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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

The time seems to fly and so are our projects in the month of February. Governor's Official Visit (GOV) to our Club on 6th February is the highlight of the month. District Governor R Srinivasan spent the whole day with us reviewing our

Club projects, ending with the official meeting in the evening at Hotel Radisson Blu. He commented 'God will bless this project' referring to our Matching Grant project 'Caring for Little Hearts' at Sooriya Hospital, Vadapalani. We are ever grateful to our District Governor Srinivasan for his kind words and encouragement.

The other highlight of February is the District Conference aptly titled 'Vannangal' (The Colours). 35 Southerners participated in the Conference.

March will be yet another month of service and fellowship. We will start with celebration of International Women's Day. Anns of our Club, along with other women achievers, will take stage on 6th March to share their success stories.

Rotaractors of AC Tech are on a new high this year and they attempt to create a new Guinness record for largest human symbol formation, on 11th March. 'Sangharsh' fundraising music concert by Rotaractors of CEG is on 9 March. Our Rotaractors make us proud.

Other highlights during March include honouring three unsung heroes on 13th March, a joint meeting with two other Clubs on 26th March to host celebrated women author, Sreemoyee Piu Kundu and starting of the new vocational course, Home Nursing, benefiting 10 girl students.

As you all know, our website www.rotarymadras-south.org is ranked number one in Google Search. The site is regularly updated with relevant stories and I request Southerners to check it out and share it among your friends.

Happy March.

Yours in Rotary

Magdoom Mohamed KZ

DG visits RCMS



The official visit of the District Governor Rtn R Srinivasan to review our Club's activities happened on Tuesday, 6th Feb., 2018. It was indeed an eventful and hectic day for President Magdoom with DG Srinivasan and his team visiting his home for a sumptuous breakfast. This was followed by a visit to Sooriya Hospital to interact with Dr Prashant Shah who has been performing all the delicate heart surgeries under our Flagship 'Caring for Little Hearts' project this year. He later met a few of the beneficiary child patients and cheered them up.

After the customary meeting with the Club's office bearers to review the functioning of our Club, DG and his team landed up at the Presidency Club for the Club Assembly largely attended by the Board members who presented the Club's activities under various avenues of service. This was followed by lunch.

The formal function in the evening was a grand affair with an audience of around 150 including Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, visiting Rotarians and other guests. Rtn Mukund and Ann Jaishree Prakash performed the role as MCs with aplomb. Annette Aarushi Sridhar delivered the invocation song in



her melodious voice. Secretary Rtn M C Srikanth made an impressive Power Point presentation showcasing all the projects executed during the current Rotary year.

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DG Visit.....



DG visiting Soorya Hospital

Other highlights of the evening were the launch of a new Club Flag by DG Srinivasan and Donation of laptops to Kumaran Special School, Ennore as a joint project with Del Mar Salona Beach Rotary, San Diego, USA under the Ford Rotary Digital Literacy programme. The evening also witnessed the presentation of Vocational Excellence Awards to N Ravi, a cycle shop owner and K Muthu, a Supervisor at Metrowater, Valasaravakkam for their contributions beyond the call of duty.

Rtn PP A Sridharan was honoured for becoming a Level 3 Major Donor to TRF and Green Rotarian Rtn Rajan Babu and Ann Rajeena Magdoom were recognised with PHF pins and certificates. Rtn Tamilselvan was recognised for his decision to become a major donor this year.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by PE Saravanan. It was followed by a sumptuous fellowship and dinner and of course the mandatory group photos of the visiting clubs Presidents with the usual bonhomie evident when Rotarians and friends get together for such events.



Releasing the new club flag



Annette Aarushi delivering the invocation



Major Donor Rtn PP A Sridharan being honoured



Green Rtn Rajan Babu receiving the PHF



Trendsetting Presidents from Dist 3232



Vocational Excellence Award to Mr Muthu of Metrowater

DEL MAR SALONA BEACH ROTARY AND RCMS JOIN HANDS



Kumaran Special School in Ennore is a school for special children where around 40 children from the area study. During the Governor's Official visit (GOV) to our Club on 6th February 2018, our Club along with Del Mar Salona Beach Rotary, USA, presented 3 laptops to the school for their Learning Expansion Programme. Under this joint project, we equip the school with learning materials and infrastructure required by them. The laptops are provided by Ford - Rotary Literacy project. Our DG R Srinivasan presented the laptops to Mrs. Senthamil Selvi, Trustee of the school.

AIR-CONDITIONER SERVICING FAST TRACK COURSE INAUGURATED



A month long fast track vocational course on Air-conditioner Servicing was inaugurated at Centre for Entrepreneurial Development at Anna University on 7th February 2018. The course with emphasis on practical orientation is done in association with Jesus Airconditioning System Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Vijayaraghavan from CAMS was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. The course is sponsored by CAMS and benefits 25 students.

MCN SCHOOL STUDENTS DISPLAY TALENT



The Valedictory function of the spoken English course, sponsored by CAMS was held on 24th February 2018 at MCN Higher Secondary School, T Nagar. Rtn. Eashwar Prasad, District Addl. Chairman of Vocational Service was the Chief Guest and he presented the certificate of appreciation to the students. 120 students benefited from the course. About 30 students staged a conversational play in English exhibiting their oratory skill in English. Our special thanks to Course Instructor Padma and other teachers for instilling the knowledge of English in the kids.

TEACHERS TRAINED IN COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH



19 teachers were trained in Communicative English and certificates presented to them on successful completion of the training on 3rd Feb. at the Saidapet Corporation School. The teachers took the task of organising and conducted the meeting in English. It was very heartening to see the teachers speak with enthusiasm and confidence, thanks to our trainer Ms.Mallika Shril. And thanks to the support from CAMS.

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



Date : 13th February, 2018
 Speaker : Mr R Nataraj, IPS
 Topic : My most unforgettable moments as a police officer



Date : 27th February, 2018
 Speaker : Rtn A Balasubramanian
 Topic : Infrastructure, the untold story



35 Southerners participated in the pinnacle District event of the current Rotary Year on 17th & 18th February, 2018 at the Chennai Trade Centre. The first District Conference of the bifurcated RI District 3232 was a colourful event, aptly titled 'Vannangal' (Colours). The two-day event was packed with impressive programmes consisting of celebrity speakers and top class entertainment interspersed by sumptuous food and fellowship. All in all a grand show put up by Conference Chair Rtn Selvam Alagappan and his team!

A JOINT FIRESIDE



On 4th February, Rtn R V Rajan with Rtn R Seshadri and Ann Mythili hosted a joint fireside at PP Rajan's residence in Sastrinagar. Around 25 Southerners participated. It was a musical evening with our club's singing sensation Rtn Surender Menon and others rendering some melodious songs. Fellowship was followed by a sumptuous spread with all those present taking home pleasant memories of the evening.

HELP TO CANCER PATIENT

Ms Nizamunissa, a poor, unmarried, 56 year old cancer patient at Billroth Hospital received financial support from President Magdood on behalf of our club on 1st Feb., to undergo radiation treatment. Of the total cost of Rs 2 lakh, a cheque for Rs. 1.05 lakh was presented to her brother jointly contributed by RCMS and Cancer Research Foundation of R C Madras Midtown. In a touching letter subsequently, the patient has stated "Your selfless efforts has triggered a ray of hope for ailing cancer patients who are many" expressing her gratitude for the support received from Rotary.



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