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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

October 2016 was hectic with the big responsibility of the fund raising event TWO 2 TANGO.

It was an exceptional show thanks to the efforts of the core committee.

The proceeds of the show will be well utilised for toilet construction in 10 needy schools.

During the middle of the month we had the club's most significant project, RYLA 2016.

It was a good experience to spend time with the Corporation school children.

October being the Vocational Service month, our club recognised and honoured two outstanding Environmental achievers and conferred on them awards for Excellence in Community Service.

In every event our members' involvement and motivation helps the Avenue Directors and Chairmen to move forward with renewed vigour.

**Rtn. Asha Marina**



### Two impactful days for Saidapet Corporation School Girls



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme was organised on 15 and 16 October at Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore, for the students of Corporation Girls Hr. Sec. School, Saidapet, Chennai. PDG Nazar inaugurated the programme with an inspiring talk.



This is a model Corporation school in Chennai and produces brilliant academic results every year. Our flagship RYLA programme this year benefited 55 students of the school. The programme included sessions on leadership, motivation, goal setting, creative therapy, hygiene and self-defence. Eminent speakers and achievers from various fields addressed the students. The lush green atmosphere at the Centre, surrounded by the backwaters of Bay of Bengal added to the learning process. The feedback from the programme was awesome and the students completely enjoyed it.



Youth Service Director Rtn. Suresh Arunachalam and Rtn. S Balasundaram efficiently coordinated the event. Ann Kala Balasundaram was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory session and PDG Ramakrishna Raja was the Guest of Honour. From our Club, Rtns. Magdoom and Saravanan also addressed different sessions.



# Two to Tango *RCMS Fund Raiser Show*



Singers **Karthik** and **Shwetha Mohan** took Chennaiवासिस on a pulsating musical journey at the Music Academy on 2nd October, 2016. The Fund Raiser show was put together by our Club in aid of the proposed Toilet Construction project in a number of schools for the underprivileged in Chennai and its neighbourhood. Karthik, a much sought after singer among composers managed to get the youngsters among the audience on to the stage to dance to his foot tapping music. He ensured that even the seniors among the audience were riveted by rendering some melodious numbers, particularly an unplugged version of “Aha mella nada” from the 1964 Sivaji film “PuthiyaParavai”. Shwetha Mohan arrived with a bang with a song from “Dil se”. She also got singer Vijay Yesudoss for an unplanned guest appearance to render an impromptu version of the 'Malare' song from the super hit Malayalam film “Premam”.

Thanks to a dedicated Fund Raising Team from RCMS, we not only had a mind blowing evening of top calibre entertainment , but also raised substantial funds for a worthy project.





## Home Appliances Service Course Valedictory



Around 18 underprivileged youth received their certificates on 26th October after successfully completing the course on servicing of Home Appliances as part of the Happy Village Project. The training programme was conducted by Hand in Hand and supported by CAMS.



## Launch of ITeS & Apparel Training Courses



Two more courses were launched as part of the Happy Village Project at Thirupporur. The ITeS training programme will benefit around 15 underprivileged youth. The Apparel Training programme for 20 underprivileged women was also launched at the well equipped Training Centre of Hand in Hand at Thirupporur. President Asha



Marina interacted with the students during her visit to the Training Centres. Both these courses are also sponsored by CAMS.

## Fireside – Diwali Special



Rtn Sankar and Ann Sowmya hosted a special Diwali Fireside at their residence on 22nd October. It was a cosy evening with a few Rotarians and Anns enjoying not just the delicious spread laid out by the Sankars but also the gorgeous roof top garden maintained by the charming couple.



## Annette Faheem elected Interact Club President



Annette Faheem Abdeen, son of President Elect Rtn. Magdoom Mohamed has been elected as the President of Interact Club of Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Egmore, for the year 2016-17. Faheem, a Class 11th student of the school, is an aspiring engineer, and also a player in the School's football team.

## Monthly Annadanam at East Eden Foundation on 22nd October



**DISTRICT NEWS**

## Anandha Deepavali



Over 1500 children from 33 Special Schools took part in the Deepavali Celebrations organised by RID 3230 at VGP Universal Kingdom on 22nd October. The Event was conducted under the guidance of DG Nagoji and Anandha Deepavali Celebrations Chairman Rtn Mahaveer Bothra. Actor Srikanth was the Chief Guest.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS IN OCTOBER



Date : 4th October, 2016  
 Speaker : Ms Swathy Sathyamurthy  
 Topic : Consumers Beware!



Date : 11th October, 2016  
 Speaker : Mr Venky Vembu  
 Topic : Are Newspapers Dead? Journalism in the age of Social Media

### RCMS SALUTES THESE ACHIEVERS! Awards for Excellence in Community Service.



Ms Shobha Menon, Founder of Tree NGO 'Nizhal' and Dr Shekar Raghavan, Director of Rain Centre and pioneer in Rainwater Harvesting were conferred the "Excellence in Community Service" Award by our Club



on 25th October, 2015. While DG Nagoji presented the Award to Ms Shobha Menon, PDG R Raja presented the Award to Dr Shekar Raghavan. The citations read out on the occasion listed the exemplary contribution of both the Awardees towards greening of the environment and water conservation respectively.

### ROTARACT NEWS



### VIZHITHIRU

Rotaract Club of CEG conducted its 14th edition of the event "Vizhithiru", a Career guidance and motivational programme for Government School students. Around 250 students participated. During the day long event some eminent speakers addressed the students providing them invaluable inputs. President Asha Marina was the Chief Guest.



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