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From the Editor's Desk: Weaving Words, Building Service

~Ann. Jayashree Parasuram



We kicked off November with the grand 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations of the golden couple, Rtn. Sarma and Ann Lata. Our speaker meeting on "Perception, Reality, and the Origin of Alcoholic Beverages" kept everyone thoroughly engrossed.

The month also took us on a delightful tour to the vibrant land of Chettinad, where Rtns and Anns enjoyed time together. We conducted two blood donation camps, and also the Anns donated a water dispenser.

To wrap up the month, our Quiz speaker meeting put our intelligence to the test while keeping things fun and informative.

Phew — what a month! November had it all.

50th Anniversary Celebration

~Ann. Tamara

This year marks a truly special milestone, a golden celebration for RCA's beloved couple, **Rtn. GVR Sarma and Ann Latha**. Fifty years ago, they embarked on a journey filled with love, laughter and shared dreams. On the **1st of November 2025**, the RCA family gathered at the Madras Gymkhana Club to honour their incredible commitment.

President Rtn. T Parasuram, First Lady Jayashree, Secretary Rtn. Deepan and team orchestrated a heartwarming celebration, felicitating the couple with a gift and a greeting card from the RCA. They say that happiness lies in sharing experiences with good friends: **Rtn. Hari Prasad and Rtn. Col. Bhupinder Singh** spoke about the couple, throwing light on their love story, their illustrious careers, their loving family and vibrant Rotary journey. The shared laughter, camaraderie and witty anecdotes wove a rich tapestry of shared history and endearing memories.

Adding to the charm, Rtn. Hari Prasad and Ann Vijayalakshmi recreated a wedding atmosphere by felicitating the couple with garlands and ornamental crowns, while Ann Aruna played recorded Nadhaswaram music in the background.

Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha proposed the toast and the entire RCA family raised their glasses to celebrate the couple's enduring love, dedicated service to Rotary and cherished memories built over the decades. The golden couple responded with heartfelt thanks, fondly recalling the good memories of precious friendships forged over the years.

The celebrations continued with the cake-cutting and a delightful **surprise- a book of wishes** curated by **Ann Sanjana and team**, who also organized an interesting number game that had everyone laughing and bonding. The laughter and friendly chatter continued through the celebrations and the event concluded with a delicious meal and group photographs.

To **Rtn. Sarma and Ann Latha** – **Heartfelt congratulations on 50 Golden years of togetherness!** May your wonderful example of dedicated commitment continue to inspire others.

From old friends and new, from good friends and true - may happiness and peace always be with you.



November Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

11th November - Speaker Meeting

The meeting commenced with the invocation by **Rtn. Rema**.

Rtn. Krishivasan from **RC Mitra** delivered an engaging talk on **the Perception & Reality of the Origin of Alcoholic Beverages**. With over 40 years in the industry, including experience with Mallya's United Breweries, he kept the audience captivated through an interactive session.

Key Takeaways:

- Wine: fermented, filtered and bottled grapes
- Beer: same process applied to barley
- Whisky: distilled beer; the colourless 100% spirit is diluted and aged in wooden casks
- Single Malt: blend with a single malt
- Blended Whisky: mix of multiple blends
- Vodka: fermented potatoes, double distilled for an odourless spirit ideal for cocktails
- Scotch: whisky made in Scotland
- Cognac: whisky from Cognac, France
- Tequila: fermented mix of fruits, popular in Mexico
- Ice Wine: made from frozen grapes in Canada

He clarified common misconceptions—whisky itself doesn't add weight; the fried munchies do. Best enjoyed with nuts or salads, after supper, and spaced 20 minutes between pegs to avoid intoxication.

A lively Q&A followed, with the speaker patiently addressing all questions.

~ Ann Latha Sarma



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GUEST :2

25th November - Speaker Meeting (Quiz)

~Rtn. T Parasuram

The speaker meeting on **25th November** featured a **lively quiz session** conducted by **Mr. Balaji**. The event took place at the **Sapphire Hall, Presidency Club**, and began with a **sumptuous high tea** that set a warm, cheerful tone for the evening.

The meeting commenced with the Invocation by **Rtn. Suresh Babu**, marking his very first time delivering the Invocation. **Rtn. Sairam** then introduced the speaker, highlighting **Mr. Balaji's distinguished career** as a doyen in the field of air conditioning, having served in leading companies throughout his professional journey.

Mr. Balaji conducted a beautifully curated **audio-visual quiz**, primarily featuring questions on Madras/Chennai, old-time India, and elements of Sanskrit language, Carnatic music, and renowned musicians. The quiz rekindled nostalgic memories for many members and sparked enthusiastic participation. **Ann Viji Hariprasad** emerged as the top respondent of the evening.

The speaker was honoured with a shawl and a gift presented by **Rtn. Sarma and President Rtn. T Parasuram**.

The meeting also had a special international guest — **Rtn. Dr. Somasundaram from the Rotary Club of Devils Lake, North Dakota, USA**. He presented their club's flag, and in return, RCA gifted him our club's Blue Book along with our club flag.

The memorable evening concluded with the **Vote of Thanks by Rtn. IPP David**, followed by the **National Anthem**.



Members of **Round Table India** and **Ladies Circle India** took a wonderful initiative to enhance our **T.V. Nagar School** by creating educational wall paintings across the campus. Their efforts have transformed the surroundings into a cleaner, brighter, and more engaging space for students.

This thoughtful contribution has earned tremendous appreciation from our Rotary members and, importantly, from the neighbourhood residents — creating a meaningful and lasting impact on our school community.

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Thematic Fun-grimage

~Rtn. Suresh Babu

The fun-filled trip was planned by **President Rtn. T. Parasuram** and **First Lady Ann. Jayashree Parasuram**, supported by **Rtn. Mala** and yours truly, **Rtn. Suresh Babu**, and organised by **Ojaswi Travels** led by Rtn. Anjula Bhatia. Nineteen Rotarians and Anns set out to explore the Chettinadu region on **14th November**. While many flew and a few travelled by train, everyone met at Tiruchirappalli and then proceeded in two tempo travellers to **Chettinadu Heritage Resorts**.

We received a warm and traditional welcome from our gracious hosts, - **Mr. Selvam, Rtn. Kamala Selvam and their son Ashwin** were escorted to ten charming cottages built in authentic Chettinadu architectural style. After a short rest, we enjoyed a grand "**Ela Sappadu**" lunch.

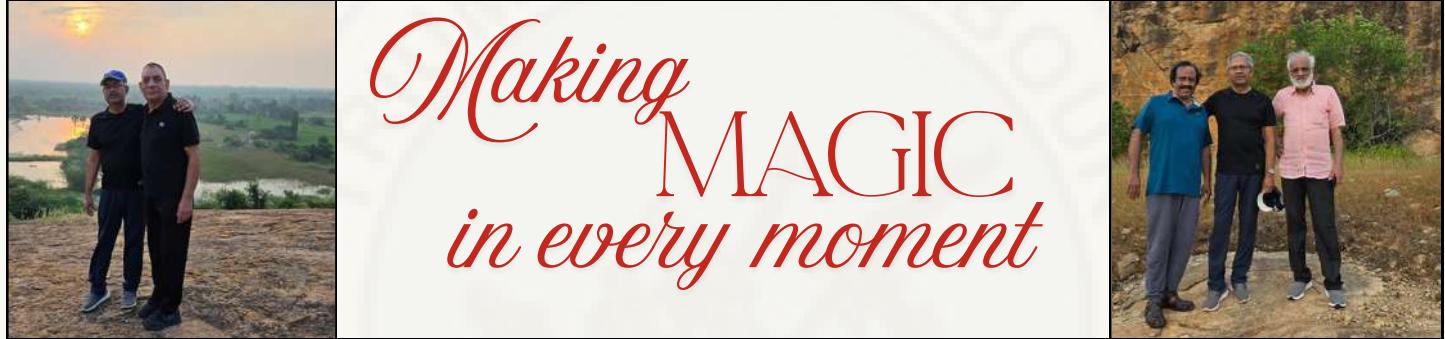
Our first visit was to **Mr. Selvam's ancestral palace**, over 100 years old. There, we learned about their clan's history, including how their forefathers returned from Southeast Asia and established themselves in the region. We then proceeded to the sacred Naganathar Temple, known for relief from Rahu Dosham, followed by a visit to the Nagarathar Sivan Temple.

The next day began with a tour of the magnificent **Athangudi Palace**, a stunning showcase of Chettinadu craftsmanship. We then visited the revered **Pillayarpatti Temple** and the **Kundrakudi Murugan Temple**. The evening programme included stops at the **Chettinadu Tiles Factory** and a local **snacks-making unit**.

On the final day, we visited the countryside **Muniswaran Temple** and the **terracotta horses** offered in prayer — a popular location for film shoots. This was followed by a tour of a traditional handloom unit. Our last stop was the **Koviloor Museum and Library**, where we gained deeper insights into Chettinadu culture, before squeezing in some quick shopping at Karaikudi.

With hearts full of memories, knowledge, and camaraderie, we finally headed back to Chennai — enriched by an unforgettable Chettinadu experience.





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Two Blood Donation Camps were conducted this month. The first camp, held on **5th and 6th November** in association with Shell, took place at the **Shell Centre in Pallikaranai**. The drive saw an excellent response, closing with a total of **178 donors** — 90 on Day 1 and 88 on Day 2. The second camp was organised on **26th November 2025** at the **Arignar Anna Government Naturopathy Hospital by the Nature Care & Wellness RCC of the Rotary Club of Ambattur**. This camp successfully collected **29 units of blood**. Both events reflected strong community participation and reinforced our commitment to supporting lifesaving healthcare initiatives.



The **Installation of the water dispenser** was done on **24th November**. **Ann Vijaya Sairam**, who was instrumental in this project, was present for the inauguration along with **Ann Mala Ramachandran, Ann Dr. Veena Noronha, and Ann Tamara Coelho**. Donation of a water dispenser at Madras Seva Sadan orphanage. Amount Rs 8500/. The orphanage is run by **Madras Seva Sadan and looks after orphan girl children**. Currently, there are 80 children who are sent only by the government. Their education and stay are looked after by Madras Seva Sadan and partly funded by the government. The children receive education at their school until 12th grade and are housed at their orphanage.

~Ann. Dr. Veena Noronha



The **Interact Club of Bhaktavatsalam School** and the **Rotary Club of Ambattur** jointly conducted a speaker session for the students on **5th November 2025**. The topic, "**How Lifestyle Shapes or Shatters Your Metabolic Health**," was delivered by **Mr. Bharath Vishnu, Founder, Lead Physiotherapist, and Lifestyle Medicine Advocate**.

Mr. Bharath engaged the students with an interactive, hands-on session that included practical demonstrations and activities, helping them understand how everyday habits impact their long-term health. The session was lively, informative, and greatly appreciated by the students.



Our club's green members **Rtn. Kavithaa Narasimhan** and **Rtn. Harikrishnan** attended the **Green Seminar** organised by the District. During the event, our **Secretary Rtn. Deepan** was honoured with the **Level 2 Pin** for bringing three new members into the club. The Pin was collected by Rtn. Harikrishnan on behalf of Rtn. Deepan. This recognition stands as a proud moment for RCA and reflects our continued commitment to growth and sustainability.



The Tamil Nadu Educational Department conducted its annual State-Level District Competition, "**Kalai Thiruvizha 2025-26**" which was held at Karur on **25th November 2025**. The results are awaited.

Students from **TV Nagar School** participated in the event, accompanied by **Ms. Meenal and Primary Teacher Ms. Malarkodi**.

We are proud to share that our students participated in both the Fancy Dress Competition and the Bharatanatyam Group Dance.



Mr. M Jarsan - Class V A participated in the District Karate Competition and won the 2nd Prize



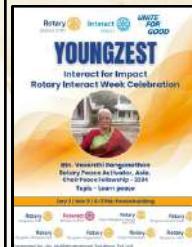
Red Day brought vibrant energy to the Ayappakam After School Learning Centre as children took part in the celebration



It was a proud moment for our club as we achieved 100% registration for the Rotary District Conference "UTSAV", to be held on 21st February 2026. The registrations were completed and paid for by our President, Rtn. T. Parasuram, on behalf of RCA, reflecting our club's unity, enthusiasm, and commitment to active participation in district events.



Our Rotary members took the spotlight as speakers, offering valuable perspectives and representing RCA with pride and professionalism.



From Life's First Cheers to Forever Together Celebrating You Always!

Birthdays

December 01	Ann. Tamilselvan Angudurai	Mangayarkrasi
December 01	Annette Dr S Vivek	Mullai Subbiah
December 03	Annette Yohann	Ashish Coelho
December 04	Ann. Surekha Suresh	K Suresh Babu
December 06	Rtn. Mullai Subbiah	
December 10	Annette Vishveshwaram T S	Kavithaa Narasimhan
December 10	Annette Niranjana TS	Kavithaa Narasimhan
December 11	Rtn. A S Hari Prasad	
December 11	Ann Vijayalakshmi	A S Hari Prasad
December 11	Annette M Praveen	Mahaveerchand Dugar
December 11	Ann Tamara Ann	Ashish Coelho
December 12	Annette Vitika Bhatia	Anjula Bhatia
December 14	Rtn. V Sairam	
December 15	Ann Uma S	Deepan P
December 25	Rtn. G Aravind	
December 25	Annette S Niveditha	Mullai Subbiah

Anniversary

December 10	Rtn. S L Omprakash & Ann. Vyjayanthi
December 11	Rtn. Ashok & Ann. Tara Rao
December 28	Rtn. Ashish & Ann. Tamara Coelho
December 30	Rtn. Ajitha & Mr. T Balan

Mark your Calendar! - Upcoming Events

Dec 14 (Sun) 6.30 p.m	Engagement of Annette Tarun S/O Rtn. K Jayakumar and Ann. Hema Mohana Hall, Velachery
Dec 23 (Tues) 6.30 p.m (Dinner)	Christmas Celebration (Invite to follow) MCC Cricket Hall, Chepauk, Triplicane
Dec 29 (Mon) 6.30 p.m (Dinner)	EGM Meeting (Circular to follow) Pearl Room, The Presidency Club, Egmore

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