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Vocational Awards Evening

Feb 7th 2019 was truly a special day for Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna, a much awaited day when with chin held high and chests swelled up, the club was all set to felicitate some very special and talented people across walks of life in the club's Vocational Awards Ceremony.

The evening started to a packed audience of more than 90 people that included many notable guests from various industries waiting to watch their favorite Chief Guest Padmashri Suresh Krishna, Chairman, Sundram Fasteners deliver his speech. Rotarians Dileep and Ram had their task cut out as Masters of the Ceremony for the much awaited evening.



An interesting medley of personalities formed the Awardees List, that swept across people of different capabilities and accomplishments from different walks of life and covering age groups of 13 to 80.



Selvi R Rakshitta was conferred - The Young Achiever Award for her prolific accomplishments as a Junior Chess Champion.

Shri K.G Murali was conferred - The Good Samaritan Award for his fantastic and tireless social work around care and rehabilitation of HIV affected Children.

The Life Time Achievement Award was conferred upon Shri S. Viswanathan for his invaluable contribution to industry affairs through his publication called Industrial Economist for more than 50 years.

A truly elite group of Awardees that would make any dais proud.

After a wonderful invocation song by first lady Sasibanu and inspiring Welcome Address by President Rtn Prabhakar, it was time to felicitate each of the Awardees of the night.

As Ann Deepa read out meticulously, the various citations that were researched and written by Ann Sukanya Sriraam, the room was filled with thunderous applause acknowledging the great contribution of each of the awardees. It was a delight to watch each of them receiving the awards from the Chief Guest Padmashri Suresh Krishna and Guest of Honor PDG Rtn Subbu.

The Awardees crisply thanked the club and the dignitaries for the awards and shared some interesting life experiences with the audience.

It is commonly observed that scintillating moments are short lived and the Chief Guest's speech was no different. His 10 minute address, expounding the spirit of selflessness, quoting Purananuru kept the audience spellbound. Even if he had to continue for 10 hours, not one person would have left the venue for sure that day. Such was his magnetism and charisma. The club is truly blessed and thanks Rotarian Anand for getting us a chief guest of his stature, experience and gravitas.

The club also inducted two new members Rtn Akram and Rtn Anand Jothi on this memorable day, thanks to Rtn Sathyanarayanan for his continued efforts to bolster the club size with deserving new members.

No amount of praise will do justice to the year round efforts of Rtn Vidya, the Vocational Service Director. Such well organized events don't happen by chance and this was a grand finale to the wonderful efforts of Vidya throughout the year, ensuring consistent planning, delivery, great team spirit and inclusivity throughout her endeavors. The club is truly proud to have had her lead the vocational avenue and related efforts this year

The evening ended with a vote of thanks rendered by Vidya herself fittingly.

Rtn. Ram Kevalur



Visit of Rtn. Dato Raman Velu, President of our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Tebrau, Malaysia

On 5th February, 2019, President Rtn. Dato Raman Velu of Rotary Club of Tebrau, Malaysia visited Chennai after 37 years. He reviewed the ongoing Tebrau Heart Project for children under age of 12 with congenital disease. The project was started by RC of Tebrau some 18 years back and subsequently it is being managed by our Club. He held discussion with our board members at Cosmopolitan Club. Our Club in association with Madras Medical Mission Hospital conducts seven heart surgeries every year at subsidized cost. Later Club Flags were exchanged.



A Meeting with Visiting Canadian Rotarians

On February 14, 2019, our members had a fruitful interaction with the visiting Canadian Rotarians at Rtn. Rajiv Reddy's residence on how to collaborate with each other in the existing projects and the possibility for a new one using global grant.



Meeting with RIPE Rtn. Mark Maloney

Our President Elect Rtn. Suryabaskar along with Ann Geetha & Rtn. Raja Sriraam attended a vibrant morning session with Rotary International President Elect Mark Maloney in Chennai on February 18, 2019.



Rtn. Anand House Warming Ceremony

Few of our Pattinathars attended the House Warming Ceremony of our Rtn. Anand on 17th February, 2019. Few bcas most of the Pattinathars were in the Overnight Fellowship of the Club.



New Member Induction



New Members, Anand Jothi is a petrol bunk dealer and Akram is an importer of Iron and Steel, were inducted on 5th February, 2019 during the Vocational Awards Evening. Our AG Rtn. Subramaniam pinned Anand Jothi and AG Rtn. Thirumalai pinned Akram and welcomed them to the World of Rotary.

Board Meeting - 5th February, 2019

The Board Meeting for the month of February took place on 5th February, 2019 at Cosmopolitan Club. After the usual passing of Minutes and presenting the Admin and Trust Accounts, the Directors spelt out their plans and various projects were discussed.



A fun filled Overnight Fellowship at Mahabs

The fellowship team of Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna used to thrill its members by coming out with different themes. This time it was an overnight stay at Mamallapuram. The exciting day (Feb. 16th) arrived and we packed our bags with all the happiness and jumped into the car to set off. No one is big or small when it comes to enjoying life.

The excitement level went up as we reached the beach resort of our Rtn. SPR's Landmark Pallava at Mamallapuram to have fun and frolic. In all, we were 21 Rotarians, 14 Anns and 22 Annettes.

On reaching the venue, we quickly freshened ourselves and assembled in the ground. The Rotarians started off by hitting sixes and fours and kids jumped into pool laughing and splashing the water. Meanwhile, Anns had their chit chat by the pool side.

The evening was entertaining and interesting as the Pattinathars were occupied by the games organised by Prasad.

Eating together is equally full of fun and so all the Pattinathars gathered to relish the dinner along with a melodious voice of our First Lady Sasibanu. The opening up of dance floor enabled us to see the different types of moves n shakes of our fellow members and the family to the music played by our DJ Rtn. Amuthan.

We started of the next day with the sumptuous breakfast and later reluctantly packed our bags to get back to our pavilion. To keep our memories refreshing we posed for a group photo.

Kudo's to Rtns. Satya, Anand and his team for such a memorable trip, thanks to Rtn. SPR for the support and to the Club. This trip will be remembered and cherished for a long time to come.

Ann Seema Pungaliya



Mega Medical Camp at Kadalur, Kalpakkam

On February 28, a mega medical camp was conducted at Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Hr. Sec. School in Kadalur village near Kalpakkam. It was attended by over 600 people from different villages. It included free dental check up, general check up and eye check up. About 104 people consulted general physician and basic medicines were given to the needy.

Eye screening was done for 85 people. 18 of them were identified to have cataract problem and operation dates were allocated to them. Besides, reading spectacles were given to 33 people.



TB screening x-ray was done for 84 people. Dental check up was carried out for 485 school children.

The mega medical camp would not have been successful, if not for the involvement of Swami Dayananda Rotary Mat.Hr. Sec. School, Doctors and paramedical staff of Tagore Dental College and Hospital, Huma Hospital for supplying TB mobile X-ray unit, Margaret Sydney Hospital and Nethralaya (eye testing and cataract surgery). Thanks to our club President Prabhakar, Rtms. Senthana Amuthan, Dileep Kumar and Manikandan for extending their support.

Rtn. Anand



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 02.03.2019 : **Rotaract RYLA for Ethiraj College - International Institute of Tamil Studies, Taramani - 8.45 a.m.**
- 09.03.2019 : **Board Meeting - Presidency Club - 6.00 p.m.**
- 09.03.2019 : **Regular Meeting - Know Your Future : Jyothish Kalamani Pandit VKSM Sharmaaji - Presidency Club - 7.30 p.m.**
- 16.03.2019 : **Industrial Visit to Hyundai Car Factory, Sriperumbudur - 9.00 a.m.**
- 21.03.2019 : **Regular Meeting, Hotel Savera - 7.00 p.m.**

SUNSHINE

Annette Vikram Adithya s/o Rtn Ganesh	500/-
Ann Priya w/o Rtn Rajashekar	500/-
Rtn Prabhakar & Ann Sasibanu	1000/-
Rtn Anand & Ann Divya	500/-

BIRTHDAYS

Annette Varun S/o Rtn. Ganesh	4
Annette Jayanth S/o Dhanalakshmi	4
Ann Gandhimathi W/o Rtn. Ramesh	14
Annette Nikil Sankar S/o Rtn. Narayanan Swaminathan	20
Rtn. Saptagiri	25
Rtn. Harikumar	29
Annette Bharath S/o Pattabiraman	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Narayanan Swaminathan & Ann Sangeetha Narayanan	26
Rtn. Dhanalakshmi & Ann Gurusamy	30

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