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Service Above Self

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KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT Rtn A N SUJEESH

Rtn Sujeesh, born in Guruvayur, Kerala and brought up in Chennai, joined RCMS in 2010. A graduate in Mechanical Engineering with a PGD in Business Administration, he joined his father's business of manufacturing automobile parts, Sri Hari Industries at Ambattur Industrial Estate. He is currently the President of the Ambattur Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association.

Sujeesh is also a Freemason and is a member of many lodges and their appendant bodies both in India and overseas. He has served RCMS in various positions before taking charge as President for RY 2020-21.

He is married to Ann Sunitha and has two children. Annette Vishnu, pursuing his third year in Engineering, is an accomplished sailor, having represented India in various international events across the globe. His daughter, Vinaya, is in class 12 and harbours an ambition of becoming a heart surgeon.

Southerners wish Rtn Sujeesh a memorable year as President.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Southerners,

It is indeed very gratifying for me to take over the mantle of Presidentship of our Club.

I thank each and every one of you for having placed your trust in me and will try my best to keep our club's flag flying high.

It is only when we interact with other rotary club members do we realise the awe they have for our club. Being the second oldest club, maintaining the rich traditions of our club is not

going to be easy, unless we all work together with pride and purpose.

Our IPP Rtn. Srikanth was able to channelise resources and his team has done its best to take our club to the next level. We are now envied by many in the district. Our long running projects like the computer distribution, Little Hearts, to name a few, are well established and highly appreciated. Many of our past presidents have toiled very hard to make our club what it is today and I am fortunate that they will continue to do so. Our sponsors too have assured their support.

It is very unfortunate that we lost Rtn Ramakrishna Raja, who was a guide and pillar of support not just to our club and district but also to my Lodge Vidya of which he was a founder member.

The change in work culture and the commuting time required has made many people stay away from rotary. We need to bring in new enthusiastic members to keep our club both vibrant and attractive. I request your wholehearted support in the same and if required we can make subtle changes in the way we operate to keep up with the changing trends.

Our signature project is going to be Covid rehabilitation. Rtn. Mukund will be communicating on this regularly.

As informed in my earlier mail, our stress is going to be increasing bonding between us. I thank all the rotarians for the excellent feedback and encouragement they gave me.

We will start having small firesides. Those interested in hosting them may kindly get in touch with Rtn Jawahar Nichani, keeping me in the loop.

We will also have some entertainment over the web for which please do come up with some ideas.

Looking forward to an year of action and satisfaction with the whole hearted support of you and the active involvement of the Board of Directors, I remain,

Yours in Rotary,

A.N.Sujeesh

RTN. A N SUJEESH TAKES OVER AS OUR PRESIDENT FOR THE YEAR 2020-21



IPP Rtn Srikanth exchanging the presidential collar with President Sujeesh

Rtn. A N Sujeesh took over as the President of our Club for the RY 2020-21 at the e- installation ceremony held on 1st July 2020. He took over the mantle from the outgoing President Rtn. M C Srikanth. In his acceptance speech as the club president, Rtn Sujeesh mentioned that Club Service will be his focus for the year. He also presented the highlights of this rotary year's signature project which aims to rehabilitate small businessmen and street vendors in Chennai adversely affected by the lockdown imposed due to Covid-19 pandemic. PP Rtn Mukund will steer this project for the club. Rtn R Balachander took over as the Secretary for the current rotary year.

DG Rtn S Muthupalaniappan was the chief guest. The first ever virtual installation function of a President saw an attendance of over 125 at its peak, with the online presence of PDGs, district officials, presidents and secretaries from other clubs in the district.

While IPP Rtn M C Srikanth thanked every member of his team with interesting photo-shopped caricature pictures of each, past Secretary Rtn Rajan Babu showcased the club's projects and activities during the year with an impactful power-point presentation.



*Secretary RY 2010-21
Rtn R Balachander*



DG Rtn Muthupalaniappan

BOARD MEMBERS

S.No.	Board Member - 2020-2021	Name of Rotarian
1	President	A N Sujeesh
2	Secretary	R Balachandar
3	Treasurer	Asha Marina
4	President Elect	Renjit Joseph
5	Jt. Secretary	Sibi Rajan
6	Club Service Director	Som Dev Goyal
7	Immediate Past President	M C Srikanth
8	Director - Vocational Service	Rajan Babu
9	Director - Youth Service (Interact)	Suresh Arunachalam
10	Director - Youth Service (Rotaract)	V S Jothilakshmi
11	Director - Family Participation & President Nominee	Jawaharlal Nichani
12	Director - Community Service - Health & Polio Plus	S Elumperiyar
13	Director - Community Service - Development	A R Ashok
14	Director - International Service	R Sathyanarayanan
15	Chairman - Orange	Kishore Bafna
16	Chairman- PR & Fund raising	Mukund Vedapudi
17	Director - Rotary Foundation	R Srikanth
18	Chairman - Membership Development & Annettes	Magdoo Mohanmed
19	Chairman - Little Hearts & Outstation trip	K Saravanan
20	Sergeant-at-Arms	G Ragupathi
21	Advisor	K Prakash
22	Trainer	A Sridharan
23	Chairman - Programs	S R Madhu
24	Bulletin Editor	R Seshadri

E-CLUB ASSEMBLY HELD

At the virtual club assembly held on 16th June, PE Rtn A N Sujeesh presented his plans and projects for the RY 2020-21 outlining the details of the proposed activities under every avenue of service. During the well-attended meeting, Rtn Sujeesh also presented the highlights of the special Covid impact mitigation project to help street vendors and small businesses that have been adversely impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown in Chennai.

CovAid - IOG GOVT. HOSPITAL GETS COLOUR DOPPLER MACHINE

On 12th June our club donated a Colour Doppler machine to The Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore, Chennai costing around Rs.9 Lakh. This is part of our global grant project in partnership with Rotary Club of Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka. The equipment will be used for scanning Covid 19 infected pregnant women and other women.



hospital
Dr. Vijaya
and other
doctors

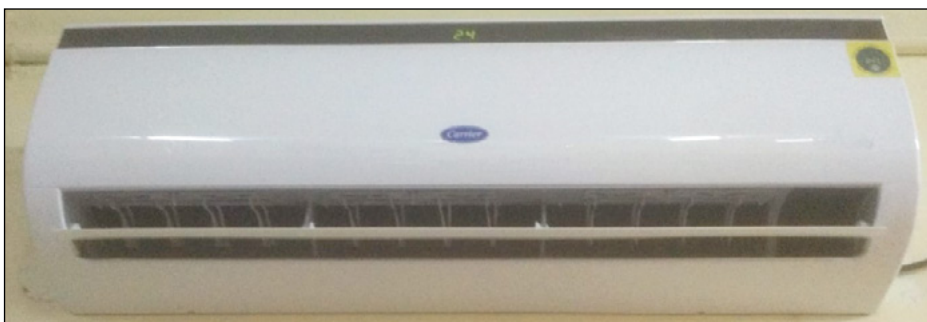
were present when the machine was handed over to the hospital. Our member Rtn Dr Venkat identified the project. On 18th June we also donated 1500 PPE kits to the Adyar Cancer Institute. We thank the donors, Rotary District 3232, Rotary Foundation for enabling these projects.

STUDENTS OF KATTUR COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE MAKE MASKS



The students at our Community Learning Centre in Kattur undergoing training in tailoring made around 1000 cotton masks for distribution to the needy in the neighbouring villages. ACDS is our service partner monitoring the training centre. The ongoing pandemic and the subsequent lockdown restrictions declared by the Government of Tamilnadu forced us to stop the tailoring classes being held at the centre in two batches every day. However, some students undertook special training and made the masks at the centre while maintaining social distancing norms and wearing masks.

AIR CONDITIONERS INSTALLED



Our club donated two 1.5 ton Air conditioners which were installed on 16th June in the CEG-RCMS hall at Anna University where the AC Servicing course is being conducted for the past few years. This was a long pending need and was fulfilled thanks to the generous support of CAMS.

ROTARACT NEWS

The Rotaract Club of CEG held its valedictory function for their Board (RY 2019-20) titled "Antham" on 6th June as a cloud meeting on Zoom online platform.

The Rotaract Club of AC Tech also held a meeting on 14th June titled "Nerukku Ner" on Zoom during the visit of DRR to their club.

President M C Srikanth was the chief guest and DRR, Rtr P P Senthilamani was the guest of honour.

eWEEKLY MEETINGS IN JUNE



Date : 9th June, 2020
Speaker : Ms Aparna Karthikeyan
Topic : Vanishing livelihoods of Tamilnadu



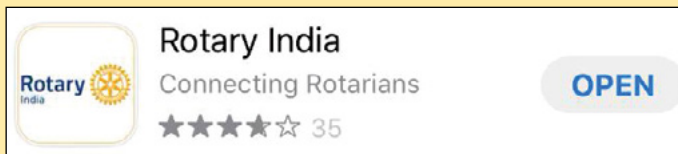
Date : 23rd June, 2020
Speaker : Ms Aishwarya Manivannan
Topic : My creative journey

ANNADHANAM



The last Annadhanam for the RY 2019-20 was held at East Eden Foundation on 27th June. The inmates expressed their gratitude to RCMS by holding up a 'Thank You' board. Kudos to Rtn Renjith for spearheading this project successfully for the past several years.

ROTARY INDIA APP



Our Secretary, Rtn R Balachander, has urged Southerners to download the Rotary India mobile app available on Google Play Store. This will be in lieu of the annual roster as all the details of our members are available in RCMS page of the App. The conventional club directory is unlikely to be printed this year.

STREET VENDORS UPLIFTMENT PROJECT

PROJECT REVIVE



The covid-19 pandemic caused major disruptions in our lives. We cursed, joked but life continued. We stepped up, providing relief to the underprivileged, supplying specialized kits and equipment to hospitals and more. But just like a pandemic these are time bound.

After our quick response to filling gaps in aid and relief measures, we now need to move on and help rehabilitate those who lost their livelihoods.

Some of the most affected are daily wage laborers, street entrepreneurs (vendors), micro industries, guest workers who will find it very difficult to regain lost ground without help.

As a key project during the current rotary year, RCMS will look to find, choose and support deserving beneficiaries adding one more way we help our community.

Southerners who wish to recommend beneficiaries for this project from their neighbourhood, may please contact me.

PP Rtn V Mukund

Chairman- PR & Fund raising



With Best Compliments From

A well wisher



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