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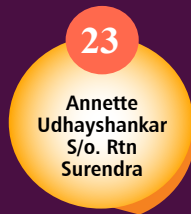
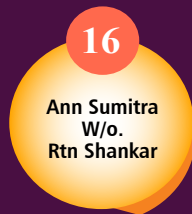
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RC MADRAS CHENNA PATNA HONOURS 6 TEACHERS

On September 5th, Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna honoured as many as six teachers with 'Best Teacher Award' as part of its Teacher's Day celebrations.

In all, it honoured three teachers, a headmaster and two vice-principals. Rotary International District 3232 District Governor Nominee Ravi Raman gave away the citations, while RI District Vocational Service Chairman S.N. Balasubramanian handed over the trophies to the winners.

The Club's Vocational Service Core Committee shortlisted six teachers after vetting their profiles and the extraordinary work done by them during the first and second waves of the pandemic. The award winners are Dr. T. Usha Priya, Vice-Principal,



Ethiraj College for Women, Princy Tom, Vice- Principal, Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School, IIT-Madras Campus, S. Raja, Headmaster, The Hindu School, Triplicane, K. Revathi, Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School, M. Mariyammal, Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School and A.N. Geetha, Teacher Hindu Senior Secondary School, Adyar.



FREE MEDICAL CAMP BENEFITS 130 PEOPLE



Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna, in association with Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women, conducted a free medical camp for the general public at Sindhi Medical Relief Centre, off New Avadi Road on September 19. It was inaugurated by Debbie Avilaa Westcott, RI Regional Secretary.



President Senthana Amuthan, Secretary K. Sathyanarayannan, Community Service Health Director R.C. Srinivasan, Vocational Service Director Anand and Rotarian Prabakaran took part. About 130 people were subjected to general, sugar, BP, BMI, blood tests and eye check up at the camp. Radathir Nethralaya distributed free spectacles to 38 patients and recommended cataract surgeries for 18 of them. President Senthana Amuthan thanked Ethiraj College staffers Revathi, Rotaractors and Rotarians for taking an active part in the event.

Mega Vaccination Camp

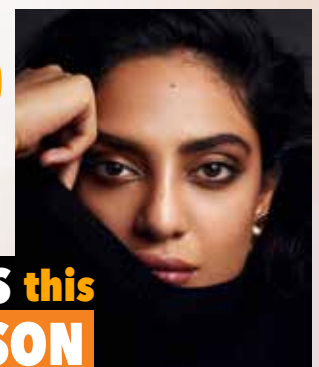


A Mega Vaccination Camp conducted by the Chennai City Corporation along with Rotary Clubs on September 12th turned out to be a huge success with nearly 1.8 lakh people getting vaccinated in a single day. On its part, RC Madras Chenna Patna was allotted a booth in Ward 152 in Valasaravakkam, in which over 70 people were administered both Covishield and Covaxin. The event was attended by six Rotarians, an Ann and Annette, who spent nearly 40 hours.

President Senthana Amuthan thanked Vocational Service Director Rtn N. Anand, PP Raja Sriraam, green Rotarian Prabakaran, honorary member Pattabiraman, Club Service Director Guha Prakash, Ann Egnitha and Anette Kausalayaa Sri for their participation.

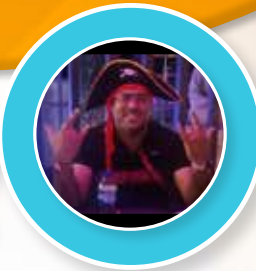


**GUESS this
PERSON**



A TRAVEL BACK
IN TIME IN

RETRO FITS



President Senthan Amuthan and the Club Service team had a unique idea for the first fellowship this year by having the cut out and stand-ins of famous movie stars at Sabari Grand on September 4. It was a well planned and thoughtfully executed fellowship in an open-air setting.



Decor and activities played a major role in emulating the fabulous styles of the 1960s - 1980s. From the themed digital invite to cut out and stand-ins at the rooftop venue, everything was typical retro. Life-sized movie star standees were retro-cool to strike a pose with Anns and Annettes, who were dressed up in favorite yesteryear trends. It was a perfect add on to the retro ambience.

Retro activities included a costume contest and a quiz to guess the name of Tamil movie hit songs based on their English lyrics.

The best-dressed award for retro outfits was won by Ann Geetha and Annette Kavya and the challenging quiz by the paired contestants Ann Sukanya and Ann Meyammai, Rtn Anand and Annette Vaishnavi. Retro songs sung by Ann

Egnitha, Ann Sasi Banu and Ann Vidya Vishwanath were a real treat.

The Retro Nite was very special, a perfect combination of entertainment and fellowship. It provided the much needed break (after 18 months) for the pandemic-weary members. It also provided an opportunity for new club members Rtn. Prabakaran and Rtn. Ramajayam to introduce themselves in-person.



LITERACY PROJECT

The Club President Senthan Amuthan handed over six mobile phones to Virugambakkam Corporation School children to enable them to continue their courses online. The mobile phones were sponsored by Ann Priya Rajashekhar and the beneficiaries were identified by Ann Sasi Banu.

QUIZ? Connecting Rotarians with Kollywood

1. These Rotarians may not be musicians, but they have names of famous music directors. Who are they?
2. There are eight movies having our Rotarian names. Name at least four?
3. Name the Rotarian having a famous producer name?
4. Name the song that features a Rotarian name?
5. These Rotarians have half the comedian names. Who are they?

Board Meeting and Closed Door Meeting



The first Closed Door Meeting for the Rotary Year 2021-22 and the third board meeting of Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna was held on September 16 to discuss the agenda avenue wise, forthcoming Fundraiser event and the accounts for the first quarter of 2021-22. Regarding the fundraising event, President Senthan

Amuthan said preparations were in full swing and necessary permissions were being sought to conduct it as per schedule. He also informed about the successful competition of vaccination camp and a multi-speciality medical camp will be held at Sindhi Relief Medical Centre on September 19.



DISTRIBUTION OF UNIFORM MATERIALS TO SEVALAYA

RC Madras Chenna Patna members distributed school uniform material valued about Rs.30,000 to the staff of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharatiyar Higher Secondary School. Community Service Director Rtn S. Karthikeyan handed over the material. PP Raja Sriraam, Vocational Service Director N. Anand and green Rotarian J. Prabakaran participated in the event. The staff also proudly displayed the sports uniform worn by the school children.

MEET AND GREET

SURYABASKAR



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Ann Sasi Babu is a multi-talented person juggling with home, school and studios. However, her first priority is teaching. In all of the 13-year teaching career, she has ensured a pass percentage of 100% and walked the extra mile for it.

Tell us about yourself?

I was born and brought up in Chennai. I am a soft spoken, enthusiastic, loving, committed and dedicated person balancing the roles of homemaker, teacher and singer.

Let's talk about your profession?

Teaching is my first priority. I started my career as a BT (Assistant) in a Panchayat Union School, near Red Hills, some 13 years ago. After working for three months, I moved to Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary School, Koyambedu where I have been working for 12 years. This school is my second home.

I am a sincere, dedicated and committed person. I am very friendly with my students. I care for them like a mother. I also conduct special coaching classes for them. Till date, not a single student has failed, which is a record by itself. I am also a proud teacher having enabled the school to secure a record number of eight centums in science (2015). Recently, I was promoted as a PG (Assistant) in physics and moved to Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary School, Virugambakkam.



What do you regard as the most valuable thing in your life?

Well, my teaching profession. It gives me complete satisfaction. I thank God for the same.

Can you elaborate on your educational qualification?

I did my under graduation in B.SC Physics



from Bharathi Women's College, PG degree in M.SC Physics (Queen Mary's College), B.Ed (N.K. Thirumalachari National College of Education) and M.Ed (Madras University).

How did singing become your passion?

I have always loved singing since childhood. I started learning to sing from my father when I was 20 years. Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna gave me an opportunity to develop my passion since 2014. I had won 'Golden Voice of Chennai' conducted by Rotary Club of Nanganallur. I also won second prize in the 'Voice of District' programme conducted by the Rotary Club of Chennai Towers.

How many hours do you practice every day?

I don't practice much. I rehearse before a programme. I am always ready to sing Maestro Ilayaraja or A.R. Rahman's songs.

What are the sacrifices you have made to preserve your voice?

Quite recently, I quit eating ice-cream as I experience some difficulties in my throat when I consume the same.

What do you do to motivate yourself?

To cheer myself up, I sing. That is the best mantra. I follow this whenever I want to relax. Singing is the best tool to change my mood even if I am sad or stressed.

Who is your role model?

Obviously, my husband Rtn G. Prabhakar. I changed a lot after marriage because of him. Each and every moment, I follow his advice.



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with the

GOLDEN VOICE

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THE WRITER
& Get a
PRIZE

Tell us about your family?

My husband Rtn Prabhakar has done B.E and MBA. He is a builder by profession. I am blessed with two boys Sandeep Narayan and Kapil. Sandeep is doing his final year B.Tech in Computer Science at the SRM University while Kapil is studying 12th grade at DAV School. In fact, I am gifted to have such a happy family that understands and co-operates with me at every stage. In every moment of life, I am thankful to God and my parents for giving me such a loving and supportive husband and caring children.

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Art has made her a mindful human being; you name it and she knows it all. **Meyyammai Muthiah** who carries a vibrant and pleasant demeanor is an expert in Aari work, zardosi, embroidery, designing clothes, painting and drawing, they are her natural traits. Even though she developed an interest in art much later in life, she's made rapid strides today - it gives her immense joy and one can understand the passion when one talks to her about it.

Meyyammai is also a skillful culinary expert who can do anything from baking to cooking exotic dishes and making traditional Chettinad food. The taste is just not only authentic, but is a total gustatory and olfactory experience. Polio Plus 'Potluck' was never complete without her special non-vegetarian dishes.



Multi-Faceted Meyyammai



During this pandemic period, Meyyammai has begun learning Slokas that has kept her occupied totally. No one can forget her role as 'Yamadarmi' in the spoof that Chennapatna performed at the Rotary District Conference. It was yet another proof of her creative skills in acting!

Born in Kumbakonam, Meyyammai had her schooling in St. Joseph's Anglo

Indian School, Trichy as a hosteler. She attributes her impeccable English, her positive traits and behaviour to her teachers in school who focused on life skills and character building that holds good to this day! An avid learner she enjoys the perfection that she can derive out of her efforts.

Married off early at 17 to the young structural engineer Muthiah, she spent a few years in Karaikkudi before the family moved to Chennai. Absolutely sharp and articulate, Meyyammai calls 'a spade a spade' - and that has been an advantage. She has never influenced or been harsh on the children Palani, Nachal or Deivanai ever. She let them just be and today all



of them have made a mark in life in their own successful way.

Meyyammai has been Muthiah's strength and the couple are blessed with three lovely grandchildren. This wonderful jodi celebrated their Sashtiabdapoorthi a couple of years ago. Many Pattinathars have enjoyed the family's hospitality and traditional cuisine at every wedding in Karaikkudi that's unforgettable to this day!

- Ann Sukanya Sriram

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Ananya and Lavanya are the children of Rtn Shankar and Ann Sumitra. They are not seen anywhere near the Club usually. But, when there is cultural event, they are the first one to volunteer.

I (Lavanya) am the quieter one, with the more traditional features who looks just like my mother, and who quietly gets all the work done. She (Ananya) is the animated one with curly hair and an unique fashion sense (admired by many) and she looks more like my father, who's presence is more out there.

We are very different people as individuals, our interests and characteristics have evolved and changed with the years so it's always about finding that balance in our time with ourselves and our time together. Put us in a room together though and we become the 'Shankar Sisters,' as people fondly call us, a pretty great combination.

We owe a huge amount of who we are and what we have achieved to our family, especially parents who have always given us the freedom to do what

we love and given us the right kind of advice at the right time, whether it was kind, encouraging words or a pat on the backside.

Ananya and Lavanya, (born 3.6 years apart), grew up in a conservative Tamil brahmin family. And true to it, they also had the Thakadhimi Tha and the



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Sa Re Ga Ma Pa childhoods. They passed out of Chinmaya Vidyalaya in 2011 and 2014 respectively.

Both Lavanya and Ananya, have always had the interest and inclination to be involved in as many school activities as possible. If not on stage, you would usually find them on the ground/court, because the other thing that dominated their lives was sports. Football was probably the only sport that they didn't play. Track and field events were their specialty while basketball was the favourite.

Not discounting the time in the classrooms, the cumulative favorites were History, Chemistry, Biology, Economics and Sanskrit and without a second thought, unanimously the least favourite mathematics, which, they jokingly said, still haunted them.

Lavanya had an innate love for art. Drawing and craft classes were her favourite place to be. Ananya, on the other hand, preferred to completely stay away from anything to do with art and dived into dancing a bit more seriously.

While Lavanya did her B.SC Visual Communication at MOP Vaishnav College, Ananya did the same course but at Ethiraj College (specifically



because this institution had the least amount of drawing involved in the curriculum).

At first Lavanya dove into her new found interests in digital art, photography and film and television production. Later, Ananya swam in all of the cultural activities that she could possibly find dance related.

Lavanya found her true passion for dance in the first year of college after she reluctantly auditioned for the High Kicks ensemble, the first step that sets the foundation on which she built her future career option.

This association with the company, and her teacher, paved the path for the next 8 years of her life. She grew in ranks and went onto become one of the principal dancers of the company, helping run the unit alongside her.



She discovered her love for the contemporary style and teaching the art. Ananya wasn't too far behind, she joined the company soon after, as she already possessed the relevant experience and love for the art and swiftly became a part of the primary dancers of the company. This opened many opportunities and they got to work in schools, learning to work with children with special needs, create dance theatre productions from scratch and have an entire batch exclusively to teach.

Lavanya did a year in Bangalore to further hone her skills by getting a diploma in Movement Arts and Mixed Media from Atakkalari Center for Movement Arts in Bangalore in 2016. Ananya, in the year 2019 did a dance residency also in Bangalore at Dhurii, another well-known performance space in the city.

One thing that they realized as the years went by was that they would never be the people to be okay with doing just one thing. Their interests were too varied to be able to pick a path and just focus on that, even though that's what people usually say is the smarter thing to do. What is life though without some variety, something to keep you constantly intrigued, excited to keep those creative juices flowing?

Bodhai is the company they started together. It is a company that marries art with decor. It started with recycling glass bottles into decor products but slowly evolved into being a company that recycles. Repurposed and custom art is what the company specializes in.

Check out their work on Instagram under the handle bodhai_art.



"Everyday is a journey of discovery in our lives and this keeps motivating us to leave our mark in our respective field(s) so we touch hearts and help people find love through the medium we try and reach them with."

SPOKEN & SEALED

Tales of THE TAILS



Spoken & Sealed - Tales of the Tails project was conducted by Rotaract club of Ethiraj College for Women in order to help the visually impaired listen to stories with the help of our voice recordings. The Project was conducted on September 14, at Lotus Blind Welfare Trust, Mylapore.

Numerous fun-filled games were conducted, and students were made to sing their hearts out. We had a discussion on each of their interests in cinema, food, sports, etc. And we conducted a few other games such as paper cup building. It was a fun-filled day.

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