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DISTRICT 3232



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President's Write-up

Greetings!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at RCA for making the installation ceremony a grand success through your hard work and unwavering support. It is heartening to hear that Annette's Installation was a resounding success; congratulations to Annette Revati Karunakaran on being elected as the president. Wishing her and her team all the best in their new roles. Moreover, we are delighted to announce the induction of a new member into our club.

A special mention goes to Rtn. PHF. Dr. M Nishanth and his exceptional team for their outstanding performance, winning an impressive 29 awards at 'The District Awards Night.' Your remarkable achievements have set a high standard for RCA, my team, and myself. Nevertheless, it is evident that we are all well-prepared and committed to giving our best efforts."

A heartfelt thank you to our secretary, Rtn. Dr. Kumaravel, and Ann. Jayalakshmi IPS, for organizing the auspicious temple visit to seek divine blessings at the outset of the new Rotary year. This thoughtful gesture fills our hearts with spirituality and positivity, instilling hope for a propitious beginning to the year ahead.

I am delighted to inform you all that RCA participated in the "Srivanam transformation and nursery plant creation" event by planting trees. Engaging in such activities not only benefits the environment but also reflects RCA's commitment to the community.

With such dedication and enthusiasm, I am confident that this year will be a great one for RCA. Let's continue working together as a strong team to achieve our goals and make a positive impact.

Thanks and regards to all the members of RCA!



Editor's Write Up

Good day my dear RCA Family!!

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Banyan Tree under the "Create Hope in the World" year. With your generous support, well wishes, and encouragement, I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the "Best Bulletin" for the Rotary Imagine year 2022-23.

I am excited about the addition of new sections in the bulletin, which will undoubtedly keep the community engaged and well-informed about the happenings around us. Change is refreshing and brings new perspectives, so I hope that you all will enjoy reading and continue to stay engaged with the Banyan Tree this year 😊.

The month of July proved to be exceptionally eventful, and I'm enthusiastic about sharing the diverse range of activities and achievements that transpired during this time.

We welcome all feedback, suggestions, articles, and achievements to be sent to editor.banyantree@gmail.com.

As always, happy reading!



Rotary International News

*A small write up about our new
RI President, Gordon McNally*



Gordon McNally's upbringing took place in Portobello, a picturesque seaside area of Edinburgh, famous for its beautiful beach with light-colored sand and wooden groynes along the shoreline. His mother ran a private nursery, while his father worked for Macdonald & Muir, a company known for producing Glenmorangie whiskies. Gordon had a close bond with his younger brother, Ian, and they spent much of their childhood playing and watching rugby together.

During their late teens, Gordon met his future wife, Heather. Their relationship blossomed during a trip to Florence, Italy, where they participated in a combined choir from their respective schools in Edinburgh. Despite their busy work schedules, they maintained a thriving relationship by respecting each other's independence and sharing updates on their activities at the end of each day.

Their wedding took place at Craigsbank Parish Church in Edinburgh, leading Gordon to become a member of the Church of Scotland after transitioning from his previous affiliation with the Methodist Church. Over the years, he actively involved himself in the church, serving as an elder, trustee, and chairman of the parish congregational board. His dedication to his faith and community is further evidenced by his role as a commissioner to the church's general assembly and as a presbytery elder.

Gordon and Heather are proud parents of two daughters, Rebecca and Sarah, and they now relish the role of grandparents to Ivy and Florence. Heather has been a great source of support for Gordon, providing him with honest feedback and acting as a reliable sounding board, especially in his professional pursuits. Her tolerance and encouragement have proven invaluable to him, and he acknowledges that he couldn't succeed in his endeavors without her.

Learning about Gordon McInally's life and experiences, along with his family's journey, is inspiring. It showcases the significance of family bonds, faith, and mutual support in shaping their lives positively.



Rotary India News

Health and Wellness: Rotary Club of Bombay Airport gives new lease of life to 348 children with congenital heart diseases in 3 years.

Congenital heart diseases affect approximately one per cent of all newborns in India, making it one of the most common birth disabilities in the country each year.

In light of this, the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport took a remarkable initiative to make a difference in the lives of these children. Working in collaboration with five Rotary districts, nine clubs, and international partners, they successfully raised an impressive Rs 1.92 crore. This generous sum of money will provide much-needed financial assistance for the treatment of 140 children with congenital heart disease. The collective effort of 85 donors has made this significant impact possible.

However, the club's involvement doesn't end with financial support alone. They have extended emotional support to the families of these children during this challenging time. Recognizing the holistic needs of these young patients and their loved ones, the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport is ensuring they receive the care and compassion they deserve.

The success of this initiative truly exemplifies the power of collective efforts and the positive change that can be achieved when communities come together to support vital causes. The Rotary Club's dedication to bringing hope and relief to those facing congenital heart disease is commendable. Their work is a shining example of how a united effort can create a lasting impact and transform lives..

RJ District 3232 News:

RJ District 3232 Annual District Awards - Sunandham:

On the evening of 22nd July 2023, the Green Park Hotel in Vadapalani was adorned with the grandeur of the annual district awards ceremony hosted by RID 3232. This year's award ceremony was titled "Sunandham," symbolizing the joy and happiness that comes from dedicated service and the spirit of Rotary.

The primary purpose of the annual district awards is to recognize and celebrate the unwavering commitment of the Rotary Clubs within our district. Rotary's dedication to service and its relentless efforts to uplift the lives of those in need were highlighted and applauded during this prestigious event.

The recent "Sunandham" awards night proved to be an overwhelming success, filling the hearts of all attendees with pride and joy. Among the shining stars of the evening was our Rotary Club of Adyar, which received an impressive array of 29 accolades for their exemplary work during the term 2022-23.

The most coveted recognition was the platinum award, bestowed upon RCA for being the best-performing club during the term. This prestigious honor reflects the dedication, hard work, and impact RCA had in their service projects and initiatives throughout the year.

The success of the Sunandham awards night serves as a testament to the power of teamwork and the unwavering strength of the Rotary family. Through collective effort and shared vision, remarkable achievements have been made, positively impacting countless lives within the community.

As we fondly reflect on this memorable evening, let us carry the true spirit of Rotary in our hearts. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve, extending the values of service, friendship, and fellowship to every corner of our district.

List of awards received by RCA for the Imagine year 2022-23:

- 1. Platinum award - Rotary Club of Adyar*
- 2. Best President award- Rtn. PHF. Dr. Nishanth*
- 3. Best club secretary award- Rtn. Kavitha*
- 4. Highest contribution award to Rtn. SV. Veeramani Sir (\$1,50,859) to become chair circle member*
- 5. Gold award- Avenue of community service health*
- 6. Chairman best education- Rtn. T. Sathish*
- 7. Wingyanam smart board project*
- 8. Environment mission team - Rtn. NR. Jayaraman*
- 9. Highest in total contribution to TRF*
- 10. Avenue of community service*
- 11. Avenue of club service/ best bulletin*
- 12. Avenue of wash/ toilet renovation*
- 13. Avenue of community service- Health*
- 14. Project Shakthi*
- 15. Avenue of Vocational Service*
- 16. Avenue of international service*
- 17. Avenue of club service/ family participation*
- 18. Creating endowment fund*
- 19. Area of public image*
- 20. Partnering in global grant*
- 21. Avenue of community service- development*
- 22. Avenue of community service- educational assistance*
- 23. Top contribution- SVV Sir*
- 24. GGR - For Rtn. Dr. Prem Alex Lawrence*
- 25. Literacy program- Rtn. Ranjith*
- 26. Key district officer- Rtn. Archana Suraj*
- 27. Avenue of club service- best Annette's club*





32320 Plant Nursery:

RCA's active participation in the "Srivanam trial forest" transformation and nursery plant creation project, organized by a Rotary club in RI District 3232, will undoubtedly sow the seeds of hope for a greener and cleaner environment tomorrow.



The Installation of RCA's 39th President.

Congratulations on the success of the 39th Installation program at RCA! It was wonderful to have our DG Rtn. PP. AKS. Ravi Raman to grace the event, making it even more special.

Handing over the baton from IPP Rtn. PHF. M. Nishanth to Rtn. PHF. Venkatraghava Annapragada is a significant moment for the club. With the introduction of new board members and the transition of responsibilities, it marks the beginning of a new chapter for RCA.

We have no doubt that Rtn. PHF. Venkatraghava and the entire team will deliver an excellent performance throughout the year. With their dedication and commitment, this year's happenings are bound to be as interesting and successful as the last.




A warm welcome to Rtn. Purushotam, the new member who joined the club. It's always heartening to see new individuals joining and contributing to the Rotary family.

The event's conclusion with a scrumptious dinner was a delightful way to end the evening, bringing joy and satisfaction to all RCA members' palates.


Once again, best wishes to Rtn. PHF. Venkatraghava Annapragada and the entire team for a successful and fulfilling year ahead at RCA! May the club continue to thrive and make a positive impact in the community.

Photos of the entire event can be found in the following link:


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**THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF
 ROTARY CLUB OF ADYAR**
 Club no : 22785 | District : 3232




Help you & Your Area for the
Installation Ceremony of



**Rtn. Venkata Rajheva
Annagada**
as the 37th Club President





Rtn. Dr. M. Kamaresw
as the Club Secretary



Rtn. Karan Paramashvam
Club Service Director

along with their Board Members of Rotary Year 2023 - 2024.

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 GENTLEMEN : FORMAL ATTIRE
 LADIES : SAREE

DATE: Tuesday, 04.07.2023
TIME: 6.00PM
VENUE: Hotel Saveria,
 Mysore, Chennai.

DEEP CHIEF
Rtn. PP A.K. RAVI RAMAN
 District Governor 2023-24

Rtn. Dr. B. NISHANTH
 DISTRICT GOV. 2022

Rtn. S. JYOTHSNA ANAND
 DISTRICT GOV. 2022









Raising a Toast

*In the heart of our Rotary haven, a Banyan tree so grand,
A symbol of strength and unity, a vision we understand,
Dr. Nishanth, our past president, a beacon through the year,
With his spirit and dedication, our Rotary shines so clear.*

*Through trials and triumphs, he steered us with grace,
A **Platinum award** we proudly earned, in our district's embrace,
Best President award, a testament to his skill,
He inspired us all, his vision we fulfil.*

*And **Rtn Kavitha**, our immediate Past Secretary, a star in her own right,
Her dedication and diligence, a guiding light,
Best Secretary award, a testament to her zeal,
Together they led us, with a bond so real.*

*The Rotary Club of Adyar, like the Banyan tree,
Rooted in service, with branches reaching free,
With **29 Avenue awards**, a testament to our love,
For service and compassion, we're guided from above.*

*Our **Rtn AKS Veeramani**, we proudly acclaim,
For his selfless contribution, he's earned his fame,
Highest contributor in our district to Rotary's noble foundation,
His generosity and kindness, a source of inspiration.*

*And our **club members**, shining stars so bright,
Represented the Rotary district, with all their might,
They made us proud with their service so true,
A testament to our values, in everything they'd do.*

*In literacy services too, we've made our mark with project **Wingnyanam**,
Empowering minds with knowledge, like a spark,
Changing lives through education, far and wide,
In this noble endeavor, we stand with pride.*

*So let's raise our voices, in gratitude and cheer,
For the excellence we've achieved this Rotary year,
Dr. Nishanth, our leader, and the entire club so grand,
Together we've made a difference, hand in hand.*

*With hearts full of gratitude, we stand tall,
United in service, we'll never fall,
Our **Rotary Club of Adyar family**, a force for good,
Together we'll shine, as the Banyan tree stood.*

Written by Rtn. S. Sivakumar on RCA's stellar show at the RID 3232 district awards

Know Your Rotarian:

It is truly wonderful to learn more about our dear secretary, Dr. Kumaravel. He was born in Madurai and received his education at St. Mary's School and Madura College Madurai, which laid the foundation for a fulfilling journey in both education and personal life.

In the year 2000, he tied the knot with Ann. Jayalakshmi IPS, and together, they are blessed with two remarkable kids, Annette Snehashree and Lokesh Karthik. It's heartening to hear about their achievements; Annette Snehashree completed her MBBS and is now an in-house surgeon, while Lokesh Karthik is pursuing his B. Tech degree in computer science at VIT Kelambakkam. Additionally, Dr. Kumaravel finds pride in his wife's success as the Deputy Commissioner of Police in Avadi. His support and pride in his wife's achievement of becoming an IPS officer is truly touching and reflects the strong bond they share as a couple.

Dr. Kumaravel's academic journey led him to achieve a remarkable milestone: receiving his PhD from the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Madras. This achievement stands as one of his greatest memories, as he recalls the special moment when he was awarded the degree by the governor, Dr. Fathima Beevi, in the presence of his father. Moreover, he has also made strides in the field of herbal medicine by launching his self-developed herbal drug named “HAPENZ”.

Currently, he serves as the General Manager at Tablets India Ltd, where his expertise and dedication have undoubtedly made a significant impact.

Beyond his professional and family life, Dr. Kumaravel's younger days were filled with sporting achievements. During his school and college days, he excelled as a district-level volleyball player, showcasing his remarkable athletic talents.

However, it's not just sports that define his interests and pursuits. Among his hobbies, he has a deep passion for music and an insatiable curiosity for herbal medicine and research. Driven by his desire to contribute to the field, he stays continuously updated on the latest advancements. His dedication to learning and research is truly inspiring, as he aspires to develop new drugs and make a positive impact in the realm of herbal medicine.

Dr. Kumaravel's journey into the Rotary club was facilitated by Rtn. Sathish, but it was the encouragement from his wife that ultimately led him to join in the year 2021. Since becoming a member, he has participated in numerous community service activities, such as conducting veterinary camps, medical camps, and arranging temple visits (for which we are wholeheartedly thankful for), all of which demonstrate his dedication to making a positive difference in the community.

With a strong belief in the importance of hard work, the adage "health is wealth," and the power of maintaining a positive attitude, Dr. Kumaravel's commitment to personal growth and well-being is evident. His passion for service, diverse interests, and dedication to continuous learning make him an invaluable member of our Rotary club, and we are truly fortunate to have him as our secretary. We extend our best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors.



Temple Visit:

On the pleasant morning of 16th July, Rtn. Dr. Kumaravel and Ann. Jayalakshmi IPS extended their warm hospitality and organized a memorable temple visit for the members of RCA. The day was filled with spiritual essence and joy as they embarked on a journey to explore the ancient temples of Bhaktavatsala Perumal, Hridayaaleeswarar at Tirunindravur and Eri-Katha Ramar Temple.

All three temples hold significant historical value, dating back approximately 1300 years during the illustrious Pallava reign. The RCA members were eager to experience the divine aura of these sacred places, and they were not disappointed.

The meticulously planned arrangements added to the delight of the day. The event commenced with a sumptuous breakfast that provided the perfect start to the day's spiritual journey. The entire itinerary was impeccably executed, ensuring special darshans in each temple. Members felt a sense of divine connection during these exclusive moments.

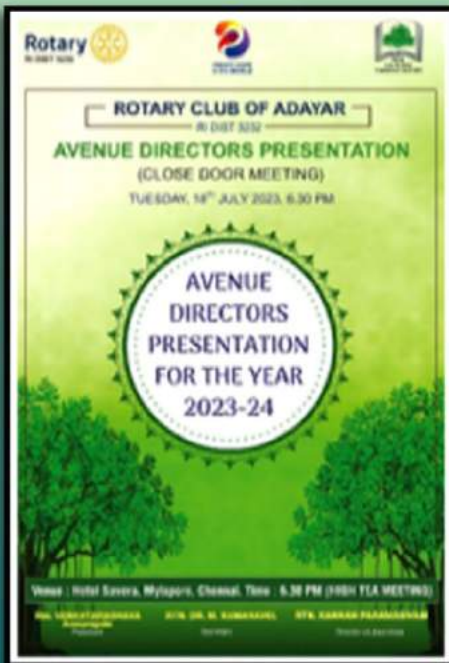
However, what made the day truly exceptional was the bonding among the RCA members and their families. As they explored the temples together, sharing stories, and participating in the rituals, the camaraderie among them grew stronger.

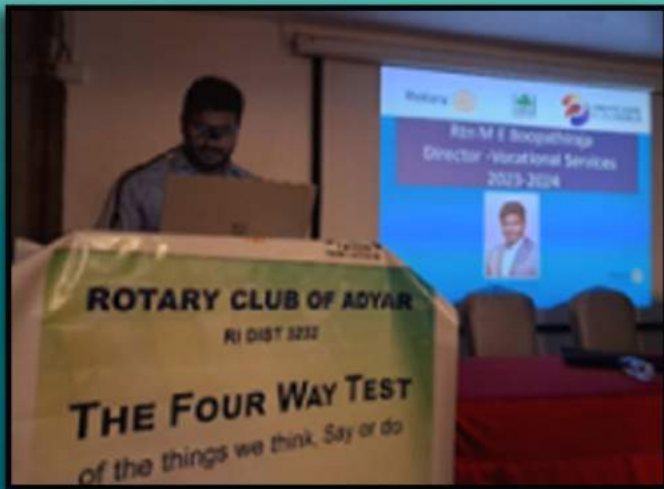
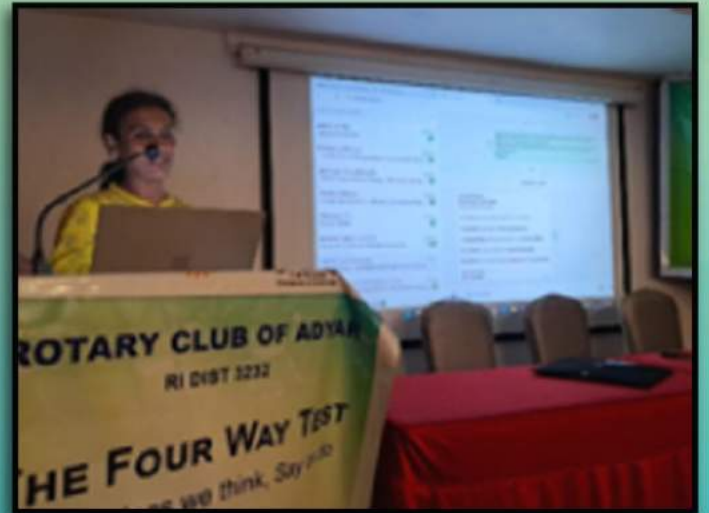
As the day concluded, everyone returned with hearts full of gratitude, laughter, camaraderie, and memories of shared moments of awe, which would be cherished by all for years to come. The thoughtfulness and care displayed by Rtn. Dr. Kumaravel and Ann. Jayalakshmi IPS will forever linger in the hearts of the RCA members, serving as a poignant reminder of the profound beauty of fellowship and the transformative power of shared experiences.

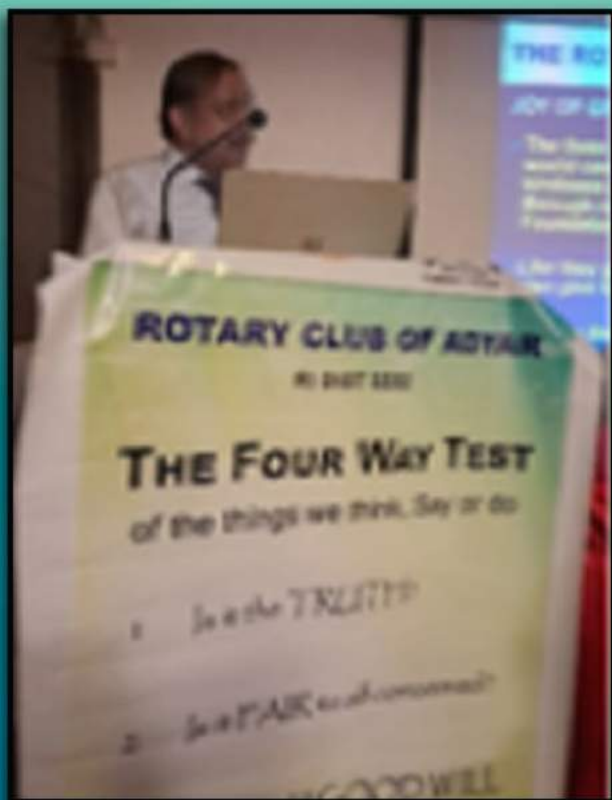


Avenue Directors' Presentation

A closed-door meeting was held on 11th July, where this year's Avenue Directors presented their projects and plans for the year. The meeting showcased a strong start to the Rotary year, and with the commitments made, there is hope for a successful and impactful year ahead.







Iyyappanthangal school Project:

On the 14th of July, the Bhoomi pooja ceremony took place at the Government Higher Secondary School, Iyyappanthangal, to initiate civil works. RCA proudly undertakes the project, which includes constructing walls, toilets, and renovating one block. This initiative aims to enhance the school's infrastructure and create a conducive learning environment for the students, promising a brighter future for the entire school community.





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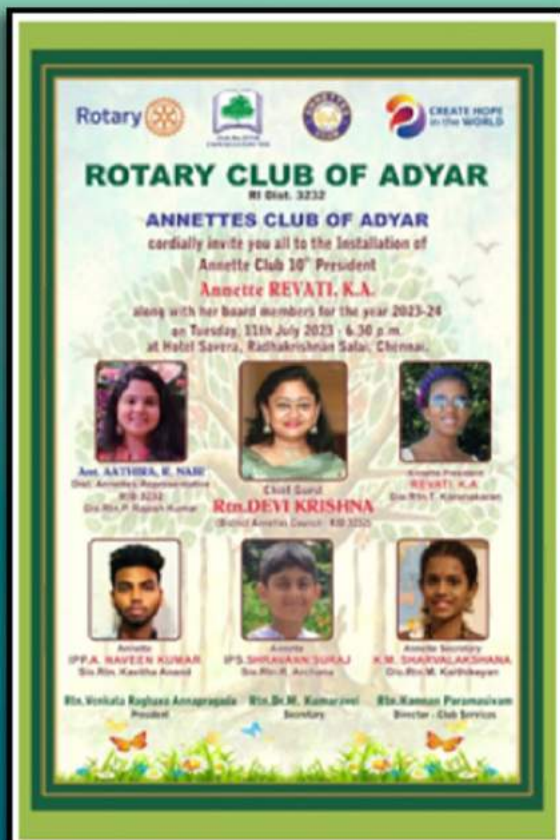
Annettes' Corner

Annette's Installation

In a splendid ceremony held at Hotel Savera on 11th July, the 10th Annette Club President of RCA, Annette Revati (Daughter of PP Rtn. T. Karunakaran), was installed with great enthusiasm, along with Annette Sharvalakshana (Daughter of Rtn. M. Karthikeyan) taking the oath as the Secretary of the Annette's club.

Photos of the entire event can be found in the following link:

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Earth:

Known to be the “Blue Mars”, home to millions of ferns and horses. Resides besides the glistening star and on the right stays the moon of scars.

Enchanting and Captivating planet as it is to be called. Life giver and shelter provider when it is hailed but will not afford to resist might. Abundant resources lie beneath its face. Few ubiquitous while rest plethora. To use it wisely, work with the brain. If it's lost, will you ever gain.

Desires are content when you abide. But you'll regret it when it's historical to have gone by its side. It can never be predicted with our mind nor be assumed with our knowledge. Within it lives all creatures ranging from one sense to six.

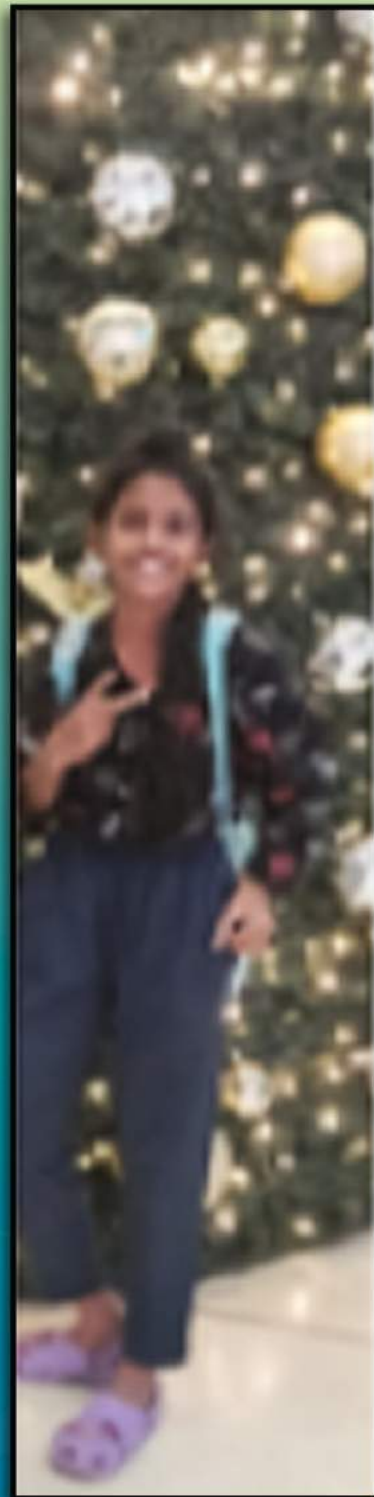
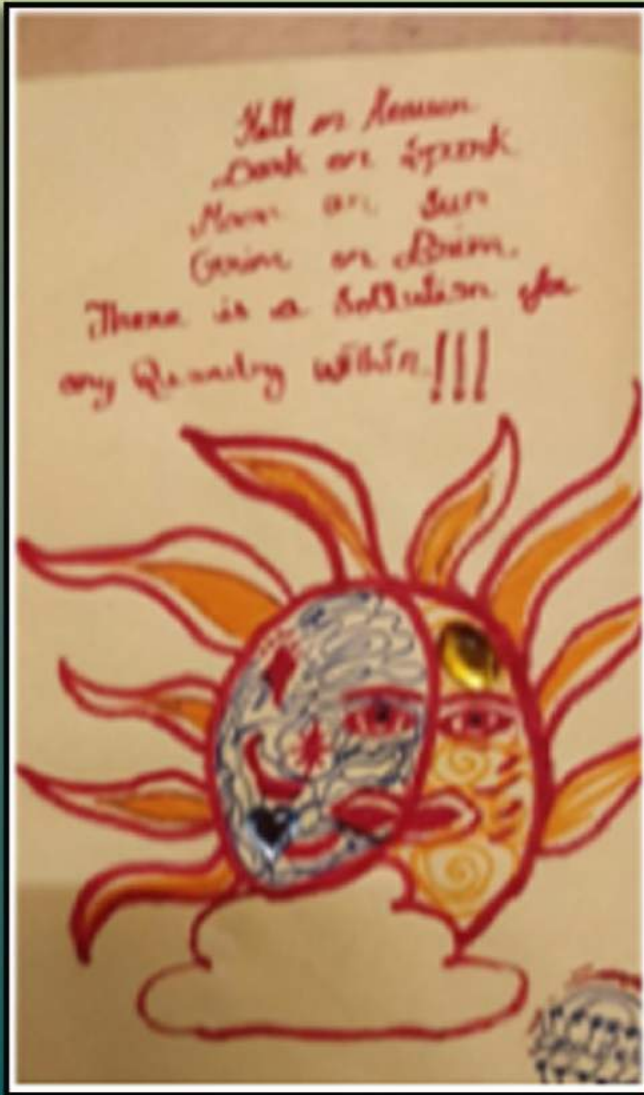
Tall peaks of Mount Everest, wide ocean of Pacific, dense Amazon Forest, snowy dunes of Antarctica, and arid climate of Sahara lives amidst.

If one be prodigal it repels, if one be systematic, it is bountiful.

Patience, resilience and calm when it is untouched. When disturbed, may all cease to exist

It has layers with its own peculiar ability and stability. Each is astonishing in its own way.

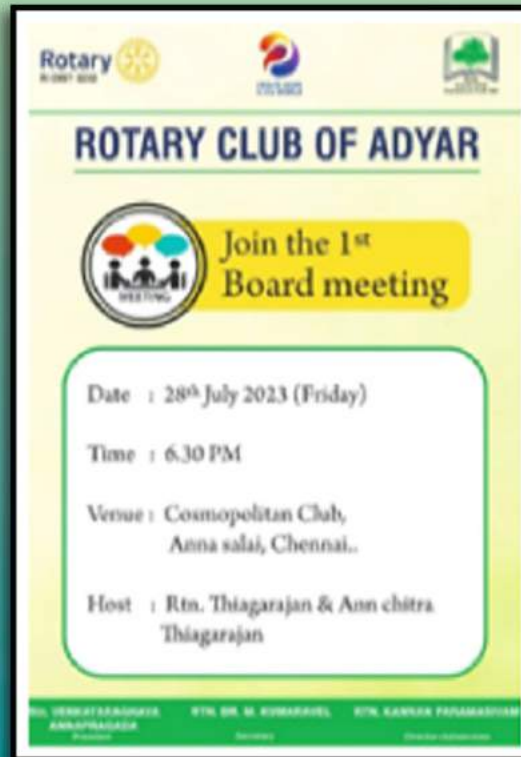
There is no shortage of curiosity when there is a medium to explore the uncanny. A conduit of life, an elixir of sight. Emphasizing equality, abstinence, radiance, tranquil and hope there it is shimmering and glimmering in the sky (to us) in smile waving its hands by pretend and stays chuckling in every circumstance. “The Earth”.



- An article by **Annette. K. M. Sharvalakshana** D/O Rtn. *Karthikeyan*

Board Meeting:

The first board meeting of the current year took place on 28th July at the Cosmopolitan Club, graciously hosted by Rtn. Thiagarajan and Ann. Chitra Thiagarajan.



Meetings Held

in the month of July:

Sl. No.	Meeting Type	Date	Title
1	Regular	4th Jul	RCA's 39th President's Installation
2	Regular	11th Jul	RCA's 10th Annette's Club Installation
3	Fellowship	16th Jul	RCA Family's Temple Visit
4	Regular	18th Jul	Avenue Directors' Closed-Door presentation
5	BOD	28th Jul	RCA's 1st Board Meeting

Birthday Celebration

03-Aug	Annette. Shravann Suraj	S/O Rtn. PHF. Archana R
03-Aug	Annette. P. Shivathmika	D/O Rtn. D. Premnath
12-Aug	Rtn. Venkata Raghava Annapragada	
13-Aug	Annette. K.M. Sharvalakshana	D/O Rtn. Karthikeyan
15-Aug	Ann. Latha Sivakumar	W/O Rtn. S. Sivakumar
17-Aug	Annette. Saranya Suresh	D/O Rtn. M Suresh
21-Aug	Rtn. PHF. S. V. Veerramani	
24-Aug	Annette. K. A. Kovenden	S/O Rtn. PHF. T. Karunakaran
28-Aug	Ann.G Muthulakshmi	W/O RTN.PHF.R Gopalakrishnan
29-Aug	Rtn. Pria Srinivas	
31-Aug	Rtn. PHF Dr. Prem Alex Lawrence	
31-Aug	Rtn. PHF. R Gopalakrishnan	



Wedding Anniversary



20-Aug	Rtn. Rajendran R & Ann.Nandini Rajendran
22-Aug	Rtn.PHF. Archana R & Ann.Suraj Menon
26-Aug	Rtn. Krishnan S & Ann.Rajeswari
27-Aug	Rtn. Ranjith & Ann. Gayathri
28-Aug	Rtn. Dr. Sricharan & Ann Madhuvanathi

Agenda

for the month of August:

- 1st Aug: Speaker meeting**
- 22nd Aug: Speaker Meeting**
- 25th Aug: Board Meeting**
- 26th Aug: Fellowship**

Service Projects:

Sl. No.	Date	Title	Area of Focus	Category	Subcategory	Cost	Direct Beneficiaries	Man Hours	Rotarians Involved	Service Name
1	7th Jul	One family One project - Rtn. H. Srinivasan donated a limb to Mukthi foundation on Ann. Gowri's Birthday.	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	5000	1	2	2	Community Service
2	10th Jul	One family One project - Rtn.Thiagarajan donated a limb to Mukthi foundation on his wedding anniversary.	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Artificial Limbs	Legs	5000	1	2	2	Community Service
3	23rd Jul	32320 plant nurseries	Environment	Tree Plantation	General Plants	5000	100	4	2	Community Service

