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Rtn. Subramanian R
President 2024-25

Rtn. Sujit Balachandra
Director - Club Service

Rtn. Sitharam Koka
Secretary 2024-25



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She has served Rotary in numerous capacities, as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, and RI President's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation. Stephanie has also served as Chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of International service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school, and travelled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation Grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in Poland in post-Communist Poland. Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner Clubs and Districts in the USA with Rotary Clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in higher education, consulting and entertainment industries. She received her Doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana, University of Pennsylvania, and has been recognised and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organisations.



Mahaveer Chand Bothra
District Governor 2024 - 25 | RID3233

Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra, born in Mayavaram, Tamilnadu and had his education and joined his family business of manufacturing and marketing Diamond Jewellery. He shifted the base to Chennai with his Elder Brother Goutham Chand Bothra in 2000. Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra is the Director of Whitefire Diamond Private Limited, a leading player in Diamond Jewellery Business in India for over 30 years. Besides Rotary, Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra is also member and office bearer of many Community, Business and Trade organizations and was the President of Rajasthan Youth Association. Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra started his Rotary Journey as a Rotaractor in Rotaract Club of AVC College, Mayavaram, then with Rotary Club of Mayavaram in 1997 and joined Rotary Club of Madras T Nagar in 2001.

Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra became the President of the club in Light Up Year 2014 - 15 and won Platinum Trophy from the District for over all performance and was declared one of the Best Presidents of the year. He was President of Light Up Presidents Alumni, District Chair for various Programs, District Conference Chair- Nakshatras, Chairman of PETS, District Membership Chair, and became the unopposed and unanimously elected District Governor for Rotary District 3233 in the year 2024 -25.

Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra has been decorated with many Awards in Rotary and by Business Forums which includes “Most Valuable Rotarian of the District Award” consecutively for two years, “Excellence in Service to Humanity” by Rotary Club of Madras T Nagar for a project as Chairman of Rotary Feeds during Covid Pandemic involving distribution of food and groceries for over 1 lac families in Chennai and outside.

Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra is married to Jayashree Bothra and both are Major Donors to Rotary Foundation. The Bothras have two Daughters, Naveetha and Shilpa, who are also part of the family business. Naveetha is married and Shilpa is a Dental Professional with additional degrees on Diamond and Gems Technology.



Subramanian R
President 2024-25

Rtn. Subramanian, affectionately called Subbu, was born in Thanjavur. His Father served in the Sankara Mutt and this perhaps explains his cool and unperturbed attitude personality. After completing School education, Subbu did his B.Sc., Mathematics at the prestigious Loyola College Chennai, post which he went on to complete his MBA in International Business from Alagappa University.

Subbu has over two decades of experience in Sales, Marketing and Business Development in various verticlas and currently heads Business Development for Takasho Garden Living India Pvt Ltd., a Japanese Company for the Southern India region. The company is into Architectural and Landscape products & services.

Subbu joined Rotary Club of Madras Northwest in 2018 and had served as the Additional Director Community Service before serving as Secretary for three consecutive years, starting 2021.

He also held positions in RI District 3232 as Associate Chairman – Rotary Leadership Institute and Additional Chairman – RCC.

He has been recognised and awarded by District 3232 as Best Secretary for the Year 2021-22, Best Secretary for the Year 2022-23 and awaits a similar recognition this year too. He completed his graduation with Rotary Leadership Institute in 2022.

Subbu, true to his MBA International Business qualification, is married to Thushari Shyamali, a Sri Lankan national, who graduated from University of Delhi and is also an MBA from University of Colombo. She is the daughter of Late Mr.Alfred Kulatunga, a former minister of Education, Cultural Affairs and Rural Development of North Western province, Sri Lanka. Subbu and Thushari are blessed two Sons, Utkarsh Snehal and Krishan Kushal who are studying in grade 11 and 7.



Projects in the year 2023- 24

100% PHF Club

We are delighted to announce that our Club now became a 100% PHF Club by adding 21 new PHFs.

IAS Study Centre

Sponsored study hall for underprivileged meritorious students where students are trained for UPSC EXAMS. We are proud to announce that this project contributed 18 Administrative officers and 1 IAS officer to the Country in the first year.

Tuition Centers

Education is a powerful tool that can break the cycle of poverty and empower individuals to lead fulfilled lives. Two Tuition Centers were sponsored by our club, one in Kannampalayam village and other in a Lakshmipuram slum with a budget of 1.32 Lakhs and 65 students benefitted.

CSR Initiatives apart from CSR Funding

Veterinary Camps - by CUBE84 and AMPA Skywalk

Our club conducted three veterinary health camps in association with Rtn. Dr. Sankaran about 1200 animals were screened. .

STEM Training By TCS

STEM Training for our Interact School by TCS. The students were encouraged to make their own application by the end of the training. New year Gifts to 450 Government School Students was given by Philips India Limited.

Signed up 2 RCC Clubs this year

RCC with Siddha Medical College and RCC with Yoga and Naturopathy Medical College to promote Holistic Living, which started with our Club members.

RCC Club - World Record

International Yoga day was organised in Yoga and Naturopathy Medical College on 21st June with 165 doctors and students of Yoga And Naturopathy Medical College performed 108 Chandra Namaskaar, creating a World Record ! Proud to announce that it is our first joint project of our Yoga RCC which created a World Record.

Rotaract Club Award - District Award

The collaborative project 'Healing Hues' by RCMNW and the Rotaract Club of LICET was awarded the Best Project at the GRM Trident event held by District 3232. The project involved beautifying the Children's Operation Theatre and Oncopediatric ward of Government Children Hospital and Kilpauk Medical Hospital, with animated pictures, aiming to bring joy to children during difficult times with vibrant colours of Hope using Art and Empathy.



Interact Club - World Record (Secured 9th place in the world)

Ilakkiya, an Interact student from Jaigopal Garodia School, has secured 9th place in the World Karate Youth League 2024 in FUJAIRAH, UAE, hosted by World Karate Federation. Our club has contributed Rs. 25,000 towards her participation. Proud to share that she has secured 9th place in the world.



Ongoing Signature project

Providing Groceries for 100 underprivileged senior citizens every month Annual budget of 6 Lakhs completely sponsored by Rtn. K S Jeyaraman



Ongoing Signature Projects - Vidya Scholarship

The Vidhya Scholarship of Rs.2.86 Lakhs was contributed to benefit 34 underprivileged girl students for their graduation, including 2 visually impaired children. This support will significantly impact their educational journeys and future opportunities.



Disaster Management

Our club, along with the District, built a house for an elderly couple who were left homeless after their home was destroyed in a flood. By providing them with shelter, we have also given them a renewed sense of hope and security.



Environment

This year, our Club planted 24,000 tree saplings. Of these, 20,000 were part of a joint project with the Forest Department along the sides of Buckingham Canal and CRPF Campus, Avadi. Additionally, over 4,000 saplings were planted in various companies, villages, schools and temples. This initiative greatly contributes to creating a greener and healthier planet for future generations.



Bulletin Award

The Bulletin Awards, hosted by Rotary Club of Madras Metro, had participation from 141 clubs. It's a matter of pride for our Club secured the WINNER position.



Donation of sewing machines

Our Club generously donated sewing machines to 25 disadvantaged women, empowering them to earn a livelihood. This donation will certainly help these women build sustainable livelihoods and improve their quality of life.



Tamilnadu Government Award from Chennai Mayor

Got recognised from Tamilnadu Government for collecting 1200+ units of blood. We were Awarded by the Priya Rajan, Mayor of Chennai.



Global Grant - Rs.35 Lakhs

Donation of Modular Operation Theatre to Hindu Mission Hospital. Project Cost : 35.41 Lakhs


"Puthiya THAI Oru Punnagai" is a project by the Rotary Club of Madras Northwest (RCMNW) to provide a Modular Operation Theater for the Gynaecology department at Hindu Mission Hospital. RCMNW is equipping the Gynaecology department with a modular operation theater to protect mothers and newborns by reducing infection risks. This initiative will enable underprivileged women to receive quality treatment at no or low cost, benefiting approximately 1,000+ people annually.



CSR Funding - Rs.43 Lakhs

Confirmed Rs.43 Lakhs of CSR Funding from a Corporate and on successful completion, this funding may continue in the succeeding years to the extent of Rs.2.5 crore.



CLUB OFFICIALS	
 Rotary Club of Madras Northwest (Club No.26425 Chartered on 24th May 1989 RID 3233)	
List of Club officials for the Year 2024-25 (The MAGIC of Rotary)	
OFFICE BEARERS	
1. Club Advisor	- Rtn. Vijayan K C
2. Club Advisor	- Rtn. Venkateshwaran K
3. Club Trainer (Learning Facilitator)	- Rtn. Kasi K S
4. President	- Rtn. Subramanian R
5. Immediate Past President	- Rtn. Rema S
6. President Elect	- -
7. President Nominee	- -
8. Secretary	- Rtn. Sitharam Koka
9. Treasurer	- Rtn. Haribabu Pitty
DIRECTORS	
10. Club Service	- Rtn. Sujit Balachandra
11. Community Service – Health	- Rtn. Venkataramana N
12. Community Service – Development	- Rtn. Ajaz Ahamed
13. Youth Service	- Rtn. Mukesh C H
14. Vocational Service	- Rtn. Srinivasan B
15. International Service	- Rtn. Nagendra Babu K
16. Sergeant-at-arms	- Rtn. Selvaraj R
17. Sergeant-at-arms	- Rtn. Ramesh K K
CHAIRPERSONS	
18. Fellowship	- Ann. Adaikkammai K
19. Membership Development	- Rtn. Gokul Despande P
20. Public Image	- Rtn. Jothikumar K
21. The Rotary Foundation	- Rtn. Raghavendra J V
22. Polio Plus	- Rtn. Prakash N S P
23. Arch News	- Ann. Krishnaveni R
24. Special Projects	- Rtn. Vinayagamurugan N
25. Interact	- Ann. Nain Hemdev
26. Women Empowerment	- Ann. Swamalatha J
27. CSR & Fundraising	- Rtn. Rema S
28. Environment	- Rtn. Md.Nazer Basha I
29. Health Camps	- Ann. Charumathi V
30. Health	- Rtn. Devraj Radhakrishnan R
31. Maternal & Child Health	- Rtn. Sameera K

Birthday Celebrities

Ann. Komathi	3rd July
Mr.M.A.Nazeer	3rd July
Rtn.K.Sameera	8th July
Rtn.K.Jothikumar	11th July
Rtn.R.Devraj	12th July
Ann.Kalpana Sridhar	15th July
Rtn.NSP Prakash	16th July
Ann.Nain Hemdev	23rd July
Annet.Alekhya	24th July
Rtn.K.K.Ramesh	27th July

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn.S.R.Sadagopan	4th July
Rtn.R.Devraj	14th July
Rtn.Haribabu Pitty	21st July