

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerners,

I thank you all for having bestowed the responsibility on me as the 65th president of our prestigious club. I am thankful for the trust and confidence you have in me. Our Club comes under the newly chartered Dist 3234.

I am amazed at how the change of leadership happens in our Club. To make it more vibrant, impetus will be given to create and maintain bonding among members.

All avenues will have sub-committees. We will be having one for CSR and FCRA. These committees will be meeting once a month to achieve the desired results.

Fruit Baskets will continue to visit all the members. Firesides will continue to give warmth!

All our existing projects viz., Caring for Little Hearts, School Scholarship, Vaanavil (multiple activities at PCKG School), CLC Kattur, Vyasarpadi, and others will continue. An outstation trip to Karaikudi (Chettinad) is being planned during the month of Aug/Sep.

The need of the hour is to add quality members. I request you all to support us in this task!

Best Regards,

K Narayanan

RTN NARAYANAN INSTALLED AS THE 65TH PRESIDENT OF RCMS



Rtn K Narayanan, who joined our club only in 2021, has already made a mark as a Rotarian when he took charge as Secretary of the club during the last Rotary year. At a glittering event on 24th June at the Madras Cricket Club, he was installed as the President for the RY 2024-25. Before wearing the presidential collar, he made a brilliant audio-visual presentation of the activities during the RY 2023-24, fulfilling his role as the Secretary of our club under the presidency of Rtn Bina Boaz.

Rtn K Parasuraman, another green Rotarian who joined our club in 2023, was installed as the Secretary and received the Club Charter.

Rtn N S Saravanan, DG for RY 2024-25 (Dist 3234) was the chief guest. He released the

first copy of the club roster for 24-25 which was received by PDG N Nagoji.

Ann Chitra Elumperiyar rendered the invocation song, while Rtns Parveen Sikkander and Rajanbabu acted as the MCs for the evening.

Southerners wish Rtn Narayanan and his team a glorious rotary year of service and fellowship.



RYLA – A FITTING FINALE TO RY 2023-24

At the fag end of the Rotary year when I thought sadly that we did not get a chance to organize a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Shyamala gave life to the thought and offered to have it in their AKG School campus at Pallikaranai.

35 students from Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Saidapet were transported by Asan School buses to the campus. They came bright-eyed and bushy-tailed not quite knowing what to expect.

It began with a hot tasty breakfast made in the school canteen. Then we moved to the main hall where the Asan School staff welcomed us and the girls with flower garlands and sandalwood paste.



Our morning session started with PDG Nagoji and his motivating speech peppered with anecdotes, that kept the girls glued to every word he uttered. He was followed by District Secretary Vidya Ragu who rocked her interactive session. Every concept that she introduced to the children that would contribute to a successful life, had an activity or something interactive, that would leave an imprint on their minds.

We had Ann Rose Joseph conduct games for the children with the help of PP Sridharan, R.Srikanth, PE Rajan Babu, and Sibi. It was a riot! A special lunch was prepared for the children by the Asan canteen which they thoroughly relished.

For the afternoon session, there was an awesome Psychologist, a Career Counselor, and a Special Educator all of whom shared their wisdom and insights. An autistic boy along with his mother talked about his life and about how he overcame obstacles to register for organ donation which he is passionate about.

Our own Jothilakshmi spoke on the POCSO Act, children's rights, how to deal with potential abuse, etc. Very powerful and heavy topic, and much needed. The entire RYLA ended with a high-energy Zumba session that took the girls to a wonderful high.

What the girls received that day will forever stay in their hearts and minds. It was an experience laced with wisdom, knowledge, motivation, and joy that will for sure subtly shape their lives. God bless them.

Bina Boaz

MEET PRESIDENT NARAYANAN, A PASSIONATE ROTARIAN

Already at the helm of a prestigious club like RCMS, Rtn Narayanan has demonstrated his passion for Rotary since joining the club just 3 years ago. A graduate of Madurai Kamraj University, he hails from Karaikudi and runs a proprietorship firm called Home Matters, an end-to-end property solutions provider, mainly catering to NRIs. Interestingly, he is a biking enthusiast and enjoys reading, cooking, and watching movies.

Ann Meena is a Chartered Accountant by qualification and a Home Maker by choice. His son Krishna is a Brand Lead at CSK, while his daughter Visalakshi is a Montessori School teacher. His daughter-in-law, Sowmya is a Chartered Accountant. *(Family pic taken at his son's wedding)*





Though this family participation event on June 8th at the Green Park Hotel was titled 'Karaoke Night', it turned out to be a variety entertainment night, thanks to the several interactive games executed by a young and lively professional MC, Ms Aishu. As usual, some of the 'singing sensations' of RCMS (Chitra Elumperiyar, Saravanan, Bowmick/Rooma) belted out both Tamil and Hindi numbers, regaling the audience with their melodious voice.



Two RCMS veterans, octogenarians Rtms R V Rajan and N V Bala, who were both retiring from Rotary after several decades as members, were especially honoured with mementos. Rtms Parveen Sikkander and R Srikanth felicitated both Rajan and Bala respectively, recalling their association with both the veterans. As usual, the night ended with spirited fellowship and a sumptuous dinner.



A WARM END TO A MEMORABLE ROTARY YEAR

The last day of the Rotary year 23-24 (30th June) saw a grand fireside hosted by Rtn C K Revi and Ann Indira Revi at the Malayali Club. It was well attended with nine Rotarian families participating. According to Rtn R Srikanth, "There was a lot of laughter, noise, and fun all through the evening as the families talked about everything in the world including the lovely Rotary year that went past under the leadership of IPP Bina Boaz. Rtn Revi and Ann Indira played great hosts taking personal care of everyone's needs including that of the Annettes" The dinner, as one could expect, reflected the Kerala food. A pleasant evening and a great way to conclude the Rotary year.

Earlier on 9th June Rtn K Narayanan and Ann Meena also hosted a lunch fireside at the Cosmopolitan Club.



SPEAKER MEETING IN JUNE



Date : 4th June, 2024

Speaker : Rtn Kannan Alagiriswamy

Topic : Facts and myths about dieting and fasting

CLUB ASSEMBLY

On 11th June, the mandatory club assembly was held at the Madras Boat Club when the incoming president (Rtn K Narayanan) and his team presented their plans and budget for the RY 2024-25. Around 25 members participated. The meeting was followed by fellowship and dinner.



KATTUR TAILORING COURSE VALEDICTORY



25 tailoring students received their certificates on successful completion of the course at our Community Learning Centre (CLC) at Kattur village in Thirupporur Block on 27th June. The course was conducted during the period Nov, '23 to May, '24 by ACDS, the implementing associate of the project. IPP Bina Boaz and PE Rajanbabu were present on behalf of RCMS.

COMPUTER LAB INAUGURATED

On 4th June, IPP Bina Boaz inaugurated a Computer Lab with 10 computers at P J Gupta School in Ambattur thanks to the

benevolence of Rtn Somdev Goyal who funded the project for RCMS. St. Mark's Middle School in Periamet also received a computer provided by our club. The children in both schools were visibly thrilled according to Bina at this development.



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