

The Banyan



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear RCA Family,

The second half of the Rotary Year seems to have gathered more momentum with a lot of activities which have been accomplished with the support of several members.

While I wish to Thank everyone personally for all that has happened over the last few months, my Special Thanks goes out to none other than our own Rtn. Shri Veeramani Sir for his Colossal Contributions and Stupendous Support which will not just put RC Adyar on top of the District list but also given us the greatest joy of bringing a change in peoples lives. Isn't that what Rotary is all about?

Truly Yours,
Rtn.Kannan Paramasivam



FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Meticulous March

March, marched onward, in a focussed manner. Whether it was the Governor's Visit or A Thanksgiving Celebration for the Fundraiser, everything was well planned and executed with perfection.

Not a surprise, when you have the right people with you.

President is a little wistful, and Secretary is whistling away to glory, both for the same reason. A Paradoxical effect. Only three months to go!!!

On the other hand, The Treadmill has just started for the incoming President Rtn.Sivakumar, who has Cooled his heels in Bangkok before he is all set to be seated in the Hot Seat.

Let's march through the events in March!

Warm Regards
Rtn.Pria Srinivas

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KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN



You never know how strong you are, until being strong is the only choice you have.

Rtn.Kavitha Anand. Behind that beautiful smile lies struggles beyond one's wildest imaginations. Kavitha was born and brought up in Thiruvottiyur and is a typical Vada Chennai Vanithai. Her dad was a Film Distributor and mom a home maker. Anand was her neighbor, and a childhood friend though he was six years elder to her and the local area Mass Hero. During Kavitha's School Finals, Cupids Arrow struck them both and it was a "Deivega Kadhal" as their meeting place was Vadivudai Amman Kovil. A good Samaritan noticed this and informed Kavitha's parents and it was "Ucchi Kaala Poojai" from then on.

During her second year in college, arrangements were made to get her married off to her maternal uncle and the love birds had no choice but to get a Register Marriage done. Kavitha walked out of her house with just her handbag and nothing else to Anand's house. Now I am able to connect the famous dialogue in Tamil Movies "Kattiya Thuniyodu Vandhal". Kavitha's parents now had to accept this and get them remarried as per their rituals in the same Vadivudai Amman Kovil. During her final year in college, while she was pregnant with Naveen, destiny struck and Anand lost his job. Struggles started. Naveen was born and Kavitha took up a job in a Shipping Company after she secured her degree. It was a hand to mouth situation as Anand was still jobless. Fed up of looking for a job, Anand decided to start his own business in Teflon Products with whatever little money and some jewelry.

While working in the Shipping Company, Kavitha pursued an MBA in HR which helped her land in a decent Job with an IT Company. While things were Starting to look up, Kavitha has to let go of her job because of her second issue, by which time Anand had moved into Real Estate Business. The going got tough and something had to be done to make both ends meet with two children. Kavitha took up a Beautician Course. Unfortunately, she was not cut out for it. Back to square one. What next ?

An Ad by MSME about a course in Cosmetics and Perfumes attracted Kavitha, and she decided to take the Risk. She started her own business with one student. Creepy's Naturals. Isn't that creepy ? She had a beautiful explanation to it. If you see on the outside, yes it is obnoxious. But if you dive deep in, Creepy can throw up different meanings to different situation in a positive way. So Look inside. I did and understood what she meant.

The Biggest Mistake in Life is not taking the Right Risk. The only difference you should know is whether it is a positive or a negative risk. Kavitha new what kind of Risk she has opted for.

2006 ! Demonotisation and Anand was pushed into the abyss. Anand carried all the products made by Kavitha and started selling them in his home turf Tiruvottiyur. By the time, they were out of the damage, another catastoph hit them harder. The dreaded Covid. Kavitha could no more conduct classes. But when the Whole World sees Red, some smarties see Green. The couple started manufacturing Disinfectants and Sanitizers which was selling like hot cakes due to their nominal prices. A Silver line was appearing.

There was a time, when they also did door to door classes carrying heavy bags containing raw materials, utinsils and even an induction stove. Kavitha took up online classes and started doing pretty well with Anand being her pillar of strength and support right from getting a Degree, An MBA in HR, M.D(Acu).Masters in Cosmetic Science and Technology and a Diploma in Aromatherapy.

Their company is now affiliated by the National Skill Development of India and got its International Accridation from London in 2024 and a US Accridation in 2025.

Naveen and Rupeshwar are extremely blessed to have Kavitha and Anand as their parents. Their life is a standing testimoney to true Love, respect for each other, shouldering responsibilities together and encouraging each other.

The couple have just opened their own factory and are set to see nothing but Success. May the Almighty Bless this Beautiful family with Good Health, Wealth and all that they have dreamed of.



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RCA News

Volla !!! Our Members and Anns are making Headlines. Proud moment for RC Adyar.



Ann Dr.Meera Raghavan’s brief article appeared in the Times of India indicating the importance of Bladder health . She has emphasised the importance of mainting a healthy lifestyle with eating habits and necessary exercises for the Physical and Emotional wellbeing of women in particular.

Look at who is got into the Political Boxing Ring !!!



Democracy cannot succeed unless those express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is Education.

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

As a well educated person and Medicine being his Profession, Rtn.Dr.Prem Alex Lawrence would have thought atleast a hundred times, before taking a plunge into Politics. Politics cannot be everyones cup of tea.

Strong Integrity, Empathy, Effective Leadership, Accountability, Clear Communication skills, Crisis resilience and dedication to fairness are some of the qualities of a good politician.

As a fine gentleman and a peoples person, I am sure that Dr.Prem will make a good leader.

“Kulachal Thogudhiyil, Kudaichal Kodukum Edhir katchiyinarin pal pidunga varugiraar Dr.Prem Lawrence”

RC Adyar wishes him Success in his new endeavour and looking forward to see him embrace Victory to Serve the Society in all earnestness.



The Banyan RCA News Contd...

Governor's Visit

The Board Exam for any Club President, Secretary and the Board Members. While the President takes all the credit, the real Heroes of the event are the Club Secretary and Treasurer.



The acid test took place on the 3rd of March at The Savera which was well attended by the Members and Anns. Everything was prepared ultra-carefully that there was no reason for the District Governor to take a dig at. But one thing he said or suggested made a lot of sense which all of us have to ponder over. How easily all of us can contribute a decent sum in a given Rotary Year. All we need is a Piggy Bank and a conscious effort.

Rotary is all about giving back to the society and may we all experience the Joy of Giving.

A Green Rotarian Mr. Murugavel was inducted during the GOV which was an icing on the cake.



Celebrating Success



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Thanks Giving

A Classy Thanksgiving / Success Meet was organized by the Director Club Service Rtn.Kavitha Anand on 17th of March at M Central Hotel to Thank and Honour every single person who was involved in the Fundraiser. The Sponsors, Singers and others including the Conductor and the MC were also recognised for their contribution towards the success of the event.

New member Rtn.Murugavel gave a brief classification talk and SVV Sir spoke on the Joy of Giving.

Super Singer Kaushik Sridharan enthralled us with a couple of songs at the request of our members.



Thoughtful Gestures

Under the “ One Family One Project” Rtn.H. Srinivasan donated a limb to a young man, on the occasion of his Ann Gowri’s Birthday.

This will give a new lease of life to this youngster who has a full life ahead of him.

Proud Moment

For RC Adyar. The “Fourrts Oral Care on Wheels” – Mobile Dental Unit Project has been approved by the Foundation. A fully equipped Dental Bus is going to be donated to Porur Ramachandra Dental College which will enable, to take preventive screening in all pockets of the City and focus on early detection of oral cancer.

This is valued at USD53000 (about INR 48 Lakhs which is not just a contribution by our own dear SVV Sir and Radha Mam, but a commitment towards saving lives through awareness and timely diagnois.

Oral Cancer constitutes 40% of all Cancer types and about 60 thousand people die in a year in India. It is disheartning to notice that 5 people in India die every hour because of Oral Cancer indicating that this disease is highly fatal in nature.

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PELS

President Elect for 2026-27, Rtn.Sivakumar has successfully graduated at the President Elect Learning Seminar held at Bangkok.

He is all set to take the baton from Rtn.Kannan Paramasivam on the 7th of July, though his Presidentship will come into effective at 12 Midnight 30th June 2026.



Men in Black ! Ready to Rock !

HALL OF FAME



Annette Mehul, Son of Rtn.CA D.Sethuraman and his team won the Madras Coastal League in Football. He shows exceptional skills in Football and is all set to become another David Beckham. RC Adyar wishes this little champ all Success.

Ladies Outing ???



Few of the ladies of RCA on the pretext of Women's Day planned to go for a movie to have a "Me Time". Was shocked to see some over protective husbands roaming the length and breadth of EA mall till the movie was over. A few even bought tickets and got into the theatre. "Hovering Husbands". Give us a break please !!!

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RC Adyar coughed up a whopping sum of USD 1022 in a few days on request from DG Rtn.Devendran towards the Annual Fund before 31st March. Rtn.Thiagu initiated the process and was able to give the above mentioned amount with contributions coming in from a few Rotarians.

IDIOMS AND THEIR MEANINGS

1. Blow your mind – Amaze greatly
2. Come in handy – Be useful
3. Drop the ball – Make a mistake
4. Get a grip – Calm Down
5. A grey area – Unclear situation
6. All talk – No action
7. Back in the day – In the past
8. Go broke – Lose all money
9. Hang in there – Stay strong
- 10.As luck would have it – By chance



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The Banyan Down Memory Lane

Wishing **Rtn.Sivakumar & Ann Latha, Rtn.Siva & Ann Maheshwari, Rtn.Swapna & Ann Harsha**

A Lifetime of Togetherness filled with Happiness, Peace and Everlasting Love. Stay Blessed!!!



Wishing the March Birthday Babies **Rtn.R. Ramesh, Rtn.Gomathi, Rtn.Kavitha Anand, Rtn.Kannan Arumugam, Rtn.Padmalatha Suresh and Rtn.N.R. Jayaraman** Good Health, Peace and Everlasting Happiness. Stay Blessed!!!

