

AMBER

Bulletin of Rotary Club of Ambattur RID 3234

September – Basic Education and Literacy Month



Stree 2 – RCA Movie Outing

RCA organised for a movie outing for all its members on 3rd September at Vijaya mall. Many Ambatturians attended and watched the movie Stree 2!

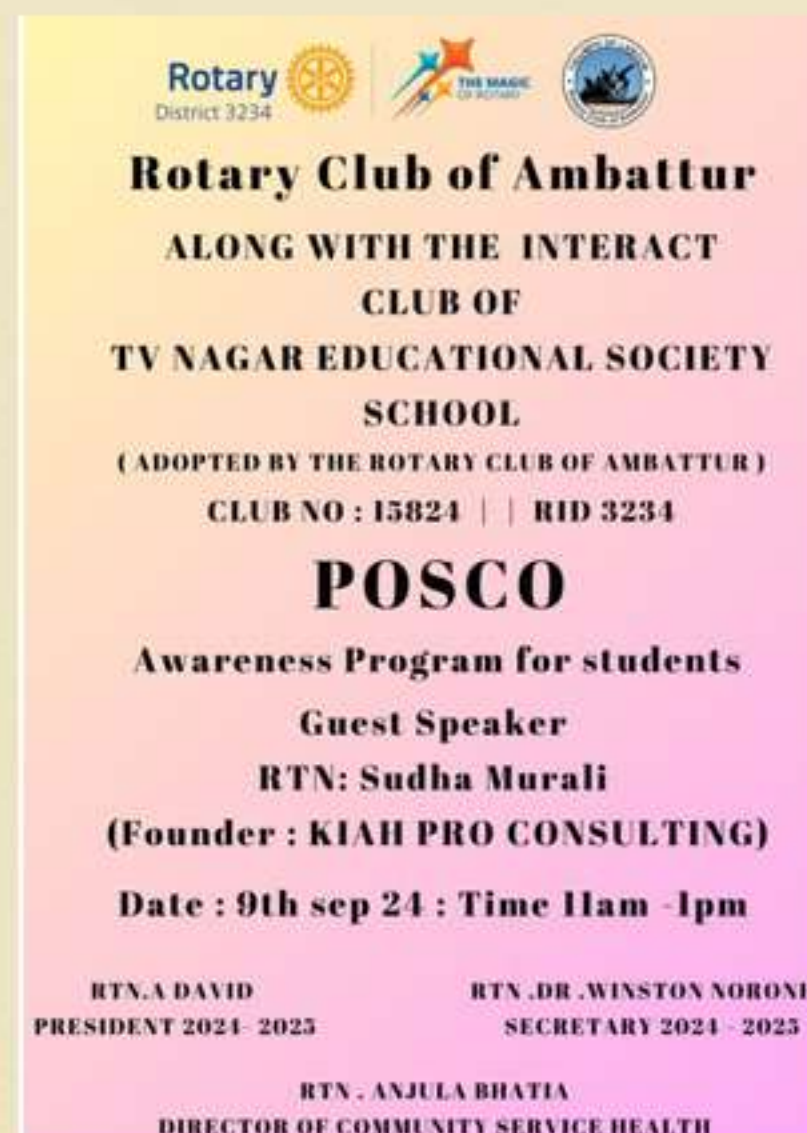
The picture shows the Ambatturians together outside the theatre after watching the movie.



POSCO – Awareness Program for School Students

An Awareness Program and Workshop on POSCO was conducted at our TV Nagar School.

This workshop was organised by Rtn Anjula Bhatia for classes 9th and 10th both for girls and boys. 50 students participated in the workshop



Sadhya, Pookolam and etc., Grand Onam Festival Celebrations of RCA

RCA celebrated Onam in a grand manner at Malayalee club on 17th September 2024.

The initiative was taken by our malayalee colleagues who took pains to decorate the venue with grand Pookolam. We also had the Onam dance performance by professionals which also included our own rtn Gita Menon, Ann Tara and Annette Kavitha. The programme ended with a sumptuous Onam Sadhya !

A few pictures from the evening are appended above.

Connecting Cultures: Indo-Korean Ties



CLUB NO: 1584 | ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3234
ROTARY CLUB OF AMBATTUR
presents

**Connecting Cultures:
Indo-Korean ties from antiquity to
the present day.**



Rathia Jafar
Director, InKo Centre

Timings: 6:45 pm onwards
September 10th 2024, Tuesday
Venue: Presidency Club, Egmore

RTN.K.SURESH BABU
Club Service Director 2024-25

RTN.A.DAVID
President 2024-25

RTN.DR. WINSTON NORONHA
Secretary 2024-25

Mrs Rathia Jafar who addressed RCA on Indo- Korean relationship, is the Director-Inko Centre (Indo = Korean Cultural and Information Centre). This job was offered to her by the Korean Gov and she had to develop this center from scratch. It was an aim to promote inter cultural dialogue between India and Korea .Rathia Jafar noted that although South Korea is a small country ,a shrimp between two giants China and Japan,it has more characteristics similliarites to India than her Asian neighbour's.The similliarites begins with the First trail:According to historical records an Indian Princess Heo Hwang- OK was the daughter of a distant land 'Ayutha' or Ayodhya. Divine guidance led her to marry King Suro ,establishing the royal Kim and Heo clans of Gaya .Even present day Koreans with the Kim surname is traced back to this Princess. I believe a lot of Koreans have this surname. This is the first Indian connection.The second connection is the linguistics similarities, there are 500 similar words in Tamil and Korean and many are drawn from Sanskrit. The second Indian trail is religion:Buddhism was introduced in Korea in 372 CE .

This marked a pivotal moment in the cultural and religious history of the Korean peninsula. It laid the foundation for Korean art ,philosophy and governance for centuries. Rabindranath Tagore speech in 1929 described Asia as the Lamp of the East. He called India and Korea to uphold their shared cultural and religious values. After the Korean War 1950 to 1955 ,Korea was one of the poorest countries of the word. Then the 'Miracle on the Han River' from an agrarian country Korea rose to be an Asian giant as the 11th largest economy in technological advancement. Another historical similarity : both India and Korea bore the yoke of occupation. India under the British, colonized for 200years and Korea under Japanese occupation for 35 yearsRathia Jafar observed that with K-Pop, Korean food and the Korean cars ,it's presence is felt everywhere and has come to stay.It was indeed a very interesting and informative take on South Korea. Thus for her outstanding contribution to the development of Hangul (Korean Language) through research Rathia Jafar was awarded a citation by the Prime Minister of Korea in 2020. She was also awarded the Certificate of Merit in 2020 for her dedicated contributions for developing Indo Korean relations .

- by Ann Tara Rao

An Indelible Mark in the History : RCA chartering a New Rotary Club

Our president Rtn David created history by doing what none of the previous Presidents have been able to do so far, in the 45 year history of RCA !

He chaired the occasion when RCA chartered a club ! Initiated by our Rtn Ravi Shankar, Rotary club of Centennial Madras was presented the charter by our President Rtn David, we being the sponser club, in the presence of our DG Rtn NS Saravanan and other dignitaries. A grand function was held at Esthel Hotel on 28th September 2024 wherein our other district officials, DGE Rtn Vinod saraugi and DGN Rtn Suresh Jain also took part .

Dr Malathi Gururajan took over the reins of the newly chartered club as charter president.

A few pictures from the evening are appended above



BREAKING NEWS



The President & Members of
Rotary Club of Ambattur
Cordially invite you for the Charter Presentation of
Rotary Club of Centennial Madras
Charter Club of District 3234
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ambattur
&
Installation of
Rtn Dr Malathi Gururajan
As Charter President along with her office Bearers.
By
Rtn N S Saravanan
District Governor, RI Dist 3234
@ 6 PM on Saturday, 28th Sep 2024
Venue
XX Hotel, Esthel Hotel
1, Bessant Ave Rd, Palmanur, Chennai - 600029
Rtn A David
President
Rtn K Jayakumar
Chairperson - Membership
Rtn Dr Winston Noronha
Secretary
Rtn K Suresh Babu
Director - Club Service
Rtn PP G Ravishankar
Advisor - New Club Formation

THEME BEHIND
"WEIGHTAANA" INSTALLATION
You can donate old newspapers, used books, notebooks, pamphlets, notepads, magazines, paper envelopes, and other paper products. We intend to conduct this as a continuous process until we meet our goal of 10,000 tons over 10 months and longer, if necessary. The fund generated from the recycling of old paper will be pooled for covering expenses towards discharging therapies and rehabilitation support for underprivileged children with special needs.
10% of the proceeds will go directly to the Rotary Foundation. We request you join hands in this initiative as donors, volunteers, and change-makers.
Rotary Club of Centennial Madras will lead the collection drive with the support of other Rotary Clubs of District 3234.

MORE INFORMATION AT: WWW.CENTENNIALCLUB.COM



Transform From Jackal To GIRAFFE

This session by IAF India Chennai Hub aims to introduce the GIRAFFE principles in communication and relationship building for children in the age group of 14 - 18 along with their parents and tutors. Session will be facilitated by Rajini Sriraman and Sara Kachwalla.

During this workshop :
1. Children will understand the core of empathetic communication, Master compassion and benevolence.
2. Children will understand the importance of building winning relationships by using the steps of empathetic communication.

Saturday
28 September 2024
17:30 to 19:00 IST
Neumeyar After School Support Centre
Ayyapakkam, Chennai
#FacilitationWeek
facilitationweek.org



From Jackal to GIRAFFE A Workshop for Children

IAF international Association of Facilitators do a probono week annually. It is posted worldwide. This is the 3rd year they have come to Ayyapakkam Neumeyar center.

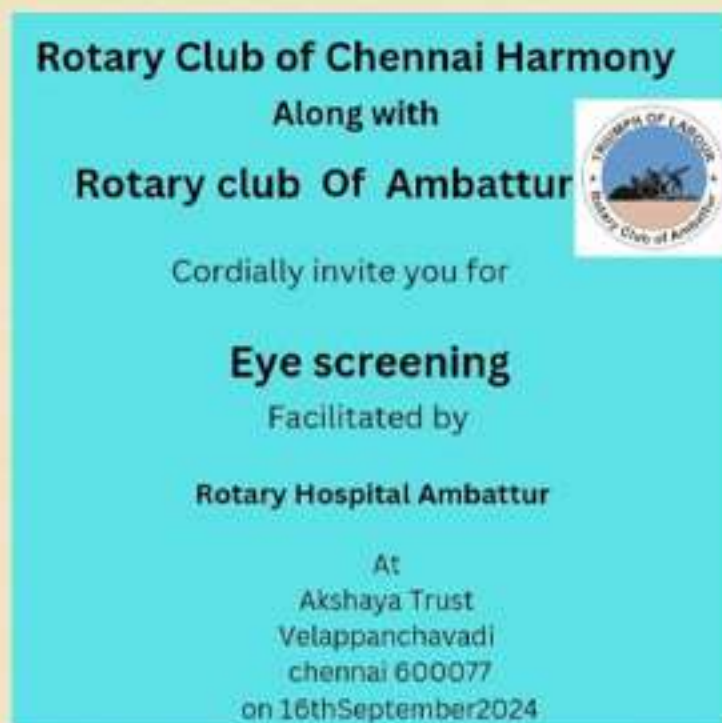
The topic was chosen as Giraffe stand tall based on self esteem. Ann Gayatri supported the activity. Dr. Rajini Sriraman is VP HR and Sara Kachwalla, a renowned consultant, both IAF facilitators.

Amba Vision: Cataract Surgeries

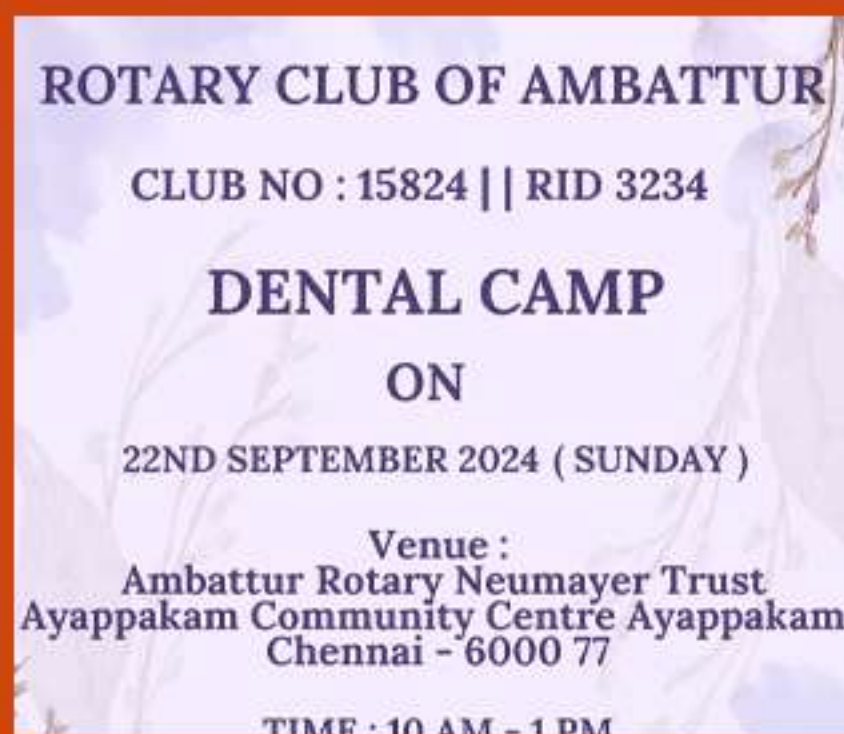


For the Month of September, Free Cataract surgeries conducted at ARH on 4th and 5th September 2024 organised by Rtn. Anjula Bhatia and Ambattur Rotary Hospital .

Eye Screening Camp



Rtn Anjula Bhatia arranged eye screening camp jointly along with Rotary club of Chennai Harmony on 16 September. 80 members were screened and 20 members were found with cataract requiring surgery.



Dental Camp

Rtn. Anjula Bhatia arranged a dental camp on 22nd of September.



Eye Camp

Rtn. Anjula Bhatia arranged an eye camp on 28th of September at Parktown, Chennai.



Grooming Session for Rotaractors

Annette Anu took a self grooming session for 800+ rotaractors at the Rotaract Assembly 15th September



Ambatturian Rtn. T. R. Mala wins in Contest

Rtn. T. R. Mala wins in Saree Contest conducted by Rotary Club of Madras Mount, she won 3rd prize in the contest.

On the Lighter Side

Football Bars - Article by Rtn. Jai Shetty

I had never heard of a football bar before I went to Spain in April 2024 when my grandniece Reena married a Spaniard Caye Taro in Seville. I was staying in a very good hotel in Seville and wanted to watch the champions league football match. My hotel said none of the hotels in Spain show live telecasts of football matches as in their hotel room. You have to visit a football bar to watch the match they said. I had not heard of a football bar before and asked them where I could find one. They said you walk around the neighbourhood and you will find one. So, I did a recce in Seville two days in advance of the match. I walked into a couple of bars and did not find any TVs in them. Then I hit the jackpot and landed in a bar which had four giant size TVs on the ground floor and two more on the first floor. They were showing some local matches. I took a seat at a table from which I could comfortably watch two different matches being shown on two TVs each on the ground floor. It was Monday night and next day on Tuesday again, I visited the football bar to find it closed for the weekly holiday. The champions league match was on a Wednesday night at 9pm. So, at around 7.00pm. I went to be my eating and watering place to watch the two champions league match beginning at 9.00pm that night and unfortunately found almost all seats at the ground floor tables occupied. So I went to the first floor and found it empty, the crowd had not yet come in and there was a eerie feeling. So, I went back downstairs and occupied a not very comfortable chair from which I could watch both the quarter final matches starting at 9.00pm. You drink lot of beer or wine and eat more than what is good for you to watch the matches as it ends around 11.00pm with 45 minutes play in each half, the injury time added in and you have the half time break added in. The match on Wednesday, 11th April 2024 ended with the following score:

BARCELONA Vs PSG
1 2
DORTMUND Vs ATLETICO MADRID
1 2

I was surprised to see lot of people cheering for PSG against the Spanish football giant Barcelona. Maybe a lot of people in the bar crowd were tourists from France who were visiting Spain or the Seville crowd were supporters of Real Madrid and wanted Barcelona out of the way of their favourite club in the champions League. Any way PSG won comfortably with or without the support of the crowd in the football bar in Seville where I was watering. The next day on Thursday, 18th April 2024, I went to Barcelona. I scouted around my hotel which was located in the suburbs and walked around couple of empty, vacant parking lots which were mostly open air parking lots to find a football bar. I had lunch there and reserved a seat for the evening dinner to watch champions league matches starting at 9.00pm. I went early having learnt the lesson in Seville about the crowd filling up the football bar early to watch the matches. Fortunately, since this was in the suburbs and there was not much early rush and I got a comfortable seat to drink, eat and watch football. In first match which was between

Bayern Munich Vs Arsenal
1 0

Was not very exciting and went off without much excitement. The other match between Manchester City Vs Real Madrid was a thriller which had the dinner crowd on the edges of their seat shouting and encouraging their favourite teams all the way. At the end of full time and extra 30 minutes of game the scores were level at 1:1. Can you imagine 120 minutes of non-stop excitement, shouting and screaming in between some serious drinking and binging on food. The waitresses were serving 4/5 tables with about 6 dinners ordering all sorts of drinks and food. I cannot find out how they remembered who ate what or drank what to collect the cash without giving anybody a bill when he walked out of the football bar. At the end of 120 minutes there was a break before the penalty shoot out or sudden death bout started. It was like a pistol draw in the wild west when Clint Eastwood would be faster out of the holster with his pistol and would shoot the bad guy. This was the climax which the crowd in the stadium and millions of fans watching the match on TVs call over the world were anxiously waiting for with baited breath and hearts in their throat. This was a thriller down to the wire and the final score was

Manchester City Vs Real Madrid
3 4

So Real Madrid won by the skin of their and went on to the champions league tie. The football game lasted 120 minutes plus interruptions of about 20 minutes during play time and rest of 15 minutes after the 45 minutes break and 10 minutes for change after 120 minutes game for penalties. The penalty shoot out took about another 20 minutes which was a total of 170 minutes. By the time I settled my bill, tipped the waitress the time was a little over 12 pm. All the crowd got into their cars and drove home. I was only and lonely guy walking back to my hotel through those deserted, lonely and ghostly suburban Barcelona blocks. I was really scared shit and praying and hoping that I would not be way laid on my scared lonely walk back to my hotel through the absolutely deserted Barcelona suburb. I was wishing that I had drunk less alcohol so that I was a better shape to run and save myself if I was waylaid or mugged on my way back. Fortunately, God heard my prayers and I did not encounter a human being or ghost on my way back and I am live and kicking the report to you about the football bars in Spain. This is the last time I will stay at a Soccer Bar drinking way past midnight as I may not be lucky the second time around to report it. So long folks, by for now. I was planning to hand over my wallet, wrist watch mobile and anything else the robber, way layer wanted without a fight or a run for the money which I was not in a condition to do because of the way too much alcohol in my blood stream.

Birthdays



Oct1	Annette Reena Kamath	Richard Fernandes
Oct3	Ann Asha Sridharan	P Sridharan
Oct7	Annette Nagapooja Omprakash	S L Omprakash
Oct15	Annette Vallabh	VR Janardhanam
Oct16	Annette Vishal M	M Vishwanathan
Oct1	Annette Neha Singh	Col. Bhupinder Singh
Oct24	Annette Dr. Aishwarya	P N Ramachandran
Oct24	Annette Dr. Adrian	Dr. Winston Noronha
Oct28	Ann Jyoti Bhatia	Upendhra Bhatia

Anniversaries



Oct19	Rtn. VR Janardhanam & Vijaya
Oct19	Rtn. GVRs. Sarma & Lata Sarma
Oct27	Rtn. Deepan P & Uma Sankar

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