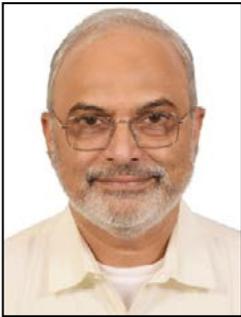


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerners,

Every Rotary Club has two important dates on its calendar, the installation of the President and his team of officers and the Governor's official visit. While the first marks the birth of a new year with lots of hope, the second is the day of the appraisal. Club members are expected to be present on both days to know where their Club is heading.

On 5th April 2022, we had the official visit of the District Governor to our club, organised at Hotel Savera. We had a reasonable turnout of 80, including guests and presidents of other clubs in the District.

The Governor's visit official programme was preceded by the Club assembly. DG J Sridhar, the District Secretary, Rtn Ravishankar and the Asst Governor in charge of our club, Rtn S S Rajesh were present. The team got themselves appraised of the various activities of our club from each of the directors.

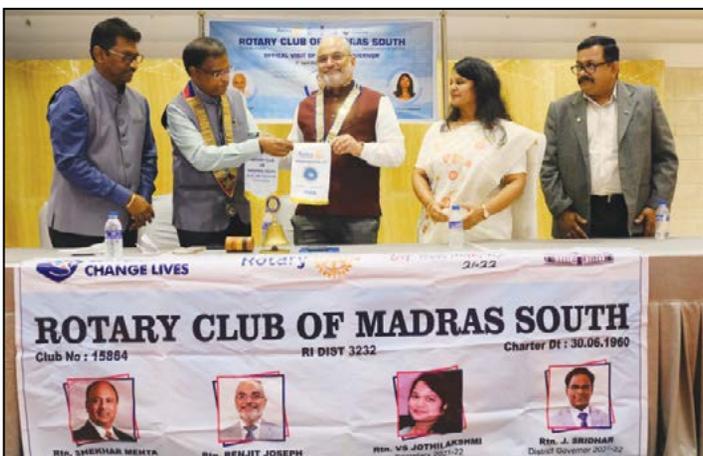
The district governor in his speech expressed satisfaction with the various projects done by the club and told us about the various developments in RI. While Ann Chitra Elumperiyar rendered the invocation song in her melodious voice, Rtn Bina Boaz and Rtn Sarvesh Shyam performed the role of MCs with aplomb under the able guidance of PP Rtn V Mukund.

Yours in Rotary
Renjit Joseph

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT



Welcome address by President Renjit



President Renjit exchanging flags with DG J Sridhar



The 'Change-maker' presidents

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT IN PICTURES



The audience in rapt attention



Recognition for PHF contributors



Mcs, Sarvesh, Mukund and Bina with Sibi looking on



Enjoying the fellowship



The club assembly

RTN ANURADHA HOSTS A FIRESIDE

On 10th April, Rtn Anuradha Uberoi hosted a fireside get-together at her home. According to President Renjit "while the food and hospitality were superb as expected, the highlight was Rtn Parveen's narration of the funny incidents that happened during the live shows she conducted for Podhigai TV." Earlier in July last year, Rtn Anuradha had hosted a power lunch exclusively for lady Southerners at her residence.



INSTALLATION OF **RTN JAWAHAR NICHANI**

as president (RY 2022-23)
at Hotel Radisson Blu, Chennai,
on 28th June, 2022

GURUDWARA VISIT



A casual chat with Rtn. Anuradha led to our visit to the Gurudwara Sahib at T Nagar. On 9th April 2022, 28 of us Southerners assembled at the Gurudwara for an eye-opening visit. We were welcomed by Sardar Balbir Singhji, the vice president of the Gurudwara committee. Like most of the Sikhs whom we come across in our daily lives, Balbir Singhji was overflowing with warmth and easy to get along. Incidentally, he is a Rotarian.



To begin with, we were given an intro to the Sikh religion and history in the comforts of their committee room, along with refreshments. Later we were led to the Gurudwara where the priest conducted special prayers for the entire Southerners family. The visit was followed by langar. All of us were visiting this Gurudwara for the first time and many were left wondering why we did not visit this holy place before in spite of being the city's residents for decades.

Waheguru! A Silent and peaceful place.

Renjit Joseph

WASHING MACHINE DONATED TO STEPS HOME

'STEPS HOME' is an orphanage for girls at Anna Nagar in Chennai that started with a vision to be different from most orphanages that come to our mind when we hear that word. It was started by a couple Isaac and Tara Manogaram, who have two adopted children of their own. They decided to actually parent the children in 'Steps Home' as their own. The children go to regular good schools (fees paid), stay in a beautiful home built just for them, wear stylish clothes, and had very hands-on parenting by Isaac and Tara who lived just one street away. Sadly Covid snatched Isaac from them and Tara is now handling the home on her own. They badly needed a washing machine which our club generously provided. The girls are extremely thankful to us.



Bina Boaz

'VIZHITHRU' CONCLAVE BY RCEG



'Vizhithiru' Conclave - Converging minds was organized by the Rotaractors of College of Engineering, Guindy on April 27, 2022, on their campus. There were six speakers to share their life experiences and lessons learned with the engineering students. The auditorium was packed and the students heard a lot that day to mull over. Rtn Bina Boaz was the Chief Guest. "My 2-

minute talk was about making a difference on this earth, however small it may be," said Bina commenting on the event.

RTN JAYARAMAN HONOURED

Rtn. K S Jayaraman is a Rotarian of 1965 vintage and has been active all these 57 years of his Rotary life. He has started many clubs and the Rotary Club of Chennai K K Nagar Club is one such club. They honoured him at their Charter Night on 6th April 2022. The Club also honoured Mrs Alamelu Chidambaram, wife of our PP late Rtn. Chidambaram. He was the president of our club when the K K Nagar club was chartered. She is presently a member of the K K Nagar Club.



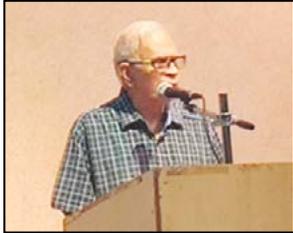
WEEKLY MEETINGS IN APRIL



Date : 12th April, 2022
 Speaker : Ms Shaswati Jagdish
 Topic : My music career



Date : 19th April, 2022
 Speaker : Rtn N Dhanraj and Rtn Shivaranjini
 Topic : Rotary and Transgenders



Date : 30th April, 2022
 Speaker : Rtn S R Madhu
 Topic : Tribute to Lata Mangeshkar

REMEMBERING LATA – A PRESENTATION BY RTN. S R MADHU

While Lata Mangeshkar was a huge inspiration to several generations of music lovers spanning many decades, S.R Madhu's carefully curated presentation of her songs was truly a delightful experience. Each song had been chosen with utmost care. The commentary that went with the song was the icing on the cake!

Those precious nuggets of information were very evocative – sometimes bringing a smile to the audience's lips and sometimes a visible glimmer of sadness. His thoughtfulness in the selection of songs was also evident in the way he acknowledged her haunting melodies from her days of struggle to becoming a reigning deity of music. It was heartening to learn how seriously she took criticism and it spurred her to become a better artist.



For example, Dilip Kumar said her Urdu diction was like Dal chawal and she wasted no time in engaging a Maulvi to teach her the Urdu language. It paid her rich dividends. Her diction improved by leaps and bounds.

The mesmerizing presentation showcased Madhu's sensitivity and keen ear for music. The songs he chose to present were nonpareil. The insights into Lata, her co-stars, producers, directors, and a host of prominent personalities of the film world enriched the musical event.

Full marks to Madhu for making the event a huge success. RCMS is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented member.

Rtn Anuradha Uberoi

AN INCLUSIVE MEETING

In a first of its kind, our weekly meeting on 19th April was dedicated to learning and understanding issues of gender and inclusiveness. Members of Rotary Club of Madras Elite, a transgenders-only Club, were invited to address our members on the issues facing the transgender community. The meeting gave us a bird's eye view of a large issue, which is generally not talked about. Our Programme Chairman, Rtn. Madhu brought us another memorable and educative meeting.



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