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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,
I am happy to see that all our projects so far are moving as planned and I give full credit to the respective avenue Directors and special credit to the Secretary and Treasurer of our club.

The fund raiser program "MIND IT" on August 4th was well received by the audience. The sponsors were very happy to see value for their

money and I was happy that the program was in the minds of the Southerners for a substantial period. I thank the fund raising committee members for all the support and making the event a grand success. My special thanks to Rtn. Sridharan for being with me in all the meetings with the sponsors and ensuring that the funds reached us on time. Super thanks to Rtn. Madhu for bringing out the colourful and informative souvenir.

The Onam family participation event on August 19th though was held reluctantly amidst the devastating natural calamity in Kerala around that time, eventually became an occasion to support the people affected in the Kerala floods with our club contributing Rs. 3.15 Lakh. Thanks to the Southerners for the attendance and for your contribution for the Kerala flood victims. The Annettes need to be congratulated for their innovative idea of turning e waste into funds for their projects at the event.

The first fireside of the year was hosted by Rtn. B.B. Vengatesh and attended by 20 couples. The warmth of the fireside was so good that the guests chose to stay on until 10.30 PM. Thanks to Rtn. Vengatesh and Ann. Anjana for being such gracious hosts.

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

15 women under Nursing and 5 women under Driving courses will benefit from our Home Nursing and Driver Courses (Partner – ANEW) inaugurated on August 6th. This Project is sponsored by CAMS under their CSR initiative.

A medical camp covering General Health, Dental and Eye was held at M.C.N. Hr. Sec. School, T. Nagar on 27th August. 24 children were prescribed spectacles and 7 children were referred for further investigation. The cost of spectacles was sponsored by our club and the spectacles were given to the children.

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K Saravanan

MIND IT – YOUR THOUGHTS ARE EXPOSED!



Can one read the mind of another person, find out his ATM password or the colour he or she has imagined in their mind? Sounds weird isn't it? That's what we witnessed, on 4th August evening at Music Academy, at our Club's fund raiser event, 'Mind It!' Mind reader or 'Mentalist' as he is referred to, Kedar from Mumbai enthralled us with his mesmerising tricks, no, mind-reading.

The showstopper performance of the evening was when Rtn Madhu was invited on stage and whatever he did or said at that moment was already written on a paper that was locked in a box at the beginning of the show. It's definitely a trick, everyone said. I tried some of them at home later, but nothing really seemed to work!

The two hours at Music Academy just flew before one could realise it. Kedar was a complete entertainer and kept everyone awestruck. Mind it, this is his first show in Chennai. Chennai hasn't had a show like this in recent years. Those who could not be there, really missed a great show.

Can mind reading make the world a better place to live? Can a mind reader predict the future? Kedar says mind reading is not superstitious and only just fun.

The proceeds from this event will go directly to our community service projects, mainly to the 'Caring for Little Hearts' paediatric open-heart surgeries project that benefits children in Tamil Nadu with congenital



heart disease. The evening also witnessed the release of a special souvenir compiled and edited by PP Rtn SR Madhu.

Way to go President Saravanan and team.

Rtn Magdoom

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HARVESTING THE ONAM SPIRIT!



The Malayalee brigade of our club was initially reluctant to go ahead with Onam celebrations having in mind the most devastating natural calamity in Kerala. However considering the fact that we had gone very much into organising the get-together, sorrow was left behind and we went ahead with the programme. This is the second time that we are having the Onam programme at this Kerala style location called Rina's venue.

Our Anns and Annettes presented the famous 'Entammede Jimikki kammal' superbly. We had a splendid presentation of the Kaikottikali by students of Asan School. An impromptu rendering of a Malayalam song by Ann Raji Varma added to the celebratory



mood .The 'Tug of war' proved that the combined strength of Rotarians and Anns is a formidable challenge for any rope. Or was there sabotage behind its premature snapping? Finally Ann Rose came up with a novel number game that left the Rotarians and Anns searching for the right numbers.



On the side-lines of the celebration the Annettes of the Club under the able guidance of President



Sahana had a novel programme and collected e waste from Rotarians which will be given to an NGO involved in processing e waste. Happy with the success of the collection they have decided to make it a regular affair during family participation events.



Onasadhya was sumptuous as usual .



All thanks to the Malayali team of our club ably led by PP Rtn Shyamala and the Family Participation Director PP Rtn Balachander for another well attended family meet.

Rtn Renjith





INAUGURATION OF NURSING AND DRIVING CLASSES AT ANEW

Continuing our association with ANEW, the vocational programme on Home Nursing and Driving, was inaugurated on 6th August. The programme will empower 20 women and their families. Mr. P B Vijayaraghavan, Officer on Special Duty at CAMS was the Chief Guest. President Saravanan presided over the function. Also present was Vocational Service Director, Rtn Ashok. Both the programmes are sponsored by CAMS.

MEDICAL CAMP AT MCN SCHOOL

The multi-speciality medical camp by our Club at MCN Higher Sec. School, T.Nagar, organised on 27th August benefitted 239 students. A team of doctors from Sooriya Hospitals performed general check-up and they advised students on healthy food habits and good hygiene. Dental check-up was done by doctors from Sri Ramachandra Hospitals. Students were advised on dental hygiene and 50 students referred for further dental investigation. Doctors from Sankara Eye Hospital did the eye check-up, 26 students were prescribed spectacles and 7 were referred for further investigation.



AC TECH TEAM INSTALLED



The Installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of AC Tech College was completed successfully on 28th Aug. Rtr. Karthik was installed as the President, in the presence of President Saravanan and DRR Rtr PP Girish. The team is all charged up and looking forward to another exciting Rotaract year.

PONDY WITH SRIRAM

Rtn V Sriram, the well-known Historian and a member of RCMS will be leading a Heritage trip to Pondicherry on 10th and 11th November. Southerners lapped up the limited seats available for the trip soon after it was announced! Watch this space.

ASAN ROTARACTORS IN ACTION



15 Rotaractors of Asan Memorial College of Arts & Science participated in a Vettiver Sapling plantation drive at Sholinganallur lake on 11th August. The event was organized by EFI.

Nearly 150 saplings were planted on the banks of the lake. These saplings would help not only to strengthen the bund but also purify the water flowing into the lake. Rtn S Balaji, Director – Rotaract Services, can be seen in the foreground of the picture above, lending a hand to the Rotaractors in the true spirit of Rotary.

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN AUGUST



Date : 14th August, 2018
 Speaker : Rtn V Sriram
 Topic : Glimpses into the history of Madras
(Joint meeting with R C Chennai Green City)



Date : 28th August, 2018
 Speaker : Ms Nivedita Louis
 Topic : Wonder women of Madras

MENTALLY CHALLENGED DESTITUTE MAN RESCUED



East Eden Foundation, the NGO that provides shelter and care for mentally challenged destitute men, rescued a man recently in Broadway, Chennai, and brought to their Home in the ambulance van donated by our Club last year. The ambulance is also used for transporting them for regular medical check-up. Many of these men are eventually united with their families with the help of police.

FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP



Rtn B B Vengatesh and Ann Anjana hosted the first Fireside get-together of the current Rotary year at their residence on 26th August. Around 20 Southerners were present on the occasion. The invitees were so immersed in the hospitality of the gracious couple that unlike on other occasions, the fellowship and fun went on till 10.30 pm according to President Saravanan.



VISIT TO SOORIYA HOSPITAL

President Saravanan and PP Sridharan visited Sooriya Hospital on 7th August to see some of the children operated upon in August. A total of 16 surgeries were performed in August. Mr Sachin Joshi VP-HR of M/s Indian Terrain who was also present handed over a cheque for Rs 5 Lakh for the CFLH project.

PROJECT SELVI launched.

Await details in
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