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Chenna Patna 'heart' beats for Tebrau

Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna is just few steps away from renewing its sister club agreement with Rotary Club of Tebrau, Malaysia.

Both these clubs were established during the early 1990's and the common link between them is the Tebrau Heart Fund Project, through which RC Madras Chenna Patna has been treating children with congenital heart disease at a subsidised rates at Madras Medical Mission Hospital since 2000.



Tebrau President KJ Chye

In the initial stages, Tebrau used to identify the patients and send them to Chennai for treatment. With the establishment of new hospitals in Malaysia, they handed over the responsibility to our club in identifying and treating the underprivileged children. So far, the fund has benefitted about 200 children.

After taking over as Tebrau President KJ Chye expressed his interests in renewing sister club ties. When the idea was mooted to our International Services Director and to the board members, it was soon lapped by all. This was followed by a joint meeting of key officials on September 17.

President B. Chakravarthy was quick enough to build rapport with Rtn Chye. Past president Muthiah traced the history of both the clubs. It was interesting to note that some of our members had participated in Tebrau installation programme some years ago. On the other hand, Tebrau officials had also visited Chennai and more recently its PP Raman Veloo. Rtn Chye mooted a joint fellowship at Bangkok.

Chenna Patna bags Platinum Citation for 2019-20



RC Madras Chenna Patna bagged the coveted Platinum Citation for the Rotary Year 2019-20. President B. Suryabaskar and Secretary N. Anand were at the helm during that period and said that it was a tremendous achievement for RCMCP given that nearly six months was lost due to the pandemic. Suryabaskar lauded avenue directors, project chairmen and other Rotarians for their immense contributions.

For Pattinathars 'Fitness' is top priority



When it comes to fitness, Pattinathars are second to none. Be it walking, jogging, running, cycling, swimming, playing cricket, football or table tennis.

Last week, Fellowship of Fitness Loving Rotarians (FFLR) announced its fourth edition of Alertathon for five days from September 9 to 14.

FFLR received over 300 registrations, of which more than a dozen registrations came from the Pattinathars. It included eight Rotarians, four Anns and two Annettes. Most of them preferred to walk the extra mile all these five days wearing mask, while our past president Prabhakar and Annette Haryshwa preferred to cycle all the way. "For the last three years, we have been assembling at one place and ran the Alertathon for two kms, three kms and five kms respectively. This year, due to the pandemic, we decided to record the event through a mobile App. We Asked the participants to run, walk, jog or cycle in an area chosen by them at a time and duration suitable to them," said G. Prabhakar, chairman, FFLR.

"Heart & Silk" goes hand in hand for Pattinathars

First lady Jayanthi Chakravarthy took part in the 'Silks of India' competition held on Sept 27. About 109 ladies draped themselves in different sarees to show their favourite theme. Jayanthi showcased Kanchipuram silk sari.



President Chakravarthy and Community Service Director Health Vidya took part in the 'World Health Day' seminar organised on September 27. Chenna Patna was one of the few participating clubs in which Padmashri Vijay Amritraj was the chief guest. Six reputed cardiologists from different parts of India addressed the members.





Sister Club News Virtual Exchange of Flags



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During the month of July 2020, Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna entered into a sister club pact with UK-based Rotary Club of Aireborough. Presidents of Madras Chenna Patna B. Chakravarthy and Aireborough Raj Mani displayed the flags symbolising virtual exchange.

Cataraqui-Kingston kicks off F.A.R. project

The official 'kick-off' announcement for the Rotary F.A.R. project took place on September 12 in Canada, for which Rotary clubs of Madras Chenna Patna, Madras, Madras East, Madras Central & Madras Coromandel were the major contributors. It also marked the centenary celebrations of RC Cataraqui-Kingston. The function lasted for an hour.



The project involves the financing of a counsellor position with Pathways to Education (low income communities across Canada) project to assist school graduates to get through high school. Upon their graduation, the club intend to assist them in finding full time meaningful employment. Financing for this position as well as a student alumni co-ordinator is provided for three days/week for the next three years.



Rotaract/Interact Events Rotaract Club installs new officers



Rotaract Club of Madras Chenna Patna had its installation programme for the Rotary Year on September 19th. Mohammed Raja exchanged collar with incoming president Mohammed Ovaiss Nabeel.



Ethiraj College launches 'three' new projects



Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women conducted three projects during the month of September. It included orientation course for the Green Rotaractors, a stress interview and finally a photo-cum-poetry competition.

Cicerone: The Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women set in motion its first virtual orientation Cicerone on September 19th. It was attended by 1,450 Green Rotaractors. The Green Rotaractors were illuminated about Rotaractors through sessions led by three prominent speakers: Rtn Solomon Victor, Rtr Sheik and Rtr Ansar.

Rever: The project Rever -- Dream it. Believe it. Build it -- was a fulfilled learning session for the participants. It was a two day event where on the first day a stress interview was conducted for the students.

It was judged by Mr Sharan, which boosted the confidence of the participants. The second day began with training a session by Mr. Gurubharan, a Human Resources person from Tata Consultancy Services.

It was very insightful session for the listeners after which there was a live interview conducted for the finalists of the stress interview, the contestant of the previous day. The winners were then later awarded with medals. It benefitted over 540 Rotaractors.



Pratiraksha: It was a month long project where various competitions like poetry, photography and slogan writing was conducted. On September 24th, a "know it all session" was held, where two honourable speakers Captain Jasmeet Chauhan and Sathya Nair, Air Force veteran joined us and acquainted us with some defence insights. At the end of the session the judges -- Aathish for photography and Ms Hridhyanka for poetry -- announced the winners. It was attended by 687 Rotaractors.



Rotaract/Interact Events

Swami Dayananda Rotary HSS goes digital



Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School is one of the three interact schools which is under the parentage of Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna.

It was constructed in the year 2005 to provide a holistic educational set up for the children of Tsunami ravaged town of Kadalur. The fishermen sought a school instead of fibre boats. Immediately, a land was procured to build the first school block, followed by toilets, computer lab, library and then an RO plant. The list of contributions made by our club is impressive and has sustained over the last 15 years.

Our club and a couple of other Rotary clubs have mostly supported on capital investments, while the operational expenses are managed using student fees and donations from Aim for Seva, an arm of Swami Dayananda Foundation.

As of end of the academic year 2019-20, the school has about 700 students, 35 teachers, five school buses and is considered as a very prestigious matriculation school in the area. The school registered 100% results in the 10th and 12th board exams.

Corona has definitely had its share of impact on the school. Lack of digital infrastructure has made it difficult for the school to be effective in imparting remote education to its students. Rc Madras Chenna Patna is presently working with the school authorities to provide laptops, enhance infrastructure and train its teachers to impart quality remote education.

Last month, the parent club helped train the teachers on various tools and techniques associated with online education. On Sept 29th, the club donated two laptops to help teachers be effective and impactful with remote teaching. Eight more laptops will be distributed next month. Rtn Ram, Ann Deepa and Rtn Senthan Amuthan personally handed over the laptops.



Rotary is a platform to change the world



During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary — and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry — who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club. Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs. We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections — through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships — in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club. Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members.

This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States. Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects.

For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people.

It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience.

I am excited for our future.

All Rotary clubs have the opportunity to be innovative clubs, just like Bec's club. Let's trust those clubs, learn from them, and lend them our support. Change in Rotary happens at the grassroots level, as clubs lead the charge, defining what this new Rotary can be. Change is constant, and we have more work to do in many areas.

It is important that we celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds and promote people from underrepresented groups so that they have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders in Rotary. The tools to make Rotary more inclusive, more relevant, and more fun for everyone are at our fingertips. Let's use them now, and we will see how Rotary Opens Opportunities for ourselves and for those yet to discover us.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

08-10-2020: First Speaker Meeting

13-10-2020: Board Meeting

22-10-2020: Second Speaker Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

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| Annette Tharun Kumar S/o. Rtn Harikumar | 01 |
| Rtn Dhanalakshmi | 05 |
| Rtn Raja Sriraam | 05 |
| Annette Aarthi D/o. Rtn Saptagiri | 06 |
| Rtn Suryabaskar | 07 |
| Rtn Ani Grace | 13 |
| Annette Devesh S/o. Rtn Anand Jothi | 14 |
| Rtn Arul | 16 |
| Ann Salaivani D/o. Rtn Arul | 16 |
| Ann Sumitra W/o. Rtn Shankar | 16 |
| Rtn Dileep Kumar | 18 |
| Rtn Anand Jothi | 19 |
| Annette Rujula D/o. Rtn Rajkumar | 21 |
| Annette Udhayshankar S/o. Rtn Surendra | 23 |
| Ann Deepa Mogili W/o. Rtn Ramanathan | 23 |
| Ann Usha W/o. Rtn Surendra | 24 |
| Ann Rama W/o. Rtn AVS Rau | 24 |
| Rtn Sathyanarayanan | 25 |
| Annette Ankit S/o. Rtn Sathyanarayanan | 27 |
| Annette Nivedita D/o. Rtn Dileep Kumar | 28 |
| Annette Rithwik S/o. Rtn Rajashekhar | 31 |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Rajiv Reddy & Ann Annapurna 07

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