

Varughese K. Chandy

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Education:

Masters in Accounting, Kerala University; Ph.D. in Finance from Cambridge International University

Professional Accomplishments:

Kerala: He joined Manorajyam weekly published by Dr. George Thomas as General Manager. He helped to increase its circulation from 2000 copies to 85,000 copies by the time he left the publication for the U.S.A.

U.S.A.

Worked his way up in the field of accounting and finance at various places. He held the position of Deputy Corporate Controller at the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation.

International:

Served as Chief Financial Officer at the U.N. Peace Keeping Mission which was one of the most challenging missions undertaken by the United Nations to help restore civility and law and order in the politically and socially torn Haiti. He served there despite all odds for seven years until the mission was officially closed.

Community Service:

The most important contribution Varughese Chandy made to the community can be summed up as he was ready, willing, and able to give a helping hand to anyone in the community, especially back in the 70s when the community was not as organized and aware of their resources as today, when there was a leadership vacuum, and people were at a loss as to where to go, who to ask to deal with a catastrophic event. Whether it is day or night, Chandy was there to help out. He continued this involvement until he was disabled.

Varughese Chandy came to the U.S.A. in 1974. He became the treasurer of Kerala Samajam of Greater New York that year itself. He helped that organization to grow as a vibrant, structured and popular association which paved the way for the formation of similar associations throughout the country.

He was very much involved in the formation and activities of Hearts and Hands for the Handicapped.

He worked in the Federation of Indian Associations and helped organize its very first convention. He later worked in the National Federation of Indian Associations as well.

He helped form various cultural, social and political organizations in and around New Jersey including Kerala Cultural Forum, Bergen County Malayalee Christian Fellowship and He was the founder and President of Indian American Political Awareness Council. He worked in the Advisory Board of organizations like Karuna Charities, Indian Nurses Association etc. He was very much involved in FOKANA and served as National Vice President.

He was involved in the religious activities also. He is one of the key people behind the formation of the Mar Thoma Church in the United States.

Mr. Chandy has his own unique style which is characterized as honest, dedicated leadership. When he takes up a position or responsibility he does it with diligence, dedication and will execute it perfectly .

He was involved with the Kerala Center during the initial stages. His main contribution to the center is that he helped organize the first Annual Award Dinner.

He started a Malayalam publication called Kerala Digest along with a few of his friends in 1979 which is kept a high standard and excellence comparable to the publications of today. Through the publication he helped many who are currently well known writers in the community.

Mr. Chandy always recognized and identified talents in our community and was always willing and helpful to promote them to become future leaders.

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