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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,
September is the 'Basic Education and Literacy Month' in Rotary calendar.

True to its spirit, we begin the month with donation of laptop computers, under 'Ford Rotary Digital Literacy Programme' on 5 September, to the economically weak and underprivileged sections of the society. We will donate 1000 computers by December this year, but expect more to be donated, (some 3000) by April 2018. Thank you Rtn. R Srikanth for this project.

Family participation is the hallmark of our Club. We will have our second family participation meet on 8 September at TAG Centre. From 'Flavours of North India' in August, we travel all the way to our 'amma' Madras with 'Quiz O Quiz' anchored by our Rtn. V Sriram. Our annettes add colour to the evening with their dance and singing performances. Not to be missed.

On the 'Caring for Little Hearts' project, I am pleased to share that we have completed 24 surgeries in August and look forward to completing our first 50 surgeries in September under this project. Our Matching grant application is in progress and we will scale up the project soon.

We have several programmes lined up for the month of September and you will be intimated about it in the upcoming days. Please refer to our calendar in the Club Roster for a quick glance. I request active participation of Southerners in all the activities.

Yours in Rotary

Magdoom Mohamed K Z

LITTLE HEARTS - MOU SIGNED WITH SOORIYA HOSPITAL

The major community service project of our Club this year is the 'Caring for



Little Hearts' project to offer free cardiac surgeries to under privileged children with congenital heart disease in Tamil Nadu. Our Club President Magdoom and the CEO of Sooriya Hospital Dr. Rajiv Srikumar signed an MoU agreeing to offer the surgeries. More than 200 children will benefit. A few Rotarians from our club visited the Hospital to cheer 3 year old Madhuvanathi who underwent the surgery in August.

ANEW – COMPUTER SKILL TRAINING INAUGURATION



The inaugural ceremony of the Computer Skill Training Programme for around 35 underprivileged women was inaugurated on 16th August by Mr P B Vijayaraghavan of CAMS, who continue to support the programme every year at ANEW. The students will be provided free

hands on training in Dot.net, E Publishing and Tally. Additionally a spoken English course too is being imparted to the students.

A NEW BOOK BY R V RAJAN

A new book titled 'A Difficult Choice', a collection of short stories by RCMS veteran Rtn PP R V Rajan was released at the Odyssey Book Store in Adyar at an event held on 26th August. A Tamil version of the same book has also been released. This is Rajan's 8th book in as many years!

NORTHERN FLAVOUR OF SOUTHERNERS



On 12th August, Rtn Veerappan's sprawling bungalow was transformed into a North Indian town, with the ambience, lights, food and entertainment true to the look and feel of North India. Southerners had assembled in large numbers, despite it being a sultry Saturday to celebrate the first family participation event of the current Rotary year with the theme 'Flavours of North India'. Rtn Chethan Jabakh proved his mettle as an able Event Manager with a lively band, a number of interactive family games and of course the sumptuous North Indian cuisine that Southerners relished that evening. The usual spirit of camaraderie and fellowship flowed in abundance. Rtn Seshadri, Ann Lakshmi Srikanth and Annette Arushi Sriraman



walked away with the Best Dressed Southerners Award. A great start to family participation events thanks to the untiring efforts of the FP Director, Rtn PP K Prakash and his team.

MAJOR DONORS HONOURED



At our family participation nite 'Flavours of North India' on 12 August held at our Charter member Rtn. Veerappan's residence, we honoured major donors and contributors to The Rotary Foundation, from our Club. Our IPPDG Rtn. Natarajan Nagoji received the Major Donor

recognition memorabilia from Rtn. Veerappan. Our IPP Rtn. Asha Marina was also recognised for her becoming a Major Donor. Our members, Rtns. Balaji, Bina Boaz, M C Srikanth and H Suresh, among others, also became PHFs and were presented PHF pins and certificates. Thank you Southerners for opening your hearts to support the Foundation.

ROTARACT NEWS



Newly elected office bearers of the Rotaract Club of Asan Memorial College of Arts and Science were installed by President Magdoom on 17th August.

GO GREEN CAR RALLY



An all-women car rally was organised by our District Anns team on Friendship Day, 5th August. The theme of the rally was 'Go Green'. From our Club, 3 teams of cars by Anns Rajeeva Magdoo, Kala Rajasekhar, Srividhya Saravanan, Sowmya Sankar, Suneetha Sujeesh, Annette Vinaya Sujeesh and Kasturi, Inner Wheel Club of Madras South member, participated in the rally. Anns dressed in green for the occasion and their cars were camouflaged in messages of green environment. More than 100 cars took part in the rally.

WALKATHON ON THE BEACH

More than 200 Rotarians from different Clubs in the District walked for a cause at Bessie beach on 6th August and the money collected was presented to Clubfoot Care Foundation. It was also a good PR opportunity for the District and for the Clubs to highlight Rotary's work for the community. Rtns. S Balaji, S Balasundaram, Dr. G Prabhudoss and our President Magdoo participated in the event.



BHOOMI POOJA CUM INAUGURATION OF NEW TOILETS



1st August was a memorable day for the residents of Kottaiuppam village near Chennai when 10 newly constructed toilets sponsored by the Falor Brothers Trust was inaugurated by Mr Falor, a past member of RCMS. In addition, Bhoomi Pooja was also performed for an additional 28 toilets sponsored by CAMS. I PDG Natarajan Nagoji was the Chief Guest.



INTERACTORS OF ANNA GEM SCHOOL INSTALLED



The team of new office bearers of Interact Club of Anna Gem Science Park School, Kotturpuram was installed on 11 August at the school premises. Ms. Swetha took charge as the new President. The team is looking forward to take up community service programmes in the areas around the school. Our Club President Magdoo along with Rtns. Bina Boaz and Suresh Arunachalam attended the event.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

Rajanbabu Ramachandran was inducted into our Club as a member on 8th August. Introduced by Rtn PP B B Vengatesh, Rajan runs a Software Services and Staffing company along with his wife Hemalatha and two friends. Southerners welcome Rajan and Hemalatha and wish them a joyous innings in Rotary.



WEEKLY MEETINGS IN AUGUST



Date : 1st August, 2017
Speaker : Ms Shobha Menon
Topic : Greening of public spaces in Chennai



Date : 8th August, 2017
Speaker : Prof Venkatesh Chakravarthy
Topic : How Tamil Cinema evolved with Chennai



Date : 22nd August, 2017
Anchor : Rtn PP S R Madhu
Topic : Quiz Time on Chennai to commemorate Madras week



Date : 29th August, 2017
Speaker : Dr G Santhanam IAS (Retd.)
Topic : Administering Chennai and Tamil Nadu - My impressions

FIRESIDE HOSTED

Rtn Arun Khurana and Ann Usha Khurana hosted a fireside evening at their residence on 27th August. Around 10 Southerner families attended. From Rotary talk to casual chat to Indian and Global politics, it was a fun filled evening which ended with a sumptuous dinner.



WEDDING RECEPTION



Southerners had gathered in large numbers at the wedding reception of Sriram, grandson of PDG Rtn Ramakrishna Raja and Ann Rajalakshmi on 31st August at the MRC Hall in Chennai and blessed the newlywed couple.

CAMPUS TO CORPORATE – MINI RYLA

Around 134 students from ASAN and A CTECH participated in the part 2 of the Mini RYLA titled 'Campus to Corporate' organised by our club. The beneficiary students paid glowing tributes to the faculty and lauded the content of the two-day event held on 17th & 18th August. Mr Anand Shankar from the 'Learning and Development Team' of FORD India facilitated the sessions.



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