



Kings News

Club Bulletin - September 2020



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President / Editor's Message

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

September is Basic education and Literacy month for Rotary. What does literacy mean ? Literacy is most commonly defined as the ability to read and write. But it's not as simple as it sounds. Nowadays, reading encompasses complex, visual and digital media as well as printed material. A person who can read the newspaper might struggle to get information from Google . There are many types of literacy -numerical ,digital ,cultural ,health ,financial ,media ,physical and emotional.An example of health literacy is providing masks ,face shields ,PPE kits to frontline workers .There has been no time in our past that children in schools have been in greater need. Schools are turning to virtual learning but kids must have access to smart phones ,laptops and decent Internet connectivity. At this point, we must support literacy in many ways -donate books and dictionaries,act as tutors ,build neighbourhood library boxes, reading via Zoom to students ,providing training programs to teachers,special educators et cetera .September is also the month to conduct RYLA's. Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the many programs for youth. It is our duty as Rotarians to put an effort in youth program participants and Rotaractors, so we can keep them in our family of Rotary. Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity and increase adult literacy. We must ensure more youth can experience the many ways "Rotary opens opportunities" for us and for the people we serve.

Stay Safe ... Wear a Mask and grow Rotary!



*Rtn. Narmadha
Vijayakumar
President*

Rotary International News :

Nigerian physician Dr.Tunji Funsho named one of TIME's most influential people in the world .He is the first Rotary member to receive this honour for the organisation's work to eradicate polio ,having played an essential role in ensuring Africa's certification as wild polio free in August 2020 .As the leader of Rotary's Nigeria national polio plus committee,Funsho has worked to create awareness about the importance of polio immunisation, served as a vocal leader and advocate for Rotary's fight to end Polio.



District News :

District public image seminar was hosted by Rotary club of Madurai Malligai on the 6th of September 2020 via zoom in the presence of District Governor Rtn.A.L.Chokkalingam.The purpose of this seminar is to enhance the public image of Rotary and its services and activities.

Rotary **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3000
DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR 2020-21

கௌரவம்

06/09/2020
Sunday at 10am

Hosted by RC of Madurai Malligai

Speakers:
Rtn. Holger Knaack (RI President 2020-21)
Rtn. A.L. Chokkalingam (District Governor 2020-21)
Rtn. A.S. M. Murganandam (District Trustee / ARRI Zone 5)

Guests of Honor:
Rtn. Ramya Anand (Seminar Co-chairperson)
Rtn. PDG. R. Srinivasan (RII 3152)
Rtn. DGN. R. Jayakaran
Rtn. DGN. L. Jerald

Chief Guest:
Rt.PIC, PDG. V.G. Neyyazh

Speaker:
Thiru. Surekha Sundar (Head of Madurai Malligai Rotary Club)

Guest of Honor:
Kavignar. Mathakar Ramalingam

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password: bestimage

Chonaa times was organised by the Rotary International District 3000 joint secretary Rtn.R.A.Kumarasamy on 13th September 2020. District Governor Rtn.A.L.Chokkalingam presides the event. The chief guest of the event was Rtn.R.Balaji Babu, District Governor of District 2981 who spoke on the topic “Puthiya Rotary” and the guest speaker was Pulavar Ramalingam.

Rotary Kalai Mandram was organised in the District 3000 on 27th September 2020 virtually in the presence of our District Governor Rtn.A.L.Chokkalingam on the occasion of World Heart Day, a Patti Mandram was organised along with a talk by expert doctors and Rotarians in the field of cardiology. It was an informative session.

Club News:

For the first time in the history of Rotary International district 3000, a new concept was launched. Our club started a community-based podcast named "Planet Rotary" on September 12th 2020. A galaxy of Past District Governors were invited. A logo for the podcast and the first episode "Who is a Rotarian?" was released. This was created mainly to launch Rotary's public image.



Rotary
District 3000

best
learn

President, Secretary and Members of
Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings
cordially invite you for the
Launch of our Podcast
"Planet Rotary"



Date 12-09-2020 **Time** 11.00 a.m. onwards **Zoom ID** 936 329 9777

Await your presence



Rtn. Narmadha Vijayakumar
BEST President



Rtn. G. Ramsharan
BEST Secretary



Rtn. M. Thangapandian
BEST Treasurer



Chief Guest
Rtn. A.L. Chokkalingam
District Governor
RI District 3000

Guest of Honour
Rtn. I. Jerold
District Governor Nominee

Podcast Launch Agenda



Unveiling the Podcast logo
by
PDG. Rtn. P. Gopalakrishnan
ARRFC - Zone 5



Podcast Launch
by
PDG. Rtn. RVU. Kannan



Purpose of a Podcast
by
IPDG Rtn. Dr. A. Zameer Pasha

Felicitations

Rtn. CA. M. Venkateswaran
Regional Co-ordinator

Rtn. A.R. Vijayakumar
Assistant Governor

Club Projects :

National nutrition week was celebrated from 1st to 6th of September 2020 . Our club provided nutritious food kits to 25 children affected with” Thalassemia” in Theni district. This week is aimed at creating awareness about health and nutrition.



RO Plant was given to government school in Baalacombai ,on 8th September 2020 where around 150 students study in the rural school and 12 teachers and support staff work there .The school does not have proper drinking water facilities and our club provided the same .

A blood donation camp was organised by Vikram Blood Bank in association with our club. Around 35 units of blood was collected and the event took place on 17th September 2020 .



Scholarship of Rs.6000 was given to Ms.Sujitha, on 19th September 2020 who lost her father due to illness and whose mother works as a house help. She is enrolled in Nadar Saraswathi girls higher secondary school ,Theni and has taken the biology maths group in 11th grade.



Our club in association with the Govindhanagaram Village trust donated 10 pairs of shoes to Gandamanaickanur girls higher secondary school on 27th September 2020.

Secretary Report for the month of September 2020 - 21:

As the Secretary of our club I am pleased to share some of the events and meetings of September'20.

Event : Multi District Mega Joint Meet

Date : 16-09-2020

Topic : கனவுகள் விதைத்த நாயகன் கலாம்

Speaker : Dr. V. Ponraj

Event : Club Fortnightly Meet - I

Date : 19-09-2020

Time : 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.

No. of Participants : 14

Event : Joint Speaker Meet

Date : 21-09-2020

Topic : சிறிப்பும் சிந்தனையும்

Speaker : Ku. Gnanasambandhan

Event : Club Fortnightly Meet - II

Date : 29-08-2020

Time : 6.30 to 8.00 p.m.

No. of Participants : 12

Event : ROTA BUS

Date : 22-09-2020

Topic : Green Money

Speaker : Ms. Archana Stalin

Event : Multi District Joint Meet

Date : 29-09-2020

Topic : இதயம் காப்போம்

Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Senthilkumar Nallusamy

Joint speaker meets hosted by the club :

Joint speaker meet organised by the club on September 11th 2020. Our club hosted a virtual training program for teachers on jolly phonics along with Rotary club of Karur Angels in which around 80 teachers from seven schools in Theni, Madurai and Karur districts participated. Ms.Sashi Natarajan from Camrose Primary School, London, UK was the trainer. We provided digital certificates to all participants.



Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings (HSTI) and Rotary Club of Karur Angels jointly present an online training session for teachers on **"JOLLY PHONICS"**

Trainer :
Mrs. Sashi Natarajan
 Early Years Practitioner & Phonics Trainer
 Camrose Primary School, Egham, London, United Kingdom.

Date: 11-09-2020 **Time:** 04.00 p.m. onwards **Zoom ID:** 9563299777

List of Participating Schools :

1. The Little Kingdom School, Theni
2. Dakshin Eurokids, Karur
3. Dakshin Nursery & Primary School, Karur
4. Avatar Zen Ultra Valley School, Karur
5. Balur Kalikoodam, Karur
6. Lotus Kids Montessori School, Karur
7. Rajan Matriculation H. Sec. School, Madurai

Felicitations :

Mrs. Sujatha Komam, Principal,
 The Little Kingdom School, Theni

Rm. Meesa Subbiah, Correspondent,
 Dakshin Eurokids, Karur
 Dakshin Nursery & Primary School, Karur
 Avatar Zen Ultra Valley School, Karur
 Balur Kalikoodam, Karur

Rm. Ms. S. Sarada, Correspondent,
 Lotus Kids Montessori School, Karur

Rm. Ravi Parthasarathy, Correspondent,
 Rajan Matric H. Sec. School, Madurai

| Name of the Club | President | Secretary |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings | Rm. Narasimha Vijayarajam | Rm. Komsharan |
| Rotary Club of Karur Angels | Rm. R. Suba Priva | Rm. A. Rameswari |



On September 18th 2020, our club hosted a virtual training session for teachers on storytelling and puppetry along with Rotary club of Madurai Malligai in which around 120 teachers from 15 schools in Theni and Madurai districts participated. Ms.Janaki Sabesh, actor and storyteller gave the opening remarks. Ms.Dharanya trained the teachers on Kamishibai, a Japanese form of theatre art. The digital certificates were provided to all participants.



Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings (HSTI) and Rotary Club of Madurai Malligai jointly present an online training workshop for teachers on **"STORY TELLING AND PUPPETRY"**

Chief Guest :
Ms. JANAKI SABESH
 Actor, Storyteller, Camrose Primary School, Egham, London, UK

Trainer :
Ms. DHARANYA
 Master of Puppets, Karur
 Founder, MADURAI THEATRE TRUST

Date: 18-09-2020 **Time:** 09.00 p.m. onwards **Zoom ID:** 930 329 9777

List of Participating Schools :

1. The Little Kingdom School, Theni
2. Fairlands - A Foundation School, CBSE, Cumbur
3. Archville International Pre School, Madurai
4. Shine International School, Madurai
5. Smart Kids Pre School, Madurai
6. Nive Play School, Madurai
7. Children's House - A Montessori Pre School, Madurai
8. Crescent Multicultural Girls School, Madurai
9. Happy Kids Play School, Madurai
10. Little Champignons International School, Madurai
11. MPF International (CBSE) School, Madurai
12. Cure Heart Play School, Madurai
13. Jain Vidyalaya CBSE School, Madurai
14. Vaalakan CBSE School, Madurai
15. Pabbles Pre School, Madurai

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On 20th September 2020 being the eve of World Alzheimer's Day, our club jointly with Rotary club of Madurai Gems hosted an awareness meet on Alzheimer's. Eight clubs from Rotary International district 3000 cohosted the event virtually with around 70 participants. Dr.Raja- senior consultant and geriatric physician gave a lot of insight.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was organised and hosted by three clubs in Rotary International district 3000 Rotary club of Dindigul, Kodaikanal and Theni metro kings involved seven schools and around 120 students participated. Dr. C. Sailendra Babu IPS was the chief guest. These students were trained on decision-making and confidence building through public speaking .The digital certificates and e-learning materials were given to all participating students.

Rotary Club of Dindigul
History Club of Kodaikanal
History Club of Theni Metro Kings
Jointly organise a **RYLA** for students

Chief Guest
Dr. C. Sailendra Babu
Senior Consultant, Geriatric
Madurai District Hospital

Speakers
Mr. S. S. Srinivasan
Head of Department, English
Government Arts College,
Dindigul

Organiser
Dr. C. Sailendra Babu
Senior Consultant, Geriatric
Madurai District Hospital

Event Details
Date: 20th September 2020
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Venue: Virtual Meeting

DISTRICT 3000
RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
2020

List of Participating Schools

1. Sankaran Madhavanan Higher Secondary School, Kodaikanal
2. Dindigul Northside Higher Secondary School, Dindigul
3. Zilla Mahavidyalaya Higher Secondary School, Kodaikanal
4. Madurai District Medical College, Madurai
5. Young's English International School, Dindigul
6. Veda Vidyamangalam School, Theni
7. Padmarani - A Foundation School (PFS), Coimbatore

An awareness meet on the needs of children with disabilities in inclusive schools was organised on 30th September 2020. Eleven other clubs from the district 3000 cohosted this event virtually and around 200 participants from various regions- heads of schools ,special educators and psychology students were benefited. An oath by all 12 participating clubs were taken in which each club will adopt a special school and continue to provide assistance in the smooth running of the same.

Rotary Club of Madurai Gems and Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings
jointly host a speaker meet as an initiative to create awareness on Alzheimer's for **"WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY"**

Chief Guest
Dr. V. Ravindranath
Senior Consultant, Geriatric
Madurai District Hospital

Guest Speaker
Dr. R. Raja, M.D., (Geriatric)
Senior Consultant
Madurai District Hospital

Date: 20-09-2020
Time: 06:00 p.m onwards
Zoom ID: 301 230 7974

| Name of the Club | President | Secretary |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Rotary Club of Madurai Gems | Mr. A. Sambath Reddy | Mr. C. G. Vijiath |
| Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings | Mr. Karimulla Nijalathar | Mr. R. Rajasekar |

| Name of the Club | President | Secretary |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rotary Club of Kodaikanal | Mr. S. Srinivasan | Mr. V. Anandharajaperumal |
| Rotary Club of Thiruvananthapuram | Mr. M. Gopinath | Mr. R. R. Ranganathan |
| Rotary Club of Thiruvananthapuram | Mr. L. Rajasekhar | Mr. K. S. Srinivasan |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. V. Gnanapavan | Mr. S. Venkateshwaran |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. P. Sankaranarayanan | Mr. M. Karthikeyan |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. M. Srinivasan | Mr. P. Madhavan |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. S. Srinivasan | Mr. P. Madhavan |

Rotary Club of Dindigul
Awareness Meet on **"The Needs of Children with Disabilities in Inclusive Schools"**

Chief Guest
Dr. C. Sailendra Babu
Senior Consultant, Geriatric
Madurai District Hospital

Guest of Honour
Mrs. N. Lakshmi
Head of Department, English
Government Arts College,
Dindigul

Speakers
Mr. S. Srinivasan
Head of Department, English
Government Arts College,
Dindigul

Speakers
Mrs. N. Lakshmi
Head of Department, English
Government Arts College,
Dindigul

Date: 30-09-2020
Time: 05:00 p.m onwards
Zoom ID: 301 230 7974

| Name of the Club | President | Secretary |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rotary Club of Theni Metro Kings | Mr. Karimulla Nijalathar | Mr. R. Rajasekar |
| Rotary Club of Thiruvananthapuram | Mr. M. Gopinath | Mr. R. R. Ranganathan |
| Rotary Club of Thiruvananthapuram | Mr. L. Rajasekhar | Mr. S. Venkateshwaran |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. V. Gnanapavan | Mr. S. Venkateshwaran |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. P. Sankaranarayanan | Mr. M. Karthikeyan |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. M. Srinivasan | Mr. P. Madhavan |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. S. Srinivasan | Mr. P. Madhavan |
| Rotary Club of Madurai North | Mr. S. Srinivasan | Mr. P. Madhavan |

RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award*

What is RYLA ?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults, ages 12 - 30 years to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary.

This exciting program engages Rotary clubs and Districts around the world.

RYLA originated in the year 1959 in Queensland, Australia.

RYLA was created as a festival highlighting local youth, organized in honour of a royal visit by Princess Victoria.

RYLA has since become an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills.

Rotary International (RI) officially adopted RYLA in 1971.

OBJECTIVES OF RYLA

To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.

To encourage and assist young people by providing them with a valuable training experience.

To foster continued and stronger Leadership of youth by youth.

To recognise the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

RYLA - Structure

The first step towards starting a RYLA is determining the organization of the program.



*Rtn.Meena Subbiah
RC of Karur Angels
District RYLA Chair
(2020-21)*

RYLA can be done at the Club level, District level, Multi District level and International level.

CLUB LEVEL RYLA

The Club President will appoint a RYLA committee to carry out the event, promoting event participation, recommending the budget and site selection.

DISTRICT LEVEL RYLA

The district governor is responsible within the District for RYLA. The governor appoints a District RYLA chair to communicate and promote RYLA to the clubs and to observe a district committee that organized district level RYLA.

MULTI DISTRICT RYLA

The program is jointly organized by more than one district. Each District Governor must obtain advance approval of two thirds of the clubs in the district. Information regarding this to be intimated to the RI General Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL RYLA

The RI sponsored International RYLA held immediately before the RI convention focuses on developing advanced leadership skills.

International RYLA participants ages limit between 18 - 30 years and be sponsored by their local rotary club or district.

Local rotary clubs or districts delegate from those attending their local RYLA or other outstanding Rotary Youth Program participants.

Guest Column :

'Now our voices can be heard too! ~ Podcasts a way to the future.'

Decades before the advent of television, 'radio pottis' had a central place in our hearts and homes. The unforgettable 'Namashkar, yeh aakashwanihai' signalled 'entertainment time' in most households, where family members would huddle together before a brown box with big dials, waiting to hear news from across the world. Much before our romance for visuals began, we have been intrigued and mystified by the power of the voice.

An example of how someone's voice could enthrall us would be that of the late legendary singer S.P. Balasubhramanyam, who had the power to bring about an array of emotions in just one song. He could laugh, cry and evoke feelings so intense that any layman listening to his songs would instantly be attracted to listen to the song again and again. What makes the voice more powerful is the window of imagination it creates for the listener.

As we graduated from medium to medium, our love for radio remains intact. In my experience as a radio jockey, I have noticed that the fandom that a radio jockey has is as great as that of a movie star. And it is all in the voice. Not honey dipped, not melodious but like that of your best friend on the other side of the phone. One needs education to be able to read newspapers, know-how of technology to access the internet or a television, but absolutely nothing but a pair of headphones and a phone to access radio. This ice-breaking ease has made it a hit among the masses.

HAM radios were dubbed amateur radios, because non-professionals could make use of it to share thoughts about things they liked with like minded HAM operators. Now, just picture podcasts here. A much upgraded version of a ham radio, available at the comfort of your smartphone.

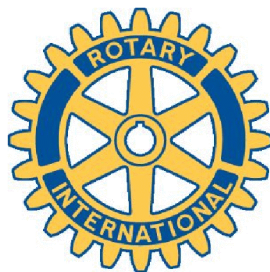


I remember my first podcast episode. It was commissioned for a friend and when I asked her how I could record without a studio set-up, all she said was 'just record it on your phone in a quiet room'. Little did I know that this episode would later spark interest in me creating my own podcast space where I can freely talk about things passionate and close to me. Thus was born 'The Lazy Parent podcast' where since 2019, I have been talking about parenting, living mindfully and enjoying the finer details in life.

I believe podcasts are the way forward not just for our generation, but for the generations before and after ours. Schools taking up the podcast space shows that there is more space to explore and a lot more to conquer by their students. NGOs running podcast channels to propagate their ideas and ideals, elders sharing anecdotes from a time we can only imagine or youngsters sharing ideas that will change the world as we see it are just small examples of what one can achieve with podcasts.

The beauty of podcasts is its global availability, as opposed to radios that are bandwidth specific. This means that I could be sitting in Theni talking about the 'Merkuthodarchimalai' and its beauty, while someone sitting in Toronto could be listening to my podcast, reliving the beauty of the landscape from their childhood. Another interesting factor is that regional podcasts have a greater preference as they are more relatable and have a deeper connect with the listeners. In fact, my favourite podcast find of the year would be a retelling of Kalki's Ponniyin Selvan, where the narrator Kavitha recreates the grand palaces and dozens plus characters over 234 episodes with just her voice and nothing else. If this isn't victory, what is?

Finally, as I have been doing for the past few years, I urge my esteemed reader to try out podcasts! Yes, it's absolutely fun filled an experience and even the most introverted people find their comfort zones in podcasts. Go on, download an app, try to record something that you feel passionate about and see a completely different personality blossom right at the click of a button!



Know Your Rotary :

The tradition of crafting a team is credited to Rotary's President in 1949 to 50. Ever since Rotarians desire to celebrate and support their presidents' annual program of service has continued. Below is the list of theme over the year since then.

- 1955 - Develop our resources*
- 1956 - Unknown*
- 1957 - Enlist - Extend - Explore - Service*
- 1958 - Help shape the future*
- 1959 - Vitalize ! Personalize! Build Bridges of Friendship!*
- 1960 - You are rotary - Live it! Express it! Expand it!*

Annettes column

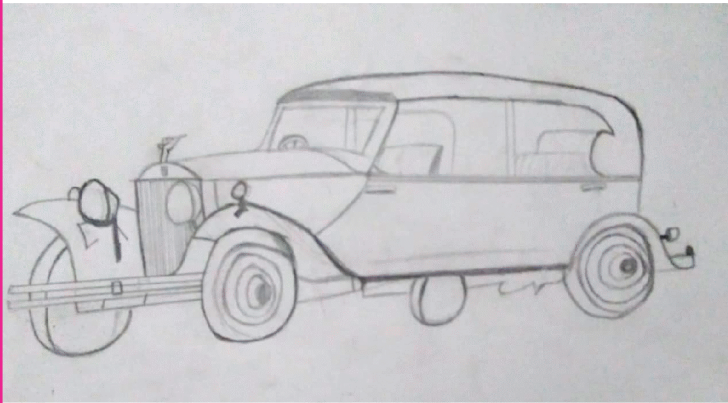
Welcome all, I am G.R. Tejaaswin studying in class 9 in Velemmal School, Theni. This article is about why I like cars a lot more than anything.

Automobiles is something that has always caught my attraction and learning about that inspires me. The reason for adore cars is because it has a wide range of designs to study about, fixing the parts and learning about the interior and exterior designs is something and I enjoyed it.

The picture I have drawn is Rolls Royce 1933's model car. This car has many things you would love to hear, the seat and steering is made up of teak wood. It has automatic doors and a mini bridge. The speedometer is made in primitive way.

This car is the one I always dreamt to buy. In conclusion, cars are something I would always love to learn about.

Thank you.



*Master G.R.Tejaaswin
Son of Secretary
Rtn.G.Ramsharan*



Did you know ?

Some rotary firsts :

The first Rotary International Convention held outside the United States was in the year 1921 in Edinburgh Scotland.

Rotary first adopted the name Rotary International in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of rotary clubs .

Rotary became bilingual in 1916 when the first club was started in a non-English speaking country Havana, Cuba.


SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

Photo by AJGee Kemerle, © Rotary International. Design inspired by Children's Literacy Club of Africa

"Educate a boy, and you educate an individual. Educate a girl, and you educate a community."

Adelaide Hoodless

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project