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COVID TAKES A BACK SEAT AT CHARTER NITE CELEBRATIONS



For the second successive year, the Charter Nite celebration of our club was held on virtual platform with active participation from members.

It was a fun-filled event with members catching up for a quick chat with others and exchanging greetings for several minutes.

Yesterday's charter night celebration was a big success with all your support. I sincerely appreciate all the Rotarians, Anns and Annettes, who were very prompt in contributing their performance videos, recalls **President Elect Senthana Amuthan** in his message.

With the help of a choreographer, Pattinathars danced to couple of old numbers from Tamil Movies. "Its your participation that turned an ordinary event into an extraordinary event," said Senthana Amuthan while thanking each and every couple starting from Raja M Sriraam, Ann Sukanya, Prabhakar, Ann Sasibanu, Ram, Ann Deepa, Guha Prakash and Ann Egnitha.

He further went on to thank Annette Lavanya and Annette Ananya for a superb dance performance. The invocation song by

Ann Sasibanu was a great start to the charter nite celebration. Ann Deepa Priyadarshini impressed everyone by rendering carnatic number. It was difficult to say that it was her first performance. Ann Egnitha amazed everyone with her signing skill. Ann Deepa conveyed the emotion within the lyrics so well with a Hindi song.

The members also appreciated Annette Kavya for rendering soulful number. Special thanks to Annette Veer for the fantastic dance performance.

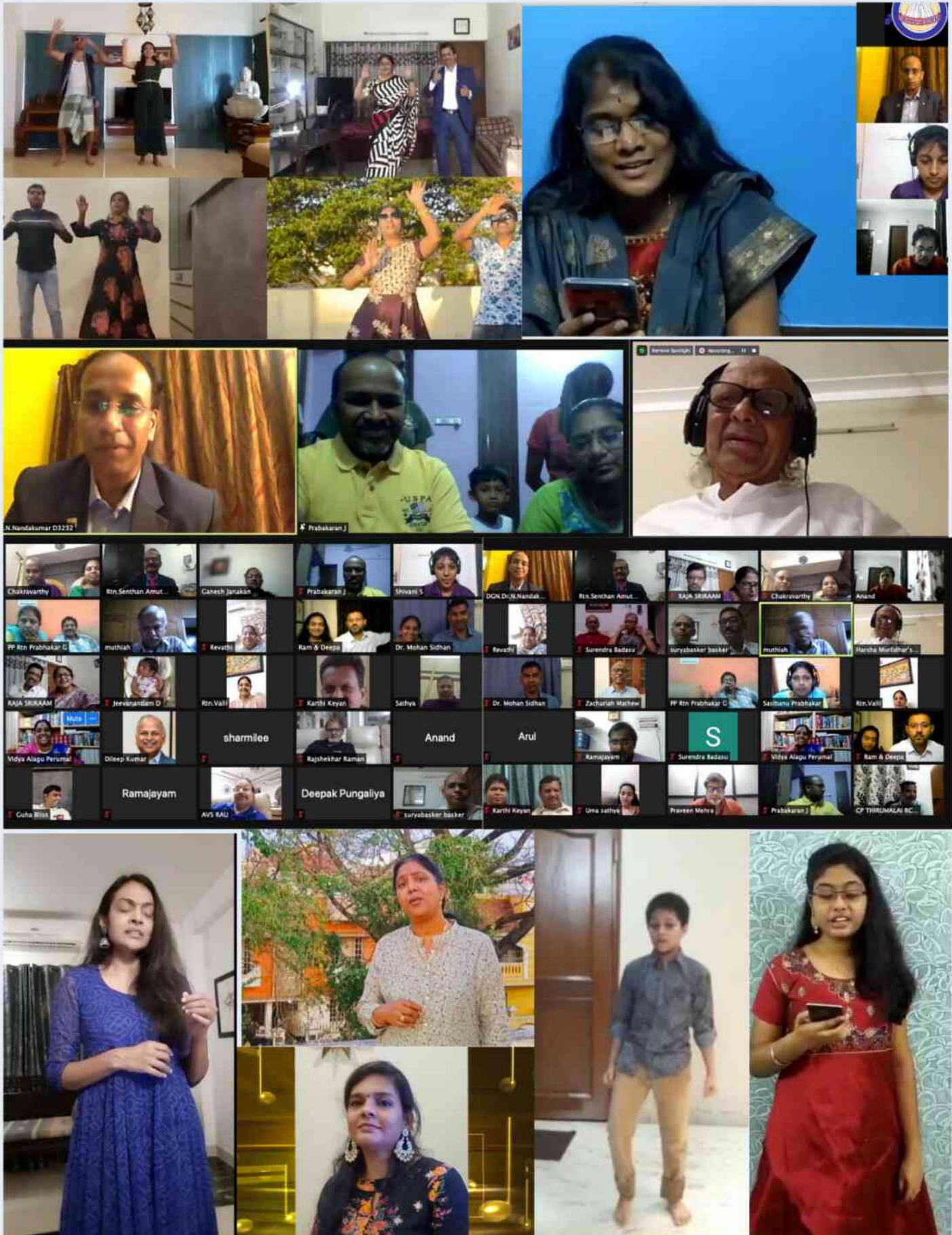
Special thanks are due to Praveen Mehra and Arul for their inspiring heartfelt messages. The contributions by the Charter Nite Committee members President Chakravarthy, Muthiah, Prabhakar, Sathyanarayanan, Paresh and Guhaprakash were appreciated by the members.

Founder and charter president Hemachandru (**in white kurta**) made a special appearance and said that he was happy with the club even after 28 years.

He enjoyed every minute of the programme. 'For 28 years, our club maintains its dignity, fellowship and service. Anybody will be willing to be part of this club, he said.

District Governor Nominee Dr. N. Nandha Kumar (**in grey coat**) was the chief guest, he was introduced by President Nominee N. Anand. The occasion ended with the induction of J. Prabhakaran (**yellow t-shirt**) by DGN.

Theme Songs, Dance & An Induction...





Rotaract/ Club Events

Signing Off with 50 Projects



In the blink of the eye there came an end for our Rotaract journey. We the rotaractors of the Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women came together officially on the occasion of our 26th DRR Visit **Sayonara** - Reliving for one last time on the May 14th on zoom.

Sayonara was graced with the presence of our Chief Guest Rtr. PP B. Anbarasu, District Rotaract Representative 2020-21, Guest of Honour B. Chakravathy, President Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna and Youth Service Director, Ram Kevalur, Special Invitee Rtr. PP G. Kamuvell, District Rotaract Representative Elect 2020-21, Rtr. PP Gowtham Raj, District Rotaract Representative Nominee 2020-21 and by Rtr. PP Essaki Sekar, District Rotaract Secretary.

The event started with the invocation song followed by the self collaring and the presidential address by President N. Nandini. A presentation was made by Secretary S. Ramiyashree on all the 50 projects done during the Rotary Year 2020-21.

All the projects were recognized by the DRR and the other dignitaries followed by each of their addresses, which turned out to be inspiring and informative. "Every ending, signals a new prosperous beginning" denoting this the incoming President and Secretary for the Rotary Year 2021-22 were announced by the Revered Faculty Coordinators of The Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women. The day came to an end by Secretary Ramiyashree thanking everyone who had played a great role in making the Rotary Year 2020-21 a grand success.

Pattinathars Feed 2,000 Covid Warriors & Patients



Inspired by green Rotarian Guhaprakash, past President of **Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna** K. Vallekkannu also provided food to **1,000 more frontline warriors** including CoVID-19 patients at Government GH on May 21. It happened to be her daughter Anusha's birthday.



RC Aireborough News

Gives O2 Concentrators to Covid Patients



At the beginning of the Rotary Year 2020-21, when we received an enquiry for signing a sister club pact with RC Aireborough Club of United Kingdom, we were super excited and immediately conveyed our acceptance. Firstly, it was a new region, we are stepping into and secondly, they also had some projects which were similar to those of our clubs.

In the initial days, we were just exchanging notes and how England cricket team fared or otherwise in the Indian soil. But, soon the topic changed to Covid with the arrival of the second (deadly) wave.

On our part, Chenna Patna club members did not want to do any run-of-the-mill stuff and were having serious discussions with other team mates. Then stepped in RC Aireborough with a proposal to do something in India for Covid patients. Initially, they were willing to pump in about 5,000 pounds equivalent to Rs.5 lakh. Thanks to Ramanathan for his efforts to get the fund.

President Raj Mani enquired about the shortages in the Indian hospitals and soon elaborate plans were made to procure funds from the prospective investors. RC Madras Chenna Patna team led by President Chakravarthy, President Elect Senthan Amuthan, Youth Services Director Ramanathan and Community Service Director Health Vidya Alagu Perumal started listing out the needs of public health centres such as oxygen beds, oxygen concentrators with flow pipes, PPE kits, masks, food and provisions among others.

It was decided by RC Aireborough to donate about five numbers of 10 litre oxygen concentrators and four units of 5 litre oxygen concentrators. Then, our club went on identifying public health centres in Tier-II and Tier-III cities that can be of immense help to the society.

Since hospitals in Chennai is inundated with donations and supplies, it was decided by our Club to identify some deserving hospitals in interior tamilnadu that are doing stellar service and where the infections are raising and the need is acute.

Ramanathan and his team obtained request letter from deserving hospitals. Accordingly, in the first round, it has been decided to help the following hospitals: Kotagiri Family Mission Hospital, Nilgiris, Chetpet St Thomas German Hospital, Salvation Army Catherine Booth Hospital, Nagercoil, Sir Ivan Stedeford Hospital, Ambattur, Chennai and Anandam Old Age Home Chennai. Equipment supplier have been identified and he has agreed to give it at competitive rate. The first lot of oxygen concentrators will be arriving during the first week of June and will be given to the deserving hospitals and the balance the following week.

RC Aireborough members are not going to stop with the supply of oxygen concentrators alone, they are planning to contribute more. More details will be shared in the next issue of this monthly newsletter.



HOLGER KNAACK

RI PRESIDENT
FAREWELL MESSAGE

In January 2020, when I announced my presidential theme, **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, and spoke of the changes that Rotary needed to embrace, none of us had any idea how quickly change would arrive. But I am a long time believer in seeing challenges as opportunities.

This year, we seized new opportunities to reimagine what Rotary could be. For years, we had discussed ways to make Rotary flexible and adaptable, and we had tried a few experiments. This year, we all experimented — and succeeded! Online meetings are a regular fixture now as clubs invite guests from across the globe.

Susanne and I love to meet members of the family of Rotary around the world, and we've missed seeing you in person over the past year. But for me, it was a new way of experiencing Rotary. We traveled the world virtually. I definitely met thousands more of you than I would have otherwise. I never set foot in my office in Evanston as president, yet we found new ways to get the job done while cutting travel costs.

This is the Rotary we experienced in 2020-21: nimble, adaptable, and creative. The next step is not to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. We must move forward. Let's apply what we have learned in order to offer new experiences and opportunities for our members, such as online attendance as a regular option.

We need a younger, more diverse Rotary at every level to keep our clubs strong. What diversity means is different from region to region, but I encourage you to welcome people from all backgrounds. Another step we can all take is to increase the number of women and amplify their role everywhere. I am glad that many now see Rotary and Rotaract clubs as equals.

Take Care Of Our Clubs and Our Friends: They Are Precious

Let's keep going in this direction by inviting Rotaract clubs to be a part of everything we do. Let's not squander any opportunity to reach young leaders, but partner with Rotaract and invest in our many new approaches.

I am very proud of the work Rotary is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combating misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus: the environment.

The world is a different place today from when I first announced that Rotary Opens Opportunities. We can all be proud of how we updated what Rotary can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep Rotary alive and thriving.

Susanne and I are thankful for all the opportunities to serve the organization during this special year, a year of finding new meaning in Service Above Self. We see Rotary as a community of people who live their values by putting them into action. In these extraordinary times, there is no doubt that we must place increased emphasis on service. This is our opportunity to show the world what Service Above Self means for Rotarians. There are so many opportunities waiting for us that will help us change the world. Let's seize them together and get ready to open doors to achieving greater things. And as we open these doors to new ideas, our minds and our hearts also open. Remember that everything we do in Rotary opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.

PHF Rtn. B. Chakravarthy
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Rtn. N. Anand
PHF Rtn. K.N. Ramanathan

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

04-06-2021: First Speaker Meeting 7 PM
08-06-2021: Joint Board Meeting 7 PM
15-06-2021: Closed Door Meeting 7 PM
18-06-2021: Second Speaker Meeting at 7 PM

BIRTHDAYS

Rtn R.C. Srinivasan	01
Annette Akshara D/o. Rtn Sathya	03
Annette Rishab S/o. Rtn Rajashekhar	04
Annette Shivani D/o. Rtn Senthnan	08
Annette Palaniappan S/o. Rtn Muthiah	21
Ann Gnanasekaran S/o. Rtn Ani Grace	21
Ann Sasi Banu W/o. Rtn Prabhakar	23
Annette Bharat S/o. Praveen Mehra	26



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Rtn Sathya & Ann Umashankari	02
Rtn Muthiah & Ann Meyyammai	03
Rtn Ramanathan & Ann Deepa Mogili	19

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