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Chenna Patna and Tebrau renews pact

October 15th was a red letter day for Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna and Rotary Club of Tebrau, Malaysia, as they renewed their sister club agreement.

Having treated nearly 200 children with congenital heart disease at Madras Medical Mission Hospital in Chennai for the last 25 years, both the club officials decided it was time to move forward by doing new projects.



The tone for the meeting was set by Rtn K.N. Ramanathan, our MC for the evening. Logi Dhasan Thanaraj, Deputy Director, Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board was the Chief guest, while DGs of RI 3232 S. Muthupalaniappan and RI 3310 Rajmohan Munisamy were guests of honor. Friends from RC Aireborough, UK also took part. President B. Chakravarthy gave a quick overview of the upcoming projects like TransInn, while Tebrau President Rtn KJ Chye urged his counterpart to get engaged in the new projects. Regional Director International Services Dhakshayani spoke how Rotary can play an important role in building friendships among the neighbouring countries.

Mr. Logi, who is on a 4-year posting to Chennai, narrated the opportunities that existed in the fields of tourism and explained the social projects done by the Malaysian Consulate in India. He said it was time that Rotary clubs also pitched in to serve the society in the some of the key projects. RC Tebrau International Services Director Mathew John proposed a vote of thanks.

DG lauds Chenna Patna for its 'Heart' project



Logi Dhasan

DG S. Muthupalaniappan lauded RC Madras Chenna Patna for carrying on the 'Tebrau Heart Fund' project at MMM Hospital for the last 25 years, which has benefitted nearly 200 underprivileged children up to the age of 12. He also expressed that RC Central Adithya can join hands with RC Madras Chenna Patna and RC Tebrau in identifying patients for heart related projects in the coming years.



Low key Golu at Pattinathars' residence



Masks distributed at Kilpauk Govt. Hospital

On October 10, Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna Community Services Director (Development) Vidya Alagu Perumal distributed over 75 masks to the needy outpatients at the Kilpauk General Hospital. The kind gesture was appreciated by all.



'TransInn Project' takes the first step

Pattinathars along with Neelam Jain of Periferry visited Maharashtra Mandal on October 11 for its TransInn project, a short stay residential training programme for transgenders in Chennai.



Club sponsors B.Com student Durgadevi



Under its Operation Daybreak Project, RC Madras Chenna Patna lent a helping hand to Durgadevi. On Saturday, October 10, our Vocational Services Director, R. Dileep Kumar handed over a cheque for Rs. 30,000 to Durgadevi to continue her second year B.Com course at Prince Shri Venkateshwara Padmavathy Arts & Science College. She's a single parent child.

Iniyavan and his steaming 2,500 idlis



Idli or rice cake is considered as an all-time favourite morning tiffin item for south Indians. It is simple and easy to make. Recently, it made headlines as a British historian Edward Anderson dubbed it as a boring thing in the world. Soon, it sparked a debate and of course, he had to eat his words and top of it idli too.

On the other hand, meet Iniyavan, a Coimbatore-based auto rickshaw driver turned entrepreneur, who is passionate about making different varieties of idlis. If we are able to make 40 varieties, Iniyavan can tell us about another 2,500 varieties. He has broken several records, secured a place in Limca Book of World Records.

His experiment with idli started when he was transporting the batter for a customer in Coimbatore. Later, Iniyavan himself started making and selling idlis to various hotels in Chennai. It soon caught up and he expanded his business venture by catering to mass marriages. Starting with supplying 20 idlis per day, Iniyavan went on to make and supply one lakh idlis at a VIP marriage. His idea of winning customer is simple, go to the venue, prepare idli and serve it pipping hot.

Speaking at our club weekly meeting, he said idli is a simple dish to make using any ingredient and the result will be exciting. "Most children don't like idli. So, I thought of giving it a new shape. This gave birth to idlis made of carrot, beetroot, pista, chocolate, paneer, elaneer. I have made idlis in the shape of Abdu Kalam and Mother Teresa and from movie characters. Kids liked the taste and shape. No doubt, it was a runaway hit," he recalls. Iniyavan ambition is to take our humble idli to the United Nations and make the leaders to taste it. "I will achieve that goal too."

You beat the mallipoo
In the race for white
The cotton ball
For its fluffiness
And the bun for shape!
You are synonymous
With good health
And happiness!
You give the sambar,
Podi and chutney
A special status
When with you!
You are a deadly combo
When steaming hot!
An everyday delicacy
Served with love
And a lot of effort
In every home
That's South Indian!
My dearest idli
my mornings can
Never be full
without you
On my table!
My wishes to you
the one and only idli!
You are the mother
Of all breakfasts!

Idli

♥ Sukanya's
Mindful Musings





Rotaract/Interact Events

Ethiraj Rotaract Club enters 26th year



The Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women, which was started on September 14, 1995, completed its Silver Jubilee run last year.

The Silver Jubilee Year celebrations culminated with the launch of several projects during the year-long celebrations.

During the course of 25 years of service, it has also witnessed many successes along its journey.

The Rotaract Club is all about service, true to its motto - 'Service before self'. It has four different avenues - Professional Service, Community Service, International Service and the Club Service.

The current year (2020-21) motto of the Rotaract Club is 'Learn, Liberate, Lead'.

Here are some of the projects regarded as a landmark in Ethiraj's College Rotaract legacy:

GORGEOUS GRANDMA (2016-17): Students showered love on elderly people in an old age home by doing makeovers.

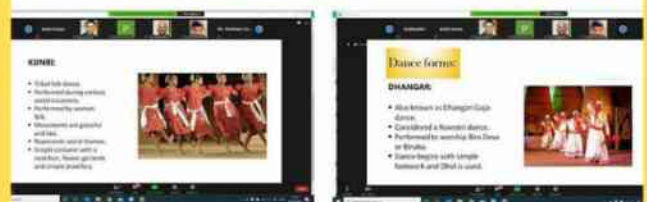
CINDERELLA (2019-20): Young kids and homeless people received pairs of shoes that the students donated.

BLINDFOLDED CONVERSATION (2018-19): Students were blindfolded and asked to strike up a conversation with a stranger. The motto of 'judge less, love more' was portrayed.

NANDRI MAZHAI (2017-18): Ex-servicemen were honored and given mementos for the work they did.

This year marks 26 years of service and it indeed adds a feather to our cap. We are happy to say that our club's journey is a quest of finding the good in others' lives as well as in ours.

It is needless to mention that Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College with about 5,000 members, is the largest women club in the world and Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna is its parent club.



Task Force formed to attract new members



We all know Rotary's tremendous power to transform our communities and ourselves. However, in every community, people have been left out, and we have not made a strong enough effort to reach them.

The RI Directors is taking action to make Rotary more welcoming and diverse. We formed a task force to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to help clubs attract new members regardless of gender, race, religion, age, or other factors. This will help us speed up the change we all want & need.

The selection of Jennifer E. Jones as Rotary president for 2022-23, the first woman to lead our organization, is another step in this direction.

At the grassroots level, clubs drive inclusion and diversity. Alia Ali — who serves on the board of directors at the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization and is a RYLA alumna and past president of the Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton, British Columbia — offers her perspective. I still remember the relief, I felt as a RYLA participant four years ago. I had finally found my people: people who cared as much as I did. All over the world, Rotary has the same heart. We serve our communities and take action where others feel paralyzed by the size and scope of a problem. Let's continue that spirit, especially when the conversation is difficult. Racism, prejudice, and discrimination take on different forms but exist in every country, in every city, and in every person.

How do we root it out? As a diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, I help organizations create a culture that empowers and attracts everyone using the power of empathy.

When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world differently.

We can apply The Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make? I made a heartbreaking choice between Rotary and my religion when a Rotary convention was held during Ramadan.

I wondered: When we ask if this is fair and beneficial to all concerned, did that not include me as a Muslim? Would the convention ever be held over Easter?

Only by asking difficult questions can we begin the work of creating a more inclusive and diverse Rotary.

We already connect so many people across the world. Imagine the possibilities when we bring even more people along for the ride.

That's the future of Rotary I want to see: one where we are unstoppable in our service, relentless in our kindness, and intentional in the change we want to see.

Rotary has a big enough heart. If we open our door wider, we might find a lot of interesting people with new voices and new perspectives. We already have a variety of clubs offering different styles, cultures, and opportunities — and those who do not feel welcome in any particular club might be great candidates for new clubs created on different models.

It's important that we make sure every new Rotary member is a good fit for their club. Rotary Opens Opportunities through diversity.

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Rtn. N. Anand
PHF Rtn. K.N. Ramanathan

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

06-11-2020: First Speaker Meeting

10-11-2020: Board Meeting

20-11-2020: Second Speaker Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Rtn Pattabiraman	04
Rtn Karthikeyan	06
Rtn Guhaprakash	08
Annette Kamale D/o. Rtn Srinivasan	18
Ann Meera Pattabiraman	19
Annette Krithika D/o. Rtn Anand Jothi	21
Annette Boomika D/o. Rtn Srinivasan	22
Ann Jagathambal W/o. Rtn Srinivasan	22
Annette Divya D/o. Rtn Dhanalakshmi	23
Rtn Chakravarthy	24
Ann Revathi W/o. Rtn Karthikeyan	26
Annette Sudheer S/o. Rtn AVS Rau	29



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Pattabiraman & Ann Meera	18
Rtn Vidya & Spouse Alagu Perumal	22



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