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## CHENNA PATNA IS 29 YEARS YOUNG



**On May 18th RC Madras Chenna Patna will step into the 29th year of its formation. Ann Sukanya Sriram recalls the good old days.**

To be part of a movement that's more than 100 years old, spread all over the world, and in this club for close to three decades is indeed a pride. It has been a blessing to me to be a part of that legacy as a young adult.

Rotary for many of us has been an amazing platform to learn, transform and build bonds beyond barriers. On a pleasant evening in the year 1993, when **L. Hemachandrudu - the Charter President (in kurta)** of our club walked into our home, all we expected was a pleasant evening where we would be witness to his unmatched sense of humour; but it turned out to be totally different. Having known Raja from the time he was a 11-year-old, he is a father figure whose love is unconditional.

He was (and still is) a true blue Rotarian and brought home the proposal of making **Raja Sriraam** a member of a new club that was to be formed shortly. We were married for three years and had an infant. Without batting an eyelid Raja said 'yes' oblivious to what was in store; that step totally transformed our lives.

During the course of the three decade long association we made lifelong friends and our children grew up together playing and having fun with each other.

**We Charter members are still a family that stands by each other through thick and thin and we extend our warmth to the new members who joined later.**

In 2005 when Raja met with a major accident that nearly paralyzed our lives, it was the Pattinathars who brought us back in action by their kindness and encouragement. The entire hospital stay saw Pattinathars flock the room with a lot of care, concern and prayers. I salute the family that stood by us.

Our daughter Swathi was a '**Semester at Sea**' candidate in 2011, was an amazing life long learning for her. Personally as an Ann of Madras Chenna Patna it has been an unforgettable journey of learning to write citations. I do have written about **250 citations for Awards** in Rotary and the first small step has been possible only because the Pattinathar family always believed that I could do it.

Thank you Hemu anna and the Pattinathars! The best thing that has happened to our lives is the day Raja decided to join the Club! **And the beautiful journey continues!**

**(Cover picture: Rotarians and Anns taking part in the silver jubilee celebrations)**



## Transgender Project Gets New Name & Logo



Our next project and the first in Vocational Services is TransInn and it has been renamed as Trans-Skill to reflect the exact nature of the project and its activities. Members were asked to give a new name and logo.

Many members actively participated and suggested several names, of which, **Trans- Skill** suggested by **Dileep Kumar** was considered to be appropriate.

President Elect Senthan Amuthan **designed three logos** and most of them choose the one which is displayed on the left side of this page.

## 1st Close Door Meeting

The first close door meeting for 2021 was held on April 26th through virtual platform to review accounts, pass minutes of previous board meetings and talk about two new projects.

On behalf of the club, President Chakravarthy thanked RI Foundation for releasing Rs.37 lakh global grant for ibreast project and Raja Sriiraam for donating Rs.1 lakh towards Project Orange. He will receive two PHF pins for his contribution.



## NK -- A True Rotarian & A Great Human Being



**N. Krishnan**, charter president of **Rotary Club of Ambattur**, and an indispensable person in Rotary Youth Exchange Programmes passed away on April 24 due to Covid-related complications.

In his message, **District Governor Muthupalaniappan** called NK as a gentleman Rotarian and a role model for many. Under his stewardship, District 3232 got the nod for the International Youth Exchange Program. A separate trust has been registered to take care of its activities. His contribution to Rotary and to youth service is immense. We miss him dearly. We express our deepest condolences to his family members.





## Rotaract Events

### A Rewarding Housefull Show

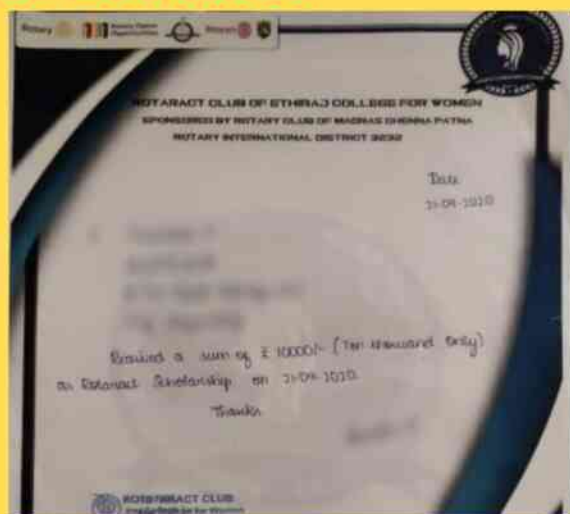


**Project Housefull - Lights, Camera, Party!!** Was a cheerful club service project conducted by **The Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women**. It was a day off, a day filled with fun, a day to reward all the hardwork put in.

It was an experience like no other for a team that supports each other. Being one of the offline club service project, it entailed a lot of talks, games, food and fun. It was indeed happiness that made this project successful! The second Sunday of April was one to remember as it was packed with fun and games and a lazy Sunday movie.

### Kalvi - A Right To Get Educated

Education is the most essential need for every growing individual. To highlight its importance the Rotaract club of Ethiraj College for Women decided to **help under privileged students** and those who lost their parents due to Covid. In all, the Rotaractors identified **seven students** -- six from the college and an outsider. The Rotaractors contributed Rs.93,360 from their savings.



Money should never be a hindrance in developing one's career and we as Rotaractors will thereby support and fight for everyone's education as it is their right to get educated, said its President.

### Lockdown Times Story Of Rotaractors



**What's your story? 2.0** was a project filled with realness and sincerest thoughts of everyone who experienced the quarantine life.

The stories of the lockdown story sent in by the Rotaractors of different colleges, age groups and experiences had one thing in common that is their approach to the year long fight against Covid-19. The project done by the Rotaract Club of Ethiraj College for Women was indeed very emotional, personal and successful. It benefitted 61 people.





## RC Aireborough News

### Beautifying The Local Area & Cemetery



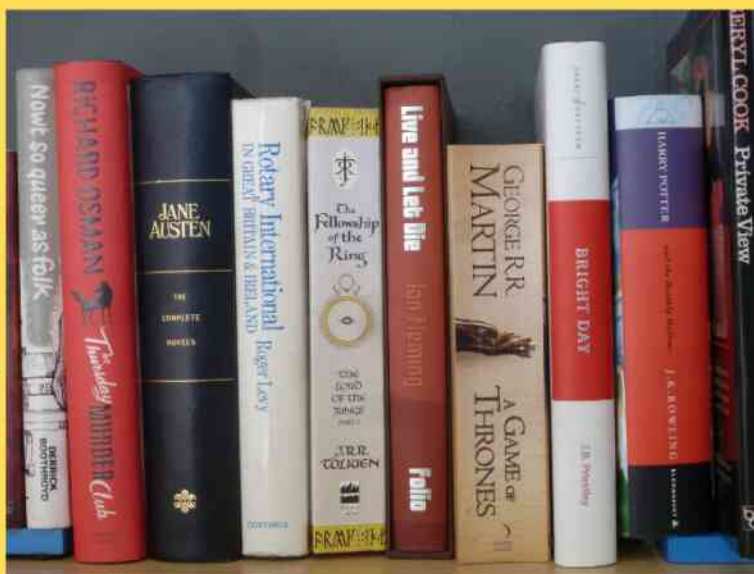
With the **Environment** having been added as a seventh **Area of Focus**, the **Aireborough Club** joined Rawdon and Yeadon Litter Pickers in their community work concentrating particularly on a local beauty spot called the Billing. **Committee leader Alyson Wort** led by example (**Left picture**).

Spring has also restarted the monthly work of Friends of Guiseley Cemetery in their Saturday morning gardening efforts which became a family affair with Rotarians, wives and grandchild Violet helping the team of volunteers. (**Barry Bootland and John Kitching** in action in the right picture).

## Monthly Fundraising & Lunch For School Pupils

RC Aireborough's Annual General Meeting saw the roles of **President Raj Mani**, **President Elect John Kitching** and **President Nominee Geoff Bartrum** as well as all Committee Leaders **continuing for a further six months** because of the pandemic's effect upon the planned programme.

After hearing an encouraging series of reports members took part in guessing whose bookshelves were pictured which led to competitive participation. (**Robert Mirfield** book selection is displayed here).



Eight Rotarians, five wives and three **Friends of Rotary** took part in the fortnight's rota to provide **lunches for 23 school pupils** during the Happy Holidays Activity programme organised by the Guiseley Community Fund.

Our Club recently began a **monthly fundraising draw** called **The 100 Club** to replace activities cancelled by the pandemic. The first three winners in April were all Friends of Rotary and they were happy to support this charitable venture.





**HOLGER  
KNAACK**

RI PRESIDENT SPEAKS

## **New Generations Service Exchange Programme Alters Life**

For years, Susanne and I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary's exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated.

Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the Rotary Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June 2022. As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.

For those who are not able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary offers other opportunities. **New Generations Service Exchange** (NGSE) is a Rotary program that deserves wider recognition: It is an **excellent opportunity for young people** ages 18 to 30 to participate in community service as individuals or in a group and to gain internship experience. **Simukai Matshalaga**, a Rotaractor from **Zimbabwe**, stayed with us in Ratzeburg during her NGSE experience three years ago.

Says Simukai Matshalaga "When I applied for the New Generations Service Exchange program, I did not realize that I was signing up for a life-changing experience. This program gave me that opportunity and much more. It taught me about the importance of failing fast, learning quicker, and being myself.

Some of my greatest experiences happened at the dinner table. The warmth and kindness of every home I lived in still resonate with me today.

It took me weeks to understand how a stranger could care for me as deeply as these members of the Rotary family did. I am inspired by the lessons of humility I learned from all the amazing people I met. I came to understand a new culture and realised that the only things that separate us as people are our experiences and, at times, our false assumptions.

Professionally, it gave me confidence in my own abilities as an engineer. Seeing how other organisations handled problems made me aware that the best person to solve the challenges in my country was me. Returning home from northern Germany, I declined a promotion, quit my job, and began building a family business — a decision that previously I would have never made, out of fear.

I am indebted to the Rotary family. I am not sure whether the friends, mentors, and families I left behind knew that they changed my life permanently. I hope they now do."

**NGSE changed Simukai's life. It can change yours too.** All Rotary members can experience something similar at any time: I encourage everyone to take a virtual journey this month and visit meetings of other clubs online. You will see how different Rotary is around the world as you meet great people and make new friends.

Let us build upon these connections forged online — and later, when the time is right, enjoy in-person exchanges through Rotary Friendship Exchange. Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary's exchange programs will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.



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

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

06-05-2021: First Speaker Meeting 7 PM  
11-05-2021: Board Meeting 7 PM  
18-05-2021: Charter Nite Celebrations 7 PM  
27-05-2021: Second Speaker Meeting at 7 PM

## BIRTHDAYS

Annette Aathirai D/o. Rtn Arul	06
Ann Khushi W/o. Rtn Paresh Khatri	07
Ann Vanitha W/o. Rtn Senthnan	08
Rtn Ramanathan	12
Annette Kavya D/o. Rtn Karthikeyan	12
Rtn Mohan Sidhan	16
Rtn Vishwanathkrishnan	19
Annette Anusha D/o. Rtn Vallekannu	21
Rtn Hemant Kumar	24
Annette Nachal D/o. Rtn Muthiah	26
Ann Anandhi W/o. Rtn Saptagiri	26
Ann Geetha W/o. Rtn Suryabaskar	29
Annette Tharun Kumar S/o. Rtn Hari	29



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Rtn Ganesh & Ann Sharmilee	03
Rtn Raja Marthandan & Ann Deepa	04
Rtn Saptagiri & Ann Anandhi	13

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