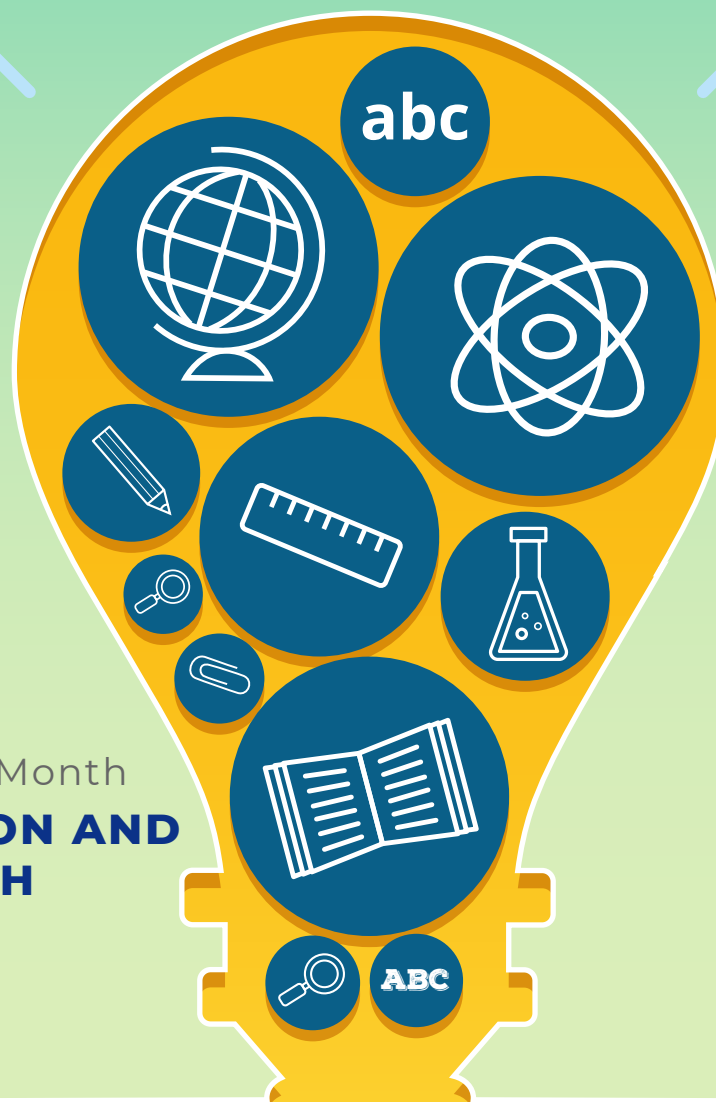


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Rotary Designated Month
BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Online Learning

*Boon or Bane for
students*

DISADVANTAGES OF ONLINE LEARNING

No face to face interaction:
It's often possible that we misinterpret what we actually see or read when we do not find somebody to actually explain it out to us.

No regularity or discipline:
As the students are free from the regulations and boundaries of a proper classroom environment, it is quite obvious that the curriculum will not be maintained the way it should be.

No time commitment:
Since there is no one to inspect them studying they might just not complete their work and leave it unfinished further harming their own selves in the long run.

Higher dropout rate:
Students are more likely to drop out as they are not giving their full commitment to their studies and take their studies too lightly

Technological challenges:
Online learning is helpful to only those students who have access to a proper internet connection and have devices such as laptop and computers. Students without it cannot rely on online learning.

It totally depends on one's personal opinion as to what is more convenient for him/her- the old traditional teaching or the new online education whoever is having a choice between both. But our country is not yet ready to turn fully digital. Online teaching is definitely a boon and can be an add-on to traditional teaching but it cannot replace it.

ADVANTAGES OF ONLINE LEARNING

Flexibility :
The main advantage of online education is its flexibility. A student can adjust his study timings as per his own needs. One can study indoor or outdoor,

Cost-efficient:
Online education not only saves time and energy but also money.

Wider choice of courses and subjects:
In online education, one is free to choose his own combination of subjects regardless of the percentage required for taking up that particular subject.

No language barriers:
Since online education is available in most of the vernacular languages, there are no language barriers. One is free to learn new things in their own mother tongue as well.

Underused data:
If a student does not has the time to take down notes while studying online, he can always save the page or convert it into a document and download it.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

*More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.
That's 17% of the world's adult population.*



TEACHER TRAINING

We share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.



ADULT LITERACY

Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.



ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Rotary members invest in the future by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change our communities.



EDUCATING REFUGEES

A university president and Rotary club fight Boko Haram to bring education and food to refugees in Nigeria.



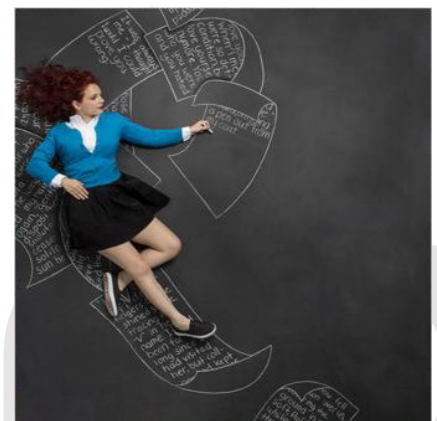
COACHING TEACHERS

Realizing that getting children into school isn't enough, Rotary shifts to mentoring and coaching teachers.



SCHOOLS4FREEDOM

The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery has a strategy for fighting modern slavery that's working at the local level.



MENTORING STUDENTS

Rotary club pairs students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.

INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUBS



On 01st August 2021, Rotaract Club of Vishwahitha a community club sponsored by RCMIC was installed with the new office bearers. The event was named as "Samraat" commemorating the new team. Rtn V S Satheesh Kumar, President RCMIC was the chief guest for the function and Rtn Chandrakumar, Director Youth Services was the guest of honour for the function. The function was held in physical form @ Nahar Hall, Royapettah and attended by more than 50 rotaractors.



On 02nd August 2021, Rotaract Club of Bhakthavatsalam Memorial College for Women sponsored by RCMIC was installed with the new office bearers. The event was named "Silver Throne" commemorating the new team as well as 25th year of the club. Rtn V S Satheesh Kumar, President RCMIC was the chief guest for the function held @ Jothi Mini Hall. The function was held in physical form and attended by more than 50 rotaractors.



SPEAKER MEET

On 05th August 2021, RCMIC participated in a multi club speaker meeting held on zoom. The lead club for the speaker meeting was Rotary Club of Madras Centenary Commemoration along with RC Galaxy, RC Accord and RC Royapettah. The speaker for the meeting was Rtn Parameshwar Babu, President RC Madras Marina and the topic was "Today's Technology and Artificial Intelligence". The meeting was well attended by members across the clubs. The speaker spoke about the advantages of AI and was ready to help Rotarians who want to implement AI in their business irrespective of their size of business.

VETERINARY MEDICAL CAMP

On 06th August 2021, RCMIC conducted a Veterinary medical camp with the support of Dr. Shankar from Veterinary medical college @ Puliur Kandigai Village Govt High School near Thiruvallur. We had more than 50 villagers who brought their cattles during the camp from nearby villages. The project was co sponsored by RC Chennai Sagar and RC of Chennai Serenity



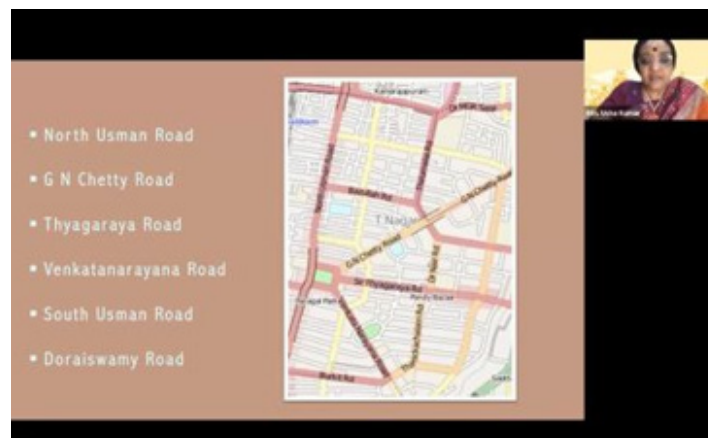
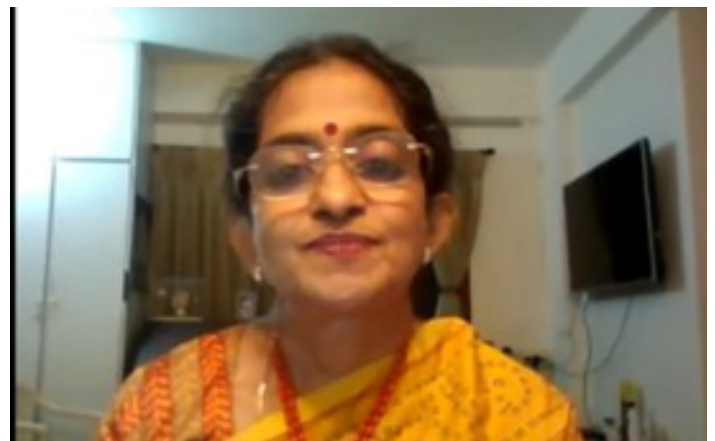
NAMBA MADRAS NALLA MADRAS

Has anyone ever wondered what the shape of Thyagaraya Nagar is?

The planners of Thyagaraya Nagar had created it in the shape of a rising Sun, the symbol of Justice party during the early ninties. The Panagal Park is the heart of Thyagaraya Nagar, the Usman road runs at the base of the park on either side. The three arterial roads, G N Chetty Road, Sir Thyagaraya Road and Venkata Narayana Road form the rays of the Sun on the other side of the park thus forming a Rising Sun. Isn't this wonderful information? This is just one of the things the audience leart during a Joint speaker meeting, Namba Madras Nalla Madras.

The program was conducted by Rotary Club of Madras Industrial City along with RC Madras Marina, RC Madras Mount, RC Chennai Metrozone and RC Madras Mid-town. The two speakers for the evening were, Shri M.V. S. Appa Rao, Great Grandson of Raja Sir Panaganti Rama Rayaningar, The Raja of Panagal and Smt. Nandini Arun, Granddaughter of Sir Arcot Ramaswami Mudaliar and Grandniece of Sir Arcot Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar. The moderator for the evening was Rtn. Usha Kumar of RC Madras Mid-town.

The program was an apt precursor to the Madras Day celebrations. It was held at 7pm on 13th of Aug 2021, two days before the 75th Independence Day Celebrations. So the participants were full of National Fervour and tuned to receive such positive information about the contributions and reforms



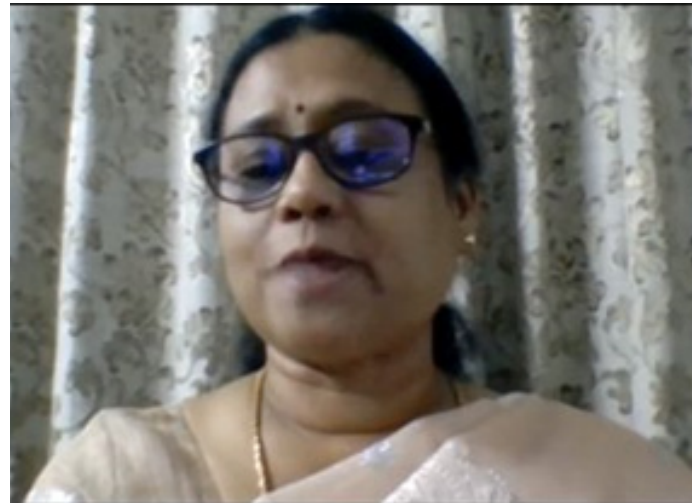
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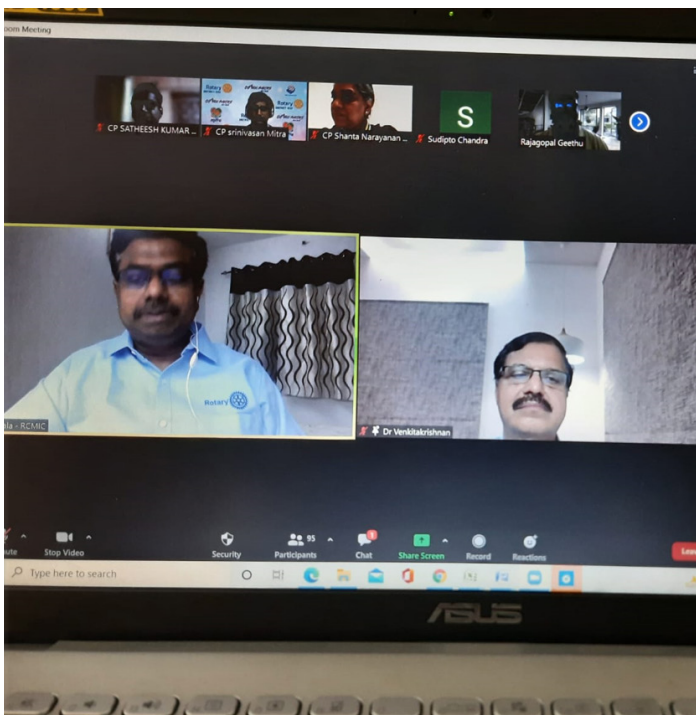
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Ann Uma Maheshwari



ISRO – FROM DESPAIR TO TRIUMPH



On 15th August, 2021, to celebrate the 75th Independence Day of our Country, we had Dr. P.V. Venkitakrishnan, Senior Advisor, ISRO honoring the Rotary families with his address. Dr.Venkitakrishnan spoke to us about the ISRO STORY – FROM DESPAIR TO TRIUMPH.

This program was part of the celebrity series organised by the District Club Service Team .

RCMIC was part of the Lead clubs for this Speaker meet .

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

On 15th August 2021, at 7.30am, Nehru Youth Hostel, Indira Nagar was filled with Young College students, lady auto drivers and good hearts, having the innate feel to help fellow human beings, who registered themselves as volunteers with Rotary Disaster Management.

District Disaster Management Team, Rotary District 3232, ably headed by Chairman Rtn. Harisharan along with Rotary Club of Madras Industrial City and Rotary Club of Chennai Gems, conducted the Basic Fire Safety program.

The veteran in the field of Fire Safety, Mr. Jagadish Adeppa, Founder of Usha Fire Safety Equipments Pvt Ltd., led the session well. Both Classroom sessions and the outdoor Fire drill were conducted. Must mention the unique tactics of Mr. Adeppa who kept the participants glued to his presentation throughout the session. All the participants gained knowledge of Basic Fire Safety. Usage of Fire extinguishers and knowing the right one to use for various types of fire accident was an eye-opener.

Real-time experience of putting off the fire during the fire drill made the youngsters very excited. We could also witness the real women's empowerment when a gang of lady auto drivers came up as volunteers to learn these life-saving techniques. All the participants were presented with a certificate for their participation.

Ann Uma Yuvaraj





Independence Day is Celebrated as a National Festival not only to remember the price paid for it but also the responsibility of the youth to preserve ,protect and persevere to move forward beyond our diversity in caste culture faith or creed as we are children of one Mother India

The 75th Independence Day of our country was celebrated jointly by our Rotaract Club of Vishwahita , Rotaract Club of Bhaktavatsalam Memorial College for Women and Interact Club of CSI Monahan Matric Hr Sec school on 15 th August 2021 as a hybrid function ie.both physical and virtual from 9am to 10.30 am

Rtn.Chandra kumar , Director of Youth Services of our Club hoisted the National Flag CSI Monahan Matric Hr Sec school in the presence of the school Principal Mrs. Emily Titus and the staff of the school .

The Rotractors and the Interactors via zoom took the National Pledge after the Flag hoisting.

The celebration was presided by the RI 3232 District secretary Rtn. R. Ravishankar who is non other than our own Club Charter Member. His words of wisdom were like precious pearls to the younger generation.

The highlight of the program was the chief Guest Mrs Subashini Iyer IPT Team Leader of NASA'S Artemis Mission to the Moon. Her travel from Rasapuram of Coimbatore to NASA and her work was an inspiration to the youngsters.

The celebration became more colourful with the presence of the President of the Parent club along with the Presidents of the Rotaract clubs and Interact Club with around 89 participants. There were national integration songs speeches and dance which depicted the spirit of freedom. The celebration came to an end with National Anthem

Rtn. Emily

RCMIC HITS A SIX

Family Meet on the auspicious day of Onam, saw the Rotarians, Anns and Annettes all dressed up in the traditional attire. Everyone was excited to meet after a gap of almost 6 months!!

It was a record breaking evening at RCMIC, with Membership Development Chair PP Manoj Sheth and his team in partnership with President Satheesh scored a huge six! Yes, six new members in one evening is a record for RCMIC. The evening started with a mellifluous rendition by Ann Akhila Swaminathan.

The following new members were innovatively compared to different flowers adding more fragrance to the RCMIC garden.

1. Rtn.Dr. Yeshwanth introduced by Rtn. Ravi Teja.
- 2.Rtn. Phani Vikram introduced by Rtn. Sabari.
3. Rtn.Thillaikarasan introduced by Rtn.Preetha.
4. Rtn. Vasanth introduced by Rtn. Emily.
5. Rtn. Srinivasan introduced by Rtn. Yuvi.
6. Rtn.Kumaran introduced by Rtn Emily.

Our PP Rtn Sridhar (I overheard he is also a DG... doesn't behave like one ..no Bandha.... so I had my doubts) inducted all of them into the Rotary world, followed by inspiring words of wisdom.



He even promoted an idea of assigning mentors to help in the smooth induction for the new members.

After the short and crisp formal meeting, we had Annette Suneththa giving a brilliant dance performance. Anns also gave their customary "kai kotti kalli" performance on the occasion of Onam. Many joined in and we saw some amazing moves by new Rotarians, Anns and Annettes.

Rtn Ravishankar ensured that the game of Tambola was thoroughly entertaining for each one of us.

All in all, great time after a long time..
Ann Anjali



ANN'S PROJECTS

Maternal and Child Care

To maintain a healthy pregnancy, approximately 300 extra calories are needed each day. These calories should come from a balanced diet of protein, fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The Ann's contributed nutritive health packets to 50 Pregnant women at Andhra Mahila sabha , Adyar and PMC at Annanagar.

Education Support

Abizer Rangwala, aged 12, is studying in grade 4 of Alpha To omega Learning centre. This school is dedicated to cater to children with learning issues. His mother is single and needed help with his education . The Ann's sponsored part of the fees .

Akshaya Old Age Home

The closest thing to being cared for is to care for someone else and the Ann's of RCMIC continuously strive to reach out to the under privileged and senior citizens. Akshaya old age home is starting its new facility for the aged at Palavakkam and the Ann's donated 20 buckets , mugs and bedsheets for the upcoming home .



FMLR PROGRAMME



District FMLR team had a devotional song concert on 28th August. The event had 13 singers from different clubs participating and rendering more than 25 devotional songs. The event was well attended by over 80 people from all the clubs. The event was sponsored by RCMIC. The chief guest of the event and guest of honor Ann Nallammai Ramanathan and DG J Sridhar addressed the audience. The event was concluded with a dinner.

DISTRIBUTION OF LAPTOP

RCMIC distributed 5 laptops each to CSI Manohan school and Govt. Higher School Mugappair East under Ford Rotary Digital Initiative.



ANNADHANAM AT UYIROLI OLD AGE HOME

SUNSHINE PARTY

Shelter is a Registered Trust taking care of HIV positive Children in the age group of 3 to 18 years. They provide them life saving medicine from ART centers and manage their well-being by providing them nutritious food and special diet to those who are malnourished and suffering from other opportunistic infections. They also take care of their education, stay until they get married . Few of the children are persuing Biomedical engineering, Nursing, BBA and other Arts and Science courses.

There Vision is to offer them Love, Laughter and Life

Thanks to the birthday and wedding anniversary celebrities of August month. Due to their generous hearts in giving , RCMIC had the opportunity of providing a full day meal at SHELTER HOME and at NEW HOPE AND NEW LIFE ORPHANAGE



Shelter Home



New Hope and New Life Orphanage

USHA'S SOLEIL

This article is penned by our GML editor Rtn Usha kumar & it is sure to take us down memory lane.

Was the shade golden, school bus, sunflower, saffron, or corn? Well, these are all shades of yellow and here I am trying to bracket a piece of personal belonging into one of these shades. It was a possession I had forty-four years ago. The moment I saw it in the store, my eyes were riveted to the colour and there was no doubt in me that I would love to possess it.

I had just completed my graduation and immediately my wedding was fixed .

However, I had to travel abroad and that entailed I buy a decent suitcase so that it could hold the things I would need. We zeroed in on a grey-blue bag with a soft top. Once the purchase was kept aside, I told Amma that I fancied a handbag. Since the handbag too was a necessity, Amma readily agreed. I pointed to the yellow one and then Amma gave me a look that said it all. The look must have translated to "Are you in your right mind?" But for once I couldn't be bothered and told the salesman to bill that as well.



I hadn't even inspected the bag to fall in love with it. It was just that on that morning when we entered the shop, it was the brightest thing on display. I was just 20 years of age and soon to be a bride. Maybe the choice was a result of the excitement brewing in me.

Having bought the bag, I was in love with it. I had to wait for the marriage to get over to start using it. But I did admire it and the more I did, the more I felt a connect.

My first use of the bag was some time during the last week of June

1977. All of twenty, I felt like a lady with a handbag that made a statement. It was an attractive piece to carry around and when placed on a table, it brought into the room the brightness of the sun. Believe me when I say that at least a dozen people have asked me as to where I bought it from.

Yesterday when I read in the papers that WITCO was going out of business, my mind rushed back to that bright day in June 1977, when I went to the showroom in Mount Road and got myself my first and the most stylish of bags.

BIRTHDAY

1st August: Udith Dushyant S/o
Rtn. Jayaprakash
Shanthi Priya Thillakaran W/o
Rtn. Thillakaran

3rd August: Sruthi Dil/o Rtn. Balaji

5th August: Malini D/o Rtn.
Unnithan

7th August: Rtn. Arvind Sundaram

8th August: Rtn. Ravi Theja

9th August: Rtn. Thillaikarasan

11th August: Sharanraj S/o Rtn.
Yuvaraj

13th August: Rtn. Senthil kumar

15th August: Dakshith S/o Rtn.
Vishwanathan

17th August: Dwarakesh S/o Rtn.
Suresh kumar U N
Rtn. Praveen

20th August: Kavindithya D/o Rtn.
Kumaran

21st August: Keshav Krithik S/o
Rtn. Sabarisriram

23rd August: Rtn. Manivannan

22nd August: Rtn. Yeshwanth

24th August: Rtn. Krishnan

27th August: Kanishq S/o Rtn.
Kumaran

ANNIVERSARY

21st August
Illakiya & Afsheen D/o Rtn. Srinivasan

22nd August
Rtn. Murugappan & Umayal

29th August
Rtn. Subramanian & Shanthi Subramanian

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