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### YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD - WASHINGTON SUNDAR 1st February, 2018



An evening to remember for RCMC, as we awarded the cricketer, Washington Sundar, with the young achiever award.

Good players inspire themselves, and great players inspire others. Playing for the country and being one of the most sought after player at the IPL auction at the age of 19, is a dream come true for Washington. His coaches D. Vasu and Venkatramana spoke about his passion and commitment. The guest of honour, Nawabzada Asif Ali, in his felicitation spoke about how he grew up playing cricket at the Amir Mahal

grounds. The other invitees were U.R. Radhakrishnan, A.P. Suresh Kumar, and Sridharan Sriram, who have all played for the state and country.

Washington, in his emotional acceptance speech, thanked his coaches for their confidence in him, his father for instilling discipline and the Nawabzada for providing the infrastructure, time no bar, and undying support from his mother and sister, that without this support system, he wouldn't be where he is today.

Washington Sundar was very humble for all that he has achieved at his age. We, at Rotary club of Madras Chennapatna, are honoured and proud to have recognized him as a player to watch out for and we pray he achieves all that he aspires for in his life.

- Ann Priya Rajsekhar







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### OMR RUN - 4th February, 2018 Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology



"It's not how well you run... It's why you run".

Rotary club of Madras Chenna Patna was one of the Associate Clubs in organising the OMR run with Rotary Club of Chennai Upscale.

About 6000 runners participated in the OMR Run, held at Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology.

OMR RUN was a family fun event, and according to the ability of the participants, they could run 3, 5, or 10 Km. All finishers

got a Medal and every participant got a T-shirt. Breakfast and goody bags with Discount vouchers from leading stores in OMR were given away.

Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs actively contributed for the greater cause of the OMR Run, organised by R.I. District 3232.

The run witnessed participation of 13 Pattinathars including Anns and Annettes.

Rtn. Senthan Amudhan







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### IFCR TEAM - CULTURAL HERITAGE VISIT DAKSHIN CHITRA - 15th February, 2018



A group of 22 Australians were here for the district conference of 3232 and district 3231. Our club took them to Dakshin Chitra. After a long morning we hosted them to some good lunch.

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#### **BOARD MEETING - 13th Feb. 2018**

The Board Meeting for the month of February took place on 13th Feb. 2018 at Rtn. Rajiv Reddy's Office. After the usual passing of Minutes and presenting the Admin and Trust Accounts, plans for the ensuing meetings and the projects were discussed.

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### District Conference 'VANNANGAL' February 17, 18 - Chennai Trade Centre.

The District conference began with DG Srinivasan, spouse Sujatha, RIPR Ahlberg and spouse Charlotte, alighting from a horse carriage which was followed by a caravan of 30 vintage cars having club presidents and district officers. Aptly named Vannangal it was colourful indeed!

Highlights included unveiling a life size Paul Harris statue, spectacular programs and events that kept the audience mesmerized.

Former cricketer Syed Kirmani presented the Icon of Chennai Award to off-spinner R Ashwin in the presence of Rotary leaders. Also, film actor and mimicry artiste Jayaram was feted with a Rotary award for acting in more than 200 films over three decades.

Above 2,500 Rotarians had registered for the conference including 38 Rotarians from Kenya, 25 from Australia, 18 from Belgium and seven  $\,$ 

from Canada.

Ann. Sukanya











#### TWIN CLUB AGREEMENT WITH NAIROBI EAST, RI Dist. 9212

What started as a lazy Sunday morning soon transformed into one of the most memorable days, one that was centered around fellowship with rotarians from Kenya.

A large Kenyan delegate comprising senior rotarians, past presidents and district Governors were in Tamilnadu to participate in regional conferences. I was honoured to have been given the opportunity to go on a City cultural immersion tour, one that the group of about 15-20 was very keen to be a part of.

The day started off with a visit to the Temple locality of Mylapore, as the guests enjoyed walking through the Mada streets and soaking in the



atmosphere of the most colorful sights and the cacophonic traffic sounds. The simple pleasures of sipping the heavenly Elaneer reminded all of us that we have somehow complicated our lives.

The experience of being on top of the Chennai Light house was surreal. A breathtaking view of the beach and the old town which most of us being in Chennai, have not had the time to see.

Lunch at Isha Mahamudra, was truly a great spread. The guests were very excited by the variety and uniqueness of the vegetarian dishes served here and some even considered turning Vegetarian for life.

A Farewell dinner was hosted yesterday at Hyatt Regency for the 31 Kenyans who are visiting RI Dist. 3232 & 3231. DG Peter Mbui, PDG Eric Kimani & PDG Harry Mugo were part of the Kenyan group. PDG Natarajan Nagoji , PDG S.Krishnaswamy, PDG JB Kamdar, PDG PT Ramkumar , PDG AP Kanna and DGE Babu Paren besides PDG Bill Grey from Canada were present. 10 clubs from our district signed twin club agreement with 10 of the Kenyan clubs. We were fortunate to sign our twin club agreement with Nairobi East which is a strong club there and parent Club of their current DG. It was truly a proud moment for RC Chennapatna!

- Rtn. Ram Kevalur









## **KOLLYWOOD NIGHT FELLOWSHIP - 24th February, 2018 Hotel Harrisons**



Very often people are caught up in their mundane day to day routine, and when pattinathars decide to get together for any event ... magic happens!!!

Hotel Harrisons was the venue for "Kollywood Night", a theme that was well thought out and planned. The highlight was the decor, very professionally done, with an eye catching ticket counter.

Everyone participated and enjoyed the kollywood quiz conducted by the organising team, which helped in breaking the ice with new members.

Great fellowship and bonding with some lip smacking food, will be cherished and remembered by all.

Seema Pungaliya











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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

08.03.2018 : Womens Day Celebration & Speaker Meeting :

**Induction of 3 Lady Members -** Cosmopolitan Club - 7.30 p.m.

10.03.2018 : Library Books Donation & Annual Day Celebrations :

Dayanand Rotary School, Kadalur

13.03.2018 : **Board Meeting -** Rtn. Rajiv Reddy's Office - 7.00 p.m.

30.03.2018 : **Closed Door Meeting :** Cosmopolitan Club - 7.30 p.m.

PETS Dubai: Rtn. Prabhakar, Rtn. Rau and Rtn. Valli to attend

#### SUNSHINE

Annette Varun S/o. Rtn. Rajiv Reddy Rs. 500 Rtn. Narayanan Rs. 1000

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Annette Varun S/o Rtn. J. Ganesh	4
Annette Jayanth S/o Rtn. K.R. Dhanalakshmi	4
Ann Gandhimathi W/o.Rtn.Ramesh SPR	14
Rtn. Saptagiri R.	25
Rtn. Harikumar	29
Annette Bharath S/o Rtn. Pattabiraman	31

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Dhanalakshmi and Ann Gurusamy