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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

At the outset, I wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous new year 2018.

We completed the year 2017 in style. Our Vocational Service Director Rtn. A R Ashok led from the front giving

us one project after the other in December. Train the Trainer on Spoken English, inauguration of Airconditioner servicing course, visit to Sastha Paper mill in Kanchipuram - enriched our lives and helped enrich the lives of others too. January is Vocational Service month in Rotary and we have sowed the right seeds in earnest.

Christmas Fellowship on 9 December at the sprawling house of our member Asha Boaz was an event to cherish. Our family participation Director Rtn. K Prakash, together with Rtns. Mukund, Renjith, Ann Rose and team gave us a memorable evening.

We also dedicated the toilets constructed at the Kotaikuppam village, thanks to the generous support from CAMS.

We start the year 2018 with a joint meeting of 4 Rotary Clubs in our District, addressed by Dr. M K Mani. Rtn. Madhu has given us some extraordinary speaker meetings this year and I am sure that this meeting will joint this list. We will participate in the Pongal Vizha organised by our District on 7 January and also organise a medical camp in Thirumazhisai on 21 January. Stay tuned for more details.

Governor's Official Visit (GOV) to our Club is on 6 February at Hotel Radisson Blu in Egmore. Please mark the date in your calendar. See you all with your family.

I sign off this message with the best wishes to our President Elect Rtn. K Saravanan and team.

Yours in Rotary

**Magdoom Mohamed K Z**

### AC SERVICE COURSE INAUGURATED



Our Club's long term Vocational Service project, Air-conditioner Servicing course for school dropouts was inaugurated on 6 December at Anna University in Chennai. This is a unique course conducted by the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) of Anna University for the past 22 years and has given rewarding livelihood opportunities for several underprivileged students in the past. This year, 56 students were selected from more than 350 applications received for the course. The classes are conducted every day after regular class hours of the University for six months.

### VALEDICTORY OF BASIC COMPUTER COURSE AT ANEW

The Valedictory function for the Basic Computer skills programme for around 35 underprivileged students was held at ANEW on 12th December.



The students received their certificates from Mr Vijayaraghavan of CAMs who have sponsored the programme. A new batch was also launched on the same day.

## SESHASAYEE ON LAWS OF GIVING AND GIVING UP



R Seshasayee, former Chairman of Infosys and former Managing Director of Ashok Leyland addressed a joint meeting of 6 Rotary Clubs, led by our Club, on 12 December 2017 on the topic "Laws of giving and giving up". There are three laws of giving, said the speaker and added examples / quotes from Quran, Bible and Gita to draw the point of giving that is selfless and the



highest point of giving. Giving up is to give up position and fame which would come to one naturally. Members and guests of Rotary Club of Ambattur, Rotary Club of Madras Northeast, Rotary Club of Madras Temple City, Rotary Club of Chennai Mambalam and Rotary Club of Chennai East R.A.Puram joined the meeting.



## VOCATIONAL VISIT TO KANCHIPURAM

On 16th December, our dynamic Vocational Service Director Rtn Ashok had organised for a Vocational visit to Sastha Paper Mills In Kanchipuram belonging to Rtn Perikaruppan of RC Madras T Nagar.

The fellowship among the Rotarians and Anns began right from the time the van started from Adyar. The trip gave an opportunity to learn about a new vocation. The host not only took care to show us around the modern factory but also provided the group with a sumptuous lunch. The interaction with the management of the mill was intellectually enriching.

The visit to the beautiful and neatly maintained Kamakshi Amman Temple was another experience Southerners will cherish. Anns also enjoyed their exclusive time in between indulging in sarees shopping at Prakash Silks.

Thank you Rtn. Ashok for giving us this wonderful trip.

## RCMS GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship which was instituted in 2011 by Rtn. PP R.V.Rajan during our Club's Golden Jubilee year is given to a girl with talent to pursue a course in Computer Graphics so that she is assured of an alternative career in case she is unable to pursue her college education. This year the scholarship was given to two sisters, Jayaseli and Kannimariyal from St.Aloysius Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School, who lost their parents at a very young age in a bus accident. The training will be provided at CSC Computer Centre.



## TRAINING THE TEACHER

Train the teacher on spoken English programme was inaugurated on Saturday, 2nd December 2017, benefitting 40 Montessori teachers of Sri Ramacharan Charitable Trust. The inauguration of the programme was conducted at Saidapet Corporation Girls School and the training will be conducted for six weeks. These teachers teach kindergarten children in various corporation schools. The programme is sponsored by CAMS.



## CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP



The Christmas Family participation event on 9th December 2017 saw the Southerners at their best in terms of bonding and togetherness. The carol practice sessions and singing on stage, the keyboard music, the ambience at the venue, games and the quiz and the awesome dinner, all added to the Christmas flavour, true to the spirit of Southerners.



Southerners thank Rtn. Asha Boaz for hosting the event at her beautiful house on ECR. And thanks to Ann Rose, Renjit, Prakash, Mukund, Sujeesh, Ann Kalyani, Suresh, Srikanth and the entire carol singing group for all their support and participation in planning and executing the event meticulously.



Merry Christmas

## HONOUR FOR IPDG NATARJAN NAGOJI



Our District 3230 (combined District before bifurcation as 3231 and 3232) was No.1 in Membership Development during the Rotary year 2016-2017 under the leadership of our

member and Immediate Past District Governor Natarajan Nagoji. At the Rotary Institute held in KL last month, R.I. President Ian Risely recognised this achievement and presented an Award to our proud IPDG Nagoji.

## RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR 2016-17



Our Club received the prestigious Presidential Citation for the RY 2016-17 from RI President John F Germ for our service to the community and making a difference in the lives of people. Southerners congratulate IPP Rtn Asha Marina and her team on this wonderful achievement.

## MORE TOILETS AT KOTTAIKUPPAM VILLAGE



Rtn R Srinivasan, DG, Dist 3232, inaugurated 28 more toilet blocks at Kottaiuppam village on 20th December, as a part of our club's ODF project started during the Presidentship of IPP Rtn Asha Marina. Sponsored by CAMS, the Bhoomi Pooja for these toilets were performed on 1st August, 2017 by IPDG Nagoji.

## FIRESIDE AT THE KATARES'



On 16th December, around 8 Rotarians with their Anns participated in a cosy Fireside get together hosted by Rtn Anand and

Ann Jaya Katare at their residence. Southerners present enjoyed an evening of lively banter and a sumptuous dinner provided by the charming hosts.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS IN DECEMBER



Date : 5th December, 2017  
 Speaker : Mr Raghavan Manian  
 Topic : My careers in Music and Technology

**Note:**

Date: 12th December - R Seshasayee on Laws of giving and giving up. Joint Meeting of 6 Rotary Clubs.

Date: 19th December – Election of Office Bearers for the RY 2018-19.

\* These have been covered elsewhere in this issue

### VIZHITHIRU, A WAKE UP CALL FROM ROTARACTORS OF CEG

Our Rotaractors of College of Engineering, Guindy at Anna University organised their annual programme Vizhithiru on 9 December, offering career guidance to the students of Velachery Govt. Hr. Sec. School. This year, the Rotaractors also helped the students of the school come up with a science exhibition. The students conducted 10 science experiments under the tutelage of the CEG Rotaractors. They also released the experiments as a commemorative book that will be useful for future reference. The event concluded with a day-long motivational talk on 9 Dec at the school premises.



### EMPOWER – A SELF DEFENCE PROGRAMME



The first batch of 'No more Nirbhaya' – EMPOWER, a self defence workshop for around 50 girl students was organised at AC Tech on 21st December. The programme was facilitated by 'AWARE' an NGO. The same module will be replicated for CEG and ASAN Rotaractors in January, 2018.



### A NOT TO BE MISSED CONFERENCE

RI District 3232 Conference on 17-18 February 2018 at Chennai Trade Centre is all set to be the event of the year. A splendid line up of eminent speakers and events are planned for the conference.

A spectacular evening programme including symphony entertainment is planned.

A life-size wax statue of Paul Harris and recreated Room 711 where Paul Harris and his three friends met first that led to the formation of Rotary Club will add to the excitement of the event. The registration to the conference is Rs.3500 for Rotarians, Rs.2500 for Anns and Rs.1500 for Annettes. Please register in large numbers. Reach out to our Club President / Secretary.

### ACTION TEAM FOR RY 2018-19 ELECTED

At our Club's closed door meeting on 19th December, Rtn K Saravanan and his Board of Directors were elected for the RY 2018-19. The Board consists of a healthy mix of senior and young Rotarians to form a dynamic team. Details will be provided in the next issue of Southerner.

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