

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerners,
The month of August started with a Board Meeting at The Cosmopolitan Club. Rotaract Clubs sponsored by us, namely Madras

Knights and AC Tech, Guindy, were installed this month. Both have a good membership with 90 and 60 members respectively. The Interact Club of AKG Public School was also installed during this month.

The CAMS-sponsored projects, Spoken English and Counselling in schools, were inaugurated at Mary Clubwala Jadhav, Egmore, Dr KK Nirmala, Ashok Nagar, St Antony's, Egmore, P J Gupta, Ambattur, and Jaigopal Garodia, Saidapet.

The ACSYS-sponsored Scholarship project was successfully completed for this academic term. A total amount of Rs. 30.00 lakh has been disbursed to 321 students from 14 schools.

The Fireside event was hosted by Renjit Joseph and Ann Rose this month.

The month concluded with a Fellowship Night at The Lance 21, Ashok Nagar, attended by more than 4 prospective members!

Let's all strive to bring at least one quality member each to RCMS this year!

Best Regards,

K Narayanan

RCMS PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY



One of our Club's key projects, "Tuition Fee Scholarship" support to school students in Chennai touched the lives of 36 students of Dr K K Nirmala Girls Hr. Secondary School in Ashok Nagar. This project is sponsored by Acsys. At the simple function held in the school on 27th August, the scholarship cheque was presented to the students in the presence of the School HM Rev Sister Santhi by our Club President Rtn. K Narayanan.

The project, which started in October 2023 has supported more than 320 meritorious students from 14 schools in Chennai belonging to the economically weaker sections of society. It is planned to closely monitor the performance of all the beneficiary students this year to enable the club to carry forward the project in the future.

The picture above shows President Narayanan along with Rotarians Sibi Rajan, Rajanbabu and Magdoom after presenting the cheque to two selected students.

SANGKOO YUN TO BE 2026-27 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.



VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES LAUNCHED

It was a hectic day on 7th August with a series of vocational service projects inaugurated. While both the Spoken English and Counselling programmes were inaugurated at the Mary Clubwala Jadhav School, the Spoken English Programme at Jaigopal Garodia School and the Chennai Girls HS School at Saidapet were also launched on the same day. More than 250 students will benefit from these programmes.

On 13th Aug both the Spoken English and Counselling programmes were inaugurated at Dr KK Nirmala School. Later the same day, the Spoken English programme was inaugurated at PJ Gupta School in Ambattur. Our Vocational Services Director Rtn. Sibi Rajan and PE Rajanbabu were present at the former school while President Narayanan participated as the chief guest at the latter. The students displayed enthusiasm at the opportunity to learn to speak in English.



TUITION CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE IN KATTUR



Evening tuition classes for the children of Kattur village, in Thirupporur started at our Club's Community Learning Centre. The Centre built and launched during the rotary year 2012-13, is used to bring several community projects to the people of Kattur and surrounding villages. Evening tuition class is one such initiative by our Club at the Centre, and the children are taught by a private teacher. This project is supported by CAMS.

Over the years, the local women have benefited from the tailoring course conducted at the Centre facilitated by ACDS, our implementing partner.

COMMUNITY ROTARACT CLUB INSTALLED

Rotaract Club of Madras Knights, sponsored by our Club was inaugurated on 4th August. This is a Community Rotaract Club formed by socially conscious youth and freshers from various colleges of the city to do good to the community. PE Rajanbabu installed the office bearers.



PRESIDENT-ELECT HOISTS THE TRICOLOUR



Our Club's President Elect, Rtn. Rajanbabu, hoisted the tricolour at PJ Gupta High School at Ambattur where he was the chief guest during the 78th Independence Day Celebrations. The function was presided over by Ashish Gupta, the school correspondent. The school students displayed their talents by speaking about independence and dancing to patriotic and social message songs.

K PRAKASH ADORNS RIP'S CHAIR AT CHICAGO

PP Rtn. K Prakash on a visit to the US recently along with his Ann Jayashree had the opportunity to sit and adorn the chair of the Rotary International President (RIP) at their Evanston office in Chicago. It's a rare privilege that Rotary International offers to Rotarians when the RIP is not in office. Prakash also had a guided tour of the RI Headquarters.



INTERACT CLUB INSTALLED



The office bearers of the Interact Club of AKG Public School at Medavakkam were installed on 7th August at the school premises. President Narayanan did the honours as the chief guest. Also present on the occasion were PP Shyamala and Rtn Ajit Gautham.

THE FELLOWSHIP BASKET MOVES ON



Rtn Janaki and her spouse Mr Raman visited the home of PP Rtn Magdoom and Ann Rajeena. In addition to passing on the fellowship basket, the couple also had a good time enjoying the hospitality of the hosts.

ROTARACT CLUB OF AC TECH INSTALLED

The President and team of office bearers of the Rotaract Club of AC Technology, Anna University, Chennai was installed on 16th August at the college premises. President Rtn. K Narayanan was the chief guest. The Dean of the College, Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram graced the occasion.



SPEAKER MEETING IN AUGUST



Date : 20th August, 2024

Speaker : Ms Nina John

Topic : Women's empowerment in Chennai

THE FIRESIDE @ RENJITS



Our club's second fireside of the current Rotary year was held at the residence of PP Rtn Renjit Joseph and Ann Rose on 18th August. Apart from the sumptuous lunch spread, the couple had also organized some interesting games that were thoroughly enjoyed by the invitees. Annette Nikhil and his wife ensured the guests were well taken care of while Renjit kept those present in splits with his trademark humour.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP – KERALA STYLE

The Onam spirit seems to have caught up with the Southerners weeks before the actual festival! On 31st August, several Southerners and their families made a beeline to Lance 21 at Ashok Nagar, dressed in traditional Kerala attire. Though it was a modest venue, the usual blend of music, dance and games kept the Southerners present in high spirits. As Rtn Ajit Gautham aptly said, "The fellowship night clearly showed that once RCMS members get into the groove, it does not have to be a star hotel for all of us to have a good evening".



SOUTHERNERS IN THE DISTRICT TEAM



Five Southerners will adorn the District team during the RY 2025-26. (Seen in the pic l to r)

PDG Nagoji – Advisor – Youth Service

PP Shyamala – Chairperson – Interact

IPP Bina – Asst. Governor

PP Sridharan – Chairman – DTTS & AGTS

PP Renjit – Secretary – DTTS & AGTS

Kudos and best wishes to the team for a great innings.

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