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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Southerner,

We have just completed a quarter of the Rotary year. So much is done and so much more to do. As I look back on the activities in September, we had quite a few achievements. We

started with donation of computers under 'Ford Rotary Digital Literacy' project and the computers have already reached several beneficiary institutions. We had our family participation event, 'Quiz O Quiz' anchored by our celebrity Rotarian V Sriram. We also organised a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Madras West and Inner Wheel Club of Madras South, to celebrate the birth centenary of our Charter member PDG S R Govindarajan. We organised 'First Aid Awareness workshop' for Southerners and 'Green Rotarians Meet' to re-orient our new members with Rotary basics. The construction of next phase of toilet block at Kottakuppam village is in progress. The list goes on.

October will be no less in action. The much sought after 'Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)' is on 7-8 October at Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore. The event will benefit 65 students of Corporation Girls School, Saidapet.

Oct 24 marks World Polio Day. We will organise a two-days medical camp at St. Anthony's School, Egmore on 24-25 October. Other school-based activities are on the cards. And, our next family participation event, 'Star Antakshari - Sing along with Nabarun Ghosh' is on 21 October. Don't miss any of these events.

I wish you all happy Deepavali.

Yours in Rotary

Magdoom Mohamed KZ

FORD – ROTARY DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMME



Ford and the Rotary Club of Madras South have forged a partnership over the past 7 years, to bring Digital literacy to schools and students in India with a special focus on reaching out to rural areas. Ford through its CSR program provides the PCs and systems and Rotary with its extensive network, helps to identify schools and create the necessary infrastructure facilities for these learning centres. Over these years, close to 8000 computers have been distributed across District 3230 (now 3231 and 3232) impacting close to around 800,000 school children and others. For the Rotary year 2017-18, on September 5th coinciding

with Teachers day, FORD and our Club pledged 1000 computers to needy schools and institutions in the State. Michael Brielmaier President and Managing Director Ford Motor Private Limited was the Chief Guest. PDG I S A K Nazar and DG K Jawharilal Jain (Dist



3231) were Guests of Honour at the programme. They presented the commemorative certificates announcing the donation of computers for the year to various institutions. The programme was well attended by Trend Setting Presidents and other beneficiaries including several teachers of the schools that will get Computers. Rtn R Srikanth, Director, PR & Publicity, has been instrumental in spearheading and sustaining this project from its inception.

COMMEMORATING PDG SRG's BIRTH CENTENARY



PDG S R Govindarajan (popularly known as SRG) was a charter member of our Club and later chartered Rotary Club of Madras West. He went on to become the District Governor of the then Rotary District 320, as a member of RC Madras West. He was an academian by profession and has mentored several students who have made a mark for themselves in their chosen career. Our own charter member PDG Ramakrishna Raja was a student of SRG during his days at Loyola College, Chennai. SRG is also the driver behind Inner Wheel movement in South India that led to the formation of Inner Wheel Club of Madras South in 1962. The year 2017 being the Centenary birth year of PDG SRG, it was a fitting evening on 20 Sept., when three Clubs - Rotary Club of Madras South, Rotary Club of Madras West and Inner Wheel Club of Madras South jointly organised an evening to commemorate the occasion. In the meeting, PDGs Ramakrishna Raja, Subbu, Inner Wheel member Shanthy Kannan (daughter of SRG), Rtns K S Jayaraman and P Venkatesan reminisced about their association with PDG SRG and his service to society in general and Rotary in particular.



*Ms Shanthy Kannan
(Daughter of PDG SRG)*

QUIZ O QUIZ WITH SRIRAM



The second Family participation event for the year held on 8th September at the TAG Auditorium was a Quiz Programme by the inimitable Rtn V Sriram titled 'Quiz O Quiz'. Rtn Sriram was at his best with his usual dose of wit and humour! Though some Anns had prepared hard for the Quiz, the Quiz Master seems to have stymied their efforts with the sheer variety of his questions.

Our Annettes Club President Niyam Jhabakh neatly anchored the Annettes entertainment programme which preceded the quiz. It was truly a memorable evening of entertainment and fellowship well planned and executed by our FP Director Rtn PP K Prakash.



GREEN ROTARIANS MEET



A meeting of the Rotarians who joined RCMS during the last 3 years was organised on 30 September at The Presidency Club, to orient them with the club's history, the evolution of Rotary and to encourage more bonding among members. A round of introduction and quiz on members profile was followed by sharing of

anecdotes by some senior members. The evolution of Rotary as a social club and the recent changes in R.I. ended up as good takeaways. The meeting concluded with fellowship and dinner.



FIRST AID AWARENESS FOR SOUTHERNERS



On 23rd September, 16 Southerners along with Rotaractors from our sponsored colleges participated in a 'First Aid Awareness Workshop' conducted by ALERT, an NGO that has been striving to bring awareness about 'Golden Hour Response' among the general public. Ann Kala Balasundaram is the Founder President of ALERT.

HEADMISTRESS HONOURED



On 5th September, Teachers Day, our District 3232 honoured about 25 teachers with Vazhikatti Awards recognising their service to the student community. Ms. Rathnamala, Head Mistress of Avvai Middle School, Tambaram, nominated by our Club, received the Award from Mr. Pandiarajan, Education Minister, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

ANNADHANAM AT EAST EDEN



Thanks to the relentless efforts of Rtn Renjith Joseph, the monthly Annadhanam at East Eden Foundation (EEF) in Chennai is going strong for the second year, with generous contribution from Southerners who have found a meaningful way of celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries every month. Most of our readers are aware that EEF is a Home for mentally challenged destitute men picked up from the streets of Chennai. Around 50 inmates are rehabilitated and attempts are made to eventually reunite them with their families. The picture alongside shows Rtn Renjith in action at the Annadhanam on 30th September.

WEEKLY MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER



Date : 26th September, 2017

Speaker : Ms Aarabhi Badri

Topic : My professional journey in dance and education

Note:

- 5th September – FORD – Rotary Computer Donation
- 20th September – Joint Meeting to commemorate PDG SRG's birth centenary.
- *These have been covered elsewhere in this issue.*

DISTRICT DANDIYA NITE



President Magdoom and First Lady Ann Rajeena swinging gracefully to the beat of Dandiya music at the Dandiya Nite organised by the District on 23rd September in Chennai.

WEDDING RECEPTION



Southerners had gathered in strength at the wedding reception of Annette Aparna, daughter of PP Rtn Prasanna Varma and Ann Raji Varma on 2nd September at the Green Park Hotel in Chennai. The young couple Aparna and Rohith were earlier married at a traditional wedding in Kerala on 26th August.

CHIEF GUEST AT SPORTS DAY OF ANANYA

Our President Rtn. Magdoom Mohamed was the Chief Guest at the Sports Day function of Ananya Learning & Research Centre, a school run by Madras Dyslexia Association (MDA). About 50 children study in Ananya for a short intervention and they go back to regular school after two years. At the Sports Day function, medals and certificates were presented to the children who were victorious in various sports competitions. The President of MDA Mr. Chandrasekaran presided over the meeting. Ann Kalyani Balakrishnan is an active member of MDA.




MERAKI EVENTS

WITH BEST WISHES

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