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Silver Showers Chenna Patna – Installation of Rtn. Valle

The rays of the sun shadowed on the evening of July 6th, 2017 at Hotel Savera for the installation of the Silver Jubilee President Rtn. Vallekannu and her team. The evening started to gain momentum by 6.30 pm itself with the organisers checking for the precision of the programme. Guests and members started to join one after the other posing elegantly for the photographs and waiting for the captain of the ship, the District Governor Rtn. Srinivasan and first lady Ann. Sujatha.

The proceedings took off on time with the seasoned MCs Rtn. Shankar and Ann Sukanya Sriram.

The lighting of the kuthuvilakku was traditionally done by District First Lady Sujatha and Rtn. Valle and Anns Gomathi, Anandhi and Usha. The presence of Valle's parents added colour and charm to the evening. The formal meeting started with the collaring of the President and an invocation song beautifully rendered by Ann Vidhya Viswanathan. President Rtn Mohan Sidhan welcomed the gathering and also presented his presidential report for the year 2016-2017.

Past President Rtn Ganesh introduced the incoming President Rtn. Vallekannu in a very stylish and suave manner setting the tone of the evening. At a wonderful moment in time that was marked in the history of Madras Chenna Patna, Rtn. Valle was installed as the Silver Jubilee President by Rtn. Mohan in the presence of the District Governor Rtn. R. Srinivasan. Following the installation, the Charter was handed over by Outgoing Secretary Rtn. Valle to the incoming Secretary Rtn. Senthan Amudhan. The Board members were inducted and the new team, fresh and bright posed for photographs!

The highlight of the evening was the presentation on the Silver Jubilee of the Club painstakingly prepared and presented by Rtn. Shankar assisted by Annettes Lavanya and Ananya. Rtn. Shankar had collected snippets of the club that was strung into a tiara of beautiful moments, the 24 glorious years of Madras Chenna Patna was encapsulated into a ten minute presentation.

Rtn. Valle's acceptance speech was crisp and neat, she listed out her areas of importance in terms of the club's priorities and pledged her commitment to the ongoing projects of the club.

The Club meets at Hotel Savera every fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.00 p.m.

Mr. Ram Kevalur was inducted with a formal introduction by President Elect Rtn. Prabhakar and was pinned by the Assistant Governor Rtn. Srinivasan.

Chennapathra, the club bulletin was released by our District Governor Rtn. Srinivasan and the Club roster was released by the District First Lady Ann Sujatha. Foundation contributions by Rtn. Naren, Rtn. Valle and Rtn. Senthana Amudhan were handed over to Foundation Chair Rtn. Sagar.

Two toppers of Class Ms. Nandhini and Master Sakthivel from Kadalur School were recognised and cash awards were presented to them thanks to the benevolence of Mr. Jagannathan, MD, Divya Dharsh Ads Pvt. Ltd., Chennai and the Four way Test board was released.

District Governor Rtn. Srinivasan was introduced by Assistant Governor Rtn. Srinivasan. In his address District Governor congratulated President Valle & team and went on to highlight the high calibre of its valued members. With greetings and a formal vote of thanks by the President Elect, the evening came to an end, followed by fellowship and dinner, typically Chenna Patna style!

There was a galaxy of District Officials, Co-presidents and Secretaries who made the evening very special. It was truly a beginning of a new era in Chenna Patna's history.

- *Rtn. Dr. Dhanalakshmi*



ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PDG Rtn. A Subramanian

The meeting of 13th July 2017, the first meeting of the year, saw effervescent Past District Governor Rtn. A Subramanian (Subu) talk on the Rotary theme of the year, 'Rotary Making a Difference'. Formally introduced by Past President Rtn. Praveen Mehra, Rtn. Subu was at his usual hilarious best, speaking elaborately on the vision of our Rotary International President Ian HS Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia. It was a wonderful experience listening to him as he shared his experiences in Rotary. Rtn. Subu is always an eloquent speaker who speaks straight from the heart and the evening was no different.

Board members Rtn. Prabhakar, Rtn. Rajiv, Rtn. Giri and Rtn. Dhanalakshmi made presentations of the projects of the year.

A new member Rtn. Narayanan was inducted to our club introduced by Rtn. Prabakar. Birthdays and Wedding anniversaries were made note of and gifts were distributed.

The meeting concluded with announcements and vote of thanks by Club Secretary Rtn. Senthana Amudhan.

Rtn. G. Prabhakar



BALAJI DARSHAN - The Trip to Tirupati



It was on Garuda Panchami, Friday the 28th July 2017, an auspicious day for Lord Balaji that our Pattinathars and family set off early morning for a pilgrimage sojourn to Tirupati in 2 vehicles.

After an early breakfast we, the 17 participants (i.e.:- Valli and Anusha, Chakravarthy and Jayanthi, Rau and Rama, Karthik and Kavya, Prabhakar, Ramesh, Senthana, Raja Sriraam, Pattabi, Rajiv, Suryabasker, Sri Devi of R C of Chennai Spotlight and yours truly) proceeded to Tirupati where our Guide joined us and took us Uphill to Tirumala.



We reached the Temple very quickly, thanks to His benevolence we had the good fortune of being in front of Lord Balaji for about 7 minutes and had a great darshan with no hindrance what so ever, our hearts were overflowing with ecstasy, we could not have asked for more.

We also had the privilege of entering the Sabera room where we had the opportunity to see and feel Lord Balaji's Abhisekh Vastram and the Pattu Vastram that had adorned Him and received Maha Prasad.

We then proceeded to Sri Varahaswamy Temple, had darshan and came down hill to Tirupati where we had sumptuous authentic yummy Andhra lunch very leisurely. Our next visit was to Tiruchanur where we had darshan of Goddess Padmavathi in all Her grandeur, after which we began our return journey and reached Chennai safely by 8.30 p.m.

It was truly an enjoyable day indeed filled with good camaraderie. Special thanks to our Club Service Director Rtn. Prabhakar and Fellowship Chairman Rtn. Ramesh for their in depth planning and excellent arrangements.

May Lord Balaji's blessing be showered upon each and every member of the Pattinathar family.

Rtn. B. Surendra

(Rtn. Suri took extra care to keep the group comfortable & make the experience absolutely divine! - Editor)



RI President
Ian H.S. Riseley
 President 2017-18
 Rotary Club of Sandringham
 Victoria, Australia

Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations. His firm specializes in income tax and management advice for individuals and small businesses. He has a master's degree in taxation law and graduate diplomas in accounting and income tax.

Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and involved in Sea Scouts and sporting groups, as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees.

He and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.



**ROTARY:
 MAKING A
 DIFFERENCE**

In 2017-18, while answering to the question "What is Rotary?" President - elect Ian H.S. Riseley spoke on the theme, Rotary: Making a Difference. "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives - in ways large and small - for the better."

INTERACT INSTALLATION



The Installation of the Interact Club of Vana Vani Mat. School was held on where 25th July 2017 presence of the Chief Guest Rtn. Devi Krishna, Dist. Associate Chairman - Interact.



ROTARACT INSTALLATION

The Installation of the Rotaract Club of Ethiraj college was held on 26th July 2017 where Rtr. Monisha was collared as President And Rtr. Janani as Secretary in the august presence of the Chief guest PDG Rtn. Natarajan Nagoji and DRR Rtr. Dhanakodi

MY JOB TALK – Rtn. Murali Ananthan

For a green Rotarian, Rtn. Murali was an enthusiastic speaker who came forward to talk about his career, opening up to the Pattinathars his life experiences in his profession on Thursday, 27th July 2017 at Hotel Savera.

Rtn, Murali started his career as a programmer in Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. He then got a job opportunity to work in Saudi Arabia. He mentioned that working in the Gulf was not easy, one has to sacrifice a lot, staying away from the family and living a life of a bachelor. Very soon he came back to Chennai for a stint at Nucleus Software Ltd. With commitment and effort he moved to Singapore on promotion as Project Head.

He narrated how it was very difficult to work in Singapore as the Chinese were task masters and then subsequently moved to Chennai as Project Head at Accenture. He said each job was a learning by itself.

With the expertise and knowledge he gained, he and his friends decided to start a company of their own. Right now they are into HR recruitment, BPO and have an ITC and TATA dealership.

It was an interesting speech that was well received.



Rtn. K. Vallekkannu
President

Rtn. Mohan Sidhan
Immediate Past President

Rtn. Prabhakar. G
President Elect

Rtn. G. Senthnan Amuthan
Secretary

Rtn. Paresh Khatri
Treasurer - Admin

Rtn. P. L. Muthiah
Treasurer - Trust

Rtn. Prabhakar. G
Director Club Administration

Rtn. Vidhya Kannan
Director Community Ser. (Dev.)

Rtn. Udhay Kumar
Director Community Ser. (Health)

Rtn. Mohan Sidhan
Director Youth Service

Rtn. Suriya Baskar
Director Vocational Service

Rtn. Rajiv Reddy
Director International Service

Rtn. Praveen Mehra
Rtn. R. Dileep Kumar
Sergeants - At - Arms

Chennapathra
Ann Sukanya Sriram
Ann Priya Rajshekhar
Rtn. Surendra B
Rtn. Dr. Dhanalakshmi K R
Rtn. Prabhakar G
Rtn. Dileep Kumar R
Rtn. Senthnan Amuthan G

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 02.8.2017 : Interact Club of Hindu Senior Sec. School **Installation**
- 03.8.2017 : **Weekly Meeting** - Speaker I. S. A. K. Nazar PDG
- 05.8.2017 : **Projects** : 1.Installation of Napkin Vending Machine & Incinerator
at Kadalur School
2. Paradise Home Visit.
- 06.8.2017 : Rotaract Club of Chenna Patna **Installation**
- 08.8.2017 : **2nd Board Meeting** at Rajiv Reddy's Office.
- 11.8.2017 : Rotary Club of Chennai Serenity **Installation.**
- 12.8.2017 : **Movie Fellowship**
- 19.8.2017 : **District Event** : Smile Chennai at SRMC,
Multi District Conclave on Peace & Fellowship.

SUNSHINE

Rtn. Senthnan Amuthan & Ann. Vanitha	Rs.500
Rtn. Surendra & Ann. Usha	Rs.500
Annette Kapil s/o Rtn. Prabhakar	Rs.500
Rtn. Rajshekhar R.	Rs.500

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Rtn. Vidya R	8
Annette Riodhi Maheshwari D/o Rtn. Navin Maheshwari	15
Ann Anusha W/o Rtn. Naren Reddy	19
Ann Anitha W/o.Rtn. Dileep Kumar R.	20
Ann Seema W/o.Rtn. Deepak Pungaliya	20
Ann Gomathi W/o.Rtn.Mohan Sidhan	21
Rtn. Senthnan Amuthan	22
Annette Seshang S/o. Rtn. SPR Ramesh	23

OCTOBER

Annette H.Thaman Kumar S/o Harikumar	1
Rtn. Dr. KR Dhanalakshmi	5
Rtn. Raja M. Siraam	5

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Rtn.Karthikeyan&AnnRevathi	7
Rtn.Ramesh&AnnGandhimathi	8
Rtn.Shankar&AnnSumitra	9
Rtn.Vallekkannu&AnnKanna	16