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From the President's Desk



90 days on the saddle!

This is your Captain from the Flight Deck!! With me on this wonderful journey is Arul, who is navigating the Club with his unflinching commitment.

The first quarter has gone by and it is time to give you all a status report. We set out on 4th July 2010, at the Club Assembly, with the new team rolling out plans for the year, guided by the following principles:

- Service Above Self
- Building Communities - Bridging Continents
- Participate. Energise. Transform

I am happy to report that our initiatives, primarily targeted towards managing our projects, are being received well by the beneficiary groups, especially at Sembakkam.

The enthusiasm and participation of our newly inducted Members is palpable! We have inducted 10 new members over the past 90 days, bringing the average age of the Club down!! The new format of hosting Full Club Fellowships, based on birthdays and wedding anniversaries, is working well. Attendance has increased significantly. Lighthouse makes excellent reading and is delivered on time.

Vocational Service has already raised the bar and the "Lifetime Achievement Award" stands testimony to a well - organized event.

Three candidates, sponsored by our Club, are on Group Study Exchange teams to Nottingham and to Central California. Members have already contributed US \$ 24,000 to the Rotary Foundation, leaving a gap of about US \$ 50,000 to be covered over the next 9 months. Sister Club Agreements are being renewed and bridges are being built with new Clubs.

New Generations is full of energy and we may take pride that a responsible & committed future generation is being groomed through Interact/Rotaract and Annets Club.

Our Club Funds and that of Charitable Trust are in good health. Fasten seat belts, sit back and join us on this wonderful journey of service through fellowship!!

Cheers and have a great week ahead!

New Generation Month Youth Services Awards 09-10

When most Rotarians think about the "New Generation" they picture children in our case Interact, Rotaract & Annets Clubs!

Rtn. PP. Mahendra J. Ahluwalia announced the prizes for the Interact Schools for their performance for the Rotary year 2009-10.

He commended the excellent work carried out and praised all the Interactors who have done extremely well and achieved so much in a short time.

Rtn. Ahluwalia urged all Rotarians to recognize the efforts put in by the Interactors in carrying out their various projects. He congratulated all Interactors



and called on them to excel and do better than their best in the years ahead. President S. Gunashekar together with Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy, Director

New Generations distributed the trophies and prizes.

RCM has 27 Interact Clubs divided into 3 zones. The winners and runner-up in each zone were recognized. The Interactors were applauded by all present for their efforts and contribution.

ZONE 1

Winner **Best Interact Club - Chindadripet Boys School**
Runner Up L.M.Dadha School

ZONE 2

Winner **Best Interact Club - Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School**
Runner Up Mct M Chidambaram Chettiar School, Luz

ZONE 3

Winner **Best Interact Club - Alagappa Matriculation School**
Runner Up CSI Ewarts Girls School

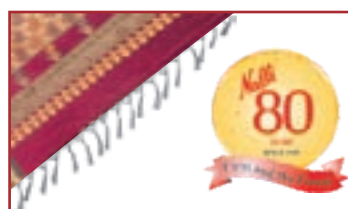
Rolling Trophy for Best Interactor & Interact Club

Best Interactor (Rtn. PDG. V. Chidambaram Rolling Trophy, Instituted by Mrs. Seetha Chidambaram & Venkat Chidambaram)

Gagan Parihar Allagappa Matriculation School

Best Interact Club (Instituted by PP. M.S.Guban)

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Rotaract News

"Be Positive - Blood Donation Drive" - Camp @ Rotaract Club of Queen Mary's College, Chennai

Rotaract Club of Queen Marys College organized a blood donation camp in their college premises on Thursday, 23rd September, 2010 from 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. This project was organised as a part of RI District 3230's mega blood donation drive - "Be Positive" on the same day. Students, Parents, Faculty Members and others donated blood on this occasion. About 10 Rotarians from Rotary Club of Chennai Towers also donated. President Rtr. Shambhavi, Secretary Rtr. Rajalakshmi and over 200 Rotaractors actively participated in this project under the able guidance of Faculty Coordinator Ms. Loganayaki. Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy, President. Rtn. Raji Rotary Club of Chennai Towers and office bearers of RC Chennai Towers were present to provide motivation and support.

- Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy,
Director, New Generations

ROTARY INSTITUTE 2010 @ BANGKOK

Another First for the Zone 4, 5 & 6A Institute

A Special Invitation is now extended to Rotarians (who are not Past, Current or Incoming RI Officers) to register for select Institute events.

Such Registration is restricted to:

1. Inaugural Session : Fri 26 Nov 2010, 4 pm onwards & dinner
2. Thematic Entertainment : Sat 27 Nov 2010, 5.30 pm onwards & Dinner

The organizers will register the first 100 delegates (Rotarians and their spouses only) on a first cum first served basis.

Registration charges: Rs.6000/- per person

Please contact the Institute Secretariat for registration and accommodation.

- Rtn.PDG.J.B.Kamdar
Chairman, Rotary Institute 2010
email : dg3230.jbk@gmail.com

A matter of minutes

Sgt-at-Arms Rtn.V.V. Mohindra 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 Sept'10 meeting was duly confirmed.

President welcomed students, counselors, Interactors and faculty members from our Interact Schools.

President recognized and welcomed Secretary Anand RC Cochin, our daughter club. President welcomed Mrs. Indra, mother of Dr. Prabakar, Mrs. Sowmya Arjun spouse of Mr. Arjun Ananth, new members joining the Club. President also welcomed Ann. Renuka Rajendran Sabanayagam.

Rtn. Dr. K. Rajan welcomed the visiting Rotarians.

President handed over a memento to the bridging President Rtn.S.Annamalay, RCM



greeted the new Rotarians amidst a round of applause.

President thanked the new members for their donation of Rs.15,000 towards the Rotary Club of Madras Charitable Trust.

Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy, Director, New Generations informed members that a blood donation camps were conducted by Rotaract Club of QMC and the Interact Club of Sri Sankara Vidyashram.

Secretary Dr. Arulmozhi Varman announced that the next meeting will be on 4th Oct'10 at the same venue.

President handed over the proceedings to Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy, Director, New Generations. Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy said that all the Interact Clubs were very active and there was good camaraderie amongst the Management, teacher coordinators and the Interactors.



Pallava.

President extended wishes to Rotarians & Ann's who were celebrating their Birthday and Anniversary this week.

Rtn. PP. Satyan Bhatt reminded members about the Dandiya Nite which is on 10-10-10 and requested all members to participate and contribute.

Rtn. P.N. Mohan, Resource person, Fund raising committee thanked President for hosting a get together at his place and briefed members who are participating in the Kerala trip. He requested members to respond to his mails on the Dandiya Nite and Club fellowships.

President appealed to those members who have not paid their annual subscriptions to immediately settle the dues. He thanked Rtn. Pratap Kumar for the donation of Rs.3500 from Calimidi Chetty Charities.

Induction of new members

President invited

Rtn. M. Amaranath to introduce Mr. Arjun Ananth.

Rtn. PP.C.S.Devapragasam to introduce Dr. Prabakar Thyagarajan.

They were inducted into the Club after President S.Gunashekar pinned the Rotary lapel pin on them and appraised them about Rotary, its activities and its ideals. All members rose and

Special recognition mementos were also presented by RCM to Dr. Saraswathi Raghunathan, Head Mistress, Children Garden School and Mr. Dillibabu, Interact Counsellor Chindadripet Boys School, who have done great service to Interact by guiding the young minds into the spirit of Interact.

IPP George Cherian urged every single member to pay a visit to the schools. He thanked the New Generations team headed by Rtn. Prasanna and Interact Chair Rtns. S.Venkat Rao, S.Subramaniam, R.Rajendran, PP. Ahluwalia and placed on record his appreciation for all the efforts during the year. The counselors and the teachers were acknowledged with a standing ovation.

Rtn. PP. Ahluwalia thanked all Rotarians who have participated and encouraged the Interactors.

The meeting was then declared closed.

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Club activities roundup

Report on Sembakkam Project - function held on 23rd sept 2010

The opening of the community Toilets was done on Thursday the 23rd September at Sembakkam. The meeting was presided over by our Rtn. President Gunashekar and the Chief Guest for the function was Mr. A.R.D. Loganathan - Sembakkam Panchayat President. The meeting was convened at 4p.m. The comper for the meeting was Rtn. Sivasubramanian.

The function was well attended and over 150 members from Sembakkam community participated in



the function including children of the Balwadi school, the teachers and students of the tailoring class, parents of the children, two councilors of the local wards and many local residents.

Many Rotarians including President Gunashekar, M.S.Nagarajan, K.Krishnan, Prasanna Shenoy, V.M. Sivasubramaniam, C.R.Vaitheeswaran, A.Namasivayam and Kadiresan Adityan and First Lady Padmavathy Gunashekar attended the function.

Function started with prayer followed by welcome address by Rtn. M.S.Nagarajan. Rtn. K. Krishnan - Director Community Services addressed the gathering. He laid out the importance of education and requested the parents to encourage the children to at least graduate from a University.

President Rtn. Gunashekar in his address assured the community that Rotary Club of Madras would extend all help to the Sembakkam Project including help for the education of children and the additional resources for tailoring training.

Senior Rtn. C.R.Vaitheeswaran opened the plaque for the two community toilets we built there.

Panchayat President Mr. A.R.D. Loganathan, thanked profusely the Rotary Club of Madras for their ongoing projects and assured that he would extend his cooperation and support. He recognized all the



Rotarians by duly presenting them with a shawl.

Senior Rtn. Namasivayam donated books, contributed both by the club and Rtn. C.R. Vaitheeswaran which was received by Mr. A.R.D. Loganathan.

Rtn. IPP. George in whose period this project was started also gave assurance of the continued patronage of our club.

Water purifier was donated to the Government run Balwadi school which was received by the attendant of the Balwadi.

Mosquito nets donated by the Rotary Club of Madras were distributed to the children of both the Balwadis. We wish to acknowledge Rtn. C.R. Vaitheeswaran for his generous and spontaneous contribution of Rs.25,000/- towards purchase of 100 mosquito nets to be distributed to the deserving members of the Sembakkam community.

Toys donated by Rtn. K.Krishnan - Director Community Services and used toys collected by Ann. Padmavathy Gunashekar from the Inner Wheel members, friends and relatives were received by the Executive Officer of the Panchayat Union.

Rtn. Kadiresan Adityan proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with National Anthem.

*Rtn. M.S. Nagarajan, Chairman
- Sembakkam Committee*

Snippets from the past

As quoted in our 'A Timeless Legacy' book.

◆ RTN. RITA CHAUDHURI

WHAT IS ASKED OF YOU AS A ROTARIAN?

- Please attend meeting regularly
- Please pay your dues promptly
- Please do your part when called upon
- Be big hearted, broadminded, full of energy and action and a true human being

The Rotary offers its members five avenues of service: Club Service, Community Service, Youth Service, Vocational Service, and International Service. Each member is expected to apply their talents to serving in at least one avenue.

INTERACTOR MAKES RCM PROUD

Interactors of Children Garden School and the school management are happy to inform that Ms. M Raghavi (Class XII) has been selected to represent our country in Commonwealth Games this year. She is the sole female swimmer from Tamilnadu to participate in this event. They have expressed their gratitude to members of Rotary Club of Madras for supporting her to undergo training outside India during 2009-10.

*Rtn. Prasanna Shenoy,
Director - New Generations*

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Know your Rotarian

Club CORNER



Rtn. Ramakanth Akula

Q How does it feel bringing colour into everyone's life?

A We can't imagine this world without color. The way colors work is amazing, they not only transform things but also raise our spirits, they evoke feelings. I am glad I am part of this industry which adds color into the lives of people.

Q How long have you been in the paint industry?

A I was with Nerolac before joining Nippon Paint, it's now over 7 years in Paint Industry.

Q Where did you meet Niharika, your wife?

A We were introduced by our relatives in Hyderabad.

Q Your favourite cuisine?

A I prefer Hot and Spicy food, Hyderabadi cuisine is my all time favorite.

Q What does Rotary mean to your daughters Eesha & Trisha? Does it interest them?

A Yes, they are getting to know Rotary through the news letter. I should be prepared for a Q&A session, each time 'Lighthouse' is delivered at home.

Q How would you like to contribute to the society?

A I have been associating with few organizations that work for the welfare of the underprivileged. With pretty tight work schedules I may not be involved extensively in the various activities, but I ensure I chip in some way or the other.

Q If it is Sunday, it is?

A Yet another day at work... for family service

Q Name two people you would like to give a pat on the back to.

A Me—for joining Rotary
Rtn Guna- for all the yummy cakes that we now have on Tuesdays

— Ann. Padmavathy Gunashekar

Birthday

7th Oct
Rtn.S.A.Kharche
11th Oct
Rtn.Aditya Agarwal
Rtn.Sandhya Sridhar



Wedding Anniversary

10th Oct -
PDG.Benjamin Cherian -
Ann.Valsa

Sunshine

Rtn.C.N.Ramdas - Rs.666
Rtn.N.K.Bhatia - Rs.1000
Ann.Vidya Amarnath - Rs.500

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ROTARY QUOTE

"Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together." — My Road to Rotary

SEPTEMBER NEW GENERATION MONTH

Forth-coming events

Weekly meeting:
1:00 pm Tue Oct 4, 2010 at the
Taj Connemara,



Speaker:
Dr.Ernest Vijay,
Fitness Director,
O2 Health Studio
will speak on
'Importance of Exercise
in Our Lives'

Dandiya Garbaras – 7:30 p.m. on 10th
October, 2010 at the Taj Coramandel

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