

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,
RI president Jennifer Jones' theme for 2022-23 "Imagine Rotary" urges all Rotarians to "dream big and take action", uniting to work toward positive global change. Says Jennifer,

"We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice.

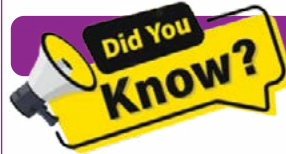
Yes, indeed we acted on our dreams as we were on the verge of completing 6 months of our rotary year 22-23. The journey has been a wonderful and fulfilling one, as we have done many community service activities, projects, and fellowships.

Membership is the very base of every rotary club and we need to add at least 7 to 8 members every year. I request all the members to enhance the membership in our club and bring in as many prospects as possible.

My suggestion to the Rotarians and especially to the Green Rotarians is that you can visit any rotary club and foster new friendships and develop bonding. The Rotary badge is like a license for us to visit any Rotary club. This not only increases your friendship, but also opens the doors for Rotarians to strive to promote the ideal of service in their personal, business, and community lives.

We are looking forward to another six great months of Rotary to come. Wishing all our members a wonderful year ahead.

Yours in Rotary
Jawahar Nichani



RI WORLD HEADQUARTERS



The headquarters of Rotary International always has been in the area of Chicago, Illinois, USA. The first seven Secretariat offices were located in the city's downtown, but in 1954 Rotary built an attractive new building in suburban Evanston. This building met the needs of the Rotary Secretariat until the 1980s, when the addition of new programs, the growth of The Rotary Foundation, and the new PolioPlus activities made the headquarters building extremely crowded and required some staff members to operate in supplementary office space nearby.

When a modern 18-storey office building became available in downtown Evanston in 1987, it appeared to meet all of Rotary's space and expansion needs for years to come. The glass and steel structure, built in 1977, provides 400,000 square feet (37,160 square meters) of office and usable space. The building was purchased by Rotary International, which left nearly half of the space to commercial tenants until needed by future Rotary growth.

The building provides a 190-seat auditorium, large parking garage, and 300-seat cafeteria, as well as functional office space for the 500 employees of the World Headquarters. The executive suite on the 18th floor includes conference rooms for meetings of the RI Board of Directors, Rotary Foundation Trustees, and RI and Foundation committees, in addition to the offices of the RI president, president-elect, president-nominee, chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, and general secretary.

One Rotary Center, as it is called, enhances the efficient operations of Rotary International.

(Tours of the headquarters are open to Rotary members and the public. Plan to visit the Center on your next visit to the US.)

Source: RI website

RTN ASHA'S MAGNANIMOUS GESTURE TO TRANSGENDERS



At an inclusivity meeting of the transgender community held on 30th December, PP Rtn Asha Marina offered to build houses free of cost (through Creations Charitable Trust) for the community if the Govt. came forward to donate land for the purpose. The meeting was partly sponsored by RCMS along with other institutions working for the betterment of the Transgender community. President Nichani represented our club as a Guest of Honour. Dr Mohan Rajan representing Rajan Eye Care Hospital donated privilege cards to them for lifelong free eye care including eye surgeries for cataract. Over 200 Transgenders participated in the meeting.

CARING FOR LITTLE HEARTS PROJECT– MORE SURGERIES CONDUCTED

Despite a brief setback during the pandemic, the 'Caring for Little Hearts' project has gathered momentum once again.

A total of 30 surgeries were performed during the months of November and December. All the kids are doing well post-surgery. Rtn Saravanan and Rtn R Srikanth visited the Soorya Hospital and interacted with the parents and the kids.



FIRESIDE HOSTED BY RTN ELUMPERIYAR



Rtn Elumperiyar and Ann Chithra hosted a wonderful fireside get-together at their residence on 17th December. Around 10 Southerners attended. According to President Nichani, apart from the awesome dinner served by the hosts, the highlight of the evening was that "each one present went back in time and unwrapped memories of their love stories and marriage and how they were organized during those times." He further adds, "They say laughter is the best medicine and it was proved right that evening!"

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT ANNOUNCES 2023-24 PRESIDENTIAL THEME

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, **Create Hope in the World**, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope - to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.



FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION PROJECT – AN UPDATE

God has been kind as we started this project in July and August 2022 only in two schools. PP Rtn Asha Marina had come forward and supported two schools (Bala Mandir Vidhyalaya and Madhuram Narayanan Centre). Two more schools (Padma Subramaniam Bala Bhavan and Saraswathy Vidhyalaya) are being supported by AS Trust.



We are applying for Global Grant for four more schools for various equipment and with this, we would have completed about 7 schools under 'Freedom Through Education'. We will try to add more schools subject to the availability of funds. I also thank our members who have supported this project for global grant with their respective contributions.

Rtn Jawahar Nichani

PE RTN BINA PROMISES A SUPERLATIVE RY 2023-24

Time is racing by and half the Rotary Year has flown by. My role as president of our Club is almost upon me and I am going through a seesaw of feelings. On the one hand, I am super excited about the opportunity to serve on another level. But sometimes I also feel a little overwhelmed by the thought of handling all the responsibilities, attending events, planning, executing.....

We have a great team to see us through 2023-24 and very supportive Club members which is encouraging.

I think it's going to be a superlative Rotary year for all of us because we'll be operating with one vision - to serve those in need and enjoy great fellowship and camaraderie as we go along doing it.

Pre-Pets 1 & 2 have been eye-openers in terms of the variety of project opportunities and the kind of assistance that can be availed.

I have had a glorious time getting to know some of my fellow Presidents-Elect. We have thoroughly enjoyed putting together programs to entertain each other. This excitement continues as we approach the upcoming PETS (Feb 17-20). Looking forward to all our practice sessions before we leave for PETS. From what I hear, the actual PETS is going to be enlightening in terms of the actual training. Hoping to have all your blessings and best wishes as I get started.

Rtn Bina Boaz



OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED FOR RY 2023-24



At a closed-door meeting held on 13th December, the president and office bearers for the RY 2023-24 were elected unopposed as per our club's tradition. **Rtn Bina Boaz** will lead the club as president during the year along with her team. PP Rtn R V Rajan conducted the elections as the 'Returning Officer'. Southerners wish Rtn Bina and her team all the best for a superlative year under her leadership. She is the third lady president of RCMS since the club was chartered in 1960.

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN DECEMBER



Date : 6th December, 2022
 Speaker : Ms Sruti Harihara Subramanian
 Topic : My journey in cinema and allied arts



Date : 13th December, 2022
 Speaker : Rtn P R Rajendran
 Topic : Classification talk on sports gaming



Date : 20th December, 2022
 Speaker : Mr Ram Ramakrishnan
 Topic : The prince and the king - S D Burman and M S Vishwanathan



RCMS OFFICE BEARERS FOR RY 2023-24

1. President	Bina Boaz	19. Ford Digital Literacy / Pananthepe School	Mukund Vedapudi
2. IPP	Jawahar Nichani	20. Public Image	B.B. Vengatesh
3. Secretary	K. Narayanan	21. Fireside	P. Bowmick
4. Treasurer & Chairman Global Grants/FCRA	R.Srikanth	22. Girls Empowerment	Kalpna D.Kumar
5. Joint Secretary	Parveen Sikkander	23. Chairman Happy Village (Kattur)	P.R. Rajendran
6. President Nominee	K. Narayanan	24. Sergeant-at-Arms	A.N. Sujeesh
7. Director Family Participation	R. Sathyanarayanan	25. Sergeant-at-Arms	K. Prakash
8. Director Vocational Service	R. Rajanbabu	26. Advisor	A. Sridharan
9. Director Community Service	S. Elumperiyar	27. Trainer	Renjit Joseph
10. Director Community Service Development	A.R. Ashok	28. Chairman WASH / Polio Plus	Janaki Raman
11. Director Youth Service Interact	Ajit N. Gautham	29. Chairman Vyasarpadi Project	Kishore Bafna
12. Director Youth Service Rotaract	Sibi Rajan	30. Chairman Fund Raising	Shyamala Jayaprakash
13. Director International Service	Dr. Anuradha Uberoi	31. Chairman Rainwater Harvesting Maintenance & Monitoring	M.C. Srikanth
14. Director Rotary Foundation	Asha Marina	32. Chairman Club Website & Social Media / PCKG School Kodambakkam	Magdoom Mohamed
15. Chairman Programs	S.R. Madhu	33. Chairman RYLA	Suresh Arunachalam
16. Chairman Membership Development / Annettes Club	S. Balaji	34. Chairman Women Empowerment	Jothilakshmi
17. Chairman Little Hearts / Outstation Fellowship	K. Saravanan	35. Anns Coordinator	Ann Chithra Elumperiyar
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