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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,
February marks the 113th year of Rotary. Thanks to our visionary founder Paul Harris, the world today reaps the benefit of Rotarians working together to bring about positive change in the society. Polio NID

observed on 28 January last is a proof to the collective work of Rotary and Rotarians. Our Club was allotted the Corporation Health Centre in Elephant Gate and we immunized more than 400 children in the area. The next NID is scheduled for 11 March 2018 and I request members to mark the date in your calendar.

January has been a 'record of sort' month for the Club. I am very pleased to report that our Matching Grant project 'Caring for Little Hearts', jointly with Pasadena Rotary Club, USA has taken off. We have received the grant from the Rotary Foundation and the surgeries have already started. The happiness and satisfaction from this project cannot be described in words.

One of the five point agenda we set in the beginning of the year for our Club activities is 'Collaborative efforts'. True to it, we joined hands with other Clubs and NGOs to reach out to more people in need. Our Matching grant project with Pasadena Rotary Club, donation of sewing machines to Born2Win Trust through Inner Wheel Club of Madras South, support to a cancer patient jointly with Rotary Club of Madras Midtown Trust are some of our projects in that direction. The medical camp, along with Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose Youth Association, at Keelmanambed in Thirumalisai is another joint project in January. Thank you Rtns. Suresh Arunachalam and GMK Raju for your efforts.

Governor's Official Visit (GOV) on 6 February at Hotel Radisson Blu Egmore will be the highlight in February. Look forward to the event and for coverage in the next issue of the Southerner.

Yours in Rotary

Magdoom Mohamed KZ



The Rotary Foundation is often referred to as doing 'God's act in earth'. Such is the greatness that is reflected by services done by the Foundation. In the year 2016, the Foundation was ranked no.3 in the world in Top 10 charities changing the world.

India is ranked no.2 in the world in terms of contribution to the Foundation. Our undivided District 3230 is ranked no.6 in terms of contribution to the Foundation during the year 2016-2017. Eradicate Polio and other major projects are possible thanks to the work of The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation is able to do all these due to the generous support of corporates, well-wishers and importantly Rotarians like you and me. From India, individuals such as Ratan Tata, Rajshri Birla are great contributors to The Rotary Foundation.

Our "Caring for Little Hearts Project" is supported by The Rotary Foundation and got us USD 87500 this year. We will be able to make a visible change to the lives of 300 children and their families, thanks to the good work done by The Rotary Foundation. It is only deserving and befitting that we Southerners contribute to the Foundation as much as possible.



Our Club's Director - Rotary Foundation, Rtn PP. C. Tamilselvan, will reach out to you soon for your support. He himself is becoming a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation this year. Trust our dear Southerners will support the Foundation wholeheartedly and open their purses generously.



Chandru – a beneficiary of the Project

PONGAL VIZHA



Some Southerners at the Vizha



DG Srinivasan and wife with IPDG Nagoji and PDG Nazar

35 Southerners, participated in the Pongal Vizha organised by our District Club Service team at the sprawling Mohan Garden in Korattur, next to Anna Nagar. The celebration started with South Indian style breakfast at 8 am with all Rotarians attired in traditional veshti and Anns in green colour silk saree.

There were various folk performances such as puliyattam, oyilattam, etc. and traditional games including uriyadi (breaking the pot). A live pot of pongal was cooked at the venue and offered to everyone.



Rtn Surendran regaling the audience

The vizha concluded with a light music performance by Lakshman Sruthi and troop and our Rotarian Surendran Menon sang 'Kattukuyilu manasukkulla' from the movie Thalapathi, and regaled the audience. The event concluded with a sumptuous traditional lunch.

KEELMANAMBEDU VILLAGERS SCREENED FOR GENERAL HEALTH



More than 200 villagers of Keelmanambedu village in Thirumalisai on the outskirts of Chennai were offered free medical check up on 21st Jan, in association with Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose Youth Association. The villagers benefited from the testing of eye sight, dental health, testing of blood pressure, blood sugar and general health. A team of doctors from Panimalar Healthcare Hospital conducted the screening.

SPECIAL AWARD TO Ms JAYAPRIYA



Ms Jayapriya, AC TECH Rotaract Club coordinator was recognised for reviving the club and also extending constant support to the Rotaractors.

The award was presented to her during the District Rotaract Council meeting 2017-18 held on 27th January.

ANNADHANAM



Rtn Balaji serving the inmates of EEF during our monthly Annadhanam on 27th January.

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS SOUTH OFFICE BEARERS - 2018-2019

Sl. No.	Position	Name
1	President	KSaravanan
2	Secretary & President Nominee	S Elumperiyar
3	Treasurer & President Elect	M C Srikanth
4	Director - Club Service	RArangarajan
5	Jt. Secretary	RajanBabu
6	Immediate Past President & Chairman - Caring for Little Heart Project	Magdoom Mohamed
7	Director - Vocational Service	A R Ashok
8	Director - Interact Service	Suresh Arunachalam
9	Director - Rotaract Service	S Balaji
10	Director - Family Participation	RBalachander
11	Director - Community Service - Health	G M K Raju
12	Director - Community Service - Development & Digital Literacy	MukundVedapudi
13	Director - International Service	A Sujeesh
14	Director - PR & Publicity	Sridhar Sriraman
15	Director - Fund Raising	A Sridharan
16	Director - Rotary Foundation	R Srikanth
17	Chairman - Membership Development	Renjit joseph

WAY TO GO KAVYA!



At the annual "Dance of the District' (Season 5) held on 26th Jan by R C Madras North, Annette Kavya, daughter of Rtn Rajan Babu and Ann Hema won the second runner up prize in the Junior Solo category. She mesmerised everyone with her semi classical dance with a hula loop!

MISSION TO END POLIO



As part of the National Immunisation Day project to end the dreaded polio disease, on 28th January, we participated in the polio immunisation programme at Corporation Health Centre in Elephant Gate. The area has about 550 registered children and

most of them were covered in the immunisation programme. Two drops of polio vaccine administered for their healthy future.

A MEMORABLE FIRESIDE



On 26th January, a few Rotarians with their Anns participated in a memorable Fireside hosted by Rtn Renjith Joseph and Ann Rose at their residence. Southerners present enjoyed an evening packed with Renjith's trademark laughter and Rose's traditional hospitality!

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN JANUARY



Date : 2nd January, 2018

Speaker : Dr M K Mani

Topic : Patient – Doctor Relationship

(Joint Speaker Meeting with RC Madras Central Aditya, RC Meenambakkam, and RC Madras Downtown)



Date : 9th January, 2018

Speaker : Dr Santhosh Babu - IAS

Topic : Tapping the power of IT and E-Commerce for better governance



Date : 23rd January, 2018

Speaker : Dr Guganth Sivakadasham

Topic : Heart Attacks – How to prevent and survive them

RCMS AND IWCMS JOIN HANDS TO HELP TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY



Born2Win Social Welfare Trust in Saidapet, works for the upliftment of the transgender community. Our Club jointly with Inner Wheel Club of Madras South donated 3 sewing machines to the Trust to help them start tailoring vocational course for transgenders. On 8th January 2018, the members of Inner Wheel Club of Madras South led by President Gayathri Ramdass presented the sewing machines to them.

YOUTH STAR AWARD TO INTERACTOR D RAMALAKSHMI



D Ramalakshmi, our Interact member student from The Corporation Girls' School, Saidapet was presented the Youth Star Award by our District Indica team, recognising her talent and for being selected for the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi this year. On 27 January 2018, the mother and sister of D Ramalakshmi received the award on her behalf from Dr.H V Hande, former Health Minister of Government of Tamil Nadu. Our District Indica team has taken up the cause of uplifting children and they presented Youth Star Award to more than 100 students from various schools in Chennai for their outstanding achievement.



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