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Bulletin of Rotary Club of Ambattur RID 3234

January – Vocational Service Month



RCA shines in District Quarterly Awards

District quarterly award for the period October – December 2024 was bagged by our Club for the Marathon event. President Rtn David received the trophy from Our DG N.S. Saravanan.



Orientation Meeting for Project SCAW

The Meeting held on the 22nd was a high tea meeting, which was to basically give an Orientation about our forth coming Project SCAW. Rtn Ravishankar who is the Project Chairman gave an insight about the Project to the Presidents of Other Clubs from our District and also to our Members especially New ones who have joined in the last couple of years. We are resuming this project after a gap of Four years. We had good participation from the other Clubs and our members and Anns.



A Melodious Evening – New Year Celebration at Malayalee Club

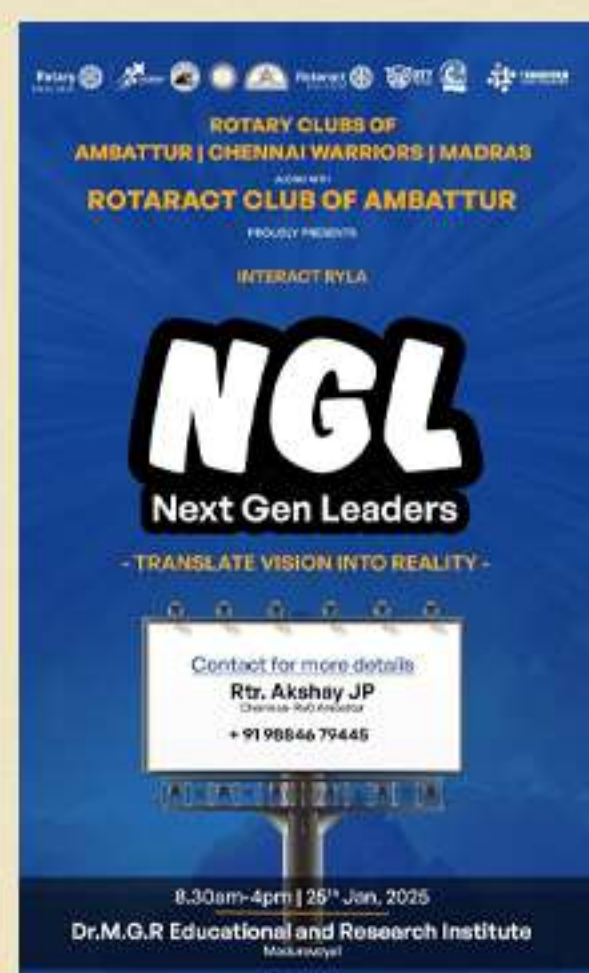
The spirit of music and togetherness filled the air as our Rotary Club welcomed the New Year with a spectacular musical evening! The event featured an enchanting lineup of singers from within our own club, including Rotarians, Anns, and Annets, who took us on a nostalgic journey through the golden hits of Hindi and Tamil cinema—from the soulful melodies of the 1960s to the latest chartbusters of 2024.

A special thank you to Rtn. Gita Menon, the program organizer, for curating such a memorable evening. Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to our talented singers—Rtn Col Bhupinder, Ann Jayshree Parasuram, Rtn Ashok Rao, Ann Unni, and the grandsons of Rtn. Gita Menon—whose mesmerizing performances made the evening truly magical. Adding to the joy, a sumptuous dinner was served, tantalizing taste buds with a delightful spread at the Malayalee Club, Chennai.

The celebration was made even more special with the introduction of new members who will soon be joining our Rotary family, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to our club. It was truly a night of music, camaraderie, and celebration, setting the perfect tone for a promising year ahead!

– Article by Rtn. Deepan

Next Gen Leaders (NGL) Ryla for Interact Students



The Rotary Club of Ambattur, Rotary Club of Chennai, Warriors, Rotary Club of Madras, and Rotaract Club of Ambattur jointly organized the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program at Dr. M.G.R Educational and Research Institute University on January 25, 2025.

The theme of the event was "Next Gen Leaders," focusing on nurturing and developing leadership skills among youngsters.

The program aimed to inspire and empower students to become future leaders.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of various schools. Renowned speakers handled interactive sessions, covering topics essential for leadership development. The RYLA program concluded successfully, achieving its objective of inspiring and motivating the next generation of leaders. The event provided a valuable platform for students to learn, grow, and develop essential leadership skills.

Organizers:

Rotary Club of Ambattur | Rotary Club of Chennai | Warriors | Rotary Club of Madras | Rotaract Club of Ambattur

The collaborative effort of the organizing clubs ensured the event's success, making a positive impact on the participating students.

EGM Closed Door Meeting

28th January saw EGM being held at pearl room, presidency club, the agenda being to elect the board members for 25-26 under the leadership of President Rtn Parasuram . The second point of the agenda was the recommendation of a Rotarian for filling up of the vacancy of a trustee, created by the retirement of the trustee Rtn Manoj Paul.

The returning officer for the proceedings was Rtn GVRS Sarma, who read out the names of the new board members one by one, and the corresponding member stood up and made his acceptance known. After completing the reading out the names of all the board members, Rtn Parasuram made a brief speech explaining the reasons for selecting the individuals for the specific post.

Subsequently, the election for choosing the candidate for recommending to the trust was taken up by the returning officer. Rtn TR Mala was unanimously chosen by the AGM as the chosen candidate. The president was advised to recommend the name to ARCT for further action.

Rtn Ravi Shankar gave an update on the present status of SCAW. He also presented the accounts of TV nagar School to the AGM. He explained that this year, they could make the ends meet due to the interest earned on the deposits being available. Next year, the deposits will be liquidated as the construction of the Skill Center is in full swing requiring utilisation of the available funds. Rtn Hari Prasad requested the mobilisation of additional funds for the smooth running of the school activities.

The meeting ended with the rendering of the national anthem.

A flyer for a Rotary Club of Ambattur EGM Meeting. The top section features logos for Rotary District 3234, The Magic of Rotary, Rotary Club of Ambattur, and a 45th Anniversary badge. Below these is the text "ROTARY CLUB OF AMBATTUR" and "CLUB NO: 15824 | ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3234". The main announcement is in a gold-bordered box: "EGM MEETING (closed door meeting only Rotarians)". The date and time are "On 28th January 2025, Tuesday" and "Time: 6:45 pm onwards". The venue is "Venue : Presidency Club, Pearl hall". The hosts are "RTN.K.SURESH BABU Club Service Director 2024-25" and "RTN.DR. WINSTON NORONHA Secretary 2024-25". The background is dark grey with gold floral illustrations on the sides.



Amba Vision Cataract Surgeries

About 9 cataract surgeries were performed on 8th January 25.
Under the Global Grant, so far about 1410 cataract surgeries have been performed at our Ambattur Rotary Hospital

POCSO Workshop for School Children

The workshop was very well attended.
About 70 students and 10 parents participated.

Children were made to perform yoga for about 10 minutes of Pocso Workshop.

Rotary District 3234

ROTARY CLUB OF AMBATTUR

Conducting

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POCSO Awareness Program for Students

Speaker for the day

Rtn. Sudha Murali
Founder, Kiah Pro Consulting,
Club Service Director,
Rotary Club of Chennai Thiruvanniyur

5.30pm onwards, 24th January 2025
at Ambattur Rotary-Neumayer Trust
Ayapakkam Community Centre

Rtn. A David, President 24-25, RC Ambattur
Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha, Secretary 24-25, RC Ambattur
Rtn. Anjula Bhatia, Community Service Director Health, RC Ambattur



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

17.07.1948

02.01.2025



Alice Asirvatham

"For as long as there is a memory of them,
they live on in our hearts."

It is with deep sadness that I, Rtn. A. David
announce the passing of Mrs. Alice, my
beloved mother. A life filled with love,
kindness, and devotion, she touched the hearts
of all who knew her.

Funeral and memorial service details will be
shared shortly. We request your prayers for
her eternal peace and the strength of the
bereaved family during this difficult time.

May her soul rest in peace.

Obituary

President David's beloved mother
Mrs. Alice Asivatham breathed her
last on the 2nd January 25.

A prayer meeting followed by lunch
was held on 5th January 25.



Travel Musings – Vietnam



I always prided myself of being a well read and informed person. I thought Vietnam will be like India, with half the population poor, homeless and starving. My idea of Vietnam was the naked small girl running away from the Napalm bombs shown below from my youth.

But having spent two weeks travelling extensively in Vietnam, I was proven to be an ignorant fool. Vietnam is a dynamic country with hard working industrious, enterprising people who are proud and not poor. I did not see anyone living on pavements, begging or starving, but a nation which has built itself from ruins in fifty years after the atrocities from war. They are proud of having beaten a mighty enemy by retreating, disappearing and regrouping to attack the enemy in vulnerable spots which hurt the most with minimum casualty on their side. This sense of pride and self confidence which Vietnam displays is sadly lacking in India. Maybe we did not defeat our rulers, the British Empire, but they got tired and despondent after fighting the Germans for years during World War II and decided to pack their bags and go home. There is no light in the eyes or fire in the belly among us Indians as it is present in the Vietnamese.

Maybe I am wrong, what do you think?

Why is it that people are different in attitude and way they look at life in various countries? We have had freedom for more than 75 years and did not have a country in ruins when the British left, but are over taken by Vietnam which was bombed, gassed and butchered by the might Americans just 50 years ago. The Americans never seem to have learnt from Vietnam, Afghanistan and are now are planning to invade Panama, Iceland, etc., etc. Only GOD can save them.

*Please see the enclosed photographs from Vietnam as a proof of my above summation.
Good luck*

- Article by Rtn. Jai Shetty

Birthdays

Feb07 | Rtn. G Vishwanathan
Feb15 | Rtn. Manoj Paul



Anniversaries

Feb5 | Rtn. G Vishwanathan & Aruna
Feb6 | Rtn. S Ganesh & Pushpakala
Feb19 | Rtn. Upendhra & Jyoti Bhatia
Feb19 | Rtn. D Sambasiva & Anuradha
Feb25 | Rtn. Jayakumar & Hema



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