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President's Write-up

Dear RCA Family

I extend my warmest greetings to all of you as I step into the role of the 39th President of RCA. I am humbled and grateful for the trust you have placed in me by electing me as your President. With this honor, I recognize that with great power comes great responsibility.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to each member of the club who has shown confidence in me. It is a privilege to serve as President, especially following in the footsteps of our youngest President. I am proud to say that I am one of the oldest Presidents of RCA, and I bring with me a wealth of experience and knowledge.

I want to acknowledge the remarkable contributions made by our Immediate Past President, Rtn. PHF. Dr. Nishanth. Under his leadership, our club has flourished in various areas, from entertainment to community development and service. It is undoubtedly a daunting task to fill his shoes, but I assure you that I will do my utmost to meet your expectations and even surpass them. I am determined to carry forward the legacy he has built and continue to enhance the reputation of our beloved RCA.

I have an array of exciting plans for the upcoming year aimed at delivering exceptional experiences, initiating impactful projects, and providing exemplary services to our society. Together, we will make a positive difference and leave a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

I urge all of you to join me on this journey, as your support and participation are vital to our collective success. Let us work hand in hand, united as a family, to achieve our goals and make this year a memorable and fulfilling one.

Thank you all for your trust, confidence, and unwavering dedication to the Rotary Club of Adyar. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to lead and serve you all.

With warmest regards,


Rtn. PHF. Venkata Raghava Annapragada





About Our Incoming President


Rtn. PHF. Venkata Raghava Annapragada, the 39th President of the Rotary Club of Adyar, brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to service to his role.

Here are some key details about his background and involvement in Rotary :

 **Education and Professional Experience:** *Venkata Raghava is an Engineer who graduated from Banaras Hindu University, which is now known as IIT (BHU). He has an extensive manufacturing background, having worked as a Head of Manufacturing for over four decades.*

 **Alumni and Academic Involvement:** *He currently serves as the President of the BHU Chennai Alumni Association, representing and supporting fellow alumni. Additionally, Venkata Raghava is a member of the Board of Studies for Engineering at Padmavathi University in Tirupathi, contributing his expertise to the development of engineering programs.*

 **Family Life:** *Venkata Raghava's spouse, Ann. Aruna, is a graduate from Nagarjuna University. After their marriage, she chose to be a homemaker. They both hail from a small town in Andhra Pradesh but decided to settle in Chennai after their careers and retirement.*

 **Rotary Background:** *Venkata Raghava's connection to Rotary goes back to his father, who was a Rotarian for 30 years in the town of Chirala, Andhra Pradesh. The seeds of social service and a desire to join Rotary were planted in him during that time. He joined the Rotary Club of Adyar in 2018 and has been actively involved ever since.*



Family Support: Venkata Raghava and Aruna have two well-qualified professional sons. The eldest is based in the United States, while the younger son resides in Chennai and actively supports his father in Rotary endeavors. Both sons are happily married.



Within the Rotary Club of Adyar, Venkata Raghava has held various positions since becoming a member in 2018. His dedication to service and community involvement through Rotary, as well as his wealth of professional experience makes him a valuable leader within the club.

Here's wishing President Venkata Raghava all the very best for the coming year and all his endeavors 😊.

Thank You Note

As we approach the conclusion of the Imagine Rotary Year 2022-23, it is a fitting time to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Immediate Past President Rtn. PHF. Dr. Nishanth, First Lady Ann Dr. Shruti Nishanth, Secretary Rtn. Kavitha Anand, and the entire RCA team for their exceptional efforts in making this year a resounding success. Their dedication and hard work have ensured that the Imagine Year 2022-23 will be remembered as a remarkable and eventful one.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed numerous impactful projects and events that have left a lasting impression. From the provision of free cataract surgeries and donations of limbs to organizations like Mukthi Foundation, project Wingyanam, to the organization of free health camps, vocational services, tree planting initiatives, and the Polio Drive, the list of accomplishments goes on. The Imagine Year has been filled with memorable moments, fruitful endeavors, and enjoyable experiences.

We must commend the entire RCA family of the Imagine Year 2022-23 for their active participation in speaker meetings, fellowships, the Charter Night celebration. Their collective enthusiasm and involvement have contributed significantly to making this year extra special and truly vibrant.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to IPP Rtn. Dr. Nishanth and his team for keeping us fully engaged and entertained throughout this successful year. Their exemplary leadership, vision, and coordination have played a pivotal role in achieving these remarkable accomplishments. Their dedication to Rotary's mission and their tireless efforts have positively impacted the lives of many and brought about meaningful change in our community.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, let us reflect on the achievements of the Imagine Year 2022-23 and carry its spirit of service and collaboration into the future. Together, we can continue to make a difference and create a lasting impact.

Kudos to IPP. Rtn. Dr. Nishanth, First Lady Ann. Dr. Shruti Nishanth, Secretary Rtn. Kavitha Anand, and the entire team for their outstanding contributions and a truly remarkable year! Thank you all for your commitment and dedication.

Editor's Write up :

Good day, dear RCA Family,

I am thrilled to announce that I have been given the privilege to serve once again as the Bulletin Editor of RCA. With great joy and gratitude, I embrace this role for the upcoming year.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the board members and RCA members for entrusting me with this wonderful post. Your support and confidence mean the world to me. I am committed to delivering a bulletin that reflects the spirit and achievements of our Rotary Club.

During the Imagine year, we successfully circulated 12 editions of the bulletin, and I am immensely proud of the work we accomplished. With the same momentum and dedication, I will continue to uphold this standard in the new year.

The bulletin serves as a digital platform that connects us, allowing us to share experiences, knowledge, achievements, and all the wonderful Rotary activities within our club. It is a valuable tool for keeping everyone informed and engaged.

I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the Rotary Club of Adyar once again. Drawing from my experience during the Imagine year, I will strive to enhance the quality and content of the bulletin. With your continued support, I am confident that this year's editions will be even more inspiring.

I invite each one of you to read the bulletin, as it serves as a means for us to stay connected and celebrate our collective achievements. Your contributions, stories, and updates bring the bulletin to life, so please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions with me at editor.banyantree@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and best wishes. Happy reading!



Rotary International News

Project Hope, an initiative of RC Chennai Industrial City, RID 3232, has undertaken the renovation of Block 15 in the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) in Kilpauk, Chennai. Block 15 serves as a refuge for nearly 100 mentally challenged patients with severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and personality disorder.

The renovation project, carried out in the first phase, focused on Ward 6 and involved various improvements. Damaged floors and walls were repaired, outdated furniture and equipment were replaced, and a toilet block was constructed. Additionally, a wide platform and a ramp were built in the garden area. These additions will facilitate therapeutic interventions like yoga and exercise, group therapy sessions, and individual counseling. The renovation also aimed to improve lighting and ventilation, which would contribute to the overall health and well-being of the patients.

The total budget for the project was \$112,000 (₹93.5 lakh), and the cost of renovating Ward 6 amounted to \$12,050 (₹10.24 lakh). The refurbished block was inaugurated by RIPE Gordon McInally in the presence of RID A S Venkatesh and DG N Nandakumar. McInally emphasized the significance of addressing mental health issues and reducing the associated stigma.



He encouraged Rotary clubs to identify specific needs of their local communities and actively engage in mental health projects.

RIPE Gordon McInally and Heather after inaugurating the renovated ward at IMH, Chennai, in the presence of DG N Nandakumar, PDG J Sridhar, RC Chennai Industrial City president Emily Titus, club members and hospital staff.

Full article: <https://rotarynewsonline.org/facelift-for-a-mental-healthcare-facility/>

Charter Night

The Charter night of our club, held at Hotel Green Meadows, was an immensely successful and prestigious event, serving as the grand finale of our club's activities. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 100 RCAians, and it was organized and conducted by the dedicated Annettes of our club.

The entire program was skillfully coordinated by our club secretary, Rtn. Kavitha Anand, and supported by the first lady, Ann. Dr. Shruti Nishanth, and Fellowship chair, Rtn. PHF. Archana. Their remarkable efforts throughout the year contributed to the seamless execution of the event.

As part of an extended fellowship, 17 families chose to stay back at the resort. They had the opportunity to enjoy various activities, including a refreshing swim in the pool. Additionally, Ann. Suraj, a talented Zumba instructor, led an invigorating Zumba session on the beach early in the morning, adding a fun and energetic element to the fellowship experience.

Charter night served as a memorable occasion, celebrating the accomplishments and camaraderie of our club members. The combination of engaging programs, collaborative efforts, and joyful fellowship created an atmosphere of celebration and unity.




























Speaker Meeting

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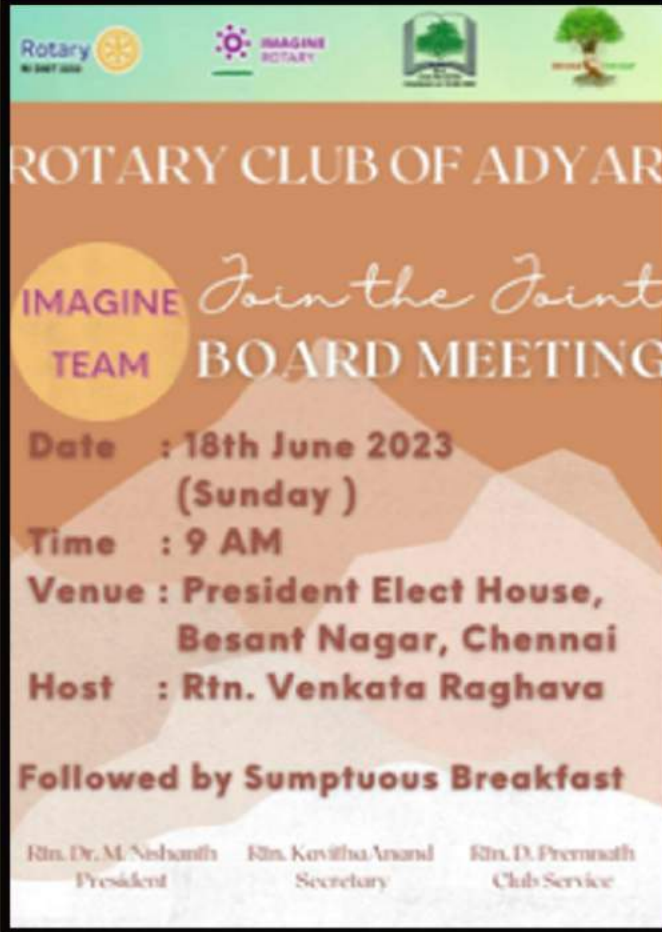
Speaker: Ms. Aishvarrya
Musician. Theatre Artist. Playback Singer.
Model & TVHost


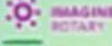


20 June 2023, Tuesday 6.30 PM
Hotel Savera, Mylapore, Chennai.

Rtn. Dr. Nishanth Rtn. Kavitha Anand Rtn. D. Premnath
President Secretary Club Service



Joint Board Meeting



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ROTARY CLUB OF ADYAR

IMAGINE TEAM *Join the Joint*
BOARD MEETING

Date : 18th June 2023
(Sunday)

Time : 9 AM

**Venue : President Elect House,
Besant Nagar, Chennai**

Host : Rtn. Venkata Raghava

Followed by Sumptuous Breakfast

Rtn. Dr. M. Nishanthi Rtn. Kavitha Anand Rtn. D. Premnath
President Secretary Club Service





Rotarian's Achievement



We are delighted to announce that Temple City bestowed a prestigious award upon Rtn. Latha Rajan. This recognition holds immense significance as it is instituted in the cherished memory of her dear friend, Rekha, with whom she shared precious moments and collaborated on empowering programs for women and children.

The award serves as a testament to Rtn. Latha Rajan's remarkable dedication, unwavering commitment, and significant contributions to the betterment of society, particularly in the realms of women's and children's empowerment. Through their joint efforts, Latha and Rekha have made a lasting impact, leaving behind a legacy of positive change and upliftment.

We applaud Rtn. Latha Rajan for her exemplary work and for being a source of inspiration to us all. Her compassion, leadership, and tireless efforts have made a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals.



Rtn. Sathish and Rtn. Sivakumar, while embodying the spirit of RCA, were in attendance to witness Rtn. Latha Rajan receiving the award.

Ann's Contribution to a Better Tomorrow



We are thrilled to share with all of you a truly heartwarming and inspiring act of kindness by Ann Mahalakshmi through FMLR. She has taken the remarkable initiative to visit an NGO that provides palliative care for children affected by cancer and sings for them, demonstrating her compassion and talent. This is not the first time she has done such a selfless act, as she has previously engaged in similar endeavours.

Ann Mahalakshmi's gesture reflects her genuine concern for those in need and her willingness to use her musical abilities to bring joy and comfort to

others. It is a testament to her kind heart and her dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others, particularly children battling cancer.

Meetings held in the month of June

Sl. No.	Meeting Type	Date	Title
1	Fellowship	10th Jun	Charter Night and Overnight Fellowship on 10th and 11th
2	BOD	18th Jun	Joint Board Meeting
3	Regular	23rd Jun	Regular Speaker Meeting with Playback Singer Ms. Aishvarrya

Service Projects

Sl. No.	Date	Title	Area of Focus	Category	Subcategory	Cost	Direct Beneficiaries	Man Hours	Rotarians Involved
1	6th Jun	One Family One Project - Rtn. Dr. Ragavan and Ann. Dr. Meera Ragavan donated a lower limb to Mukthi Foundation	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	5000	1	2	2
2	11th Jun	Gift of Sight (Free Cataract Surgery) done by Rtn. Dr. Nishanth on Rtn. Subash Vallab's Birthday	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Eye Surgeries	Cataract	5000	1	2	2
3	17th Jun	Gift of Sight (Free Cataract Surgery) done by Rtn. Dr. Nishanth on Rtn. Senthilnathan's Birthday	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Eye Surgeries	Cataract	5000	1	2	2
4	19th Jun	Gift of Sight (Free Cataract Surgery) done by Rtn. Dr. Nishanth on Rtn. Dr. Sricharan's Birthday	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Eye Surgeries	Cataract	5000	1	2	2
5	22nd Jun	One Family One Project - Rtn. Dr. M. Nishanth donated a lower limb to Mukthi Foundation	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	5000	1	2	2

Birthday Celebrations



02-Jul	Annette. Sai Dharshetha	D/O Rtn. Saravanan
04-Jul	S. Prithvi Narayan	S/O Rtn. Pria Srinivas
06-Jul	Ann.Gowri S	W/O Rtn. Srinivasan H
09-Jul	Annette.Nitia V Mohan	D/O AKS. Rtn.S V Veerran
10-Jul	Rtn. Kannan Paramasivam	
11-Jul	Rtn.M E Boopathiraja	
12-Jul	Annette.Suhas	S/O Rtn. PHF Latha Rajan
13-Jul	Rtn. PHF. Dr.M. Nishanth	
16-Jul	Annette.Ananyaa Rajan	D/ORtn.PHF.Vittal Rajan R
21-Jul	Annette.Charanya	S/O Rtn. Krishnan S
21-Jul	Annette.Arvind	S/O Rtn. Rajendran. R
27-Jul	Rtn.S. Sivakumar	
27-Jul	Annette.Mahaswedha P	D/O Rtn.Veloo Pushparaaj
28-Jul	Annette.Lavanya	S/O Rtn. Krishnan S
30-Jul	Annette.Poorvi Rajesh	D/O Rtn. Pinky Rajesh
31-Jul	Annette.Pradeep	S/O Rtn. Rajendran. R

Wedding Anniversaries



01-Jul	Rtn.Kannan Arumugam & Ann.Chitra Kannan
04-Jul	AKS. Rtn.S V Veerramani & Ann. Radha Veerramani
10-Jul	Rtn.PHF. Thiagarajan R & Ann.Chitra Thiagarajan
14-Jul	RTN.M Suresh & Ann. Meera Suresh
15-Jul	Rtn. Ramesh R & Ann. Radha



Agenda for the month of July '23

- 4th July : Installation of the President and Board Members**
- 11th July : Installation of Annette's club**
- 18th July : Avenue Director's Presentation**

Rotary Fun Facts & History

- The first service project of the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917. This project made Rotary the World's First Service Club.*
- There's a secondary motto: "One profits most who serves best."*
- The first women joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 women are members of Rotary International.*
- There are more than 1.2 million Rotarians all over the world in more than 35,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries in all geographic areas.*
- Rotary became bilingual in 1916, when it organized a non-English-speaking Club in Cuba.*
- In 1929, The Rotary Foundation made its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children.*
- In 1968, the first Rotary Club banner to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the Houston Space Center Rotary Club.*
- The largest Rotary Club is the Oklahoma City Downtown Club with over 600 members.*

