

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello My Rotary Family,

Wishing you nothing but Peace, Love and Happiness as we begin a brand new year - 2024. Hope 2023 was all that you hoped it would be. We've concluded the first half of this Rotary year very successfully.

December 2023 started off with Cyclone Michaung battering us with incessant rains. RCMS admirably came up with Rs.1.83 lakh in just 3 days to help those who had been badly affected. Extremely proud of our quick response and generosity. Our Annettes too came up with a sizeable amount to help students who lost all their bags, books and stationery. Kudos to them!

Pre Sets 1 was kick started on the 4th of December with Sridharan as SETS Secretary, and Parasuraman and I present as Secretary-Elect and Regional Secretary-Elect respectively for the coming year 2024-25. It was held in the Presidency Club.

Sandilya, our past member gave an excellent talk on ChatGpt and created a wonderful storyline with Shahrukh Khan and me in the lead. We had our election announcements on the 19th by Sridharan followed by 5 of us members who talked about our proudest moment as parents. It was a delightful evening.

We're very excited to announce that Secretary Narayanan will be President in the year 2024-25 and Rtn Parasuraman, Club Secretary. Congratulations to both of them and the entire team.

P.J.Gupta's School (Ambattur) and AIWC School (Chintadripet) received Rs.69,000 and Rs.13,200 each as part of our School Scholarship program.

Our Christmas celebration was a smashing success and we had a blast with great participation, karaoke, games, and good food. The outdoor ambiance at Green Meadows added

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SOUTHERNERS EMBARK ON A NOSTALGIC CINEMATIC JOURNEY

Around 60 Southerners visited the AVM Heritage Museum on a pleasant Sunday morning in December. Nestled amidst the iconic AVM Studios complex, this museum is a treasure trove of artefacts and celebrates the illustrious history of Tamil cinema.

With its collection of memorabilia, photographs and other exhibits, the Southerners present there went on a captivating journey through the evolution of the Tamil film industry. The Museum pays homage to the

contributions of AVM Productions, one of the oldest and most well-known film production houses in South India, producing timeless classics that continue to enthrall audiences to this day.

The surprise, according to President Bina, was the unusually large participation of Annettes of our club members. Annette Indra, (d/o Rtn Rajanbabu) exclaimed after seeing the antique cars on display "I had the opportunity to witness cars that I never thought I would get to see at this young age!"

The seniors who have grown up watching some of the classic Tamil movies of yester years, went down memory lane, triggered by some of the exhibits displayed at the museum.

The visit concluded with a sumptuous meal from Karaikudi Annalakshmi organised by our enterprising Secretary, Rtn K Narayanan.



AN ENCHANTING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas party (on 17th Dec) was an enchanting celebration filled with joyous moments that resonated with games, music, laughter, and heartfelt fellowship. The air buzzed with excitement as we engaged in lively games that brought out the competitive spirit yet bound us together in cheerful camaraderie. The resonating melodies of classic holiday tunes and jovial beats set the perfect ambience.



Amidst the festive ambience, the true essence of the gathering emerged in the form of heartfelt conversations and connections—moments of fellowship that fostered a sense of unity and belonging, making the Christmas party an unforgettable occasion of shared happiness and cherished memories.

Annette Joseph (s/o Rtn Bina Boaz)

PRESIDENT BINA MAKES A MARK AT RAFTS

Rotary Attitude Fashion Talent Star (RAFTS) is an annual competition organized by RC of Chennai Spotlight. This year it was a little modified. The talent round took place in November when marks were assigned to participants and only some qualified to go to the next level. The finals comprised a ramp walk and a question/answer session. Marks from these were added to the marks from the talent round to arrive at the winner. There were the below 12, teen, young adult (20s) and the adult category. I was crowned as the 1st Runner-up in the Queen category (adult). The entire process was exhilarating and challenging. Past R I Director Venkatesh handed me the trophy, PDG Sridhar gave me a goodie bag with a saree and vouchers, DG Ravi Raman adorned me with a sash, and DGE Saravanan crowned me.

Bina Boaz



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to the festive atmosphere. Our visit to the AVM Museum too was well attended and it was a joy to see so many Annettes present. Very nostalgic to see some of our childhood days' cars and the movies of yester years.

The first-ever training for Regional Trainers was held on the 21st in Marutham Resort. I attended it and literally ran back home the next day to get ready for the RAFTS finals where I won the 1st Runner-up prize in the 'Queen' category.

The calendar year ended with the District-organized medical camps (30th December) to deal with the aftermath of the Michaung cyclone. RCMS contributed to it and took part in the camps. Jenson Peters and I represented RCMS in Ashoknagar and Besantnagar.

Until next month, take care.

Yours in Rotary

Bina Boaz

CYCLONE MICHAUNG – SOUTHERNERS LEND A HELPING HAND



Witnessing the havoc caused by Cyclone Michaung and the ensuing floods in Chennai, President Bina made an appeal in the RCMS WhatsApp group for help. Within 72 hours a sum of Rs 1.83 lakh was collected, thanks to the spontaneous generosity of the Southerners.

This amount was used by the Geo Foundation to buy raincoats for contract Corporation workers, Rtn Kalpana Kumar (whose organisation provided relief kits to 100 families) and Vyasai Thozhargal for providing relief in the Vyasarpadi area.

S R MADHU RECEIVES THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED JOURNALISM

I had the honour of reading the citation for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Journalism presented to my good friend S.R. Madhu by the TAG Group & Ramu Endowments on 10th December at the Tag Centre. It was a packed audience of over 200 which witnessed Madhu receiving the Award from the Chief Guest R.K.Raghavan, the former Director of CBI and Consul General of Cyprus

A well-deserved honour for a writer who in a journalism career spanning more than 60 years, has made a mark in newspapers and magazines as well as specialist journals; in both mainstream mass media and development media; in print as well as audio-visuals.

Hearty Congratulations to Madhu on a long overdue but well-deserved honour. Hope this is the beginning of many more awards in the future.

PP Rtn RV Rajan



DISTRICT 3234 REGIONAL SECRETARIES TRAINING 2024-25

A first for Regional Secretaries, this training turned out to be a lot of fun, laced with some serious talk on what is expected of us in the coming year.

On 21st December 2023, we met at Aruvi restaurant (ECR) for snacks and tea. We introduced ourselves to each other and then drove on to Marutham Resorts in the village of Vadakadambadi. An eco-conscious resort it had delectable home cuisine with a whole lot of traditional dishes. It had a Tamil Village ambience, surrounded by paddy fields, a pump-set, and entertainment that included Tamil traditional dances, pottery making, bullock cart rides, etc.



We had a great session with DGE Saravanan, PDG Sridhar, and the effervescent Vidya, our District Secretary-Elect. They were very precise about their expectations and highly motivating. Following this we had a great fellowship and got to know more Rotarians. Had lengthy talks with both DGE and PDG. Returned the next morning on a very high note.

Bina Boaz

SPEAKER MEETING IN DECEMBER



Date : 12th December, 2023
 Speaker : Sandilya Venkatesh
 Topic : ChatGpt – Behind the buzz

OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED FOR RY 2024-25

At a closed-door meeting held on 19th December, the president and office bearers for the RY 2024-25 were elected unopposed as per our club's tradition. **Rtn K Narayanan** will lead the club as president during the year along with his team. PP Rtn A Sridharan conducted the elections as the 'Returning Officer'. Southerners wish Rtn Narayanan and his



team all the best for a great year of fellowship and projects under his leadership. The election was followed by five of our members, Rtn Sheila Sriprakash, Rtn Renjit Joseph, Rtn Saravanan, Rtn R Srikanth and President Bina speaking about their proudest moments as parents.

RCMS OFFICE BEARERS FOR RY 2024-25

1. K Narayanan	President	21. B B Vengatesh	Chairman-Public Image
2. Bina Boaz	IPP	22. S R Madhu	Chairman-Programs
3. Parasuram K	Secretary	23. K Saravanan	Chairman-Little Hearts / Outstation Fellowship
4. Sathyanarayanan R	Treasurer	24. Seshadri R	Bulletin Editor
5. Sridharan A	Advisor	25. Suresh Arunachalam	RYLA
6. Renjit Joseph	Trainer	26. Anuradha Uberoi	Firesides
7. Rajan Babu R	President-Elect	27. Kalpana Kumar	Chairman-Polio/WASH
8. Srikanth R	President-Nominee	28. PR Rajendran	Chairman-Happy Village (Kattur) / Vysarpadi/PCKG
9. Jenson Peters	Jt. Secretary	29. Magdoo Mohamed	Chairman-Website/Social Media / Scholarship
10. Rajanababu R	Dir-Club Service	30. Chitra Elumperiyar	Anns-Co-ordinator
11. Elumperiyar S	Dir-Family Participation & Chairman-Membership	31. Som Dev Goyal	Archives
12. Balaji S	Dir-Community Service Dev	32. Prodyot Bowmick	Sergeant at Arms
13. Sibi Rajan	Dir-Vocational Service	33. Prakash	Sergeant at Arms
14. Anuradha Uberoi	Dir-International Service		
15. Rajanbabu R	Dir-Youth Service (Rotaract)		
16. Ajit N Gautam	Dir-Youth Service (Interact)		
17. Sujeesh AN	Dir-Community Service Health		
18. Srikanth M C	Chairman-Foundation & Chairman-Environment/FCRA		
19. Janaki Raman	Chairman-Women Empowerment		
20. Shyamala Jayaprakash	Chairman-DEI		

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