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Transgender Couple Sets Up Tea Stall



Once again when Transgender couple Preetisha and Premkumaran thought of starting a new venture, the third one, they approached Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna for a microloan. This time it was to enable them to set up a mobile teashop and then turn into an entrepreneur.

Till recently, Prem was doing odd jobs like driving a cab and as a food delivery agent, while Preetisha was a theatre artist. Realising that they were unable to meet the daily expenses, they soon ventured into online to sell organic oils, palm sugar and original honey. While it was fetching them moderate returns, they established their second venture -- a fruit drinks shop in Virugambakkam last March, but the Covid-led lockdown, further pushed them into a debt trap.

After learning about the mobile tea shop, they borrowed money from their friends and dear ones. The inaugural function of Maghizham Freshop was done in a grand manner with the film personalities gracing the occasion. Later, a city police official inaugurated the unit by virtually visiting it at Ashok Pillar.

The mobile unit is stationed at Ashok Pillar from morning to evening and later in the day at Koyambedu Bus Terminal. It will offer different varieties of tea, coffee, juice and snacks. **Rtn Vidya, who has been guiding them, has donated Rs.50,000.**

Time and again RCMCP has been extending microloans to small time traders, vendors and businessmen by offering interest free loan of Rs.50,000. So far, it has benefitted nearly 200 beneficiaries.

Education Aid Given Under Operation Daybreak



A cheque of Rs.25,000 was given to **Aarti** by K. Sathyanarayanan under the **Operation Daybreak** on January 7, to continue her studies. Aarti will pursue first year B.Tech (Information Technology) at Shri Sairam Engineering College, Chennai. Besides, **Sathya** also contributed **Rs.20,000 personally**. This is the third candidate to be sponsored by our club during this year. Others are Kavitha and Harini in the month of December.

Of Wedding and Cricket Carnival



From Left to Right: Past President Raja M Sriraam, President Chakravarthy with his wife Jayanthi attended PL Muthiah's daughter Deivanai wedding in Karaikudi on January 25. In third picture: Vishwanathkrishnan completed 25 years of playing cricket at Paul Harris Cricket Carnival.

National Immunisation Day Observed



From Right to Left: Pulse Polio chair B. Surendra, Deepak Pungaliya, President Chakravarthy and President Elect Senthan Amuthan administering polio drops to children below five years of age at the Public Health Centre, Rotlers Street, Vepery on January 31. Pattinathars are seen with the doctor in the first picture.



Rotaract Events



Uyir Thulir, Gifting A Seed



Uyir Thulir signifies rebirth and new beginning. Saplings filled with love and respect was given to the fellow Rotaractors from January 5 to 8. These seed pens were presented to them on the occasion of Pongal. The Rotaractors believe that with these new lives and beginnings, every plant will branch out to become beautiful trees of humanity, kindness and prosperity.

Yatra, A Worthwhile Journey

A journey becomes worthwhile when you face and overcome struggle, this was the theme of Rotaract Club first virtual youth conclave 'YATRA' (foot prints to success) held on January 21 & 22. Many inspirational stories was narrated by speakers such as Smita Sadasivan, Deepakh, Bhagyam Arvind & R. Satish Kumar. They told the audience that being disabled isn't bane and helped the listeners gain a different perspective on their life and it served as confidence building tool.



Let's Greet Them In Their own Language



The project Origin – the legacy of languages was an attempt to learn and appreciate other languages and cultures through a regional letterhead exchange. This project brought about unity in diversity among the Rotaract clubs all over the domain. Ethiraj College Rotaractors exchanged formal and warm greetings, in their regional language with other clubs from December 15 to 17. This enhanced the understanding and bonding between various clubs from other RI Districts.



International News

A Tribute to Tebrau Club Prez Chye



The sudden demise of my co-president, friend and Rotarian of Malaysian Tebrau club KJ Chye has left all of us in a state of utmost shock. We all fondly remember the wonderful sister club pact renewal ceremony that we signed during 2020.

Our interactions with late President Chye were limited but memorable. He exuded the spirit of a seasoned rotarian who was keen on strengthening international ties for the betterment of humanity.

I am sure we have lost an able leader and a great human being. On behalf of RC Madras Chenna Patna and all its members and families, I share personal grief and heartfelt condolences to Rotarian Chye's family and to all of you. While Rotarian Chye may have left us prematurely, I'm sure our clubs will continue to spearhead various partnership programs in the spirit with which he envisioned them. With a heart full of commiserations.

President B. Chakravarthy



Jenifer Jones, The First Lady RI President Elect

Jenifer Jones will be to the first ever Lady Rotary International President, when she assumes office on July 1 2022, in Rotary's 117 years of service to the society. She is going to ensure and encourage more Women to become Rotarians, and raise the gender equality, which is currently at 24%. Like Rotary did for Polio, Rotarians the world over will provide a support system to eradicate Covid 19, to the Government and other authorities.



Jenifer intends to focus and motivate Rotaractors, who are tomorrows Rotarians. She will be guided by the seven verticals which are the pillars of Rotary.

Jenifer has been acknowledged as a very focused Rotarian, who is also friendly, compassionate and affable person. There was a record attendance of 451 Rotarians from all over the world for her first virtual interaction with a Chennai-based club. This is the First time such a senior official such as RI President Nominee has addressed an individual club. The Rotary Club of Madras, chartered in 1929 and is the third oldest club in India.

Rotary Offers Many Paths To Peace

RI President
Corner



In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days. We are often asked: "How can we get involved in peace now?" There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers. During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized women will reclaim their inner strength as peacebuilders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili.

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals, three in Bangladesh, one each in Iraq and Poland, that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people.

I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen.

Here is further proof that in Rotary, we prefer action to words. This is Rotary at its best. I encourage you to visit rppi.ch to explore the projects and support them.

We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and across national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others.

This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that **Rotary Opens Opportunities** to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission.

PHF Rtn. B. Chakravarthy
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PHF Rtn. B. Suryabaskar
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President Elect

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Chair Project Orange & Micro Loan

Chennapathra
PHF Rtn. Senthana Amuthan
Rtn. N. Anand
PHF Rtn. K.N. Ramanathan

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

04-02-2021: First Speaker Meeting
06-02-2021: Fellowship
07-02-2021: Medial camp at Nochikuppam
09-02-2021: Board Meeting
11-02-2021: Virtual Meeting at Karaikudi, 7 PM
27-02-2021: Governor's Official Visit at Presidency Club 9 AM
and Savera Hotel 7 PM

BIRTHDAYS

Rtn A. Shankar	04
Ann Krishnapriya W/o. Rtn Rajkumar	05
Annette Varun S/o. Rtn Rajiv Reddy	11
Annette Vikram Adithya S/o. Rtn Ganesh	22
Ann Priya W/o. Rtn Rajashekhar	23



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Anand Jothi & Ann Nethra	09
Rtn Guhaprakash & Ann Egnitha	09
Rtn Prabhakar & Ann Sasibanu	20
Rtn Chakravarthy & Ann Jayanthi	22
Rtn N. Anand & Ann Divya	23



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