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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

We have had a very busy and action packed October. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was organised on 7-8 October, thanks to our energetic Interact Service Chairman, Rtn. Suresh Arunachalam. Our 3rd family participation

event, 'Star Antakshari with Nabarun Ghosh' on 21 October, put together by our Family Participation Director Rtn. K Prakash and Rtn. Mukund saw more than 80 Southerners participating in the event with enthusiasm and fervor.

The other highlight of the month was the mega health camp at St. Anthony's Anglo Indian High School in Egmore on 24 and 25 October. We screened 836 students for dental, paediatric and ophthalmic ailments. A marathon effort by Rtn. G M K Raju, our Director, Community Service – Health, supported by Rtns. Ashok, Chethan and Saravanan. Thanks to them all.

We step in to November with the launch of our Matching Grant Project 'Caring for Little Hearts' on 7 November. Our Club will soon receive a grant of USD 87500 and the project will benefit 300 children affected with congenital heart diseases. Ford Motors Pvt. Ltd. will contribute a substantial sum towards this project. Our project chairman Rtn. Saravanan is the driving force behind this project and thanks to him and Rtn. R Srikanth for all the support. The following week, we will honour Shri P C Ramakrishna, a noted theatre personality with the 'Distinguished Service Award'. A committee headed by Rtn. S R Madhu has come up with the recommendation of the awardee, a well-deserved selection.

November is also Rotary Foundation month. I request Southerners to contribute to the Foundation. Our Matching Grant project 'Caring for Little Hearts' is possible largely due to the generous support from Rotary Foundation. We will be able to achieve larger goals if more members contribute to the Foundation. I trust Southerners will take up this cause.

Yours in Rotary

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HAND IN HAND WITH CHENNAI UPSCALE

Community Learning Centre – Kattur



Our Club's Community Learning Centre (CLC) at Kattur Village, in Tirupporur received a new lease of life, thanks to our association with the Rotary Club of Chennai Upscale (RCCU) to organise and manage the skill development courses at the Centre.

For those who joined our Club in the recent years, we built a Community Learning Centre in Kattur, as part of the District initiated Happy Village Project in the year 2012-13 under the Presidentship of Rtn R Seshadri. We have since done various community service and vocational projects in the Centre.

The CLC was earlier managed by the NGO Hand in Hand with M/s CAMS sponsoring and funding a number of Vocational training programmes for 2 years. The building was recently renovated and painted and now sports a fresh new look.

To begin with RCCU will offer weekend classes in a) Tailoring and b) Basic Computer skills to the needy from the neighbourhood. While the computers have been donated by FORD under their Digital Literacy programme, RCCU have purchased six new sewing machines and organised the faculty to train the women.

The launch function for these two courses was held at the Centre on 2 October. Rtn Alagu Selvan, District Co ordinator was the Chief Guest. Rtn Srikanth, Mentor-Vocational Training and Rtn Sri Kumar AG, Dist. 3232 were present along with the Past President of Vembed panchayat, Mr Rajendran. The event was well attended with a number of villagers, Rotarians from both RCMS and RCCU, and the beneficiary trainees enrolled for the courses.

We thank our IPDG Natrajan Nagoji for his guidance in collaborating with RC Chennai Upscale.



RYLA EMPOWERS OUR INTERACTORS



Our club's annual pet project, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was inaugurated on 7th October at Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore. District Governor Rtn R Srinivasan was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session. This year's RYLA, spread over two days on 7th and 8th October, gave immense joy to Southerners to see their efforts helping create leadership qualities among the participating students. The enthusiasm and the involvement level of the students of Corporation Girls HS School, Saidapet is truly heartening. Several Southerners took time off during the weekend to enjoy themselves with the children. A weekend well spent caring for the less privileged.



MEDICAL CAMP AT ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL



A mega Medical Camp was organised by our Club at St Anthony's Anglo Indian High School, Egmore along with our Annettes Club on 24th and 25th October. Rtn P Sathish, Director- Community Service (Health), RI Dist. 3232 was the Chief Guest.

Over these two days, 366 Dental check-ups were done by Dentists from SRMC and 488 Eye check-ups by a team of Doctors from Agarwal Hospital (through

Mahaveer International). In addition, 854 Paediatric check-ups were also conducted by doctors from Sooriya Hospital. Some of the non-teaching staff who were diagnosed with Cataract will get free surgery at Agarwal Hospital, while students who have been prescribed glasses will be provided spectacles at a token price.



ART COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS

Dyslexia Awareness Week is celebrated all over the world from 2-8 October every year. The Anns of our Club joined hands with Madras Dyslexia Association to organise an Art competition for dyslexic students on 2 October 2017. More than 60 students enthusiastically participated in various categories of the competition held at the Asan Memorial Senior Secondary School auditorium. The winners were presented cash prizes and certificates.

STAR ANTAKSHARI WITH NABARUN GHOSH



Our Club's third family participation event this Rotary year was 'Star Antakshari' by the inimitable Nabarun Ghosh on 21st October at the Hyatt Regency. A few Southerners walked into the venue dressed up like the Bollywood stars of yesteryears. Nabarun, who is a professional play back singer and Radio Jockey, is a multi faceted personality. He has acted in movies, modelled for Ad campaigns, hosted TV shows and Corporate events and has also been a freelance journalist.

He regaled the large family of Southerners with his ready wit and a very interesting AV Quiz on movies, stars and popular



Hindi and Tamil film songs. A special cake was cut to celebrate the birthday of Rtn Sankar Datta which happened to be on the same day. The event format, the food menu and the arrangements were exclusively curated for Southerners by Rtn PP Mukund guided by our Family Participation Director Rtn PP K Prakash.

DIWALI GIFTS FOR THE LITTLE HEARTS



It was a special Diwali celebration at the Sooriya Hospital in Chennai on 14th October, when Southerners visited the Hospital to call on 8 'Little Hearts' patients who underwent corrective surgeries during the previous week. Diwali gifts comprising school bag and stationery items were distributed to them, bringing cheer to the children confined to their hospital bed.

ALERTATHON



ALERTATHON is a 10km run aimed at providing a platform for the running community to participate in not just a run but towards pledging support to become the first responder for their families to provide First Aid in case of an emergency. This year, the event was conducted by the NGO ALERT on 8th October in Chennai. 12 Rotaractors and 2 RCMS Rotarians participated in this event. DG Srinivasan & RJ Balaji gave away the prizes.

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN OCTOBER



Date : 3rd October, 2017
 Speaker : Mr Vivek
 Karunakaran
 Topic : Fashion in Chennai



Date : 10th October, 2017
 Speaker : Mr T K Jayaprakash
 Topic : My exciting years
 with the Merchant
 Navy



Date : 24th October, 2017
 Speaker : Mr K Mahalingam
 Topic : Changing customer
 behaviour - My
 experiences



Date : 31st October, 2017
 Speaker : Justice Prabha
 Sridevan
 Topic : Some memorable
 moments in my legal
 career

PROJECT KUTTYCHUVAR



Over 20 Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club A C Tech participated in the project titled 'Kuttychubar' at the Maduvangarai Govt. Higher Secondary School on 7th October. Under this project 10 thematic paintings were painted on the compound walls of the school campus to create awareness among the school children about nature and cleanliness.



"MERSAL" MOVIE OUTING



RC East R A Puram organised a movie outing at AGS Cinemas on 18th October, Diwali day, as a part of their Fund Raiser. A few Southerners enjoyed an action packed evening of fun and fellowship.



ANNADANAM

President
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 in action
 at the
 monthly
 Annadanam
 at East Eden
 Foundation
 on 28th
 October.

WITH BEST WISHES FROM

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