



## Chakravarthy is Chenna Patna's 28th President

On 9th July, **B. Chakravarthy** assumed charge as the 28th President of Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna. He succeeds B. Suryabaskar.

Chakravarthy is an electrical engineer from Anna University. He joined the Indian Railways in 1980 and worked at Trivandrum unit for about 15 years and then gave up his job to start his own electrical contracting company 'S.S. Electricals India Pvt. Ltd.' which does complete infrastructure work for IT firms, IIT Madras Research Park, star hotels, multiplexes and multinational companies.



An expert in energy studies, with an experience of about 50 years in the field, Chakravarthy is an accredited Energy Manager certified by the Union Ministry of Power. He is also an accredited Energy and Safety consultant. Rail India Technical Economic Services deputed him to Iraq for two years to manage its operations and maintenance management of electrical systems.

A soft spoken person, Chakravarthy describes himself as a 'simple, law abiding citizen'. He enjoys visiting historical temples during his leisure time. He is married to Jayanthi, a homemaker and a director in his company.

The couple are blessed with two lovely children, daughter Sandhya is on maternity leave and son Saikiran, who has completed his Masters in Advanced Engineering Practices at Australia and doing his internship at Adelaide.

**Sukanya Sriraam/ N. Anand**



## From the desk of DG Muthu Palaniappan

**My Dear Fellow Rotarians,**

Greetings to you.

'Rotary opens Opportunities' is so prophetic as we step into a new world order where the 'new normal' sets the pace for an amazing year of Rotary!

Our commitment to serve the community has become greater and our responsibilities have become bigger as we groom ourselves to adapt to the change.

Let us begin our POWERPLAY to touch lives and lead by example!

Rotary with an enriching history of 115 years has stood the test of time, and we are all in the game of creating one more. We will remain forever as the game changers in the pages of Rotary and let's look forward to make this an amazing story for our future generations!

*(Muthu Palaniappan took over as DG from Chandramohan on July 4th, 2020.)*



## Rotary Opens Opportunities. RIP Holger Knaack



This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure.

In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal. Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work.

People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning. All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed.

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## RIP Holger Knaack on CoVID...

The world is changing rapidly. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype.

Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future. The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary that the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times — to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done. The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come.

**Holger Knaack,**

**President, Rotary International 2020-21**

## Installation of Chenna Patna's 27th President





## Know Your RI President and RI 3232 District Governor



**Holger Knaack** is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

Knaack holds a degree in business administration from the University of Applied Sciences Kiel.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

For six years, he also served as Chairman of Rotary Youth Exchange Germany.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek.

Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society. Knaack is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, a member of the Paul-Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

Married to Susanne for 43 years, the couple has hosted more than 40 Rotary Youth Exchange students. In his leisure time, Knaack enjoys sailing and playing golf.



**S. Muthu Palaniappan** graduated as a civil and structural engineer from Annamalai University and he is the CMD of Chettinad Housing a 18-year-old property development firm that has its presence in Chennai and has completed projects of over a million square feet till date.

He joined Rotary Club of Madras Central Adithya in 1997 and has served the club in various positions including that of President in 2009-10. During his Presidentship, he arranged grand family participations, engaged Rotractors, formed new Rotract club, made highest contribution to TRF. This along with several other service projects earned the coveted Platinum Award and the Presidential Citation to his club.

He has held several positions in the district teams and to name a few are Chairman Sets 2013, District Rotary Foundation Chair 2013-16, Revive Chennai Chairman 2015, District Conference SAGA Chairman 2017, District Assembly Chair 2017, District Club Services Director 2017 and District Awards Chair 2018.

Rtn. Muthu is a recipient of many awards and recognitions and the one that stands out is the 'Meritorious Service Award' by The Rotary Foundation in the year 2016.

He and his spouse Kamala have contributed more than \$2.50 lakh and are recognized as the Arch Klumph Society Members of The Rotary Foundation.



## RCMCP Office Bearers for 2020-21



PL. Muthiah  
Club Advisor, Micro Loan &  
Project Orange



Raja M Sriraam  
Club Trainer



T.R. Udaya Kumar  
Secretary



B. Suryabaskar  
Imm. Past President



Senthan Amuthan  
President Elect

## Avenue Directors & Project Chairmen



Paresh Khatri  
Club Service



Vidya Alagu Perumal  
Comm. Services Health



S. Karthikeyan  
Comm. Services Dev



R. Dileep Kumar  
Vocational Services



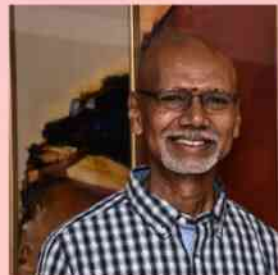
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Youth Services



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International Services



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Fund Raising



B. Surendra  
Pulse Polio



R Saptagiri  
The Rotary Foundation



G. Prabhakar  
Membership



Rajeev Reddy  
Sports Development



Praveen Mehra  
Public Image



R.C. Srinivasan  
Public Image



SPR Ramesh  
Project Orange



Ani Grace  
Special Projects



## Two Green Rotarians at the helm



**Guhaprakash**, the **Fellowship Chairman** is a green Rotarian and joined our club almost a year-ago. He is an interior and exterior executor, who aims at creating a new style with every style. Coming from a family with technical background, he always knew that software wasn't his cup of tea. An MBA by qualification, who chose this field out of pure passion. After learning and experiencing the field for over seven years, he started his own firm '**Bliss Innerspaces**' in the year 2014. Be it commercial or residential, they create a change with change. The company has spread its wings in creating landmarks in south India. He is married to Egnitha Guhaprakash, a homemaker and is blessed with a son G.P. Sai Skandha.

Within a short span both Guhan and Egnitha have made a impact among the club members. Egnitha is very good at conducting game shows and the one that was held at Kodaikanal and Rajashekhar house was much talked about. As a fellowship chairman for the year, we can expect more from them.

**B. Rajkumar**, yet another green Rotarian is the **Treasurer Trust** for the year. He is a civil engineer, holds a Master's Degree in Engineering and a Chartered Engineer too. Apart from specialising in consultancy services of management of construction projects for the last 25 years, he is the managing partner of a construction firm named '**Concreators**'. Besides, he also owns a unit which specialises in manufacture of high strength concrete pavers for container terminals and ports. Rajkumar joined our club almost a year ago. He is a calm person and when it comes to work, he is a tough task master. Last year, he was the chairman for our three interact clubs.

Married to Krishnapriya, who is a graduate in electrical engineering, and now a homemaker.

He is blessed with daughter Rujula and son Adhitya Narayan, who are doing BE (ECE). Both Rajkumar and Rujula are voracious readers, while Adhitya is into fitness and playing tennis.



## Admin and Trust Treasurers for 2020-21



K. Sathyanarayanan  
Treasur Admin



S. Harikumar  
Jt. Treasurer Admin



Deepak Pungaliya  
Jt. Treasurer Trust



AVS Rau  
Sergeant-at-Arm



B. Suryabaskar  
Sergeant-at-Arm



## Mega District Training Assembly attracts 1,000 officers



The District Training Assembly for the incoming officers, avenue directors was held for the first time using the virtual platform. It was attended by more than 1,000 members, which was a record by itself. The event was conducted through Zoom and also via Facebook. District Governor S. Muthupalaniappan sat through the entire proceedings that lasted for two days. On the first day, presentations were made by 17 veterans about their venues. On the following day, break-up sessions were held in 12 halls, with active participation of members. It was truly a rich learning experience for all.

## MCP Club Assembly promises more action in 2020-21

The joint board meeting and club assembly for the Rotary year 2019-20 was held on June 29, with the active participation of incoming and outgoing office bearers, past presidents and other Rotarians.

President Suryabaskar thanked everyone for their full cooperation, completing several projects on time and for taking active parts in projects.

President Elect Chakravarthy introduced his new team members who made a short presentation of their respective avenues.



## UK's Aireborough signs Sister club pact



The Rotary year 2020-21 took off with the UK based Aireborough expressing its intention to enter into a sister club pact with our club on May 19, 2020.

Key members from both the clubs were present at the event. The formal signing of the event will take place during the early part of July 2020.

Apart from signing the pact, Madras Chenna Patna and Aireborough members wanted to take part in several projects during the tough times like the Covid-19 that would be mutually beneficial to the clubs and society at large.



**PHF Rtn. B. Chakravarthy**  
President

**PHF Rtn. B. Suryabaskar**  
Immediate Past President

**Rtn. Senthnan Amuthan**  
President Elect

**Rtn. Dr. T.R. Udaya Kumar**  
Secretary

**Rtn. Paresh Khatri**  
Director Club Administration

**PHF Rtn. K. Sathyanarayanan**  
Treasurer - Admin

**Rtn. B. Rajkumar**  
Treasurer - Trust

**Rtn. Vidya Alagu Perumal**  
Director Community Service (Dev.) &  
Chairman - Operation Daybreak

**Rtn. S. Karthikeyan**  
Director Community Service (Health)

**Rtn. Dr. Ani Grace Kalaimathi**  
Chairman iBreast, Tebrau Heart  
Surgery and Special Projects

**PHF Rtn. K.N. Ramanathan**  
Director Youth Service

**PHF Rtn. R. Dileep Kumar**  
Director Vocational Service

**Rtn. N. Anand**  
Director International Service

**PHF Rtn. Praveen Mehra**  
Public Image

**PHF Rtn PL. Muthiah**  
Chair Project Orange & Micro Loan

**PHF Rtn. B. Surendra**  
Chairman Pulse Polio

**Chennapathra**

PHF Rtn. Senthnan Amuthan

Rtn. N. Anand

PHF Rtn. K.N. Ramanathan

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

As the instructions given by the RI Foundation it has been decided to have all programmes through virtual platform till December 31, 2020 or till the guidelines is in force.

09-07-2020: Installation of 28th President

14-07-2020: Board Meeting

23-07-2020: Speaker Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS

Rtn B. Rajkumar	04
Alagu Perumal Spouse Rtn Vidya	05
Annette Kapil S/o. Rtn Prabhakar	05
Rtn Rajshekhar	08
Ann Sharmilee W/o. Rtn Ganesh	09
Rtn Vidya Alagu Perumal	18
Rtn Raja Marthandan	18
Annette Lavanya D/o. Rtn Shankar	18
Annette Smyrna D/o. Rtn Ani Grace	20
Rtn Surendra	22
Ann Revathi W/o Rtn Harikumar	23
Rtn AVS Rau	26
Annette Sandeep S/o Rtn Prabhakar	29



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Senthnan Amuthan & Ann Vanitha	06
Rtn Surendra & Ann Usha	12

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