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## MEGA STARS SHINE AT THE 29TH INSTALLATION PROGRAMME



**Is it a digital, physical or phygital event?** It was the only question that lingered in everyone's mind after witnessing the 29th installation ceremony of **Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna** on July 8.

The 100-minute programme, anchored by master of ceremonies **Rtn Praveen Mehra** was crisp and faultless. He was ably assisted by past presidents **Rtn R. Saptagiri** and **Rtn G. Prabhakar** who recognised & greeted invites from India & abroad.

**Rtn Senthana Amuthan's** installation ceremony had a record number of over 110 people attending the ceremony and stayed glued to their devices till the end. It was indeed a great sight to cherish.

In all, the programme had not one by several heroes. To begin with **District Governor J. Sridhar** lauded the efforts of immediate past President **Rtn B. Chakravarthy** for taking RCMCP to greater heights with his innovative ways of mobilising fund from overseas sister clubs, even as other clubs in the RI District 3232 was struggling to overcome the legal hurdles. Living true to his name of T20 president, scored at will during the slog overs.

The **swashbuckling hero** of the day, of course, was Rtn Amuthan, a national swimmer, trekker, enthusiastic traveller, coach and event manager among others.

We also had a new hero in the form of **Rtn Ramajeyam**, who was inducted into our family. He is fifth person to be introduced by Rtn Amuthan. At this time DG recalled our mid-sea fellowship and regretted for having missed it. That time we had inducted **Rtn Raja Marthandan**.

**Rtn Ramanathan** was the hero of Rotary Year 2020-21 as he mobilised Rs.20 lakh through his overseas contacts in a short period and enabled the club to procure much needed oxygen concentrators and lifesaving equipment.

The materials was delivered to most deserving hospitals and old age homes in Tamil Nadu. **Rtn J. Ganesh** and his 1985 batchmates from National Public School contributed Rs.3 lakh for the cause and a matching contribution was made by RCMCP.

Members lauded club secretary **Rtn K. Sathyanarayanan**, **Rtn Karthikeyan** and **Rtn Anand Jothi** for starting the year by offering annadanam to the needy, with the former assuring to do the noble working during the first Thursday of every month.

Club Services is the hallmark of this club. Green **Rtn Guha Prakash** proved his mettle by organising delicious dinner to all.

President Elect **Rtn N. Anand** made a detailed presentation about the club's monthly newsletter **Chennapathra** and website. He also said that newsletter was being sent to sister clubs in the UK, Canada, Malaysia and to top RI officials in the US.

DG Sridhar appreciated the Club's newsletter and website and said that's why he roped in Rtn Anand to be part of **Governor's Monthly Letter**.

Another innovative thing was the launch of mobileApp developed inhouse. DG did the honors.

All in all everyone praised the whole programme and **Rtn Rajendran** for the seamless presentation.

Past Presidents thanked everyone and also **Ann Deepa Marthandan** for rendering soulful invocation song.

## Empowering Women Via Crochet Training



On July 31, **President Senthan Amuthan**, **Rtn N. Anand** and **PP Rtn Vallekkannu** visited **Anbagam old age home** along with Mother India's Crochet Queens Founder **N. Subashri** to offer crochet training to under privileged women. **Sudha Ramalingam** of Anbagam was kind enough to provide the premises for this purpose and mobilised people from villages.

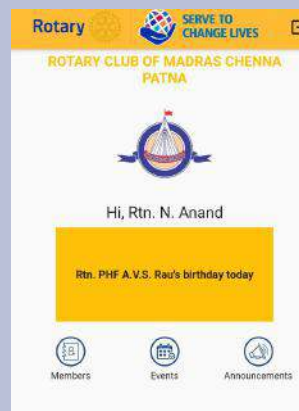


## Yoga, The Fitness Mantra



**Yogacharya A.S. Sreedharan**, conducted a week-long programme for our members from July 18 onwards.

## Club's Own MobileApp



**President Rtn Senthan Amuthan** took the first step towards digitalisation by developing our own **mobileApp** to give details on upcoming events, completed projects, announcements of birthdays and anniversaries.

Currently, App is available in **Android version**. **IoS** version to be launched soon.

## Project: Feeding The Hungry & Poor People -1

'**Feed the Hungry**' has been the topics during the Covid-19 Pandemic as most were left jobless and were scouting for provisions from their makeshift premises. Though **Pattinathars** distributed provision kits during June, it was not sufficient.

**Secretary Rtn Sathyanarayanan** decided to feed at least 100 people on the first Thursday of every month. He along with **Rtn Anand Jothi** and **Rtn Karthikeyan** kick started 'Feed the Hungry' project in three different venues -- **Anabagam**, **North Madras**, and **Thirumazhisai**.



## Quiz Competition



**Rtn Dileep Kumar** won the first monthly quiz competition held by Club Services team. On July 10th, **Pattinathars** were asked to find the page where **Rtn Ram** and **Ann Deepa** song was featured in our website.

## Rallying For A Cause



Core Committee members consisting of **President Rtn Senthan Amuthan**, **PP Rtn Vallekkannu** and **Rtn Anand** finalised **DG Vaishnav College** as the venue for the September car rally.



## Time to Meet & Greet Pattinathars



President Rtn Senthnan Amuthan decided to surprise Rotarians by paying a home visit on Sundays. First we visited **Rtn Ganesh** house, followed by **Rtn Prabhakar** and **Rtn AVS Rau**. Pattinathars were thrilled to receive Secretary **Rtn Sathyanarayanan** and **Rtn Anand**.



The following weeks we visited **Rtn Raja Marthandan**, **Rtn Raja Sriraam**, **Rtn Karthikeyan**, **Rtn Prabakaran** and **Rtn Srinivasan**. It happened to be **Rtn Raja Marthandan** birthday and we celebrated it in his house along with his in-laws.



We thank the following members of Pattinathars family **Ann Deepa Marthandan**, **Ann Bhuvaneswari**, **Ann Jagathambal**, **Ann Revathi**, **Ann Sukanya**, **Ann Sasibanu** and **Ann Sharmilee** for sparing their valuable time and hosting us on a Sunday amidst their busy schedule.



## Board & Speaker Meetings



The first board meeting under the Presidentship of **Rtn Senthnan Amuthan** took place on July 13th to take stock of the situation.

On July 22, **PDG Rtn A.P. Kanna** spoke on the current year's theme 'Serve to Change'. He narrated his own experience, which was an eye-opener to all.

The second was a joint meeting with RC Madras Central addressed by **Varinder Singh Sahney**, on the topic 'Free Air for All'. During the second wave of Covid, he saved 500 lives by donating oxygen cylinders.

## New Member



On July 8th we had an addition to the Pattinathars family with the induction of Practising Chartered Accountant **Ramajayam Jayachandran**. Within the next few days, the couple was blessed with a baby boy. Let's welcome **Ann Pavithra** and **Rtn Ramajayam** to our club.



## Empowering Ann..The Pattinathars Way



The baker



Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna (**RCMCP**) is known for doing projects or fellowship in unique style whether it is an induction programme, mid-sea fellowship or helping transgender. Next in line is the innovative and painless way of detecting breast cancer among rural women.

When it comes to women empowerment, can it be left behind? Even as the District 3232 is proposing to empower girl child and women alike, RCMCP has been way ahead of others by sponsoring tuition fees of girl students in school and college for years and microloans to small entrepreneurs.

Last year, President Rtn B. Chakravarthy decided to surprise Rotarians on their birthday by asking **Ann Egnitha** to bake cakes for them. The homemade cake and Ann Egnitha became famous overnight.

This year, when Vocational Services team is still scouting ways to empower women, past presidents Rtn J. Ganesh, Rtn G. Prabhakar and Rtn B. Suryabaskar came forward to sponsor birthday cakes for Anns too, while Rtn Vishwanathkrishnan and Rtn K. Satyanarayanan for members wedding anniversaries.

Besides, Ann Egnitha, the club has several entrepreneurs like **Ann Sukanya Sriram** wife of founder member Rtn Raja Sriraam is the first women entrepreneur of our club. **Rtn K. Vallekkannu** is a financier and a diamond merchant and **Ann Revathi Karthikeyan** is a textile exporter and she helps her spouse in managing the administration.

Sukanya Sriram is one of the Certified Goldman Sachs Global 10k women entrepreneurs from India in the field of air-conditioning. She owns Technocrat Engineers - that is a Channel partner of Daikin and also specializes in water washing of air-conditioners. She also holds a post graduate degree in management in Welingkar's Mumbai.

In all, Ann Egnitha hands are now full, at least for the time being, as she has to bake over 100 delicious cakes this Rotary year.

There are also other silent 'successful' entrepreneurs in our club, whose details will be shared with the members in due course.





## VERSATILE VANITHA

A conversation with the First Lady of the club who has been a silent Ann all these years, brought out the little known facts about her.

Born and brought up in Chennai, Vanitha has an identical twin and an elder sister. She has won laurels in school as an ace badminton player and an NSS volunteer; she always has been carrying an amazing and sportive attitude towards life.

A postgraduate in Computer Applications from the Mother Teresa University, Vanitha has been a diligent student who was a wizard in Mathematics thanks to her mother Mrs Janaki who was her teacher.

**Ann's Corner**



Her father Mr Rajasekharan, who was a Rotarian (RC Madras West) has been the guiding force in her career choices and with a fun loving, adaptive and encouraging spouse in our President Senthan Amuthan it is no surprise that she has earned laurels at work.

Vanitha has held senior positions in companies like Polaris and Scope International; while at Polaris, she was a distinguished employee winning the coveted Konark award. Currently Vanitha works from home with international clients; she has a rich experience in technical writing in the IT industry. Vanitha has been balancing work and home artfully and the children Shivani and Haryshwa are shining stars excelling in academics and their extracurricular pursuits.

A super mom, a devoted daughter-in-law and an understanding partner, Vanitha still manages to find time to pursue her hobbies of reading and swimming apart from managing their pet dog Milo who was retrieved from the street. Now as the club First Lady, she will put in her best to involve the Anns, making it a memorable year in the history of Madras Chenna Patna!

**Wishing her the very best!**

Ann Sukanya Sriram



## Anusha Dreams To Excel

**Annette Anusha**, daughter of past president **Rtn K. Vallekannu** is an ardent fan of **Thalapathi Vijay**. In a candid interview, she speaks about her goals, gender equality and club participation. Edited excerpts:

**Tell us about what are you doing now and what do you intend to pursue as higher education over the next five years?**

I'm in grade 12 now. I chose commerce stream in my grade 11 as it was my dream to pursue **MBA in IIM**. Right from childhood, my dream is to become skillful in marketing.

**How would you describe your personality and can you share an example of one of your traits that makes you popular amongst friends and family?**

I will describe my personality as a **very friendly, caring** and a **responsible person**. And the trait that makes me popular amongst friends and family is that I'm an easy going person and I don't like self-boasting about myself so, I will end here.

**Beyond education, what interests you in life? Can you share a few lines or pictures of any hobbies or fun activities that you typically pursue?**

Beyond education, I'm interested in **badminton, running and throw ball**. My most favourite hobby is baking and dancing. My most memorable fun activity was in my grade 3, where I used to decorate Diya and sell it to my neighbours and friends during Diwali.



**Who is your favourite Indian actor and what aspects of the actor do you like the most. What's your best movie of this actor?**

**Thalapathi Vijay** is my most favourite Indian actor. I not only like him for his acting skills but I also admire his inner personality of being very grounded, patient, cool and friendly all the time. According to me, each and every movie of Vijay is best and my favourite too.

**What's your fondest memory of participating in any Chenna Patna event? Describe some great moments in a few lines?**

My fondest memory in Chenna Patna is a **trip to Bali, Indonesia** where all of us had so much fun in every part of the trip. And for me the best part was celebrating my 15th birthday there along with all of you.

**Know Your Annette**



## Find The Writer?

**It is time now for the Pattinathars to guess the interviewer and designer and win exciting prices.**

**The names of the winner will be published in the next issue of Chennapathra.**



**As a teenager your thoughts on gender equality?**

Gender equality in my terms is when people of all genders have equal rights, responsibilities and get equal opportunities in this discriminated society.

**Any ideas on what our club can do to maximize participation of more Anns and Annettes in club activities?**

Our club can conduct regular fellowships and **overseas trips** or any other fun activities in Zoom to maximize participation.





## SHEKHAR MEHTA

RI PRESIDENT 2021-22

## PLAN AT LEAST ONE ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million.

Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs.

Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we **Serve to Change Lives**, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing **Service Above Self**?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: **Each One, Bring One**. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation.

You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio. As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women.

Every club should celebrate its new members, and **every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me**. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

***Every Rotarian and Rotaractor should introduce a new person***

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged **Rotarian is an asset forever**. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers.

Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you grow more, you will be able to do more. **Let us keep empowering girls** through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do.

Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a **Rotary brand ambassador**, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community.

Visit [rotary.org](https://rotary.org) to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to **Serve to Change Lives**.





## Malaysia/UK Club News

### RC Tebrau Helps Govt Hospital in Malaysia



When the General Hospital in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA) was in need of medical consumables and life-saving equipment, **Rotary Club of Tebrau (RCT)**, Malaysia stepped in to help them.

During June and July 2021, RCT donated items worth Rs.5.30 lakh (**USD 7,600**) to HSA. It included PPEs, 40 boxes of N95 masks, 12 sets of BP machines & pulse oximeters among others.

### Empowering Under Privileged Tamil School Students



On July 18, RCT President **Dr Edwin Singam** and the Service Project Director, **PP Rajakupal** visited the **Tamil Primary School** in Gelang Patah in Malaysia to discuss the handing over of the SIM cards and tablets for the use of the low performing **under privileged students of the school**.

This is to assist the students to continue their studies without disruptions. School Headmistress, HoDs and the PTA Chairperson held talks with clubs members.



### UK's Aireborough Members Exhibit Parking Skill



Club member and Hope Pastures Trustee Alyson Wort recently asked for volunteers to help once again at their annual Summer Fayre. The charity **rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes horses, ponies and donkeys**.

On July 18, the sun shone and the crowds poured in, all in a cheerful mood making handling car parking almost a pleasurable occupation. A fabulous total in excess of **£4,500 was raised on the day**. On facebook thanks went to 'Aireborough Rotary Club for their brilliant parking skills'.



### Garden Wander grows funds for Polio

Unable to meet face-to-face for some time this was a great opportunity for members to meet socially. Foundation Chair John Moorhouse cajoled four members into opening their gardens for an afternoon. Each offered something different and generated animated discussion and questions.

Opportunities to buy plants also helped the fundraising and a range of refreshments were enjoyed. With close to 50 people making the trek to Ilkley, Guiseley and Rawdon it was no surprise to find that this venture raised a welcome **£662 for PolioPlus**.







## Rotaract Clubs

## Rotaract Community Club Installation



The Rotaract Club of Madras Chenna Patna had its eighth installation on July 14, in which **Rtr Ajay Pradeep** was sworn in as the new president along with new team members. Charter was exchanged between outgoing secretary **Rtr Swatika** to incoming secretary **Rtr Mahetha**.

The Rotaract Club has 38 members. Five new projects -- **Challenge the change, Madrasapattinam, Never Waste Food, Educate To Excel and Care Point** -- have been lined up for the current year, said **Rtr Pradeep**. RCMCP President **Rtn Senthan Amuthan** and Youth Services Director **Rtn Vidya Alaguperumal** participated in the inaugural function along with District Officials.

## Ethiraj Women's College Rotaract News

### IMPART - Upskill to revamp the heirloom

The Board Officials Training seminar, **IMPART-Upskill to revamp the heirloom** was conducted to aid the board members have a coherent understanding of their respective roles and responsibility in Rotaract. The project was conducted to provide utmost guidance to the board members. Aid them to upskill their ability and manifest their aptitude and flair. The number of beneficiaries was 28.



## Lighting Up The Old Age Home



**Watts Up – Amp the spirit**, was our first community service project. It was a philanthropic gesture by The Rotaract Club of Ethiraj to the super senior citizens in **Kaakkum Karangal**, an old age home. In this community project, we successfully reached our goal of providing comfort by donating sufficient fans and lights and then personally handing it over to them. The old age home, with whom we have done many projects previously, contacted us with their requirements of fans and light. We not only arranged their needs, but also spent the day with them.



**Rtn Senthan Amuthan**  
President

**PHF Rtn B. Chakravarthy**  
IPP, Director International Services

**Rtn N. Anand**  
President Elect &  
Director Vocational Services

**PHF Rtn K. Sathyanarayanan**  
Secretary

**PHF Rtn Pares Khatri**  
Treasurer - Admin

**Rtn B. Rajkumar**  
Treasurer - Trust

**Rtn Guha Prakash**  
Director Club Service

**Rtn R.C. Srinivasan**  
Dir. Community Service (Health)

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

**Rtn Vidya Alagu Perumal**  
Director Youth Service

**Rtn Raja Marthandan**  
Chairman Public Image

**PHF Rtn PL. Muthiah**  
Chairman Micro Loan

**Rtn Vishwanathkrishnan**  
Chairman - Operation Daybreak

**Rtn Dr. Ani Grace Kalaimathi**  
Chairman iBreast

**Rtn B. Suryabaskar**  
Chairman Environment

**Rtn S. Harikumar**  
Chairman Fellowship

**Chennapathra Team**  
PHF Rtn Senthan Amuthan  
Rtn N. Anand  
Ann Vanitha  
Ann Sukanya

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

05-08-2021: First Speaker Meeting 7 PM

10-08-2021: Board Meeting 7 PM

19-08-2021: IInd Speaker Meeting at 7 PM

26-08-2021: iBreast meeting 7 PM

## BIRTHDAYS

Annette Moksha D/o. Vidya	01
Annette Kausalyaa Sri D/o. Rtn Prabakaran	08
Annette Prithviraj S/o. Rtn Karthikeyan	08
Rtn Vallekkannu	08
Rtn Manikandan	17
Annette Abhishek S/o. Rtn Praveen Mehra	20
Annette Vyoma D/o. Rtn Mohan Sidhan	20
Ann Pooja W/o. Rtn Praveen Mehra	23
Ann Anupama W/o. Rtn Rajiv Reddy	26
Annette Vaishnavi D/o. Rtn Rajiv Reddy	26



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn Pares Khatri & Ann Khushi	06
Rtn Praveen Mehra & Ann Pooja	10
Rtn Dileep Kumar & Ann Anitha	22
Rtn Rajshekhar & Ann Priya	24
Rtn Ani Grace & Spouse Gnanasekaran	26
Rtn Raja Sriraam & Ann Sukanya	27
Rtn Harikumar & Ann Revathi	27
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