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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

The first month of any Rotary year is usually a busy time with installations of Rotaract and Interact clubs and inauguration of Projects. And it was so for our club this year too. The Rotaract and the Interact clubs which were ready with their incoming teams were installed during July 2018.

The Counselling sessions, Tailoring Courses and Spoken English courses were also inaugurated during this month in the presence of the representatives of M/s. CAMS, our project sponsors as Chief Guests.

I thank the Directors in charge Rtn. Suresh Arunachalam, Rtn. Balaji and Rtn. A.R. Ashok who coordinated with the beneficiary institutions for the inaugurations and installations and also thank the members who attended these functions. I thank M/s. CAMS for their continued support to these projects.

12 surgeries were conducted in July 2018 under our project "Caring for Little Hearts" and I pass on the good wishes and blessings of all the beneficiaries to the Southerners.

The fundraiser program "MIND IT" by Mentalist Kedar on 4th August was well received by the audience and it was a grand success. More on that in the next issue of Southerner.

57 Southerners have signed up for the outstation trip to Vishakapatnam scheduled during February 14-17th 2019. I thank the Southerners for the huge participation.

The first family participation event "RCMS Onam" will be on 19th August 2018 and I request all the Southerners to mark the date and participate in large numbers.

The heritage trip to Puducherry with Rtn. V. Sriram is on Nov 10-11 and I particularly request the Green Southerners to sign up for the trip and experience the joy and fellowship of the Southerners' family.

PP Rtn. Madhu and I are both happy to see Southerners turning out in large numbers during the weekly meetings in the month of July and we will be happier to see the same participation in the months to come.

On behalf of the Southerners, my thanks to Rtn. Madhu for inviting such wonderful speakers for our weekly meetings.

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K Saravanan

CARING FOR OUR SERVICE PROJECTS – CAMS

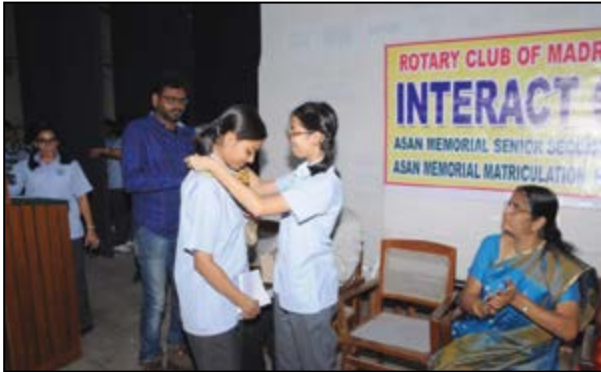


President Saravanan receiving the letter of commitment from Mr Anuj Kumar, CEO of CAMS. Others seen in the picture from left, Mr P B Vijayaraghavan – Officer on Special Duty at CAMS, Mr Manikandan, Company Secretary, CAMS, Rtn A Sridharan, Director – Fund raising, Rtn S Elumperiyar- Secretary and President Nominee, and Rtn M C Srikanth- Treasurer and President Elect.

President Saravanan could not have hoped for a more inspiring start to the current Rotary year soon after taking over the reins of our Club for the RY 2018-19. On 16th July, he along with some of the office bearers of RCMS made a courtesy call on Mr Anuj Kumar, the new CEO of CAMS at his office in Chennai. CAMS have been a staunch supporter of several of our service projects over the last seven years. Our President was overwhelmed when he received a letter of commitment from Mr Anuj Kumar for around Rs 21 lakh towards nine of our projects this year. A major share of this (Rs 9 lakh), will go towards executing our flagship project "Caring for Little Hearts" in collaboration with Sooriya Hospitals in Chennai. M/s CAMS have truly lived up to the RI Theme of this year in 'being the inspiration' behind our community service projects and demonstrating their care and commitment to our club over the years.



YOUTH SERVICE AVENUE TAKES OFF WITH INSTALLATION OF OUR INTERACT CLUBS



We had the installation programme for both Asan Matriculation and Asan CBSE Schools together on 20th July with our Club President Rtn. K Saravanan as the Chief Guest. Outgoing Interact Presidents did a wonderful job of presenting last year's report. The incoming Presidents introduced the team and presented the plans for the coming year. In the afternoon on the same day, the office bearers of the

Interact Club of Corporation Girls School Saidapet were installed. Mr. G Manikandan, Company Secretary of CAMS was the Chief Guest and advised the students to concentrate on studies while maintaining a balance on co-curricular activities. Past President Rtn B B Vengatesh also delivered a motivating speech.



On 24th July, the new President and team of office bearers formally took charge at Interact Club of St. Antony's Anglo Indian School, Egmore. Our Club organises student counselling programme in this school that benefits more than 500 students, sponsored by CAMS. Mr. P B Vijayaraghavan of CAMS was the Chief Guest and our Club President Rtn. K Saravanan was the Guest of Honour.. Rtn. Suresh Arunachalam, Youth Service Director and Rtn. Ashok, Vocational Service Director of our Club and an alumni of the school were also present.



VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES STARTED



On 17th July, we started Vocational Service projects in 3 schools - Mary Clubwala Jadhav School, Egmore, MCN Hr. Sec. School, T.Nagar and Corporation Middle School, Royapettah. While Spoken English programme is conducted in all the three schools, Tailoring and Counselling programmes are conducted additionally in MCJ School. The project benefits about 3000 children in these 3 schools. Rtn. Ganesh, Director of Vocational Services, Rotary District 3232 was the Chief Guest and Mr. Vijayaraghavan, Officer on Special Duty, CAMS was the Guest of Honour.

CEG ROTARACT INSTALLATION



The installation of Rotaract Club of College of Engineering, Guindy was held on 28th July at the college premises. The outgoing members of the Club were present in good strength. The new team headed by Rotaractor Sathish as President took charge. President K. Saravanan seeded the idea of charter of a Rotary club from the Alumni of CEG Rotaractors. Rtr. Anand Mani shared his experience as a Rotaractor during his college days. RCMS Youth Service Director Rtn. S. Balaji appreciated the outgoing team for the commitment and efforts in various projects completed last year.

ASAN ROTARACT INSTALLATION

The Installation of Rotaract Club of Asan Arts and Science College was held at the college auditorium on 27th July. President Rtn. K. Saravanan inducted the new President Rotaractor B. Priyadarshini. Our Club Youth Service Director - Rotaract, Rtn. S. Balaji was the Special Guest. More than 80 Rotaractors participated in the programme. The Principal, Dr. S Ramanathan felicitated the gathering and presented mementoes and saplings to the dignitaries.



MOVIE NIGHT

31 Southerners visited Sathyam cinemas to watch "TamizhPadam 2" on 20th July. While the fellowship among the Southerners was the saving grace, the feedback received on the movie from President Saravanan that "all advertisements were good..." and Rtn Sujeesh that the "Popcorn was good.." summed up what they thought of the movie!



Students in rapt attention during the inauguration of the Spoken English programme at the Corporation Middle School in Royapettah, Chennai, on 17th July.

CFLH UPDATE

12 surgeries were undertaken in July 2018 under the "Caring for Little Hearts" project. With these, the total number of surgeries performed so far is 172, since its launch in 2017. Seen in the picture is little Nivas with his happy father, who was one among the children operated upon in July.



MIND IT

Watch out for a detailed report on our fund raiser event on 4th August in the September issue of SOUTHERNER.

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN JULY



Date : 3rd July, 2018
 Speaker : Rtn PDG A Subramaniam
 Topic : Be the Inspiration (R I Theme 2018-19)



Date : 10th July, 2018
 Speaker : Mr. V Vivekanandan
 Topic : Development v/s Environment in coastal areas



Date : 24th July, 2018
 Speaker : Ms. Deepika Arun
 Topic : What skills should kids acquire?



Date : 31st July, 2018
 Speaker : Ms. Vidya Ragu
 Topic : Discover Yourself

ANOTHER INDIAN AT THE HELM AT RI



Rtn Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1st October, 2018 if no challenging candidates have been suggested. He will be only the fourth Indian to lead RI during its 113 year history.

He has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees.

He has received the coveted Padma Shri Award conferred by the President of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work.

Rtn. Gupta has also received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Ann. Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Donate E Waste to our Annettes Club

Our Annettes Club is collecting e waste like dead laptops, printers, cell phones, chargers, power banks, UPS, etc. towards raising funds for their service projects. These will be sent to a Pollution Control Board approved agency for disposing off professionally.

For more details, contact:

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Our association with East Eden Foundation entered its third year with the first Annadhanam for the current Rotary Year being performed by President K Saravanan on 21st July. As in the past, Southerners are requested to donate generously to this worthy and ongoing project of our Club.

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