

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerners,
Greetings to you all!

The new members' induction is proceeding on the right track. We need to increase the pace. I request each member to introduce at least one new member.

Please invite your friends and relatives to our meetings/fellowships.

The frequency of meetings is directly proportionate to membership strength. If we have more members, we can have more meetings. Some clubs in our District have four speaker meetings in a month!

I request our members, especially Green Rotarians, to enrol for District Fellowships. Fellowships organised by our Dist 3234 and international fellowships are open for enrollment. There are fellowships for Motorcycling, Bridge, Music, Badminton, Beer...The list is too long.... Fellowships are unique to Rotary and it unites like-minded Rotarians.

Networking among our members is abysmally low. Many of the members are reluctant to promote their business. I request all entrepreneurs/self-employed members in RCMS to network with all the members and explain your line of activity to them. Feeling shy will cost a fortune. Who knows? A simple WhatsApp message would be an ice-breaker. You might stumble upon a Jackpot! Just a small introduction to a member got me a painting contract worth several lakhs! There are so many HNIs, professionals, investors, industrialists, architects, and SAAS company owners...within RCMS.

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DISTRICT INITIATIVE ON WORLD POLIO DAY



This year World Polio Day was celebrated on 24th October to spread awareness about polio and engage the public with the cause. In Chennai, our District team came up with the novel idea of getting various music groups to perform at the Metro stations. At the Central Metro Station, our club was represented by President Narayanan and Rtn Janaki Raman (Chairman Polio/WASH).

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has been working on the goal of ridding the world of this disease, since its first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed over \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it is crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

(With inputs from the RI Website)



WORLD
POLIO DAY

CARING FOR LITTLE HEARTS



Ms. Yuthika

One of the beneficiaries of the project

One of RCMS's flagship projects, 'Caring for Little Hearts,' has already completed 587 surgeries since its inception in 2017 with Sooriya Hospital, the project executing partner. At the hospital's request, a new procedure named Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) has been added with the approval of TRF, thus widening the scope of surgeries under the

project in the future. This Global Grant project has been marching ahead, successfully saving precious lives over the years.

SPOKEN ENGLISH COURSE LAUNCHED



Spoken English classes have started at Velankanni Matric Hr Sec School, K K Nagar, Chennai, benefiting class 10-12 students. At the inaugural function, our Club's vocational services director, Rtn. Sibi Rajan addressed the students and motivated them to learn the language.

TRF

A Solid Foundation

"From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without the continued support of our Foundation."

"Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems."

"The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation. Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and together, we will change the world for the better."

Stephanie A Urchick

President – Rotary International



NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

DANDIYA DHAMAKA AT GRT

Our annual Deepavali celebration was a grand and fun event smoothly conducted by Rtn.Saravanan. The professional dancers brought in by Ann Chitra kept our Rotarians and Anns moving to some great Dandiya beats followed by some peppy DJ selections.

Rtn.Sridharan's choice of menu for the evening was excellent, ensuring that everyone returned home with a happy tummy.

Parveen's guest Indu was judged to be the best dancer for the evening, Dr. Ravi Viswanathan and I was picked as the best-dressed male and female.

Rtn Veerappan and Rtn Madhu were the judges. We had a substantial participation of 55 people. A very feel-good evening to get the festive season going.

Bina Boaz



On 13th October, PP Rtn A Sridharan and Ann Rajeshwari invited Rtn P R Rajendran and Ann Kalpana to their new home and handed over the fellowship basket. "It was wonderful to get to know Mr & Mrs Sridharan and family. We really had a great time. We got to know more about each other and had some fun chit-chat along with a great tiffin" posted Rtn Rajendran on our club's WhatsApp group. Sridharan emphasized the fact that the RCMS Fellowship basket provides an opportunity for members to meet one-on-one. To ensure the success of this initiative, it is requested that those who possess the basket quickly pass it on to another member without holding it for too long!

THE FELLOWSHIP BASKET MOVES ON



A FUN FIRESIDE EVENING

PP Rtn Magdoom and Ann Regina hosted a fireside evening at their residence on 20th October. According to Rtn Sathanarayanan, "the fireside unveiled the hidden talents of Magdoom and the culinary magic of Ann Regina". Fireside evenings hosted by a member, are organized regularly by our club as a family fellowship initiative that helps in bonding between members and their families over the years.

SPEAKER MEETING IN OCTOBER



Date : 22nd October, 2024

Speaker : Mr N Anand

Topic : Preventing and tackling skin problems

Rtn S Balamurugan is the Co-Founder & CTO of KRG Technologies Inc. His daughter, Annette Mithra was present during the induction.



NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Sunil Hasija (introduced by PP Rtn Bowmick) and Balamurugan (introduced by PE Rtn Rajanbabu) were recently inducted as members of RCMS by PP Rtn A Sridharan.

Rtn Sunil Hasija is the Managing Director of Elektronika Sales Pvt Ltd. He was present with his wife Ann Sangeetha.



Southerners wish both of them a happy and eventful journey in the world of Rotary.



Outstation trips have been an integral part of our club's family participation initiatives for over two decades, providing another great opportunity for members and their families to get to know each other better. Many strong friendships have been forged, thanks to these outings when the participants spend two or three days in an exotic location somewhere in India (sometimes even abroad). One such trip was organised in 2016 when several Southerner families participated in a Heritage tour of Swamimalai, Tanjavur and Kumbakonam staying at the scenic Indeco Hotels in Swamimalai.

Editor's note: In future, The Southerner will present interesting photos from outstation trips organised by RCMS over the years. Thanks to PP Renjit Joseph for providing the inspiration with his postings in our WhatsApp group.



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I urge you all to check out our Club before you decide to avail of any service or buy a new product(s) for your home/office.

I am planning to launch a BOOK CLUB within RCMS. A new team with Anns & Annettes would be in charge of the same.

New ideas are welcome. I shall update the new team shortly...

HAPPY NETWORKING!

Regards,

K Narayanan

With Best Compliments from

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