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The fruit king of Madras Chenna Patna: B. Suryabaskar



Let's start off with a story. In the early 60's there was a tiny hamlet in Andhra Pradesh, which lacked basic needs. A baby boy of eight months, our hero, who we'd expect to be crawling with zest, suddenly stopped as he fell sick. The mother instinctively noticed an abnormality in the baby's health and slight deformation in the face. She wanted to rush him to the nearby hospital. But, first she had to cross 3-km canal and then reach the road to catch a bus or to travel through the pot-hole filled mud-road with a help of a lone bullock cart. On that fateful rainy day, no help was coming and the resolute mother decided to reach the hospital through any means. Noticing her plight, a ferryman offered her to cross the canal. Then she travelled eight km to reach the hospital. On examining the child, the doctor informed the mother that the baby has been affected by Polio. Luckily for them, a vaccination kit was delivered to the hospital a

few hours earlier in the day. This saved our boy from being paralyzed. This is a story of our hero, B. Suryabaskar, dating back to 55 years.

A couple of years later, the boy's family migrated to Chennai. The boy went on to study at Kesari High School in Telugu medium. Later, he graduated with a degree in B.Sc Physics from Thyagaraya College, Chennai.

After graduation, this enthusiastic youth then went on to work as a marketing executive for two companies. When his elder brother started a UPS firm during 1994, he took up the distribution of Aeon UPS, for Chennai. He worked with his brother for 13 years, enjoying a steady growth. Intense competition led to decline in revenue.

He then resolved to take up a business where multinationals would dare to tread, and thereafter started importing fresh fruits.



RC MADRAS CHENNA PATNA WELCOMES DISTRICT GOVERNOR Rtn. G. CHANDRAMOHAN
For The INSTALLATION OF TEAM 2019 -20

The Club meets at Hotel Savera every fortnight Thursday at 7.00 p.m.



With immense will power and determination, he carved a niche for himself in this field as successful entrepreneur.

Despite polio making him a slow learner, he never gave up on himself and even went on to push his limits to pursue a bachelor's degree in Law in his early 50's.

He feels extreme gratitude for his mother, without whom he wouldn't have been standing here today as your president.

Being a polio victim himself, he feels extremely contented being able to help so many others in need although these years. He knows and feels thankful to everyone. None of this would've been possible if he hadn't been a part of Rotary. Rotary has been a big part of his life since his induction as a member in the year 2000.

He served as the Youth Service Director in the year 2001-02, Interact Chair 2002-03, Ryla Chair 2003-04, Treasurer 2015-16, Vocational Service Director 2017-18 and Secretary 2018-19.

He feels giving to society is an important part in any person's life and is happy to have this opportunity to serve better to the best of his knowledge.

Surya is known for being very silent. He has an inherent large heartedness in him and has wonderful friends, who know him truly well. He is also excellent at networking and always is a friend in need.

He is married to Ann. Geetha and the couple are blessed with a very creative daughter Viharika, who is an excellent dancer and is presently creating waves in Telugu media as an Assistant Director.



“A FABULOUS AND FUNFILLED YEAR “ SAYS IPP PRABHAKAR

Greetings to all Pattinathars. This rotary year has been a great learning experience for me under the valuable guidance of all the past presidents. With the Grace of almighty we had a fabulous team to execute all our plans in a perfect manner. It was heartening to witness the overwhelming support and the confidence the entire club had on the leadership and the team. We have reached out to near about 8300 beneficiaries through projects executed for around Rs.23 lakhs in cash and kind in Rotary year 2018-19. It was a proud moment to receive the award for the top 20 best clubs on behalf of this great club. Each one of you made this happen. Without your support in your own possible way, this wouldn't be possible. We had a joyful journey filled with happiness and comradarie. I would be cherishing these memories for my life time. With a sense of immense satisfaction I handover my responsibilities to Rtn Suryabaskar, who will definitely keep the club's flag fly higher along with his efficient team. Sasibanu joins me in thanking the Rotarians, Anns and Annettes for the love and affection you have showered on us.



New Office Bearers For Year 2019 - 20



1. Immediate Past President Proactive Prabhakar

Having accomplished a mega fundraising and a successful Rotary year, this ever-smiling Immediate Past President and builder will not rest on his laurels, but commits himself more to Rotary! Talented and professionally oriented, Prabhakar is a fine example for being a very warm, cool-headed and friendly President! Sasibanu and kids will have more of him for their travails and celebrations!



2. Secretary Amazing Anand

A real go-getter, this Senior Assistant Editor of The Hindu is a follow-up king! His true enthusiasm was reflected during the fundraiser where Anand's role was truly commendable. He showed extraordinary commitment as Club Service Director and bulletin in-charge. He is sure to rock as Secretary this year!



3. President Elect Meticulous Manikandan

Absolutely brilliant, has a flair for punning on words. Mani is a Chartered Accountant, who is part of Tandem and spearheaded its growth in accounting and payroll systems, and has 289 employees and services over 180 customers in India. Mani is like an atom bomb and his full potential will reach criticality very soon!



4. Treasurer - Admin - Charismatic Karthikeyan

A garment specialist and vibrant Rotarian, Karthikeyan has been quite a very enthusiastic participant in all club activities. As Treasurer of the Club, he is the most suited; he can collect and fill the admin kitty in no time!



5. Joint Treasurer - Vivacious Vallekkannu

Glittering Valle will shine as a Joint Treasurer of the club, like all her roles that she held in the club! she will pitch in willingly and fit into her role!



6. Treasurer Trust - Committed Chakravarthy

Chakravarthy looks simple but is full of information and knowledge. With eight years of Rotary, this electrical contractor par excellence is raring to go and will bring good luck and a kitty full of overflowing currency as the Treasurer of the Trust account.



7. Director Club Administration - Suave Sathyanarayanan

Ever spontaneous and enthusiastic, Sathya is a private financier and fly ash manufacturer. He is an amazing, warmhearted friend who can win people with his positive demeanour. Sathya is the best bet to don the role of Club Service Director!



8. Director - Community Service - Development - Committed Chandrasekar

A green Rotarian, Chandrasekar is passionately committed towards the visually impaired. He is the Honorary Secretary for the National Association for the Blind. His empathetic and sincerity will be seen in the development of Community Service.



9. Director Community Service/Chairman Tebrau Heart - Astute Ani Grace Kalaimathi

A relatively new entrant into the Club, Dr. Ani Grace has shown extraordinary commitment and added value to her presence in the Club, spearheading 'Breast Cancer' screening and awareness. A Registrar in Nursing, Ani Grace fits into the role of Community Service Health like nobody else! Last year, she was able to treat four children under the Tebrau Heart project.



10. President Nominee/Director - Vocational Service - Smart Senthan Amudhan

An event and travel specialist, (Impresario and Epitome Events), is absolutely cool headed and clear! His entry into Rotary has seen his presence in planning and supporting the club in most of its events; a very innovative and impressive member, Senthan is truly an asset to Chenna Patna. He will bring laurels to the club as the Vocational Service Director as well and his grooming into Presidentship begins now!



11. Director - Youth Service - Unassuming Dr. Udaya Kumar

A penchant to do service, Uday is the best bet for the Youth Service, an avenue that has been the hallmark of Chenna Patna over the years! Uday is sure to bring about transformational changes and keep the flag of Chenna Patna flying high.



12. Director - International Service - Remarkable Ramanathan

Ram is a successful entrepreneur who runs Maanjaa, a luxury travel company, and has shown promise even as a green Rotarian in Chenna Patna! His international exposure will surely be a great asset for the club and Ram is sure to excel as the Director of International Service.



13. Microloan Chair - Muthiah

He can be called 'Microloan Muthu' after years of donning the Chairmanship of this unique signature project of the club. Muthu is committed to the core and the club so far has had over 200 beneficiaries of this very meaningful project that provides interest-free loan to underprivileged entrepreneurs.



14. Polio Chair - Deepak Pungaliya

Purasawalkam being the booth, Deepak will go all out to do his bit in the last lap of ending polio! This dealer in paints takes active role in the club activities voluntarily and hope polio will be completely eradicated during his tenure.



15. Foundation Chair/Advisor - Saptagiri

The one who can continue to lay the Foundation of the club is none other than Past President Saptagiri, he knows it all! He has been immense strength to our club.



16. Membership Chair - Ganesh

Ganesh will bring in the best members just by his impressive messages in the group. The club has grown quite a bit thanks to his efforts, and he will continue to do a great job! He has set a target to have 75 members in three years.



17. Literacy Chair/ Special Projects - Vidya

A committed Lawyer and Rotarian, Vidya will do her best as always and will be an asset as a literacy Chair.



18. Global Grant Chair - Praveen Mehra

This seasoned Rotarian can don any role and carries himself in style. As the Global Grant Chair it will be a cake walk for Praveen!



19. Fellowship Chair - Harikumar

Easy to mingle, Hari is the man for fellowship; he is fun loving and also a committed person! We look forward to exotic and amazing trips this year as well!



20. Public Image Chair - R.C. Srinivasan

As a green Rotarian, Srini showed his experience and skill during the recently held Fundraiser. Due to his publicity effort, our Club is well known in the media circle be it in Tamil, Telugu or Malayalam newspapers. He is sure to rock this year too.



21. Bulletin Chair - Anand & Prabhakar

The 'deadly duo' will follow-up and ensure the club bulletin is released on time, every time! Chennapathra has always been a 'talk of the District' and this year too it will reach its peak!



22. Rotaract Chair - Shankar Rao

Shankar Rao has already made a mark by beaming District Conference live. Will set his sights now on the Rotaractors after moulding School Interactors into better persons and made a difference to the Society.



23. Interact Chair - B. Rajkumar

A builder by profession, Rajkumar is the new entrant to our club. He is sure to be a smiling face in Interact schools of the club and we can look forward to a great year!



24. Trainers - Ganesh & AVS Rau

Great friends, and therefore great trainers too! they will complement each other to be shining examples in their role as well!

On June 30 at the RI 3232 District Awards function for 2018-19, the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna bagged 13 awards. Details as follows:

Club Service:

1. 1st place in digital and print media, Public Image
2. 2nd place in overall performance.
3. 2nd place in family participation.
4. 3rd place in fund raising.
5. Got a special prize for taking part in Hamburg International Convention for AVS Rau, Raja Sriraam and Ann Sukanya.

Community Service Health

6. 1st place in post camp treatment.
7. 1st place in blood donation camps.
8. 2nd place in medical camps.
9. 3rd place in vocational service.
10. 2nd place in youth service.
11. First Lady award in top 20 clubs bagged by Sasibanu.
12. RCMCP was adjudged as Best 20 clubs in the district.
13. Supporting District Award to AVS Rau.



Rtn. B. Suryabaskar
President

Rtn. G. Prabhakar
Immediate Past President

Rtn. R. Manikandan
President Elect

Rtn. N. Anand
Secretary

Rtn. S. Karthikeyan
Treasurer - Admin

Rtn. K. Vallekkannu
Joint Treasurer - Admin

Rtn. B. Chakravarthy
Treasurer - Trust

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Director Club Administration

Rtn. P. Chandrasekar
Director Community Ser. (Dev.)

Rtn. Dr. S. Ani Grace Kalaimathi
Director Community Ser. (Health)

Rtn. Dr. T. R. Udaya Kumar
Director Youth Service

Rtn. G. Senthana Amuthan
Director Vocational Service

Rtn. K.N. Ramanathan
Director International Service

Rtn. G. Prabhakar
Rtn. PL. Muthiah
Sergeants - At - Arms

Chennapathra

Rtn. N. Anand
Rtn. B. Surendra
Rtn. Ram Kevalur
Ann. Deepa Ram
Rtn. G. Prabhakar
Editor

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 04.07.2019 :** Installation of President B. Suryabaskar and his team members for 2019 - 20 - Hotel Savera, Dr. Radha Krishnan Saalai, Mylapore - 7.00 pm
- 09.07.2019 :** Board Meeting - Rajiv Reddy's office - 7.00 pm
- 11.07.2019 :** Installation of Interact Club of Vanavani Mat. Hr. Sec. School
- 17.07.2019 :** Installation of Interact Club of The Hindu Sr. Sec. School
- 18.07.2019 :** Speaker Meeting - Hotel Savera - 7.00 pm
- 20.07.2019 :** Installation of Interact Club of Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation School
- 25.07.2019 :** Installation of Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women
- 30.07.2019 :** Pilgrimage Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS

JULY	DATE
Rtn B. Rajkumar	04
Ann Alagu Perumal H/o Rtn. Vidya	05
Annette Kapil S/o Rtn. Prabhakar	05
Rtn. Rajshekhar	08
Ann Sharmilee W/o Rtn. Ganesh	09
Ann Jayshree Vyas W/o Rtn. Prashant Vyas	10
Annette Sheeza Anum D/o Rtn. Akramulla Baig	12
Rtn. Vidya Alagu Perumal	18
Annette Lavanya D/o Rtn. Shankar	18
Annette Smyrna D/o Rtn. Ani Grace	20
Annette Sharaddha Vyas D/o Rtn. Prashant Vyas	21
Rtn. Surendra	22
Ann Revathi W/o Rtn. Harikumar	23
Annette Saikiran S/o Rtn. Chakravarthy	25
Rtn. A.V.S. Rau	26
Rtn. Timothy	26
Annette Sandeep S/o Rtn. Prabhakar	29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JULY	DATE
Rtn. Senthana Amuthan & Ann Vanitha	06
Rtn. Surendra & Ann Usha	12



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