

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerners,

'Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime' is a Chinese proverb which has stood the test of time. There is nothing like giving training to a person in a vocation so that he can make a livelihood out of it. Many well-meaning organisations have put this

concept into action, resulting in vocational training centres coming up across India. I feel it is time that we move up one notch in vocational training - placement of the trained students.

Once upon a time jobs were the right of the privileged. Be it the Government or Private sector 'contacts' ensured jobs for the well-heeled. The surge in job opportunities during the last two decades, in the IT & ITES segment ensured that many from the not so affluent could get placed in well paid jobs. Well, that is not enough. As indicated in survey reports the unemployment rate among skilled youth is over 30%. Here is where Rotary can play a role and pitch in to locate jobs for those who are trained.

Despite digitisation and many job portals, it is tough for the underprivileged to get hold of the right jobs. The reasons are many. Some of the main reasons are:

1. Career guidance is too general in nature and does not address the specific need of the individual. The 'one size does not fit all' conundrum.
2. Lack of training in preparing and attending interviews.
3. Absence of parental and peer support.

Keeping this in mind we, in Madras South, have taken up an initiative to locate jobs for the girls trained by ANEW in Tally. We have completed our screening and are in the process of shortlisting the candidates.

Hope this will help us to make an impact on some lives.

Yours in Rotary

Renjit Joseph

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT



Every new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources and knowledge that can greatly strengthen a club's ability to serve throughout the community and the world. The continuation of Rotary International and its local clubs depends on continued membership growth and development efforts. Membership provides continued support for the many programs of The Rotary Foundation. Membership is our primary resource and what builds and maintains strong and healthy clubs.

What comprises membership growth and development?

The three elements of membership growth are:

- The retention of existing members
- The proposal of new members
- The organization of new clubs

Each element is essential to overall membership efforts and needs to be emphasized at both the club and district level.

RCMS today has a healthy mix of senior and young rotarians. However it's important for existing members to constantly strive to introduce our club and its projects to their friends and acquaintances in order ensure a steady growth in membership in the coming years. Each rotarian must attempt to introduce at least one rotarian during the current rotary year.

FIRST FIRESIDE HOSTED BY RTN SHYAMALA



The first fireside of the new Rotary year was hosted by Past President Rtn Shymala Jayaprakash and Spouse JP at their home in Pallikaranai on 24th July - Rtn Bina Boaz, Rtn Saravanan, Rtn Janaki, Ann Chitra Elumperiyar and Rtn R Srikanth families were participants at this wonderful fireside event. In addition, Shymala had invited Padmini Chandarasekar and it was good to connect with her. It was such a lovely time - Shymala had chosen 'Singing' as the theme for the fireside. Each of the participants started singing and everyone joined in and it went on and on - Range of songs poured in. Finally it was time for lunch and so the singing had to be halted. We were treated to a sumptuous meal by the hosts who took care of each one of us in the most loving and caring way. It was a grand feast The singing continued post lunch and it was Coffee time !! JP joined in and not only sang but played the Mouth Organ instrument to everyone 's delight.

Finally it was time to say Good Bye – It was a Saturday-' day out' that everyone cherished, thanks to the super hosts

Rtn R Srikanth

RCMS LADIES POWER LUNCH

On July 17, I hosted a lunch for the lady rotarians of RCMS at my residence. It was a typical Punjabi meal and everyone enjoyed the food. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and everyone felt a special bonding because of the camaraderie with each other. The lady Rotarians resolved to meet more often to cement the relationship further. Our new member, Vishnupriya, said, "People will forget what they said, forget what they did but they will never forget how you made them feel." She said she would always treasure her special meeting with the lady Rotarians of RCMS.

Ye Dil Maange more!

Rtn Anuradha Uberoi



We meet every Tuesday at 6.30 pm on Zoom

ANEW ALUMNI - READY TO SERVE

The students who passed out of Tally and Basic Computer course sponsored by our Club at ANEW, the NGO in Anna Nagar, are ready for taking up jobs. In a unique initiative, our club conducted written test and personal interview for the students and identified 20 of them for immediate employment. The interview panel said 'The students are



smart and motivated. They will be a good asset if given the right opportunities'. These students come from economically weaker sections of the society and deserve much support.



VIRTUAL DJ NIGHT

It is customary for Madras South to conduct a grand fellowship in the first month of the Rotary year. Like last year this year too COVID came up as a hurdle to conduct a physical meeting. A small committee consisting of Jawahar, Saravanan, Kishore, Renjit and me was formed to chalk out a program.

We decided on a virtual DJ party and to deliver food hampers to all the members. Also a quiz based on movies was planned.

On 25th July DJ Sunny Deepak rocked and the Southerners and their families had a lovely time.

The quiz based on movie themes by Rtn.Nichani and Rtn.Saravanan added a pep to the joyful event which made the participants pop up with instant answers. The quiz kept the crowd totally involved in the event, winning instant cash prizes.

The food hamper received well ahead of the program gave the perfect mood for the party night!!!

It was a memorable time spent virtually with the RCMS clan!!!

Rtn R Sathyanarayanan



WEEKLY eMEETINGS IN JULY



Date : 6th July, 2021
 Speaker : PDG A Subramaniam
 Topic : Serve to change lives – RI Theme for 2021-22



Date : 13th July, 2021
 Speaker : Ms Kimsuka Narasimhan
 Topic : Recent trends in the consumer industry



Date : 20th July, 2021
 Speaker : Ms Richa Trichur
 Topic : My career journey



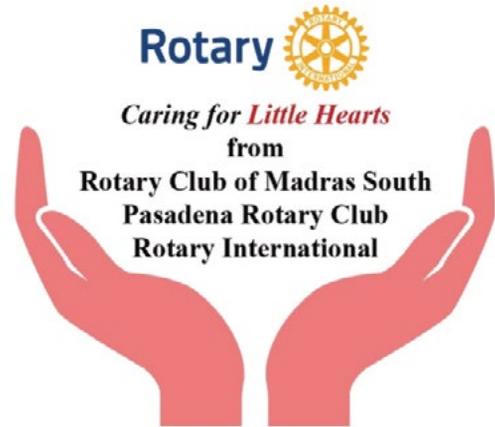
Our District had proposed the 'Day 1 Polio Challenge' to all the clubs in the District. The challenge was a small donation of \$2 per member to be contributed to the Polio Fund on the 1st of July 2021. Pres. Renjit Joseph donated \$140 to meet the challenge on behalf of all our members.

Some highlights of Rotary Polio Plus program:

Rotary International launched a global effort to immunize the world's children against polio in 1985 followed by the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988. When the GPEI started, polio paralysed more than 1000 children worldwide every day. Since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio thanks to the cooperation of more than 200 countries and 20 million volunteers.

There has also been success in eradicating certain strains of the virus; of the three types of wild polioviruses (WPVs), the last case of type 2 was reported in 1999 and its eradication was declared in September 2015; the most recent case of type 3 dates to November 2012 and this strain was declared as globally eradicated in October 2019.

Today, wild polio virus continues to circulate in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and global incidence of polio cases has decreased by 99%.



CARING FOR LITTLE HEARTS – SOME BENEFICIARIES



Child Name	Haffza Fathima
Age	8 Months
Father's Name	Ashrap Ali
Location	Chengalpattu
Date of Surgery	12/06/2021
Date of Discharge	18/06/2021



Child Name	Hanumithran
Age	8 Months
Father's Name	Kabil Dev
Location	Thirukallupur
Date of Surgery	16/06/2021
Date of Discharge	30/06/2021



Child Name	Amudan
Age	14 Years
Father's Name	Dhanavel
Location	Karanai
Date of Surgery	09/06/2021
Date of Discharge	22/06/2021