

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

It is indeed an honour to be the president of the Rotary Club of Madras South. We had a wonderful installation and I profusely thank all the members of RCMS.

I would like to congratulate all my board members whose enthusiasm, commitment and confidence in each other bring great positivity. My team and I promise to do our best to fulfil the trust placed on us.

Rotary in India is doing wonderfully well in terms of membership and the Rotary members have used their passion, perseverance and energy to do sustainable projects.

It has taken Rotary International 116 years for this watershed moment. Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has become Rotary International's president for 2022-23.

Jennifer E. Jones believes in (DEI) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion which begin at the top. Our Rotary club is already following this.

“Her two main prerogatives”

1. to increase the growth in female membership and which is almost 15 per cent in our club
2. to increase membership under the age of 40. We have been investing more in younger members in the last couple of years.

Some of our club's activities this year:

1. Adding new members will be our priority.
2. Enhance our fellowship, “extensively”

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RTN JAWAHAR NICHANI TAKES CHARGE AS PRESIDENT FOR RY 2022-23



Rtn Jawahar Nichani was installed as the 62nd president of our club at a meeting held on 28th June, at Hotel Radisson Blu. He received the presidential collar and gavel from IPP Rtn Renjit Joseph.

Rtn Jawahar is Co-Founder/CEO of Equittap LLP, an investment banking company. He holds a postgraduate degree in Commerce from Madras University. Happily married to Ann Akshaya, he has a daughter Sonam who is married to Gowthaman. He considers his mother to be his guiding force in life.

Rtn Dr N Nandakumar, Governor for RY 2022-23 (Dist.3232) was the chief guest. DG Nandakumar also released the first copy of the club directory for 2022-23. Outgoing secretary Rtn V S Jothilakshmi captured the activities of the club during the last rotary year effectively in an impressive video presentation.

One of the highlights of the evening was the signing of the MOU between RCMS and ACSYS Investments for the development of PCKG Govt. School at Kodambakkam for the launch of this year's flagship school project. A cheque for Rs 13.25 lakh was handed over to our club by the project sponsor, ACSYS Investments during the function.

Kalpana Kumar was inducted into our club as a new member by PP Rtn Shyamala Jayaprakash.

Rtn Ajit Gautam took charge as the secretary of the club and received the club charter from the outgoing Secretary.

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RAISING THE BAR OF SERVICE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED - PCKG GOVT SCHOOL PROJECT

An MOU was signed with ACSYS Investments P Ltd on 28th June during the Installation event by President Jawahar Nichani and Mr Lakshminarayanan, CFO of ACSYS. A cheque for Rs 13.25 lakh was also handed over to President Nichani to launch the PCKG Government School Project during the current Rotary year. With this project, we are raising the bar of service provided to underprivileged school children. This ambitious project was originally proposed by Rtn V Shankar (who presented the details at our club's weekly meeting on 21st June), as a long-term project for the overall development of students in the government schools in and around Chennai.

The main objectives of the program are:

- * Strengthen students and improve academic performance and pass percentages.
- * Provide all-rounded inputs to increase exposure and awareness.
- * Bring about changes in attitudes and behaviours.
- * Sensitise parents and caregivers and increase their involvement/support of students' education.
- * Create an enabling school environment.

We also intend to improve the school's infrastructure by upgrading the laboratories, noon meal kitchen and toilets.

The project will be implemented by NGO Kalanjyam, which specialises in providing such interventions in government schools. Watch this space for more details on this project in the forthcoming issues of The Southerner.



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While Rtn Sarvesh and Ann Sheela Mukund acted as the MCs, PP Rtn V Mukund was their coordinator. The invocation song was rendered by Ann Guhapriya Sathyanarayanan in her melodious voice.

Southerners wish the incoming team an outstanding year of service and fellowship.



Rtn Jawahar Nichani with family



Rtn Ajit takes over as Secretary from Rtn Jothilakshmi

MAKING ELDERLY HAPPY

On Sunday, June 19, a group of 10 Southerners entertained the inmates of an old age home run by the Akshaya Trust at Mudichur with medleys from yesteryear Tamil movies. Some inmates were also gifted table fans. Rtn. Prakash and his spouse Ann Jayashree sponsored the lunch for the residents. It was very satisfying for those present to see the senior inmates happy and smiling all through the afternoon.



RTN SUJEESH HOSTS A FIRESIDE

Rtn Sujeesh and Ann Sunitha hosted a grand fireside at their home on 18th June. Around six Southerner families participated. The couple, known for being great hosts, take all efforts to entertain and make their guests feel comfortable. We have seen it at the fellowships at their beach side bungalow in the past. This fireside too was no exception and proved to be a validation of the couple's hospitality.



RTN KALPANA KUMAR INDUCTED

Kalpana Kumar was inducted as a member of our club at the installation of President Jawahar held at Hotel Radisson Blu on 28th June, 2022. PP Rtn Shyamala formally inducted her. Rtn Kalpana is a Special Educator and runs Kare Therapy Centre in Chennai. Her spouse D Kumar is a Hotelier / Consultant. They are blessed with two daughters, Siyana and Rehana.



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3. In our flagship project "FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION" we will try and streamline education and bring children back to school, who have dropped out of school in the last two years due to the pandemic. This project will be with a global grant.
4. Joint schools project with ACSYS Investments Pvt. Ltd.
5. Vocational courses

6. Kattur village (Community Learning Centre)
7. Annadanam.
8. Ramakrishna Raja Memorial award.

Looking forward to having an awesome year with our dear members.

Yours in Rotary
Jawahar Nichani

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN JUNE

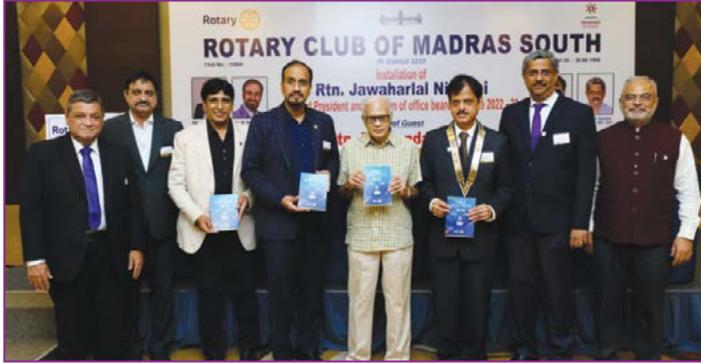


Date : 14th June, 2022
Club Assembly
Topic : RCMS plans for RY 22-23



Date : 21st June, 2022
Speaker : Rtn V Shankar
Topic : PCKG School project – highlights

MORE PICS FROM PRESIDENT NICHANI'S INSTALLATION



The club directory being released



Board members for RY 22-23



Ann Guhatriya singing the invocation



The audience in rapt attention



President Jawahar rocking to music



The MCs for the evening in action

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