

ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS MOUNT MOUNT VIEW

FORNIGHTLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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ACE TALKS

Dear Members of Madras Mount (MMM),

I am filled with gratitude and enthusiasm reflecting on the incredible six months that have passed. It has been a journey marked by camaraderie, dedication and a shared commitment to service. One of the highlights of 2nd half of the month of December was our Retro Night New Year Celebrations, where I was delighted to witness the fantastic participation of our members with their families. The joy and unity displayed on that memorable night set the tone for what our club stands for - coming together to make a positive impact on our community. As we look ahead, I am excited about the immense potential we have as a collective force for good. Together, we can achieve even greater heights if we harness our ideas, skills and passion to formulate a robust plan of action for the next six months. There is so much more we can accomplish through collaborative efforts and a shared vision for service.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the past presidents, board members and new members who have contributed to the success of our club. Your support has been invaluable and it is through our combined efforts that we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

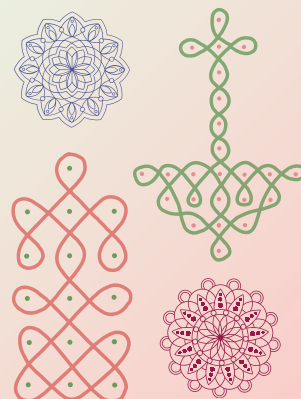
Let's move forward with a spirit of unity and purpose, focusing on our mission to bring positive change to our community. I am confident that, with your continued dedication, the next six months will be filled with even more impactful initiatives and moments of shared accomplishment.



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MARGAZHI KOLANGAL

The Margazhi Challenge unfolds as an engaging month-long contest open to all members and their families, encouraging them to share their intricate kolam designs in the dedicated Ladies of RCMM WhatsApp group. Embracing the rich cultural tradition of rangoli creation, especially during the early mornings of Margazhi, holds a myriad of specialities and benefits. Crafting rangoli at dawn not only serves as a visual treat, adorning doorsteps with vibrant patterns and colors, but it also fosters a sense of community spirit as families come together to partake in this artistic tradition. The tranquility of the early morning hours during Margazhi enhances the meditative aspect of rangoli-making, offering a peaceful and serene start to the day. Additionally, this creative endeavor is believed to bring positive energy and auspicious vibes to the household, adding a touch of cultural significance to the daily routine. Through the Margazhi Challenge, we celebrate the beauty of this ancient art form while fostering a sense of togetherness among our RCMM family members.



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MEETINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS

10/12/2023



President Elect Rtn. Shanmugam attended the Pre Pets Kalaiyarangam hosted by Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra, District Governor Elect for the proposed RI District 3233 on 10th December 2023 at Trident Hotel. Assistant Governor Designate Rtn. PP. Prabhukumar and Rtn. Shanamugam performed a wonderful dance as part of the evening's entertainment. PP Rtn. Vasumathi Marimuthu & PP Rtn. Ram N Ramamurthy also attended this event.

12/12/2023

We had our board meeting for the month of December as a virtual meeting since floods made it difficult for everyone to get together for a physical meeting.

30/12/2023



We inaugurated a post flood medical camp at Santhosh Hospital in Besant Nagar and another medical camp at West Mambalam. This collaborative effort involved the Rotary District 3232 health team, and the project was inaugurated by Dr. Radhakrishnan IAS. The medical camps aim to provide essential healthcare services to the community and enhance health awareness.

MOUNT VIEW

RECIPE CORNER

BANANA FLOWER FRITTERS

(Vazhaipoo Vadai)

Ingredients

Banana flower 1
Gram dhall 1 cup
Fennel seeds 1 tsp
Red chillies 4
Ginger 1/2 inch
Onion finely chopped 1/2 cup

Preparation

Remove the thin layer and the stigma from each floret. Wash the florets and keep in the water with a spoon of curd dissolved in it. Soak the gram dhall in advance for two hours. Not more than that. Add fennel seeds, ginger and red chillies to the dhall and grind coarsely without water.

Finely chop the florets very thin. Add all the ingredients together with salt as required. Mix well and make into small sized flat patties. Deep fry in the oil and serve hot!

**Courtesy - Ann. Lakshmi Rekha w/o
Pres. Rtn. B. Udayakumar.**

RIDDLE ME THIS

I speak without a mouth and hear
without ears. I have no body,
but I come alive with the wind.
What am I?

ANSWERS:
ECHO

SPOT 6 DIFFERENCES



ANSWERS:
1. Eraser. 2. Pen. 3. Paperclip.
4. Scale. 5. Smiley. 6. Ink Bottle.

ANSWERS:

NEW YEAR FAMILY MEET - RETRO NIGHT

On December 22, 2023, we joyously celebrated the arrival of the New Year with a Retro Night at the Cosmopolitan Club. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from all our members, alongside their spouses and children. Rtn. AKS. PDG. Muthupazhaniappan graced the occasion as the chief guest, delivering an inspiring speech on the significance of family involvement. District Club Service Director Rtn. PP. Usha Kumar added warmth to the gathering with her presence. During the event, we honored members who successfully completed the 5K step count challenge over two weeks by presenting them with well-deserved medals. Every member was also presented with a thoughtfully curated gift box including new year diary, chocolates, scented candles & skincare products. Adding a unique touch to the evening, we had all our past presidents seated on the dais, contributing to the overall enriching atmosphere. IPP Rtn. Dr. Deepashree delivered a heartwarming speech and PP Rtn. Balu Prakasam expressed gratitude during the vote of thanks. Rtn. Anu presented a unique idea to inculcate the importance of physical fitness in the fun activity based session for Rotarians, it was well received by all members. The highlight of the night was a splendid surprise for PP Rtn. Vasumathi Marimuthu on her 60th birthday. A video compilation featuring birthday wishes from her Rotary friends and a special video from our District Governor Rtn. Ravi Raman, made the celebration truly memorable. We extend our gratitude to all members for their active involvement, creating a fantastic start to Vasumathi Mam's milestone birthday and acknowledging her unwavering dedication and support to our club's well-being. The active engagement of our Rotaractors, who played a crucial role in coordinating the event, added to the vibrancy of the celebration. The Retro Night was a delightful evening filled with camaraderie, recognition and the spirit of togetherness as we welcomed the New Year in style.

