



# PALATHINKAL VARTHA PATHRIKA

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## Message from our President



Dear members of Palathinkal Kudumbayogam,

I thank the Almighty for giving me another opportunity to greet you all through the pages of our Vartha Pathrika. Yet another year has gone into the annals of history. With great hope and positive mind, we have welcomed the year 2012 and at the time of penning this message we are already into the fourth month of the new year. Time flies so fast. Are we able to keep pace with the developments or are we being swept away?

Our executive committee met a couple of times during the period under review, We shall meet again in April 2012 to finalise the arrangements pertaining to our Annual General meeting.

This year also, a National recognition has come to our Kudumbayogam in the form of a Vishisht Seva Medal. **Dr. Shiela Mathai, wife of Dr. Khalil Isaac Mathai** (PL.1.2.1.3.1.1) has been awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India on Republic Day 2012. Last year, Dr. Khalil had received this prestigious award. Our congratulations to Dr. Shiela.

In 2011-12, our Kudumbayogam gave away two Merit Awards of Rs 4,000/- each to two deserving students. They are Ms. J.S. Kavya of Baker Memorial Girls Higher Secondary School, Kottayam and Mr. Jithish Jacob of M.T. Seminary Higher Secondary School, Kottayam. Both of them had secured A+ in all the subjects in the S.S.L.C Examination conducted during March 2011 by the State Board. While Baker School Manager Rev. Dr. M.P. Joseph handed over the award to Ms. Kavya, Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews ar Makarios, Marthoma Diocesan Bishop of Kottayam-Kochi, handed over the award to Mr. Jithish. Further, we propose to hand over mementoes to these bright young achievers during our Annual General meeting.

It is sad that we could not raise sufficient funds to institute an award for a deserving student of C.M.S College High School. Let us hope that we will be able to fulfill this desire at least during next year. In this regard, I seek your wholehearted help and co-operation.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, some of our members met at the annex of Kottayam Union Club at Kumarakom. It was more of an outing but we got an opportunity to discuss some of the relevant issues.

Since November 2011, five of our family members left for their heavenly abode. This is reported in detail in obituary column. I pray for the bereaved families.

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012, Sri. P.J. Thommy (86 yrs), President of Cheeramvelil kudumbayogam passed away. You will recall that Sri. Thommy had attended our last Annual General Meeting representing their Kudumbayogam, as both Kudumbams belong to the same root. Funeral was held on 9-3-12 at Muttar. Representing Palathinkal Kudumbayogam, Renjit Mathew, Omana Mathew and myself attended the funeral and paid our last respects.

On 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011, we (Renjit Mathew, Omana Mathew, my wife Molly Ipe, our daughter Ria and myself) attended the Annual General Meeting of Cheeramvelil Kudumbayogam at Muttar. On behalf of Palathinkal Kudumbayogam, I conveyed our good wishes to them, when I was specially requested to speak. Thus we have been able to further cement the relationship between the two Kudumbayogams, which has the same origin in genealogy. Let us hope that our relationship will grow further and further.

Our next Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012. All the members will receive the detailed programme and the invitation soon. Kindly make yourselves available to attend the meeting with family. Such get-togethers will enable our members to know each other better and bond our relationships on firm grounds. We should not be strangers, whenever and wherever our members happen to meet each other on different occasions. Now, the world is a global village. Some of us, especially youngsters, travel all over the world and there is always an opportunity for our members to meet during our travel. Please bear these in your minds and come in large numbers to attend the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Senior members, who have attained the age of 80 years this year, the academic achievers and newly married couples of our Kudumbayogam will be honoured during the meeting. Kindly inform us immediately the names and details of all, who belong to these categories.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



**Dr. Shiela Mathai wife of Dr. Khalil Isaac Mathai** (PL.1.2.1.3.1.1) was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India on Republic Day 2012. The award is in recognition of her services as Neonatologist and Head of Paediatrics. She has set up a ten bedded neonatal ICU and decreased the mortality of premature babies born in the Navy hospitals. The date of the award ceremony is yet to be announced, but is likely to be at Vizag. Dr. Khalil had received the same honour in 2011. Congratulations from Kudumbayogam to the lone Palathinkal couple to have received such an honour. It is a great honour for the entire Kudumbayogam.

Last year, we had spent Rs 29,000/- for conducting the Annual meeting in a befitting manner. But, we managed to collect only Rs 24,750/- as donation. Therefore, may I request all the members to be more magnanimous in their contributions, as we do not have any reserve fund to meet the expense.

If anyone of you have any concrete suggestions or ideas to improve our performance and activities, please do not hesitate to come forward and express your views.

I thank all the members, especially the office bearers and executive committee members, who by their guidance and help have made my task easier.

With best wishes and warm regards, I remain. Thank you.

Bhasi Joseph Ipe, President

### Report by Secretary



Dear members,

I have pleasure in presenting a brief report on the activities of our Kudumbayogam during 2011-12. Since last May, our Executive committee met twice. In addition, we had two prayer meetings at the residences of Mrs. Valsa Palat and Sri.A.I.Abraham respectively. We also had a 'day out' at Union Club, Kumarakom, which was attended by around 25 members.

Our Women's wing is also functioning well. Members, who attend the same, are very enthusiastic about its activities and they get involved in it. A separate report from their President appears later in this Vartha Pathrika.

From Palathinkal Endowment Fund, we gave awards of Rs 4,000/- each to Ms.Kavya of Baker memorial School and Mr. Jithish of MTHSS. These awards were presented on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 respectively during their school's anniversary days.

For the third Endowment Fund for instituting Merit award in C.M.S. High School, we are yet to collect the amount of Rs 80,000/-. I request all the members to contribute liberally to this cause.

Before I close my report, let me thank all of you who made my task a simple and pleasant one.

Kurian I Palat - Secretary

May we request all of you to visit our website [www.palathinkalktm.org](http://www.palathinkalktm.org)

### Treasurer Reports.....



Dear members,

Greetings to all of you. This year, from the interest accrued from the two FDs of Rs 80,000- each, we could pay and enhanced amount of Rs 4,000/- each as Merit Award to two deserving students of MTHSS and Baker School, Kottayam.

As mentioned in my earlier report (Ref: April 2011 Vartha Pathrika) we had anticipated Rs 80,000/- as donation for the Endowment Fund, we have not received the required amount till date to open FD account. May I once again request the members to loosen the strings of your purses and be generous to contribute for this noble cause. I am sure, you will not disappoint us.

From the tabulation given in the last issue of our Vartha Pathrika, you will recall that expenditure for conducting the last Annual General meeting was Rs 28,365/- and income was only Rs 24,750/- thus ending up on a deficit of Rs 3,615/-. We may be unable to continue like this as we do not have any reserve funds to depend on. Hence I request all of you to be more liberal, when you make contributions for the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012. An abridged statement of accounts from 30-4-11 to 31-3-12 is given below for your information:

RECEIPTS	Rs	PAYMENTS	Rs
Opening balance		AGM Expense	28365
Cash	533	Printing, Stationary & Postage	4847
IOB - SB	15537	Miscellaneous	1040
- FD	80000	Merit Awards	8000
Corporation Bank - SB	5299	Closing balance: Cash	243
- FD	80000	IOB - SB	4604
Donations for AGM	18250	- FD	80000
From American Auction	6500	Corporation Bank - SB	32715
Donation for Palathinkal EF	21000	- FD	80000
Interest on Bank deposits	12695		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>239814</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>239814</b>

I thank you for your co-operation and look forward to meeting all of you at the next AGM.

Jacob Kurian - Treasurer

## Annual Report of Palathinkal Women's Wing

by President Ammu Isaac Mathai



It is essential, at the end of every year, to look back and appraise the activities of any group. We the members of the Palathinkal Women's wing are happy to report that we had another busy and fruitful year. Seven meetings were held during the year and I am happy that members took turns to host them. The **culinary** art and organizing capability of the Palathinkal women were evident at all the meetings. These meetings provided opportunities not only to enjoy the hospitality, but also to meet members of the families and strengthen our family ties. We thank God for the friendship and fellowship we experienced. The programmes of the year included two social visits and two cooking classes.

### Social visits:

1. **Balagram run by Christava Ashramam, Manganam** – Seven of our members visited Balgram on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and spent time with the residents. Sweets and goodies were distributed to the children. We could go round, visit the cottages where the children stay and also witness various activities there, like dairy farming, cultivation and carpentry work.
2. **Jerusalem Marthoma Church Edavaka Mission field at Kurichy** – On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, seven of our members visited the mission field under the guidance of Mr.Shinu Abraham. We could attend the prayer service in the chapel there along with the women and children living near the mission field. We appreciated the good work carried out there and gave a small donation.

### Cooking classes:

1. In November 2011, our treasurer Mrs.Suma Ipe hosted the meeting and demonstrated how to make healthy vegetable cake (good for controlling weight) and tasty cookies. We all enjoyed the cooking class and more so the 'Jackfruit ada' and the special bonda served with tea.
2. On January 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, another cooking class was held by Deepa Renjit Mathew at her residence. Our special thanks to Deepa as she found time, in spite of her busy office schedule, to host the meeting and demonstrate preparation of two special cakes. The copies of the recipes distributed are of great help in trying the cakes at our homes.

We realize it is mostly the senior women of our family who attend the meetings regularly. The need for greater participation of younger members is felt by all of us. We realize their constraints and can plan meetings considering their convenience. Programmes of interest for the youth are on our anvil.

Let us all work together, do more of social service and also bring in more glories to our Kudumbayogam.

Ammu Isaac Mathai

## Distribution of Palathinkal Merit Awards 2011-12



J.S.Kavya of BMHSS receiving Palathinkal Merit Award from Rev.Dr.M.P.Joseph



Jithish Jacob of MTHSS receiving Palathinkal Merit Award from Rt.Rev.Dr.Mathews ar Makarios

## Congratulations on 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



**Thuruthel Abraham Mathai and Annamma Mathai** (PL.1.2.4.1.3) celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 23-11-2011. Kudumbayogam congratulates them and thank the Almighty for all the blessings, the couple received in their married life.

### Attention - Members

*Please send information on time, on marriages, births, demises, recognitions, achievements, etc in your family and also travelogue, Recipe, etc to Editor or President. We can publish them in Varthapathrika only on receipt of such information.*



## A 'day out' for Palatines at Kumarakom



### Homage to Mr.P.J.Thommy



Palathinkal Kudumbayogam pays its homage to Mr.P.J.Thommy (86 yrs), President of Cheeramvelil kudumbayogam who passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Mr.Thommy had attended our last Annual General Meeting representing Cheeramvelil Kudumbayogam, as both Palathinkal and Cheeramvelil Kudumbams belong to the same root. Funeral was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Muttar. Our President Mr.Bhasi along with a few other members attended the funeral and paid our homage.

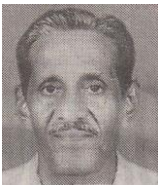
### Obituary (18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012)



**Chinnamma Kurian** (90) (PL.1.1.1.3.6), wife of late V.C.Kurian (Thankachen) of Pallom Idaparambil, died on 31-10-2011 at Kottayam. Funeral was held on 1-11-2011 at 10.00 am at St.Ignasius Church, Pallom Kalloparambil Church. Chinnamma is survived by children Ivan, Thampan and Soji. Son Mohan died a year back.



**Sara Pothan (Baby)** (PL.1.2.2.2.6) wife of K.V.Pothan, Kyppanattu died on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Funeral was held on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at Nilakkal Orthodox Church, Puthuppally. Baby is survived by son George Philip and daughter Sheila.



**Jacob Kurian (Chackochen)** (PL.1.1.1.3.4), 80 years, died on 17-1-2012 at Perumbavoor. Funeral was held on 18-1-2012 at Jerusalem Marthoma Church, Kottayam. He was a former officer in Metal Box, Chennai. Chackochen is survived by wife Kunjamma and daughter Febi (Philippines)



**Tharak Suresh Kurian** (PL.1.1.1.3.1.1.1), son of late Suresh Kurian, died on 2-1-2012. Funeral was held on 3-1-2012 at CSI Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kottayam.



**Helen Kurian**, wife of late P.K.Kurian (Pappachen) (PL.1.1.1.3.1) died on 31-3-2012 at Kottayam at the age of 82 yrs. Funeral was held on 2-4-2012 at 11.30 am at Jerusalem Marthoma Church, Kottayam. Helen is survived by son Sunil. Elder son Suresh died a few years back.

**PALATHINKAL KUDUMBAYOGAM OFFERS ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.**