

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerners,

The year started with a district project with participation from 27 other clubs to create road safety awareness, along with a medical camp at Chennai Metropolitan

Bus Terminus, Koyambedu. The same week we had our 1st Board Meeting at The Cosmopolitan Club. We explored various ideas to increase membership.

In the second week, our youngest member, Rtn Sarvesh Shyam organized an eye camp, supported by M/s.Udhi Eye Clinic, (owned by our member Rtn Dr Sherren Ravindran) at Vyasai Thozhagargal's workplace, in Vyasarpadi. Around 250 people benefitted.

We had two weekly meetings this month! As per RCMS tradition, PDG Rtn Subbu spoke about the RI theme of this year 'The Magic of Rotary'.

The 2nd external speaker was an accomplished writer and political analyst Dr Kannan. The topic was about the recently concluded Indian Elections. All the attendees enjoyed the speaker's analytical, extempore speech.

Fellowship Baskets have started going to places. It creates instant bonding between the two families. Our IPP Rtn Bina is determined to make this proven activity more successful this year.

We watched Indian-2, a Kamal starrer at Satyam Cinemas. More than the movie, we enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie among the families.

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A RICH HAUL OF AWARDS FOR RCMS



'Shubha Mangalam' was the name of our District Rotary Awards Nite this year – a fitting finale for an action-packed, productive year. It was held in Hotel Green Park, Vadapalani. The Awards Chairman was Rtn. DGN Suresh Jain.

I looked forward to the evening with great excitement because we had just completed a wonderful year packed with significant and impactful projects thanks to some exceptionally dedicated members and benevolent sponsors. It was all the more exciting because ten of us represented our club, making for a happy, loud, enthusiastic bunch of cheerleaders. I was especially thrilled to have my son Joseph present, as he had been a pillar of strength throughout the year.

Many members put in a lot of efforts to make RCMS shine in 2023-24. More importantly, we made a difference in the lives of several beneficiaries. District 3232 noticed and acknowledged us aptly.



IPP Bina Boaz with the awards

Bina Boaz – IPP

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SCHOLARSHIP TO EMPOWER DESERVING STUDENTS

On July 23, one of our club's key projects, "Scholarship to Students" of private and aided schools, which started last year, brought joy to the recipients and their parents, as we presented tuition fee scholarships to 56 students of Mary Clubwala Jadhav School, Egmore. The students, from economically weaker sections of society, studying in standards 8th to 12th, with at least 60% marks in the last annual school examinations and attested by the school for overall performance, were selected for scholarship support. The project supports 322 students from 14 schools this Rotary year. Our President, Rtn. K Narayanan, President Elect, Rtn. Rajanbabu, and Scholarship Project Chairman, Rtn. Magdoom Mohamed attended the function at the school premises and presented the cheques to the students.



EYE CHECK CAMP AT VYASARPADI

A medical eye check camp was organised on Sunday, 7th July at Vyasarpadi, in coordination with NGO, Vyasai Thozhargal. The camp checked residents of Vyasarpadi for eye ailments. More than 100 people participated in the camp. Eyeglasses were prescribed to those who needed them. Doctors from Udhi Eye Hospital conducted the camp, thanks to our member and the chief of the hospital, Dr. Sherren Raveendran.

DISTRICT EVENT – ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS AND MEDICAL CAMP

The newly bifurcated District 3234 organised the first joint club project on Road Safety Awareness along with a medical camp at the CMBT (bus terminal) on 2nd July. DG Rtn N S Saravanan was the chief guest. Mr J Krishnamoorthy, former Director, of The Institute of Road Transport presided over the function. Around 27 clubs (including RCMS) participated in the event benefitting around 200 people.



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During the last week, our PP Rtn Magdoom, disbursed a scholarship of Rs.2.81 lakh to deserving students at Mary Clubwala Jadhav School, Egmore. Some of the parents present there were very emotional about the support we extended to them.

The month ended with a Fireside, another successful and affordable format for family bonding at Rtn BB Vengatesh's residence.

My apologies for repeating this again and again. I kindly request you all to refer your friends and relatives to RCMS. Membership is at an all-time low. We have to carry on this exercise of member enrollment as a regular activity.

Best Regards,
K Narayanan

FELLOWSHIP BASKETS IN TRANSIT

The Fellowship (fruit) baskets, introduced during the last Rotary year to increase the bonding among individual members and their families, continue their journey among Southerners this year too, under the watchful eyes of IPP Bina Boaz, who will be keeping a close track on its movement during the year. Three Rotarians exchanged the baskets with others in July as the pics below indicate:



PDG Nagoji to Rtn Ajit Gautam on 12th July



PE Rajanbabu to Rtn Parasuraman on 13th July



PP Magdoom to Rtn Sivasubramaniam on 14th July

MOVIE OUTING AND FELLOWSHIP

Around 40 Southerners made a beeline to Sathyam Cinemas on 14th July to watch the Kamalahasan starrer Indian 2. While most found the movie profoundly disappointing, the saving grace was the fellowship enjoyed by the Southerners not only at the theatre but also later at the Presidency Club where a sumptuous lunch was served.



THE FIRST FIRESIDE



Our club's first fireside of the current Rotary year was held at PP Rtn B B Vengatesh and Ann Anjana's residence on 28th July. According to IPP Bina, "The couple had organized very interesting games where we learnt more about each other, apart from the non-stop supply of delicious food and the superb company".

SPEAKER MEETINGS IN JULY



Date : 2nd July, 2024
 Speaker : PDG Rtn A Subramaniam
 Topic : RI Theme: The Magic of Rotary



Date : 16th July, 2024
 Speaker : Dr R Kannan
 Topic : The Lok Sabha Elections

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The following are the awards won by RCMS for RY 2023-24:

- 1) Best President – Bina Boaz
- 2) Best Secretary – K.Narayanan
- 3) Best Regional Secretary – Renjit Joseph
- 4) Exemplary Rotarian – Sridharan A
- 5) Special Recognition for Pediatric Heart Surgeries
- 6) 1st place Project Cost - Outstanding performance in Basic Education and Literacy
- 7) 1st place Project Cost – Outstanding performance in Maternal & Child Health

- 8) 1st place Beneficiaries – Outstanding performance in Environmental Service
- 9) 2nd place Project Cost – Outstanding performance in 7 areas of Rotary Service
- 10) Outstanding performance in Youth Service – Rotaract Clubs
- 11) Outstanding performance in Youth Service – Interact Clubs
- 12) Youth Service – RYLA
- 13) Outstanding performance in Vocational Service – Career guidance & Skill Development
- 14) Citation awarded to RCMS for helping Rotary 'Create Hope in the World'



PP A Sridharan receiving the 'Exemplary Rotarian' Award



PP Renjit Joseph receiving the Best Regional Secretary award

RCMS EMBRACES DIGITAL OUTREACH

This year, our Club has embarked on an exciting new initiative - digital outreach - to better communicate our programs and services to both our members and the wider community. We are leveraging three key channels to achieve this goal:

- 1. Revamped Website:** Our Club's website, www.rotarymadrassouth.org, has been completely revamped. It now features regular updates on our ongoing projects and events, making it easier for everyone to stay informed.
- 2. Active Facebook Page:** Our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/rotarymadrassouth, now connects with over 1,300 users, providing

frequent posts on our activities and events to keep our audience engaged.

3. New WhatsApp Group: Launched a new WhatsApp Group called 'Friends of RCMS' to share Club news with our extended community outside Rotary. This group currently has nearly 100 members. Southerners are encouraged to invite their friends to join, helping to attract new members to the Club. For more details, please contact our president.

PP Rtn Magdoom Mohamed

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