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The 25th President of Meenambakkam takes over



It is a milestone for Rotary Club of Meenambakkam, as it gets its 25th President this year. On the 14th of June 2006, the new team for the Rotary year 2006-07 took charge in an informal yet impressive function held at Hotel Savera. It was also the Charter Night for the Club. Rtn. A. V. Srinivasan was installed as the 25th President of the Club in the presence of the District Governor Nominee Rtn. Venkatesh.

For a change, the function was conducted in a different style. No suits, no ties, no formals. The invitation said the dress code was informal. The entire Board members were in off-white Kurtha-pajama. Even the Chief Guest was in Kurtha. The function started well and ended in style. The outgoing President Rtn. Manjula. V. Krishnan delivered the welcome address and thanked all those who supported her for making the year 05-06, one of the action packed years for RC Meenambakkam. Past Presidents of the club were honoured in connection with the Charter Night. Secretary, Rtn. Syed Afsaruddin presented the club's activities and projects through an impressive PowerPoint slide show. Immediately after plans for the year. The introduction of the team too had its

installation as the 25th President of the club, Rtn. A. V. Srinivasan outlined the overall element of novelty. The Board members were introduced through songs specially suitable to each one of them.

Rtn. A. V. S started the year with a bang, handing over a cheque for \$4000 for The Rotary Foundation. He outlined the overall plans and said the highlight of the year will be a mega Silver Jubilee Project. Chief guest DG. Venkatesh was all praise for the great work the club has been doing. He also suggested that every project that we do, should have a revenue model, for making it sustainable.



The hall was full with nearly 200 people attending the function. The function ended with a fellowship and dinner along with a melodious music concert by professional singers.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Rotarian,

Greetings to you and all in your family. I am happy to start my duty from today as the 25th President of this Prestigious Club. At the outset, I thank all of you for bestowing me with this great responsibility. It is indeed an enormous task, especially after the splendid performance of my predecessor Manjula. V. Krishnan by making our club the Best Club of Dist. 3230. But

I am sure, with all your support, we will be able to repeat the performance and set even higher standards both in terms of fellowship and service.

This year, the major focus will be in involving every member of our

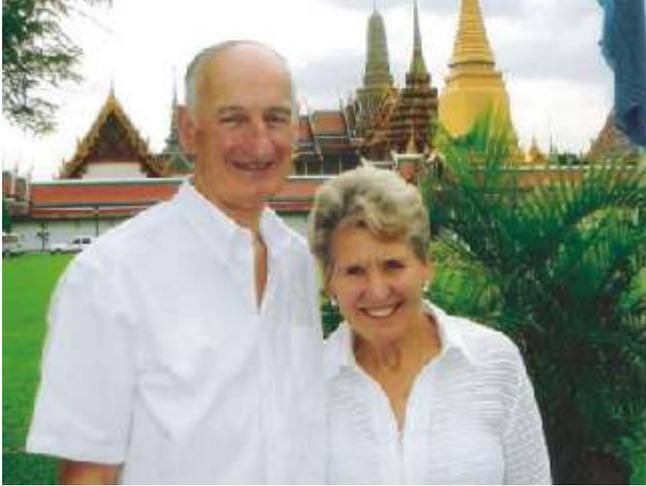
club in as much activities as possible. We have formulated many sub committees for all the avenues of service and all the members on the Board are ready with grand plans for a great year ahead. The club functioning will be handled in a very professional way. We'll ensure good communication, transparency and a very high level of governance. In addition, we are planning to have one mega project to mark the start of our Silver Jubilee. This will be a permanent project with a significant benefit to a large community of people. I request every one of you to extend your fullest support and co-operation.

Together, let us LEAD THE WAY, and become a model club for the whole District in every aspect of Rotary. Looking forward to a great year ahead with your support,

- Rtn. A. V. Srinivasan,
President.

The Club meets every Wednesday, 6.30pm at Hotel Savera.

Know our RI President



Rtn. William B. Boyd

Bill retired in 1995 as General Manager of Gordon & Gotch Magazines, Ltd., New Zealand's largest magazine distributor. He is a trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust and the June Gray Trust and has represented Rotary on the National Kidney Foundation and the Intellectually Handicapped Society. He has been an elder and Youth Leader of the Presbyterian Church and a warranted Scout Leader, and has refereed rugby union football for 31 years. He was chair of the Rotary Down Under Management Committee. A Rotarian since 1971, Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga. He has served Rotary International as district governor, training leader, moderator of the International Assembly, committee member and chair, including deputy chair of the New Zealand National PolioPlus committee, assistant deputy coordinator of PolioPlus Partners, task force assistant general coordinator, regional Rotary

Foundation coordinator, director and treasurer of the RI Board. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. He has also received a Meritorious Service Award from Rotary Down Under. Bill and his wife, Lorna, live in Howick, Auckland, New Zealand. They have two sons and two daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Message from the Governor



My dear friends in Rotary,

I consider it an honour to serve as the Governor of this prestigious District 3230 and LEAD THE WAY to serve the community and touch the lives of the needy through the medium of Rotary. But, as I step into the shoes of my illustrious predecessors, there is a moment of concern, whether I will be able to justify the confidence placed in me by the Rotarians of this District. However, when I

look at the meticulous planning and efficient execution of the events leading up to my installation, I am convinced that we have a dedicated and highly motivated team of office bearers, who will be with me to Lead the Way and achieve the various goals we have set for ourselves. These goals will compliment the 4 thrust areas specified by our incoming RI President Bill Boyd, namely (a) Literacy (b) Water Management (c) Health and Hunger and (d) family of Rotary. Besides this, of course, we would give focus to the public image without which neither we can seek funding from external sources for our projects nor attract new members.

We all know that a contribution to the Rotary Foundation is of paramount importance. I have therefore set us the target of a contribution of USD 500,000 to the Rotary Foundation. I would not ask money without first contributing myself. Therefore Marlene and I have contributed USD 25,000 to the Rotary Foundation to set up a named endowment. The initial response from other Rotarians has also been overwhelming. Together with their contribution, we have handed over a total of USD 100,000 to the Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, PDG K.R. Ravindran as our District's initial contribution. We now have 361 days to collect the remaining USD 400,000.

During my interaction with Presidents-Elect since July 2005 and particularly at PETS, I was impressed by their enthusiasm, their dynamism and their commitment. I am convinced that with their support, we shall Lead the Way in our district, in our Community and in our Zone to serve the community and further the cause of Rotary in this part of the world. Marlene joins me in wishing you all an eventful and memorable Rotary year 2006-07

- Rtn. J.B.Kamdar
Governor

RCM reaps most of the awards for the year 05-06



Our club created a history of sorts, by sweeping as much as 12 awards in the District 3230 Awards function, including the coveted "BEST CLUB" award in the large club category. Kudos to Past President Manjula.V.Krishnan and her team for this marvelous achievement.

The following were the awards won by our club:

- * BEST CLUB AWARD in the large clubs category
- * First Prize for Youth Service
- * First Prize for Vocational Service
- * First Prize in Community Service – Development
- * First Prize for Rotary Foundation
- * Award for effective Public Relations
- * First Prize in membership development
- * First Prize in Polio Plus
- * Second Prize for Community Service-Medical
- * Second Prize was for Green City Project
- * Third prize for Club Service
- * Third prize for bulletin

Foundation

The following members *Lead the way* by their generous contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Our sincere appreciations.

Rtn. C.R.Raju- moved to 2nd level Major Donar.
Rtn. Palve Veerappan - PHF
Ann. Jayanthi Srinivasan - PHF

Rotary

CHENNAI

OLYMPIAD 2006

An inter-school athletic meet

18,19,20th Aug 2006

Jawaharlal Nehru Outdoor Stadium.

All are invited.

- Rtn.P.Sridhar, Dist. Co-chairman.

Club Service

5th July 06



The first regular meeting of the club was held on 5th July 2006 at Hotel Savera. Mr. Shihan Hussaini, the multi-faceted Karate master, sculpter, painter and stunt master was the guest speaker. He spoke on the topic "Dare devilry pays". A new member,

Rajasingam was inducted into the club. Rtn. Rajasingam is an Engineer by profession and is the Manager at Indian Bank. He was a National Hockey Player and has represented India in many international matches.

12th July 06

Karthik Kumar, the talented young actor and an active theatre personality, who has featured in some famous movies such as Kandanaal mudal, Vaanam vasappadum, Alaipayuthe and Yuva, was the guest speaker. His presentation on the business of theatre and film was interesting and full of depth.

26th July 06

The first fellowship of the year was arranged at Rtn.P.Sridhar's Guest house at Kottivakkam. Dir. Club Service Ranjit came out with the novel idea that the fellowship be with a theme of Marriage Reception. All men were in traditional dothi and women in Pattu Sarees. It was a well attended fellowship. Rtns. AVS, Shiv, Ranjit, Deepak Rai, Sunil Reddy and PPN were the guests.



Lalitha Rai Takes over as the Innerwheel President

The Maple Hall of Hotel Saveral was full and also colourful on 19th July 06, for the grand installation of Ms.Lalitha Rai as the new President of Innerwheel Club of Meenambakkam. The activity report presented by Secretary Manjula Nadesan revealed the commendable work carried out by the outgoing team lead by Ms.Jayanthi Srinivasan.

With Lalitha Rai, taking up the mantle of the new President, there is no doubt that the club will set new bench marks. This was evident from an array of projects announced and carried out within very few minutes of the new team taking up the office. Donations ranging from Rs.1000 to Rs.15,000/- to various Trusts and service organisations, donation of school uniforms, donation of clippers and crutch to a disabled boy... the list was too good to be the "day-1 project" list.

Chief guest Prof. K.Mathangi Ramakrishnan, Former Professor of Plastic Surgery, Kilpauk Medical College and Consultant- K.K.Child Trust Hospital, congratulated Lalitha and gave an inspiring speech on how Rotary and Innerwheel carry out wonderful work. Lalitha was then felicitated by PDG.Krishnan V.Chari, and Rotary President A.V.Srinivasan.

Youth Service on top gear, right from the word 'go'

On the very first month of the year, our Youth Service Director P.Sridhar, supported well by the President Elect Rtn.Raghavendra Rao, swung into action, by installing 4 Interacts, including a new one at Alpha Matriculation School. Well done Sridhar.

New Interact Club at Alpha Matriculation School



RCM started the new Rotary year in an impressive way, with the inauguration of a new interact club. On 5th July 06, the new interact club at Alpha matriculation school at CIT Nagar was inaugurated. Rtn.Jagadeesh Krishnamurthy, Dist Advisor- Youth Service was the chief guest and installed the office bearers of the new club. Past President Manjula, President Elect Raghavendra Rao, Youth Service Director P.Sridhar and Secretary Shivkumar were present during the function.

Interact Club at National Matriculation School



The new office bearers of the Interact club at National Matriculation school at Kathipara Junction were installed at a function on 7th July 06. Rtn. Balachandaran, District

Chairman for Youth Service was the Chief guest. Apart from the Chief guest, President AVS and Youth Service Director P.Sridhar addressed the students. Our members, Rtns.Mukku, Raghavendra Rao, Shiv, Mansoor and Rajasingam participated.

Interact Club of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Pammal



The installation of the new office bearers of Interact Club of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Matriculation School at Pammal, took place on 19th July 06. The meeting was well organised by the school. Rtn. Mahendra Ahluwalia, District Chairman-RYLA was the Chief Guest. Rtns. P.Sridhar and Shiv were also present for the function.

Interact Club of Vidyodaya Matriculation School.

On the 21st July 06, the new office bearers of the Interact Club of Vidyodaya Matriculation School at T.Nagar, were installed. The meeting started with a melodious prayer by the Interactors. The Chief Guest, Rtn.Vaidyanathan, District Co Chairman- Youth Service said that the Interactors should gain four benefits from the club, social networking, personality development, career guidance and social service. His speech was very well received by the audience. Rtns. P.Sridhar, S.Shivkumar, Raghavendra Rao, Rajasingam and Mansoor were present for the function.

The Board

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Community Service

RCC-Vysarpadi Installed



The RCC at Vysarpadi has been active for the past three years. With 20 members, last year the RCC carried out some significant service works along with Brother Siga Animation Centre. On the 26th July 06,

the new office bearers of the RCC –Vysarpadi, were installed in a simple yet impressive function. The meeting started with Tamilthai Vazhthu. Sri.Shanmugam, Secretary of Bro.Siga Animation Centre, welcomed the gathering. President Rtn.AVS, gave an impressive talk emphasizing our support to the RCC and inviting them to take part in all our service projects. The outgoing President of RCC presented a report on the activities of last year.

The new President Sri.Anbu was installed along with the office bearers, by the Chief Guest Rtn.Nagendra Babu, Dist Chairman- RCC. The Chief guest was introduced by Rtn.Mansoor, Director-Community Service. In his address, Rtn.Nagendra Babu, traced the history of RCC and gave inspiring anecdotes stressing the need for people to take part in community service. Shri. Shanmugam then explained about the ongoing Literacy Quest Programme carried out by Bro.Siga Animation, with the support of RC Meenambakkam. One of the beneficiaries of the continuing education programme also gave her account of how the programme helped her to pass 10th Standard. President Rtn.AVS then presented a cheque for Rs.10,000/- to Shri.Shanmugam to support the Literacy Quest Programme this year.

Apart from President AVS, Secretary Shiv and Community Service Director Mansoor, Rtns. K,Kannapen, VTM.Thiru, Girish, Rani Ravindran and Rajasingam were present for the function.

Here is a **RARE occasion!!**

RI President is visiting OUR club's project!!

Our "Schools into Smiles" project, the renovation of the Panchayat School at Mogappair, will get a very special visitor, none other than the RI President William B.Boyd.

Can you afford to miss

This once-in-a-life-time opportunity?

Should we not make this as a grand event? When the RI President visits our project, let's be present with our Anns and make the best possible impression of our club to the entire Rotary World!

Don't forget - **9th Aug 06, 3.00 pm** at
Panchayat School at Mogappair.

Your generous contributions for this noble project are welcome. For more details contact President/ Secretary/ Director-Comm.Ser.

August Programmes



2nd Aug : Regular Meeting.
Guest Speaker: Mr.Raj
Isha Foundation

9th Aug : **RI President visits our project**
Panchayat School,
Mogappair.

13-15th Aug : Fellowship tour to Aquaserene

23rd Aug : Joint Meeting

30th Aug : Regular Meeting.
Guest Speaker: Ms.Chitra

July Celebrations

Birthdays- Rotarians

6th Rtn. T. Girish
11th Rtn.SunilReddy
22nd Rtn. P. Sreedhar
25th Rtn. T. Shankaran Menon

Birthdays- Anns

15th Ann. Manjeet Kaur
W/o Rtn.Daljeeti Singh
23th Ann.Rajeswari
W/o Rtn. Shankar Menon
24th Ann.Uma Maheswari
W/o Rtn. Shivkumar

Birthdays - Annets

1st Annet. P. Subaah Guptha
S/o Rtn.Baskar Guptha
3rd Annet. Daya
D/o Rtn.G. Muralidharan
4th Annet. Sanjay
S/o Rtn.S. Sankaran Menon
14th Annet. Ram Narayanan
S/o Rtn. Ramaswamy Muthiah
16th Annet. C.G. Ramesh
S/o Rtn. C.S. Ganesh
19th Annet. Syed Azhar
S/o Rtn. Syed Afsaruddin
27th Annet. G. Santhakumar
S/o Rtn. R. Gunasekaran

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Rtn. P. Sridharan & Ann. Saradha
2nd Rtn. Manjula V. Krishnan &
Ann. Dr. R. Venkatakrishnan
4th Rtn. Ivy Nagarajan &
Ann. Nagarajan
5th Rtn. M.V. Butchi & Ann. Rajeshwari
6th Rtn. R. Gunashekar &
Ann. Geetha Sekar
10th Rtn. A. Annamalai &
Ann. Kannammai
11th Rtn. S.V. Meyyappan &
Ann. Chellammai
22nd Rtn. Syed Afsaruddin &
Ann. Kausur Sulthana

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