



## Social Media : Boon or Bane ? - Ms. Revathy Sankaran

August 8th, 2019 was a very special day for Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna. The whole club was eagerly looking forward to have their humour bone tickled by the most prolific Media personality Revathy Sankaran, who was the guest speaker for the evening.

The evening started on a surprising note with Annettes taking a key role in setting the stage for the debate on whether new mobile technology was a boon or a bane to the society.

Annettes Viharika, Anusha and Rtn Vidya gave compelling arguments on the pros and cons of technology and left the audience unsure of what would be the verdict.

Ms. Revathy was a treat to watch and hear. Her astounding versatility and command over multiple languages left the audience spellbound.

She summarized by talking about the need to be emotionally connected with fellow humans and that technology should be a tool in our hands rather than enslaving us. She regaled the audiences with ample doses of humourous anecdotes and even sang some mellifluous numbers for the group. She also patiently answered questions that got thrown at her. The evening left a lasting impression in the hearts of the pattinathars.

We also celebrated PP Vallekkannu birthday by cutting a cake. Ms. Revathy joined the celebrations with a impromptu song in bilingual.



*Rtn. Ram Kevalur*



## Distribution of Voice Assisted Mobile Device to the Visually Challenged

A Career Guidance Program along with Distribution of Voice Assisted Mobile Device to 20 visually impaired students took place on August 2, 2019. The device would enable them to prepare for board exams. The beneficiaries numbering about 25 are studying in Poonamalle Government Higher Secondary School.

The gadget which comes along with a pen drive will be useful for students to record and listen to the lessons from 10th standard to plus two.



The Career Guidance Counselor described the various opportunities that existed for the Visually Challenged and drove home the message that acceptance level for them was increasing day by day and we are moving towards a more inclusive society.

Now it is for them to seize the opportunities that exist and make a name for themselves.



## Induction of a New Member

Mr. Kannan, a Chartered Accountant by profession was inducted into the Pattinathars family on August 22, 2019. Past President Rajshekhar inducted with the Rotary pin and handing over the welcome kit.

Rtn. Kannan was introduced to the Club by Admin Treasurer Rtn. Karthikeyan. Both are known to each others since their childhood. Rtn. Kannan and his wife Ponmalar have two daughters-- Nivedhitha and Aarthi.





## Educational Assistance under Operation Day Break

Under Project Operation Daybreak, our club decided to help Selvi Pooja, who is in her final year B.Com, Gurunanak College.

The club paid a part of her college tuition fees amounting to Rs. 20,000/- and another Rs. 25,000/- was pooled in by a couple of Rotarians. Ms. Pooja, who is brilliant in academics, lost her father a few days ago and hails from a very economically backward family. This will go a long way in helping her family. Rtn. Vidya, Chairman, Operation Daybreak and Rtn. Chakravarthy, Treasurer Trust handed over the cheque on August 17.



## 2nd Board Meeting - 13th August, 2019



The 2nd Board Meeting was held on 13th August at Rtn. Rajiv Reddy's office. The Directors spelt out their plans and various projects were discussed. In particular the iBreast Global Grant Project was also deliberated.

## Independence Day Flag Hoisting at Kadalur School

President B. Suryabaskar along with first lady Geetha Suryabaskar presided over the Independence Day function at Swami Dayananda Rotary Matriculation Higher Secondary School at Kadalur, near Kalpakkam on August 15, 2019 and hoisted the national flag. It was a proud moment for Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna to be part of the School's Independence Day celebrations.



## Project for Prevention of Anemia launched

Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna kickstarted its much awaited Anemia Project at Pandeswaram Government Higher Secondary School in Thiruvallur District on August 13, 2019.

The programme on 'Prevention and Management of Anemia among Girl Students' was started with the customary speech by our President Suryabaskar followed by District Governor Nominee J. Sridhar, Dr. Kanchana, Principal,



Omayal Achi College of Nursing and by other dignitaries.

As a first step, blood samples were collected from girl students. After seeing their anemic level, proper medication will be given to them.

After seeing the results, this program will be replicated in other schools. It is a cost effective method, conceived by our Youth Services

Director T.R. Udaya Kumar. Plans are on to take it to a larger scale using Rotary Global Grant.

Community Services Development Director Chandrasekar, past President J. Ganesh and President Elect Chakravarthy graced the occasion with their presence.





## Training programme for Interactors

A training programme for Interact Presidents, Secretaries and their Teacher Coordinators was held by the District 3232 on August 3, 2019. It was a well attended function in which the Dist. RYLA Chairman, our own Raja Sairaam also spoke. On behalf of the club, the meeting was attended President B. Suryabaskar, Secretary N. Anand, Interact Chair B. Rajkumar and Vocational Services Director Senthan Amuthan. Interactors and the Teacher Coordinator of Hindu Senior Secondary School took part.



## Heritage Walk @ Madras High Court

On a quiet Sunday inside the lush green campus of Madras High Court, The Madras Week was celebrated by Rotary Club of Madras Chennapatna with gusto by organizing a Heritage walk in Madras High Court Campus on 25th August 2019. Inside the Red brick buildings of the High Court, 127 year-old, history became alive before our eyes. This time travel was made possible by a Senior Advocate N.L.Rajah who conducts Heritage Walk regularly. More than 25 enthusiasts from our club participated to relive the history. To begin with Mr.Rajah took us to the Museum behind the High Court and enlightened the crowd about how courts came into existence, explained the history of the courts and showed us various handwritten Charters which gave powers to the courts. Mr.Rajah mentioned old sensational cases which included Lakshmikanthan murder case, and great legal luminaries like T.Muthuswami Iyer, P.V.Rajamannar and V.L.Ethiraj Mudaliar,



Then talks went outdoors where he took us to the statue of Samaneethi Chozhan, the king who ordered that his son be punished to death for killing the calf of the cow which rang the distress bell, asking for justice. Then onto the Old Light House which was recently renovated. It had small rooms below it which housed the photos of various Legal luminaries of Madras High Court. The Madras High Court survived two world wars and he showed the location where the Japanese plane had dropped a bomb during Second World War. Then the Sheriff office, which was active till the 1990's. Inside the Chief Justice Court he explained the functions of the courts besides pointing out the amazing architectural wonder of the engraved cardboard ceilings and the stained glass works in the court hall. Finally, he turned our attention to the statue of Bhashyam Iyengar and the tour ended in the central hall where we were in awe of the beautifully crafted domes of Indo-Sarassenic Architecture. This Journey that took us through the walls that bore history unfathomable.

*Rtn. Vidya*



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On Tuesday, 18th July at 8 a.m. - Vyasar poga will be carried out at SGAP (under the aegis of Sri Vishnu Mohan Foundation) with the blessings of Her Holiness Sri Rathiguru Swami Gnanananda Sarasvathi followed by the screening of a speech by Her Holiness.  
All are welcome. For further details kindly contact 9566125456.

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## Periyava Puranam Programme



Sri Krishna Sweets in association with Sri Vajaya Ganapathy Temple, Ulagaram has organised Periyava Saranam programme in Sri Vajaya Ganapathy Temple, Ulagaram. Smt. Kharathi Thirumagan, Sri. Thirumagan & Sri. Kalaimagan & group performed Villupattu on Kanchi Maha Periyava.



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## Pattinathars celebrates Madras Day

On Aug 22nd, Kombai Anwar Photographer, Writer and Tamil Documentary Film Maker addressed Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna members on the occasion of Madras Day 371st Year Celebrations.

His documentary Yaadhum, based on the history and cultural identity of Tamil Muslims, won the Bronze Remi Award at the 48th WorldFest-Houston International Film and Video Festival, USA.

He traced the history of Madras from 16th century till the second world war. How East India Company, which came as a trader was able to transform itself into rulers, the culture of those days, architectural rich temples, palaces in ruins, and the vanishing lakes among others. He also touched upon Chatrapathi Sivaji march to Thanjavur through Madras, the fall of Chempauk Palace to Britishers and Coovum river in his 60 minutes speech.



## First Ibreast Screening Committee Meet

On August 21, the first meeting of Ibreast Screening committee was held at Haddows Club to finalise the total cost of project, contributions from our club, RC Kingston, DDF and RI Foundation and modalities for filing the online application before the deadline seeking Global Grant. It was attended by Dr. Ani Grace, Dr. Udaya Kumar, Secretary N. Anand, IPP Prabhakar, Saptagiri, Praveen Mehra and K.N. Ramanathan.



## Installation of Rotaract Club of Madras Chenna Patna

The installation of Rotaract Club of Madras Chenna Patna took place on August 17 with new set of rotaractors assuming charge. Vocational Services Director Senthan Amuthan took part in the event.



## General Body Meeting - August 31st, 2019

The first General Body Meeting for the Rotary Year 2019-20 took place on August 31 at Hotel Savera to finalise the Trust and Admin accounts for 2018-19. The meeting also unanimously elected Rtn. B. Chakravarthy as the President Elect for 2019-20.



**Rtn. Suryabaskar. B**

President

**Rtn. Prabhakar. G**

Immediate Past President

**Rtn. Chakravarthy. B**

President Elect

**Rtn. Anand. N**

Secretary

**Rtn. Karthikeyan. S**

Treasurer - Admin

**Rtn. Chakravarthy. B**

Treasurer - Trust

**Rtn. Sathyanarayanan. K**

Director Club Administration

**Rtn. Chandrasekar. P**

Director Community Ser. (Dev.)

**Rtn. Dr. Ani Grace**

Director Community Ser. (Health)

**Rtn. Udaya Kumar T.R.**

Director Youth Service

**Rtn. Senthana Amuthan. G**

Director Vocational Service

**Rtn. Ramanathan K.N.**

Director International Service

**Rtn. Prabhakar. G****Rtn. Muthiah PL**

Sergeants - At - Arms

**Chennapathra**

Rtn. Dileep Kumar R

Rtn. Anand N

Rtn. Prabhakar G

Rtn. Ramanathan K N

Ann Deepa Mogili

Rtn. Surendra B

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 07.09.2019 : Regular Meeting - Indian Bank Executive Director  
M. K. Bhattacharya speaks on  
Banks Merger at Cosmopolitan Club at 7 pm
- 10.09.2019 : Board Meeting - Rtn Rajiv Reddy's Office - 7.00 p.m.
- 19.09.2019 : Regular Meeting - TVS Tyres Executive Director  
P. Madhavan will address on The Future of Electric Vehicles -  
Hotel Savera - 7.00 p.m.
- 27.09.2019 -
- 29.09.2019 : Outstation Fellowship to Kodaikanal

## BIRTHDAYS

Ann Jayanthi W/o Rtn. Chakravarthy	03
Annette Hari Sankar S/o Rtn. Narayanan Swaminathan	04
Ann. Divya W/o Rtn. Anand	04
Rtn. Shankar Rao	18
Ann Anusha W/o Rtn. Naren Reddy	19
Ann Anitha W/o Rtn. Dileep Kumar	20
Ann Seema W/o Rtn. Deepak Pungaliya	20
Ann Gomathi W/o Rtn. Mohan Sidhan	21
Rtn. Senthana Amuthan	22
Annette Seshang S/o Rtn. Ramesh	23
Ann Latha W/o Rtn. Chandrasekar	23
Annette Adhitya Narayan S/o. Rtn. B. Rajkumar	23

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Karthikeyan & Ann Revathi	07
Rtn. B. Rajkumar & Ann Krishnapriya	07
Rtn. SPR Ramesh & Ann Gandhimathi	08
Rtn. A. Shankar & Ann Sumitra	09
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