (Mon) from Chennai and his brother Thomas P Ipe (Kunjukunju) from Pennsylvania, USA. It was a memorable reunion for all of us. Santa's visit to the meeting was an added attraction for both the young and the old. Thanks to Bhasi Ipe.

The third meeting was held on 9th March 2019 at the residence of P.K.Kurian at Puthenangady. In the absence of our president Bhasi Ipe, this meeting was chaired by our Vice President Dr.Khalil Isaac Mathai. The meeting started with prayer followed by paying tributes to those members, who left us recently for their heavenly abode. With profound sadness, we remembered the services rendered to our Kudubayogam by Babuchayan (George P Ipe, Palathinkal). The treasurer Jacob Kurian submitted the account details for the year so far. A brief report on activities so far this year was placed by Secretary P.K.Kurian. It was decided to hold the next Executive Committee meeting prior to our Annual Kudumbayogam meeting scheduled on 1st May 2019.

Other important decisions taken during the meetings are given below.

- To make arrangements for selection of the eligible students for this year's Education Scholarships from MT Seminary Higher Secondary School, Baker Memorial Girls' School and Balika Madom orphanage school at Manganam Mandiram Hospital.
- To decide on deserving persons for this year's Medical aids.

For smooth conduct of the Annual Kudumbayogam meeting, various members were entrusted with the responsibilities for arrangements for Holy Communion at Kodimatha Palathinkal Hall and the various aspects of General Meeting like deciding on Chief Guest, Entertainments, Food, etc.

The meeting expressed serious concern on the drop in members attending the Annual Kudumbayogam meeting. In this regard, we decided to visit some of our members and follow up their participation in the meeting.

Before I close my report, may I request all of you to come in large numbers and attend our Annual Meeting on 1st May 2019. The invitation with programme will reach you soon.

Thank you.

P.K.Kurian, Secretary

PALATHINKAL WOMEN'S WING REPORT ON ACTIVITIES



Regular family meetings promote family harmony. The members are free to say what they think and feel, as they co-operate to make decisions.

Mr. George Ipe fondly called as 'Babuchayan' passed away on Nov 15, 2018. He was a quiet and gentle person. Always had a smile and was happy to participate in family meetings. On Nov 28th we had a meeting at Suma George's residence. Our President Ammu Kochamma expressed our condolences and said that we will always remember him in our thoughts.



After this meeting, we planned for an outdoor activity. Mr. Renjith Kurian helped us to locate the place. It was decided to have a trip to Kumarakom and a boat ride along the Vembanad Lake till R Block. The date was fixed on Dec 15th and it was announced through the WhatsApp.

We all reached the Rama Varma club resort, Kumarakom by 9am. It was renovated after the flood and has more play areas and well laid out garden. Renjith, a member of the club arranged all programmes very well. Tender coconut juice and spicy items were served, at the beginning. A short meeting with our President Bhasi Ipe was held in the open space. As it was the season of advent, we sang some Christmas songs from our hymn book. Children were having fun by playing on swings, slides, climbing trees and on other playthings. Light refreshment was arranged for the elderly persons.

Lunch was ready by 12.30pm. It was native style rice and curries. The menu included a wide variety of meat items; mutton korma, fried chicken, beef ularthiathu, prawns curry, Karimeen pollichathu and fish curry. Vegetable items and pulichery also were served. The dessert was 'Cherupayar Prathamam'.

After the lunch, we relaxed and chatted with all. Babuchayan's brothers Mr. Mathew P Ipe from Chennai and Mr. Thomas P Ipe from Pennsylvania, United States joined us on the occasion. By 2.30pm the houseboat anchored near the shore. The weather was cool and fine. Lots of tourist boats were sailing along the Vembanad Lake.

The leisurely cruise along the Vembanad Lake was a memorable experience. After an hour we were nearing the R Block. This area of land is protected by dikes built all around. It reminds the visitor of the famous dikes of Holland. We saw lots of migratory birds moving around and sitting on the floating weeds. By 6pm, we were back to the resort. Hot tea and banana fries were served. The trip was nice. We are grateful to Renjith for the splendid boat ride.

On Dec 18th, our Vicar Rev. Joseph Johny arranged a meeting at the Jerusalem Marthoma Guidance Centre at Arpookara. This charity home extends services to the sick and needy, helps those who are in distress, agony and loneliness. The Centre provides accommodation facilities who seek treatment in Kottayam Medical College hospital and also provides dinner for the inmates free of cost. We donated Rs.10,000 and 10kgs of rice. We also met some inmates there.

Lalitha Isaac entered into a new age on Jan 24th. She cordially invited all of us to her home. We thanked Almighty God for her good health and happiness through the years.

Ajeesh Abraham, the Secretary of Kurichi Mission, put forward the problem regarding drinking water. On all Thursdays, the Centre conducts 'Pakal veedu' for about 20 elderly persons. A trainer is arranged to help them do exercises. There are devotion and spiritual guidance sessions for them. The Centre needs a water filter to purify water. Valsa Isaac and family donated the water purifier to the Centre. It was given on behalf of 'Palathinkal Kudumbayogam'. It costs around Rs.8250.

We invited Ajeesh and had a meeting with him on Mar 14th. He explained the work being done by the Centre. He said the Centre takes care of eight families who find it very difficult to earn their livelihood. Once in a week a medical camp is also arranged here for the inmates. Here also we donated Rs.10,000.

It has been a wonderful year for us. We were able to do some good things together by the grace of the Lord. Every joy shared adds more love. It leaves memories to treasure and keep.

Thank you all.

Ammu Isaac, President

Prasanna Kurian, Secretary

All members are requested to send information on marriages, births, achievements, recognitions, demises, etc in their family, along with photographs to Editor, President or Secretary for publication in our website as well as in our Vartha Pathrika. Members are also welcome to submit short stories, poems and travelogues, etc to the editor for publication in our Vartha Pathrika.

Let us share them in our Kudumbayogam.

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As you are aware, we have already established a **WhatsApp group named 'Palathinkal Kudumbam'** with Isaac Palathinkal (+919995445714) as administrator. If you like to join, please inform the administrator and get listed. The facility may please be used for communication on matters of members and families, information on marriages, births, achievements, recognitions, demises, etc. You are most welcome to insert relevant photos of family events also. Innocent jokes, quiz, etc may be shared in the group **but never politics, political satire or oversize videos.**
Let us make use of this facility to bind our families together as a big 'Kudumbam'.



Receipts and Payments account for the period 1-5-2018 to 31-3-2019

Dear family members,
 Greetings to all of you. I furnish herewith the Receipts and Payment accounts from 1-5-2018 to 31-3-2019. Thank you. Hope to meet you all at our AGM on 1st May 2019

Receipts and Payment accounts from 1-5-2018 to 31-3-2019			
	01-05-2018 to 31-03-2019		01-05-2018 to 31-03-2019
Receipts		Payments	
Opening Balance:		AGM Expenses	46464
Cash	158	Medical Aid	10000
Bank - SB A/c at IOB	2554	Printing and Stationary	3947
FD at IOB	80000	Web site renewal charges up to 31-3-19	6000
SB at Corporation Bank	1751	Miscellaneous expenses	650
FD at Corporation Bank	100000	Closing Balance:	
SB at Manganam Ser Co-op Bank	3682	Cash	97
FDs at Manganam Ser Co-op Bank	350500	Banks - SB at IOB	6998
Donations for AGM	43300	FD at IOB	80000
Income from American Auction	10600	SB at Corporation Bank	19621
Palathinkal Endowment Fund	1000	FD at Corporation Bank	100000
Spl donation for Medical aid	12000	SB at Manganam Ser Co-op Bank	22864
Interest on Bank Deposits	41596	FDs at Manganam Ser Co-op Bank (7 FDs)	350500
TOTAL	647141	TOTAL	647141

Jacob Kurian, Treasurer

A TRAVEL THROUGH PHOTOS ON OUR ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CUM GET-TOGETHER AT RAMA VARMA CLUB RESORT



PALATHINKAL WOMEN'S WING ACTIVITIES



Our donations to Marthoma Guidance Centre and Kurichi Mission



With a Cancer patient at Marthoma Guidance Centre



Jerusalem Church group that won Kottayam centre Savikasangam quiz competition. Valsa and Prasanna are in the group.



Celebration of Lalitha's birthday by the Ladies wing

CONGRATULATIONS



AARON GETS 100% SCHOLARSHIP AT ETON COLLEGE

Aaron, the sixteen year of son of Christina, the daughter of our members George Isaac and Soosy Isaac has been offered a 100% scholarship by Eton College, the most prestigious and distinguished school in the world. Aaron is presently studying in Westminster City School. He tops his class in the General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations in his favorite subjects - with the highest grades in Art, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English and History. He has passed Grade 5 of the Royal College of Music for the violin and he also plays the guitar. Aaron is guided by Christina his mother, who passed out from the Baker Memorial School as its best outgoing student and who has a first class degree in physics from C.M.S College.

WEDDING BELLS



Capt. Vivin Thomas Isaac (UL.1.1.2.1.2.3.2), son of Mr. Geo Isaac and Susy Isaac Ullattil and **Merelyne Eliza**, daughter of C.C. Rajan and Valsamma of Thuruthamadam House, Kottayam got married on 11th November 2018 at St. Thomas Orthodox Maha Edavaka, Bangalore.

PALATHINKAL KUDUMBAYOGAM WISHES VIVIN & MERELYNE A LONG AND HAPPY MARRIED LIFE

NEW BUD IN THE FAMILY



A baby girl, **Eliza Susan Isaac** (UL.1.1.2.1.2.3.1.1) born to Kevin Raphael Isaac and Lidya of Ullattil, on 27-2-19. Kevin is the first son of Geo Isaac (UL.1.1.2.1.2.3) and Susy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN AND LIDYA

OBITUARY



P. George Ipe (Babu) (86 years) (PL.1.2.2.2.3), expired on 15th November 2018 at Kottayam. Funeral was held on 17th November 2018 at 3 pm at Jerusalem Marthoma Church Cemetery, Kottayam. Babu is survived by wife Suma and daughters Bindhu and Jyothii and their families.

PALATHINKAL KUDUMBAYOGAM OFFERS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY