



# The Southerner

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## Rotary Club of Madras South

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

November being Rotary Foundation month, five green Rotarians from our club became PHF and a few others have already committed to contribute for PHF and even become Major Donors.

Last month with the effective support of Rtn SureshArunachalam we conducted a Mini RYLA for all our Interact clubs. Some of our Annettes also participated in the workshop.

November also being Children's month, our Annettes Club was installed again after a long duration.

It was a delight to watch all our Annettes come forward to take positions. The bonding between them has strengthened. We, Rotarians and Anns must encourage and help them to do a few projects

12 members from RCMS went on an International trip to Bhutan. It was a very rejuvenating and memorable experience.

November has been special with lots of bonding and interaction taking place between the Southerners.

**Rtn. Asha Marina**

### ANNETTES CLUB INAUGURATED



An event befitting a Sunday evening, our annette Karthikeyan Suresh was installed as the President of our Annettes Club on 13 November. A budding engineer, Karthi, as he is fondly called, said he will take the annettes along and address the socially relevant projects of the parent Club. Annette Akansha Kathare was installed as the Secretary, Annette Divya as Treasurer, Annette Joseph as Director, Projects and Annette Sahana Srikanth as Director, Community Service.

PDG ISAK Nazar who was the mastermind behind the Annettes Clubs, which he started during his year as the Governor R.I. District 3230, was the Chief Guest at the function. Rtn. Girija Raghavan, the Chairman of the District Annettes Club Council was the Guest of honour.



Following the installation of the Annettes Club, our annettes took to the stage to display their talents. Proud to witness amazing trait of talents - singing, dancing, acting, photography, poetry - the Southerners had it all. AnnettesSrija, Laya, Aarushi, Vibaa, Yuan, Sahana, Divya, Srinidhi, Imaad, Joseph, you all rocked. Way to go.



**Rtn Magdoo**



## MINI RYLA – Maxi Effect



It was a large audience of over 450 kids from 6 different schools, which participated in the Mini RYLA held on Saturday, November 12th at ASAN Auditorium. Secretary Rtn.Balaji was the saviour on many fronts as he held a fully packed auditorium without any hiccups. Rtn.Ashok and his son Annette Rohit pitched in handily with the snacks for the kids. Rtn. Shymala Jayaprakash supported by providing the necessary infrastructure.

The speaker AVIS, one of the top motivational speakers in Chennai,

proved why he is rated so high, by yet again holding the strong group of students in rapt attention for a little over 3 hours. The post workshop feedback gave us plenty of reason to smile. Thanks to AVIS for a wonderful morning.

**Rtn Suresh Arunachalam**



## AC Service Course Inauguration



Our Club's flagship vocational course - Air-conditioning Servicing and Entrepreneurship was inaugurated at the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) at Anna University, on 4th November. This programme is in its 20th year since inception and has provided jobs and livelihood to many persons who have successfully completed the course. Many have found jobs in India and the Middle East and many others have turned to be entrepreneurs.

The current batch benefits 48 students, who are drop outs from school and the course will go on for 6 months. Already many companies have shown interest to absorb these students on their rolls after the completion of the course, thanks to the untiring initiative of Dr. G Ravikumar, Director of CED.

Mr. M Sivakumar, AGM (Projects & Maintenance), Viveks Ltd., Chennai was the Chief Guest. From our Club, President Asha Marina and Rtn. A R Ashok, Director - Vocational Services addressed the students.

**Rtn Magdoom**



## Toilet Blocks at Kottakuppam village



To enhance the living conditions of the residents of Kottakuppam village in Tiruvallur District, our club has undertaken to build new toilets and also refurbish some existing toilets and urinals at the Panchayat Primary School. DG Nagoji and DS Tamilselvan visited the village on 19th November to review the progress of the project which is sponsored by CAMS.



## Nature Walk



Our District's Club Administration Team organised a fun, educational tour inside the Adyar Eco Park (Tholkappia Poonga) on 26th November. This unique 358 acre park which is located at R A Puram in the heart of the city consists of some rare species of trees and birds. A few Southerners participated in the walk. Rtn M C Srikanth, Director – Youth Service (Rotaract) had also organised for some of our Rotaractors to take part in the walk.



## Golu Kondattam

An exclusive Facebook page was created by our District's Club Administration Team inviting Rotarians, Anns and Annettes of R I District 3230 to post pictures of their Golu as part of a contest. The top 10 creative Golus selected by a special jury were awarded prizes by PDG Kamdar on 19th November. Anns Sowmya Sankar, Neela Balaji and Sridevi Sriram from RCMS were among the Award winners.



## Musical Fireside

A Musical Nite was organised as part of the Fireside organised by Rtn Shyamala and Spouse Jayaprakash on 12th November at the Presidency Club. A large gathering of Rotarians and Anns revelled in the music and enjoyed the fellowship. This was the fifth Fireside of the current Rotary year.



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



## Asha Kiran... a ray of hope

Child Development is a program of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) to send children back to school. Under this program children from vulnerable communities who have never been enrolled to any School or have dropped out of school, are sent back to school after required brushing up. The objective is to facilitate these children's access to mainstream state funded primary / elementary schools.

ASHA KIRAN – A ray of hope, is the name given to the Child Development initiative to send 100,000 out of school children back to school. This program has been undertaken to fulfil the goals of Child Development vertical of RILM.

RCMS has committed to support this Project and has so far

pledged around Rs 1,70,000/-, thanks to the generosity of some large hearted Southerners. This will help in sending 81 children back to school.

You too can sponsor by contributing Rs. 2100 per child. You can sponsor as many children as you wish. For more details, contact: Rtn R Srikanth – Director Special Projects. ( Mob: 98409 18875)

## WEEKLY MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER



Date : 1st November, 2016  
 Speaker : Rtn Suchitra Sagar  
 Topic : The Rotary Foundation



Date : 8th November, 2016  
 Speaker : Mr K Madusudhanan  
 Topic : Trends in Architecture in Chennai



Date : 15th November, 2016  
 Speaker : Rtn Bina Boaz  
 Topic : Running a School – The joys and the nightmares



Date : 22nd November  
 Speaker : Mr Swarna Rethas  
 Topic : Music and me

## BHUTAN BECKONS



12 Southerners including two friends joined the International trip to Bhutan organised by our District from Nov 23 to Nov 30. President Asha Marina who was a part of the group along with spouse Kumar was all praise for the scenic beauty of Bhutan and said that it's a place not to be missed for a visit. "We were a group of like minded people and enjoyed every moment of the trip" she said. D G Nagoji and Ann Nandhini led a team of Rotarians and Anns from our District to this paradise for mountain lovers!



District Conference 2016 - 17  
 Date: 17 - 19 February, 2017

Venue: Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.

The last District Conference of the unbifurcated District 3230. A Grand Event with Motivational Speakers, Fashion Shows and other engrossing programmes. **SOUTHERNERS! Please register in large numbers.**

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