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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,
Satellite launches always fascinate me. Few days back, I watched a video of the recent satellite launch of ISRO from the island of Sriharikota. The rocket trajectory takes a turn after each stage until finally it moves on its own using the gravitational pull of the planet.

Likewise, as we get closer to the next Rotary year, our projects are on auto mode and going in full throttle.

March has been an eventful month, and we accomplished several projects to our credit. The lovely heritage trip to Pulicat, led by Rtn. V Sriram will remain in our memory forever. Who else could tell the story of this little town better? Thank you Sriram.

We also welcomed Rtn. Dr. Sherren Raveendran and Rtn. Siby Rajan as new members to our fold. Our Club strength grows to 74.

Following our approach of 'collaborative efforts', we sponsored the family drama organised by Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight and also organised a joint meeting with two other Clubs. We presented Vocational Excellence Award and Promising Youngster Award this month. You will find all these and more in this issue.

Our Past Presidents Nite is coming up on 7th April. We will honour our Club stalwarts and thank them for giving us 57 marvelous years. Recently we have started a project to give 'Science Lab' to MCN School in T.Nagar, thanks to the spontaneous support from our member Rtn. V Shankar. Our 'Learning Expansion project' at Kumaran Special School in Ennore, jointly with Del Mar Salona Beach Rotary is nearing completion. We will have the formal completion of the project soon.

April marks the beginning of the new financial year. A good way to start the year would be a small contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). TRF has supported our 'Caring for Little Hearts Project' that is making waves in the District. It is only befitting that we give back more to TRF. I request Southerners support.

Yours in Rotary

Magdoom Mohamed K Z

UNSUNG HEROES HONOURED



Our club honoured unsung heroes on 13th March, who went beyond the call of their duty and upheld the dignity of their vocation and high ethical standards. Mr. S Sekar, ex-cop turned auto rickshaw owner, Ms. Seethalakshmi Manian, Asst. Head Mistress of Corporation Girls Hr. Sec. School, Saidapet who has produced many Doctors, Engineers and Civil service officers from among her students and a promising youngster, Ms. D Ramalakshmi, a student of the same school who participated in the Republic Day parade this year in Delhi were presented the Awards.

HOME NURSING COURSE STARTED



Our Club has started a Home Nursing course at A N E W, the skill development NGO located in Anna Nagar. The classes have commenced from the first week of March and our Club has sponsored 10 students. Home nurses undergo

paramedic training for 6 months (3 months in the classroom and another 3 months in a hospital) and are absorbed immediately for jobs by individual homes. They provide medical support to elderly at home and are much in demand.

AUTHOR SREEMOYEE TALK ON SINGLE WOMEN IN INDIA



Award winning author, writer and columnist Ms. Sreemoyee Piu Kundu addressed our weekly meeting on 26th March 2018 at Hotel Savera on the topic of Single women in India. The meeting was jointly organised with Rotary Club of Madras North and Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight. Sreemoyee's recently launched book 'Status Single: The truth about being a single woman in India' formed the basis of her speech and she narrated the struggles Single women in India face in their personal and professional lives. Sreemoyee said she had interviewed more than 3000 women for this book and the book is the story of almost all from urban, economically strong, educated society and she wished her book will bring about a change in the way society treats women - particularly single women.

CELEBRATING OUR WOMEN

A panel discussion was organised on 6th March by our Club to celebrate International Women's Day moderated by Rtn V Sriram. Four women achievers discussed the topic – 'Are women successful because of men, or despite them'. The panel consisted of Hema Rajan, Hemalatha Jhabakh, Sreevidhya and Umasree Raghunath. All the speakers spoke from their heart and we had diverse and well-articulated views from the panel.



PULICAT WITH SRIRAM

A small nondescript town around 54kms from Chennai, most of us have heard of Pulicat but are not aware of its rich history. Thanks to the heritage trip organised to this town on 4th March, led by our inimitable Rtn V Sriram, around 30 Southerners were enlightened about Pulicat in Sriram's style of storytelling laced with wit and humour making for a memorable Sunday afternoon. Thanks to the meticulous planning of Rtn Renjith, the second outstation trip of the current Rotary year was indeed a day to cherish!



AC SERVICING FAST TRACK COURSE VALEDICTORY

28 students received their certificates on 23rd March at CEG, Guindy after successfully completing the AC Servicing Fast Track course conducted in association with Jesus Airconditioning System Pvt. Ltd. sponsored by CAMS. The Chief Guest, Mr Vijayaraghavan of CAMS awarded the certificates.



HEART SCREENING CAMP AT VEDACHANTHUR

Doctors from our Caring for Little Hearts Matching Grant project conducted a medical camp in Vedachanthur near Dindigul on 18th March. More than 75 children were screened for congenital heart diseases and those identified for further medical investigation will come to the Sooriya hospital later. Both children and elders from the village benefitted from the project. The camp received much appreciation from the village panchayat. PE Rtn Saravanan was present on behalf of our Club.

KUMARAN SPECIAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES ANNUAL DAY



Kumaran Special School in Ennore is a day-school that educates about 40 special children from in and around the area. Our Club along with Del Mar Salona Beach Rotary, USA, is supporting the Learning Expansion Programme of the school. The school celebrated its annual day on 17th March when the children displayed their various cultural talents. Our Club President Rtn. Magdoom Mohamed was the Guest of Honour at the function.

GUINNESS RECORD BY AC TECH



Rotaractors of AC Tech created a Guinness record on 11th March, for the largest human symbol formation. 1717 persons including Rotaractors from different colleges, formed the Rupee symbol, and broke the previous record of 1543 persons for Pound symbol formation. The event also generated

financial aid to support a Home for HIV infected children.

ROTARACT NEWS



The 16th edition of "Sangarsh" the flagship fund raising event organised every year by the Rotaract Club of CEG was held on 11th March at the Music Academy. The

main beneficiary this year of this Annual 'Concert for a Cause' will be JK MAASS FOUNDATION, Madurai, in aid of victims of Cerebral Palsy. Ms Nithyashree Mahadevan was the Chief Guest while our President Magdoom was the Guest of Honour.

BEST CLUB AWARD TO CEG



The Rotaract club of College of Engineering, Guindy was awarded the First prize under the Wenlock Scholarship Endowment Fund for the Best club activities in CEG for the year 2016-17 during their Annual Day held on 28th March. This 33 year old club is striving hard for excellence year after year and is a star in the Rotaract world!

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN MARCH



Date : 6th March, 2018
 Speaker : Panel Discussion anchored by Rtn V Sriram
 Topic : Do Women succeed because of men or despite them?



Date : 26th March, 2018
 Speaker : Ms Sreemoyee Piu Kundu
 Topic : Single Women in India
 (Note: Details of all the meetings are covered elsewhere in this issue.)



Date : 13th March, 2018
 Speaker : Rtn Dr N Nandakumar - Vocational Service Director (Dist 3232)
 Topic : Presentation of Vocational Service Awards

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



Dr Sherren Raveendran, an Ophthalmologist and Cataract Surgeon and Mr Rajan Siby, Sales Director in a private firm were inducted into our Club on 13th March by IPDG Natarjan Nagoji. Southerners welcome both the Green Rotarians and wish them a joyous innings in Rotary.

PE @ PETS



PE Rtn K Saravanan returned to Chennai fully charged to take over the reins of our Club from President Rtn Magdoom during the RY 2018-19, after attending the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Dubai from 9th to 12th March. He is seen here being greeted by DGE Rtn Babu Peram and his Ann Anita at the event.



TAMIL PLAY WITH A ROTARY MESSAGE

'Yes Boss', a Tamil comedy play presented by Rotary Club of Chennai Spotlight was staged on 24th March at Dakshinamurthy Auditorium. Our club was one of the co-sponsors of this play with a strong Rotary message.

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