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Pomp & Gaiety mark 27th Charter Nite fete

Anns & Annettes fascinate viewers with dance and songs

It's lockdown 4.0. But when it comes to celebration of Charter nite, we Pattinatars never back out, come what may.

The most awaited program was held with a big bang on Zoom. The evening was all set. The members were eagerly waiting for the clock to strike six times to login.



The program was kick started by Ram's emcee, which was greatly carried on till the end. The main show began with a invocation song sung by the young and charming Annette Kavya in a beautiful voice, followed by President Suryabaskar welcome speech.

Then it was the turn of our esteemed guest of honour DGE Muthupalanippan, whose hearty welcome speech was actually big and warm enough to encompass us all. Such a multifaceted personality he is.

The program continued by the melodious numbers sung by Ann Sasibanu, Ann Egnita and Annette Aarti. It was such a magical feeling to hear their booming voices. The dance performances by Annette Viharika and the twinning Annettes Ananya and Lavanya was so graceful and mesmerising. The couple dance by Deepak and Seema was exemplary. Anns group dance and Rotarians Lungi dance were so alluring and flawless.

Well, the piano and guitar played by the talented Annette Shivani and Master Haryshwa took this program to next level. Annette Vaishnavi drew a caricature of President Elect.

A short video highlighted the 27 year achievements of the Club and great work done by our members. Past presidents narrated the hard work put in by their colleagues to keep the Chenna Patna flag flying high.

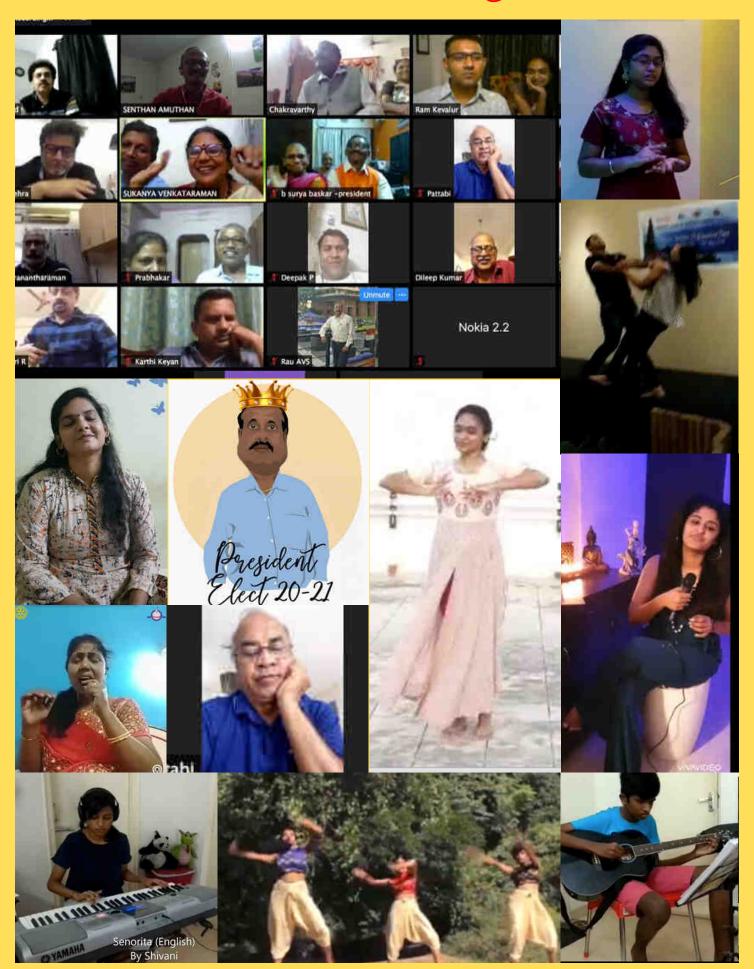
Thanks to our past charter members and past presidents, who worked tirelessly to make 27th Charter Nite a memorable one. Special thanks to Senthan Amuthan, without him this event would not have been completed. The 3-hour programme ended with a short vote of thanks by President Elect Chakravarty. Kudos to the organising team for this memorable digital Charter Nite.

Seema Pungaliya





Pattinathars' showcase talent @ 27th edition







Walking down the memory lane







Covid-19 brings Kingston Club closer home

It was like a blessing in disguise as the Novel Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) enabled us to have a direct interaction with our Canadian counterpart Kingston Club. It helped us to build close rapport with them and discuss about ibreast project.

On May 5th, K.N. Ramanathan was the guest speaker, who briefed them about Covid situation in India and the steps taken to control it.



Our association with Cataraqui, Kingston Club started during 2018 when some of their members visited Chennai and RC Madras Chenna Patna played host. During the interaction, we explained about two prestigious projects -- Murunga powder to increase the haemoglobin level among girls and detection of breast cancer through a handheld device. This caught their attention and they also described about their education project. Very soon calculations were made and each of them agreed to contribute a portion of the fund to take the project to global level.

Till date, Kingston Club has made significant investments in Chennai and this was the first time they sought grants from a few clubs from South India. As they say, rest is history.

UK's Aireborough keen to sign Sister club pact



The first meeting with UK based Aireborough was held on May 6th, with five key members. Both of us interacted to know each other and the projects. What struck was the similarilities between us in two projects -- micro lending and educating the needy and deserving students.

The expansive set of projects that they are engaged in, covering various countries, is quite impressive. We truly believe, we will be a formidable partner for them as they start engaging in India based projects in due course. We are also happy to note that some of the projects we showcased like micro loan and Ibreast piqued their interest.

As the next steps, a formal zoom meeting between our clubs is targeted to be held in about two weeks to forge a sister club partnership and lay the foundation for more international collaboration in the following years.

K.N. Ramanathan





11th Board cum Closed Door Meeting on May 7th, 2020



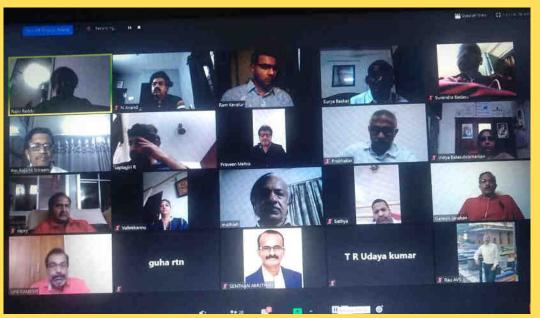
RC Chenna Patna will end the Rotary Year 2019-20 with a surplus in Admin account and President sought members nod either to open FD or use it for next year fellowship or for paying member's subscription. It was left to members to take a call at the Club Assembly.

2nd iBreast Screening Committee Meeting

The second meeting of ibreast Committee was held on May 16, 2020 to discuss about the latest development, our timeline to implement the project, our contribution to the international partner, an MoU with five nursing colleges and to upload the application online seeking Global Grant. It was decided to get the members nod through an EGM for our contribution to the Canadian Club.



EGM held to pay \$6,000 to Canada Club



Extraordinary General Meeting was held on May 17, 2020 with a single point agenda to get members nod for contributing our share of \$6,000 to Rotary Club of Cataraqui, Kingston. It unanimously agreed by the members to ahead with the project.





Chenna Patna lends a helping hand to the needy



Virtual living will be the new norm after the lifting of 60 days lockdown, said Aishwarya, a communication strategist, at a joint speaker meeting organised by our Club on May 26 in association with RC Madras South.

Thatachayini doing B.Com in Gurunanak College was extended financial help under the operation daybreak to commence CA Intermediate course.

Lockdown opens door to yoga and reading

On 31st December 2019, even as an array of firecrackers, lit the sky ushering in the New year 2020, little did humanity realise nemesis hiding in the wings, about to unleash diabolic terror which would bring the entire world to its knees.

Perhaps mankind, backwards had become too arrogant, and the retribution by the powers above was swift and fearful. People were dying left, right and centre with no vaccine in sight.



The new year 2020 arrived. While the medical world bent backwards to try to produce a vaccine, the nations around the globe are under lockdown and most people are imprisoned in their own homes. Since a commodity, always in short supply was now available in abundance, I tried to make the most of it.

Yoga exercises, which had become rusty, I decided to give it a fill-up. Books by Sri B.K.S. Iyengar and other yoga experts were read and fine tuned to the best of my ability. So also *pranayamas* and new *asanas* were added to my regime and practiced.

I caught up on my reading – a biography on film actor of yesteryears Rajendra Kumar, known as 'The Jubilee King', whose films I had seen and whose songs I had hummed many times.

The other book I had read was on Yoga – the biography of 'Indira Devi'. The international author and yoga expert lived a absolutely colourful life for 102 years.

The entertainment world lost Rishi Kapoor and Irfan Khan. Their films gave the necessary spice to help tone the days in the lacklustre world of lock down. Their off beat films were a great source of entertainment to me in the evenings.

Hemant Kumar





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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

As the instructions given by the RI Foundation it has been decided to have all programmes through electronic mode till December 31, 2020.

08-06-2020: Closed door cum Joint board meeting

12-06-2020: Speaker Meeting

26-06-2020: Online games

BIRTHDAYS

Rtn R.C. Srinivasan	01
Annette Akshara D/o. Rtn Sathyanarayanan	03
Annette Rishab S/o. Rtn Rajashekhar	04
Annette Shivani D/o. Rtm Senthan Amuthan	80
Annette Palaniappan S/o. Rtn Muthiah	21
Gnanasekaran Spouse Ani Grace	21
Ann Sasibanu W/o. Rtn Prabhakar	23
Annette Prabu S/o. Rtn Kumaresan	24
Annette Bharat S/o. Rtn Praveen Mehra	26

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Sathyanarayanan & Ann Umashankar	02
Rtn Muthiah & Ann Meyyammai	03
Rtn Ramanathan & Ann Deepa Mogili	19

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