



Rotary Madras Southwest Speaker Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Topic – Humanism

Speaker – Ra. Arjunamurthy

Date – Saturday, 20th July, 2024

Time – Lunch – 12.30 pm, Meeting – 1.30 pm

Venue – Taj Club House

Rotary
District 3234



List of Board Directors

SL NO.	BOARD POSITION	NAME
1	President	Rtn. Suresh Doshi
2	Vice-President (President Elect: 2025-26)	Rtn. Prakash. K.V
3	Club Secretary	Rtn. Kamala Selvam
4	Joint Secretary	Rtn. Maheswaran V.S
5	Club Mentor	Rtn. Naresh Mehta
6	Club Trainer	Rtn. Nitin Shah
8	Immediate Past President	Rtn. Dr. Manju Kulkarni
9	Club Treasurer	Rtn. Kishan Jain
10	Sergeant-At-Arms 1	Rtn. Madannlal Nahar
11	Sergeant-At-Arms 2	Rtn. Gaurav Bajaj
12	Director - Club Service	Rtn. Kunal Kumar Nahar
13	Director - Vocational Service	Rtn. Aparna Ramesh
14	Director - Community Service, Development	Rtn. Raj Ramadurai
15	Director - Community Service, Health	Rtn. Jnaneshwar Srinivasan
16	Director - International Service	Rtn. Sushilkumar Eashwaran
17	Director - Youth Service	Rtn. Harrish Mahadevan
18	Chairperson - Membership Development	Rtn. Dipesh Jain
19	Chairperson - The Rotary Foundation & Global Grants	Rtn. Karthike Ramamoorthy
20	Chairperson - Polio Plus	Rtn. Vaitheeswaran. K
22	Chairperson - Environment	Rtn. Krishna Ramachandran
23	Chairperson - Disaster Management	Rtn. Sanjay Golecha
24	Chairperson - Women Empowerment, Empower Girls & DEI	Rtn. Bela Chordia
26	Chairperson - Fund Raising	Rtn. Pratik Shah
27	Chairperson - Public Image	Rtn. Monique Daswani
28	Chairperson - Fellowships	Rtn. Rajiv Shah
29	Chairperson - Annettes Club	Ann. Leena Kunal Kumar Nahar
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Taj Club House,
Mount Road



RA. ARJUNAMURTHY

President
Rtn Suresh Doshi

Secretary
Rtn Kamala Selvam



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Attendance –

1. Suresh Doshi
2. Kamala Selvam
3. Kunal Nahar
4. Dipesh
5. Jnaneshwar
6. Srivardhan
7. Prasanchand
8. Dr Jaykumar
9. Kupparaj Vummidi
10. Raj Ramadurai
11. Vijay Reddy
12. Rajalal Nichani
13. Jay Sangoi
14. Harrish M
15. Sanjay Golechha
16. Ashish
17. Gaurav Bajaj
18. Deepa Senthil
19. Aparna
20. Monique Daswani
21. Madannlal Nahar
22. Venkat
23. Ranjeet
24. Bharat Shah
25. Rajesh Chajjed (prospect)



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- **Collaring of President & Meeting called to order-**

President Rtn Suresh Doshi was collared by Sergeant at arms Gaurav Bajaj, following which he called the meeting to order.

- **Invocation Song**

The invocation song was rendered by Rtn Raj Ramadurai

- **Welcome address**

President Rtn Suresh Doshi welcomed the gathering.

He requested our members to support the Futsal tournament which will be hosted by our Club on the 4th of August. Since this is the first time a Futsal tournament was happening in our District he requested maximum participation and cooperation from our members. He invited Rtn Arun Reddy – Futsal tournament Chairman to give more details about the event.

President Suresh Doshi requested our members to attend the first Annadhanam program which will be happening on the 27th of July, at Avvai Home, Adyar. The same evening the Club fellowship “Sufi night” was to happen at Taj Club House and members were requested to attend that too.





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Our Club was planning a fund raiser to support our “Energizing Hearts” project and we have fixed with stand up comedian Gaurav Gupta for the same. Museum Theatre, will be the venue for the event and members were requested to help raise funds and sell tickets for the same.



- **Secretary’s Report**

Club Secretary Rtn Kamala Selvam greeted the members present and thanked Rtn Aparna Ramesh for her generous contribution of Rs. 2 lakhs i.e., Rs. 1 lakh towards the Annadhanam fund and Rs. 1 lakh towards the education of deserving students at Kesari High School



Donation to the annadhanam fund was still open. She requested large hearted Rotarians to contribute and bring smiles to the deserving.

The first board meeting will be happening on the 23rd of the month at 7 pm at Presidency Club. This meeting will be hosted by President Suresh Doshi and Club Secretary Kamala Selvam. She request the board members to attend without fail.



The Club fellowship – Sufi night was coming up on the 27th of July at 6.30 pm, same venue Taj Club House. This was put together by fellowship chairman Rtn Rajiv Shah, supported by Rtn Ashish.



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August 3rd speaker meeting was at Taj Club House. Our very own Rtn Vaithee will address us on the budget and it's implications.

Club Treasurer Kishanji has requested everyone to pay their subscription at the earliest and the same was conveyed to the members.

She said that she had attended the installations of the Interact Clubs at Kesari High School, and Shri MB Jain School on the 15th of July and the Rotaract Club installation "Raajiyam" at DG Vaishnav College on the 18th of July, along with Club President Sureshji and Youth Service director Harrish. All three were well organised events and the Club has a lot of plans for the schools and colleges which will be executed in due course by the youth service team.

Kamala announced the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of the members of the SW family and greeted them.

- **Introduction of Guest Speaker**

Rtn Aparna Ramesh introduced the guest speaker for the day Ra. Arjunamurthy.

Arjunamurthy hailed from the Pudukottai District of Tamil Nadu and was from an orthodox Hindu family. He started his career in a





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humble way during the early 80's working in Parry & Co., Chennai and later started his own speciality food manufacturing company under the name of Genie foods. In the year 2000 he started a multimedia and animation business and later on partnered with an American technology company and became India's first calling card distributor for BSNL. During 2009 in association with Chinese OEMs and NXP Semi Conductors he created India's first NXP device built for mobile top up transactions under his technology company Yeldi Softcom. In 2019 inspired by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Arjunamurthy joined BJP under the invitation of BJP National President Shri J.P. Nadda. He was appointed as the BJP TN President for the Intellectual Cell. He briefly joined Shri. Rajnikanth as the chief coordinator of his party and rejoined BJP in August, 2022 and is serving as the person in charge for the BJP Sivaganga Parliamentary constituency. His over 40 years of political understanding with the under layered business acumen has helped him in bringing the much needed face lift of TN politics.





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- **Speaker's Address**

Arjunamurthy spoke on the topic “Humanism” and stressed on how important it was to cultivate value systems among the youth which was missing today. He quoted several anecdotes and shared experiences from his own life in his career spanning 40 years in business and politics to elaborate on the importance of creating good thoughts and the right values among youngsters which could shape the future of the country. He spoke of the concept of “die empty” in which we need to let go of all our worldly desires and impart the wisdom we have received through our experience, to help the younger generation to follow the right path. There were a lot of take home messages in his 45 minutes speech.



- **Vote of thanks**

The vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn Jnaneshwar who spoke about the concept of “sanatana darma” which was in line with the speaker's address.



- **National Anthem**

- **Closure of Meeting**

- President Rtn Suresh Doshi adjourned the meeting





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Reported by – Club Secretary Rtn Kamala Selvam