



# The Southerner

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## Rotary Club of Madras South

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Southerners,  
Hope all are doing well.

RCMS has a brand new office. Rtn.B.B. Vengatesh has generously given us the use of one of the cubicles in his office in Mylapore. Some of us including PDG Nagoji, inaugurated it on 5th October which was followed by our 4th board meeting.

Madhu arranged 3 exciting speakers this month including our own Dr. Revi who spoke about Chandrika soap, its introduction and its rise to fame. Our 4th meeting turned out to be a first for us, a beach walk on a Sunday morning followed by delicious breakfast at Synch restaurant in Besantnagar. It was a very pleasurable morning with several members and families congregating from different parts of town.

Devan's fireside at his place was a lot of fun with a whole lot of laughter and good food. The last of the Interact installations took place at Saidapet Corporation Girls School.

RCMS signed an MOU with ACSYS which will sponsor school scholarships in several schools amounting to about Rs.31 lakh. Baynes School, Vepery was the first to receive the funds under this project.

Our District organized several activities on 24th October to propagate Polio awareness and to publicise Rotary's role in almost eradicating it. RCMS contributed to the project and Rtns Janaki and Rajendran took part in the activities.

RCMS continued its liaison with ANEW in sponsoring 12 nursing students. Such a wonderful feeling to be able to positively impact so many people, as a Rotarian.

Looking forward to more participation from members in the coming months. Reminder - Do bring in suggestions for new members who will enhance our club, benefit its members, and/or impact the community positively.

Yours in Rotary

**Bina Boaz**

### NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



In India, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) functions through its associate foundation Rotary Foundation (India) [RF (I)] and is registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 in February 1988 and provides tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. Rotary Foundation (India) is also registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and hence, fulfills the eligibility criteria to act as an implementing agency for undertaking CSR activities. In partnering with corporates, the Rotary Foundation (India) works diligently to try and establish partnerships that are aligned with the core principles of the company/foundation.

All service projects are designed and implemented by members of community-based Rotary Clubs to ensure sustainability and maximise the results of their work. Given Rotary's profile and humanitarian efforts throughout India, the Rotary Foundation (India) has now expanded its partnership base by cultivating corporate relationships for CSR projects and implementing sustainable and impactful humanitarian projects through Rotary clubs/districts. RF(I) started its Pan India CSR operations in October 2016.

Rotary Foundation (India) is also registered under the Foreign Contribution and Regulation Act (FCRA) with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

*(Source: RI Website)*

## OFF TO A GOOD START - RCMS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

President Bina Boaz announced a few weeks ago about the students' scholarship project, supported by Acscys Investments. Close to 250 students from 7 identified schools have applied for the scholarship. The committee in charge of the project scrutinised the applications and approved the list of students we will support. As the next step, a visit to the schools to meet the students and parents and announce the confirmed scholarship was set in motion.

On October 28th PP Magdoom and Ann Rajeena met the students and parents of Baynes School, Vepery, and announced the scholarship to 17 selected students who had come with their parents. "I addressed them on what is Rotary, why and how we do this project, and how we evaluated the applications. When I read out the amount sanctioned for each student, there was thunderous applause and several sparkling eyes," said Magdoom after his visit. A project to help shape the future of the less privileged children around us.

President Bina subsequently also visited the Manuelmony Matriculation School in Thiruvanmiyur and announced the scholarship for 20 selected students.



## CYBER AWARENESS SESSION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS



A session on "Using the Internet safely" was conducted for the students of PCKG Govt Hr. Sec. School, Kodambakkam, organised by our project partner Kalanjiam Trust. The session enlightened the students about the opportunities and risks in the online world through group discussion for the classes 6th to 12th. The sessions were conducted over four days from 3rd Oct - 6th Oct.

## HOME NURSING PROGRAM AT ANEW

A vocational service programme offering home nursing skills to 12 female students at ANEW, the Vocational Skills NGO was sponsored by our Club and the classes were inaugurated in October 2023. At a simple function held at their centre, our Club President Bina Boaz inaugurated the course as the chief guest. Rtn. Rajan Babu, vocational service director of the Club was the guest of honour and organised the programme. This 6-month programme will equip the students to work as home nurses and give them gainful employment upon completion.





## INTERACT CLUB INAUGURATED

The Interact Club of Govt. Higher Secondary School (Girls), Saidapet was inaugurated on 27th October. Rtn Ajit Gautham, Director – Youth Service was present.



## WORLD POLIO DAY

On 24th October, RID 3232 and RC Madras jointly organised the 'Polio Awareness' programme at the Besant Nagar beach. Our club was represented by Rtn Janaki (Chairman-Polio Plus) along with her spouse Mr Raman.



## BEACH WALK AND BREAKFAST

Around 37 Southerners made a beeline to Elliots Beach on Sunday, 29th October morning to begin the day with a pleasant walk on a balmy morning. This was followed by a special breakfast organised at the nearby SYNCK restaurant by Rtn Sathyanarayanan, Director – Family Participation. A thoroughly enjoyable morning for those who participated.



## GOOD TIMES! GOOD FOOD! GOOD FRIENDS!

Around 8 families of RCMS got together on Sunday, the 15th of October for a fireside at Devan- the Devil's Den.

There is nothing like sharing a good laugh or listening to some amazing yesteryear stories with friends. Small plates of food, a chilled beer to beat the heat and chilly vodka completed the picture of a fun-filled afternoon and made the drive all the way to Villa Elysian, Thiruvaidanthai on ECR well worth it. We had the pleasure of meeting Rtn. Murugavel and Shuba from the Rotary Club of Madras East who joined us for lunch.

Awesome Biryani and homemade payasam, and the gracious and generous hospitality meted out by Rtn Devan and Ann Wendy brought another great fireside to a close.

**Rtn Renjit Joseph**





## SPEAKER MEETINGS IN OCTOBER



Date : 3rd October, 2023

Speaker : Ms Sanjana Vijay

Topic : My CSR journey



Date : 17th October, 2023

Speaker : Dr Harish Kumar

Topic : Handling pain in life: Sin or Curse?



Date : 24th October, 2023

Speaker : Rtn Dr C K Revi

Topic : The romance of Chandrika soap

## A NEW OFFICE FOR RCMS TRUST

A permanent office for our Club's Charitable Trust was opened and inaugurated on 5th October 2023, at the office of our member PP Rtn. B B Vengatesh, in Alwarpet. PDG Natrajan Nagoji did the honours of inaugurating the premise with a simple cutting of the ribbon. Southerners thank Rtn. Vengatesh for his generosity.

## RTN IMBICHAMMAD HONOURED



As part of the "EK Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" programs, Raj Bhavan Chennai honoured eminent leaders and social workers from various states of India. His Excellency, Shri R.N.Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest and distributed the awards.

The program is intended to promote and strengthen better understanding among the people of various States/Union Territories and to showcase the rich and vibrant composite culture of India.

Our long-standing senior member, Rtn T.P. Imbichammad, received the award for achieving Excellence in the field of Education. Southerners congratulate Rtn Bicha on this great honour.



## FELLOWSHIP BASKET IN TRANSIT

The three Fellowship (fruit) baskets launched at the installation function of President Bina have been moving among the Southerners. On 2nd October, Rtn Jenson Peters handed over the basket to Rtn Sathyanarayanan and Ann Guhapriya. The Southerner will continue to track the journey of these baskets in the months to come.



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