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Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Madras - India

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Rtn. Nandita Krishnan

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Rtn. Dr. Arulmozhi Varman

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Rtn. Sathiaran Ram

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From the President's Desk

Memories recalled!



Inducted on 28th April 1991, I have been Member of this great Club for over 19 years! Just seems to be the other day when Rtn. PCM Somu fixed the lapel pin!

Top of the mind recall are events that have left an indelible mark on me:

In my view, the Combined Community Services Meeting held every month was a great training ground for new Members. I remember Rtn. PP. Dhandu sitting next to me and explaining the projects and shared information that inspired me to commit myself to those causes. The fellowship offered by the monthly meetings was outstanding and built strong foundations for our Club.

I had the good fortune of interacting closely with late Rtn. Dr. B. Subramanyam, who had an amazing sense of humour and did not spare the rod in coaching me. He once caught me (by the collar) addressing a fellow Rotarian as "Sir" and all hell let loose!! He said that all Members are equal and that nobody is "knighted"!!

Rtn. PP. R.P. Sarathi's welcome at the entrance to The Ball Room of Taj Connemara is legendary. Week on week, Rtn. Sarathi would sit at the door welcoming each Member and guest.

Take the case of Rtn. PDG. R. Ratnam, who enlisted my "services" to keep vigil on Members signing the register and going away without attending!! He made sure that the staff of Connemara sealed most exit points around the Ball Room, making it difficult for Members to escape!!! I have heard him say that some Members would drive to Bangalore or Cochin to make up attendance so that they retain 100%!

For a Full Club Fellowship, Rtn. Narula, Luftansa, brought in draft beer, bread and dinner rolls from Frankfurt. With introduction of mobile phones, Pulse Polio Eradication Programmes were never the same. Rtn. K. Krishnan, erstwhile RPG, made communication easy by distributing mobile phones (free) to Members at the polio booths. Remember, a handset used to cost an arm and a limb! Call costs were prohibitive!!

Every encounter with Rtn. PP. Biswa was an enriching experience and I cherish my interactions with him. Late Rtn. PDG. M. Balaji's follow up and attention to detail made many events seem easy. Rtn. PP. L. Rajagopalan's introduction of power point presentation for Rotary Information transformed the way we disseminate information to candidates.

The list goes on... the learning curve continues.

Cheers and have a great week ahead! Happy New Year!!

AGM of the Rotary Club of Madras

The AGM of the Rotary Club of Madras was held on the 28th of December 2010 at the Ball Room, Taj Connemara.

President S. Gunashekar called the Annual General Body Meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras to order and handed over the proceedings to Secretary Dr. Arulmozhi Varman.

Secretary Dr. Arulmozhi Varman took up items on the Agenda point-

B. Amend the Constitution of RCM to incorporate the new definition of "Exempt Members"

The Audited Accounts of RCM for the year ended 30th June'10 (both for Club Funds & Charitable Trust) were tabled at the AGM and unanimously considered, adopted and passed by the floor.

The floor unanimously re-appointed SNS Associates to



wise as mentioned in the AGM Notice. He then read out the list of nominations received for the various offices of the Club for the future Rotary years.

President explained the new revised rule from RI for the grant of exempt member status and took questions from the floor clarifying the same. He also clarified on the inclusion of the new avenue of service of New Generations as per RI notification. Both the resolutions were adopted to incorporate the necessary changes in the by-laws of the Club. The following resolutions were passed by the floor in the AGM:

A. Amend the By-laws of the Rotary Club of Madras to include "New Generations" as an Avenue of Service.

continue as auditors both for Club Funds & Charitable Trust for the year 2010-11.

IPP. George Cherian thanked the treasurers Rtns. N. Subramanian, R. Vasudevan, Aditya Agarwal, Auditors S. Nagarajan for their collective efforts in bringing out the Accounts of 2009-10.

The AGM was open to questions from the floor and then declared closed.

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Historic Moments: Rotary's emblem



Current Rotary Emblem with Keyway



The Emblem 1905



The Emblem 1906



The Emblem 1910



The Emblem 1912



Bjorge's design of the Rotary Emblem, as published in the January 1920 issue of The Rotarian

The Rotary emblem, unchanged since 1924, was redesigned many times in the early years of the organization.

In 1905, Montague M. Bear, an engraver and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, sketched a wagon wheel with 13 spokes.

In 1911, Secretary Chesley R. Perry recommended that "action be taken by the National Association to establish the wheel as the basic part of the emblem of every Rotary club."

Numerous variations on the emblem were in use by 1918. The Board appointed Charles Mackintosh, of the Rotary Club of Chicago, and Oscar Bjorge, of the Rotary Club of Duluth, to the Special Committee to Standardize the Rotary Emblem.

Bjorge drafted an emblem with six spokes and 24 cogs, giving it a sturdy appearance. In this design, the number of teeth and spokes was intended to reflect a real, working gearwheel, and not any aspect of Rotary's history.

In November 1919, the Board adopted Bjorge's design and a detailed description, and the 1921 convention formally approved them. By 1924, Bjorge's design had been modified to include a keyway. This addition has been attributed to Will R. Forker, of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. Forker perceived Rotary as a "living force," and inserting a keyway into the hub made the new wheel a "real worker."

In January 1924, the Board formally approved the emblem that was then in use. The Rotary emblem, like Rotary's name and other logos, is a registered trademark. Clubs, districts, and Rotary Entities are welcome to use the Rotary emblem subject to the guidelines for the use of the Rotary Marks as set forth by the RI Board of Directors.

Sgt-at-Arms P.P.N.K. Gopinath collared President S. Gunashekar who called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras to order, followed by a silent invocation.

The minutes of the 21st Dec'10 meeting was duly confirmed.

President wished all the members and their families a very Happy New Year 2011.

President welcomed Rotarians who had come for the AGM. He also welcomed Anns & Annettes, First Lady, visitors, and guests

- of Rtn.Anand Rengaswamy)
- Mrs.Vidya Vasudevan (Rtn.Vasudevan)
- Ann.Renuka (Rtn.Rajendran Sabanayagam)
- PP.Dr.Biswakumar (in memory

Foundation.

President read and handed over to IPP George B.Chريان, the Certificate of Appreciation received from The Rotary Foundation for RCM's contribution to Rotary's \$200 million challenge to End Polio.

On behalf of Rtn. Bharath Mohindra, Director-International Service, President informed that we will be receiving a team of Interactors from RC Colombo, who will be staying for one night. IPP. George is coordinating the trip and the



who had come for the meeting.

President extended birthday and anniversary wishes to the Rotarians celebrating this week and the cake was cut amidst applause. President thanked the contributing Rotarians for their sunshine.

P.P.N.K. Gopinath informed that one of our Rotaractor Faisal (nephew of our Rtn.Abdul Azeez) who was a part of Rotaract Club of Vepery has become a Rotarian of RC Bangalore.

Rtn.P. Suresh, Director - The Rotary Foundation confirmed the participation of 20 Rotarians in the PHF challenge from our veteran Rotarian Markhand Desai taking our Club contribution to 44,000 US Dollars for the Rotary year.

PHF Medallions and Paul Harris Certificates / Pin received from TRF was handed over by President to

- Rtn.Sesha Sai
- Ms.Indu Kamatchi (daughter



return visit will be in February 2011.

President thanked Rtn. P.P. N.K. Gopinath (Rs.5000) and Rtn.K. Krishnan (Rs.15,000) for their contributions towards the scholarship

program.

On behalf of Rtns. Aditya Agarwal & Suresh Kumar, President announced a walking tour of Sowcarpet during 1st week of Jan'11.

Secretary Dr. Arulmozhi Varman announced that the Next Meeting will be at the same venue on Tuesday 4th Jan'11.

President requested the visitors and guests to leave to commence the proceedings of the closed door meeting.

After the AGM was over, President Guna showed an enticing presentation on the proposed trip to China in April'11.

The meeting was then declared closed.



of late Dr.Indira Biswakumar)

- Ann.Padmavathy (Annette Dushyanth Gunashekar and Harshavardhan Gunashekar)

PDG.Benjamin Chريان handed over the Major Donor Pin to President Gunashekar.

President thanked Rotarians for their generosity in contributing to the Rotary

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Club activities roundup

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

The Board, at the meeting held on 14th December 2010 approved the following proposals for Membership to the RCM.

S. No.	Name	Office Address	Proposed by Rtn.	Classification
1.	Mr.D. Harikrishna	H.K. International W 11, North Main Road, Anna Nagar West Extn., Chennai 600 101	Rtn. Nirmal Chandra	Leather - Trading

Objections if any, may be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing within 10 days.

Rtn. Dr. Arulmozhi Varman, Honorary Secretary

Snippets from the past

◆ RTN. RITA CHAUDHURI

Why firesides

Fireside meetings, so popular today, got off to a slow start. In 1966, Rtn Dr.V.S. Subramaniam said: "I appeal that every member of our club should organize atleast one meeting in their home, which may be a tea or dinner meeting and invite five or six Rotarians and their wives for a friendly informal chat. If 120 or 130 Rotarians do this during the year, I am sure we can improve our fellowship to a considerable extent"

Explanatory Statement on the Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

a. The Council on Legislation deliberated and passed an amendment in April 2010 to include "New Generations" as the 5th Avenue of Service.

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 10-87*

To add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations Service

New Generations Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Consequently, the By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Madras are to be amended to give effect to the inclusion of New Generations Service as the fifth Avenue of Service by Rotary International.

The Board of Rotary Club of Madras recommends inclusion of New Generations Service in line with the amendment enacted by Rotary International.

b. The Council on Legislation deliberated and passed an amendment in April 2010 incorporating changes to definition of "Exempt Members". Hitherto, a Member may be exempt from attendance rules if the aggregate of Member's age and years of Membership in Rotary amounts to 85.

The amendment to this provision by the Council on Legislation April 2010 provides that a Member may be exempt from attendance rules if the Member's age is not less than 65 years and that he/she has completed not less than 20 years as a Member of a Rotary Club.

Thus, the following requisites will qualify a Member for exemption status:

1. The Member is not less than 65 years of age AND

2. The Member has completed not less than 20 years as a Rotarian.

This amendment will have retrospective effect and all Members who have been granted exemption status will revert to regular membership status till the requirements are fulfilled.

~ Rtn. Sec. Dr. Arulmozhi Varman

Office Bearers for 2011-12

The election of office bearers was conducted and the following candidates were elected:

President – 2011-12	Rtn.Nandita Krishnan
President Elect – 2011-12	Rtn.Rajendran Sabanayagam
President Nominee for the year 2013-2014	Rtn.Vivek Harinarain IAS retd
Secretary - 2011-12	Rtn. Dr. K. Rajan
Asst. Secretary 2011-12	Rtn. Rajiv K. Shivshankaran
Treasurer - Charitable Trust 2011-2013	Rtn. Chella Krishna
Treasurer - Special Projects 2011-2013	Rtn. B. Kannan
Director - New Generations 2011-2013	Rtn.A.S.Venkhat Ramani
Director - Vocational Service 2011-2013	Rtn.Prasanna Shenoy
Director - Club Administration 2011-2013	Rtn.Dr.Arulmozhi Varman
Treasurer - Club Funds 2010-2012	Rtn.T.M.Venkateswaran
Director - Community Service 2010-2012	Rtn.K.Krishnan
Director - International Service 2010-2012	Rtn.Bharath B. Mohindra
Immediate Past President 2011-2012	Rtn. S. Gunashekar



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Know your Rotarian



Rtn. Anjali Ponni Rajkumar

Q YOUR FAVOURITE PROJECT IS THE CHILDREN AT ROTARY NAGAR. WHAT IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT?

A I teach the Spoken English class at Rotary Nagar twice a week. The kids have tremendous potential and I really enjoy interacting with this stimulating and enthusiastic bunch. The class typically has anywhere between 12 to 15 kids.

Q CONSIDERING YOU WERE AWAY FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS OUTSIDE INDIA, HAS ROTARY HELPED REBUILD YOUR SOCIAL CIRCLE?

A I would say half of the people at Rotary I have known while growing up. Several folks were in Round Table along with my parents. This made joining Rotary easy. After joining I met several cool and interesting people and it has been a lot of fun.

Though this is not directed at answering any of your questions, I must add that four years back, before I moved back to Chennai, I met Rtn. Christopher Devapragasam at Madras Club. I was very impressed with the work he did through Rotary and all the Rotary Projects. I did mention to him that on some of the visits back I would like to see the kind of work that goes on. This interaction coupled with my dad's constant updates on the interesting people presenting at the Tuesday lunch meetings motivated me to join Rotary.

Q WHAT ASPECT OF LIFE SCIENCES DOES YOUR WORK TOUCH?

A I am interested in the Neuro aspect of life sciences. In the past, I worked with stroke patients at the Upenn hospital and also did a project for my Biotech masters on neuron stimulation using a magnetic field. My goal for 2011 is to become more involved with the Neuro Rehabilitation program at VHS.

Q NEW YEAR'S EVE IS SYNONYMOUS WITH:

- A
- a. Party till the wee hours with friends
 - b. Visit the temple with parents
 - c. Spend time with the less privileged
 - d. Switch channels endlessly
 - or
 - e. A combination of the above

Q AT PHOTO EMPORIUM, IS IT THE CREATIVE SIDE YOU WORK ON WITH MOM OR ADMINISTRATION WITH DAD?

A At the moment I do more of the creative work which involves photo manipulation and putting together video presentations. I plan to get more involved with the admin eventually.

Q WAS SENDING A FAMILY PICTURE EASIER THAN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS?

A No Way....)

Ann. Padmavathy

Club Corner

THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

PS: By the way, this tool made Herbert Taylor a multimillionaire in the 1930s. So it's also a very profitable way of doing business.

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service"
~ H. W. Longfellow

May Peace, Prosperity, Happiness and Good Health be Yours throughout the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



~ The Bulletin Team ~

Birthday

PE. Nandita Krishnan - 6th Jan
Rtn.PP. Arun K. Ramchandrar - 7th Jan
Rtn.PP. Satyan Bhatt - 9th Jan

Spouse

Ann. Subha - 4th Jan (Rtn. S.N. Srikanth)
Ann. Sashi - 7th Jan
(Rtn. Nataraj Ramaiah)

Wedding Anniversary

5th Jan - Rtn. Harish K. Murthi -
Ann. Asha
9th Jan - Rtn. Thomas Philip -
Ann. Thangam

Sunshine

Secretary Dr. Arulmozhi Varman - Rs.1000
Rtn. Vivek Harinarain IAS ret'd. - Rs.1000

ROTARY QUOTE

"Science has broken down the barriers between people, but that merely accentuates our problems, particularly those which arise out of misunderstandings, unless there is also a spiritual growth. For every shortening of the distance between peoples there must be a broadening of human sympathies." - New Year - New Thinking, THE ROTARIAN, January 1933

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Forth-coming events



Weekly meeting 1:00 pm
Tue Jan 4, 2011 at the
Taj Connemara,
Speaker: Mr. John Issac will
speak to us about
'The World through My Camera'



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