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

~Ann. Jayashree Parasuram

A Joyous and eventful **DECEMBER**.



This edition highlights the awards and prizes won by our esteemed Anns and Rotarians. The Anns' Meet, as always, was conducted in a spirit of camaraderie and enjoyment. The RCA Christmas celebrations were truly a sight to behold—an event marked by warmth, fellowship, delightful food, and enthusiastic participation in the games organized.

True to our values, RCAians continued to uphold the spirit of service by organizing a blood donation camp and actively participating in the EGM and SCAW meeting.

The team of Amber invites you to enjoy this edition and extend our warm wishes for a Very Happy New Year!



Christmas Celebration 2025

~Rtn. Deepan



Thank You, Dear Rotarians, Anns & Annettes! 🎄
Heartfelt thanks to all our esteemed members for your enthusiastic participation and vibrant presence at the **Christmas Celebration** on **December 23rd**. Your energy, camaraderie, and festive spirit truly made the evening memorable.

A special word of appreciation to the organising team led by **Ann. Dr. Veena** for the beautiful décor, engaging games, seamless arrangements, and the joyful atmosphere. The dedicated team comprised of **Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha, Rtn. Gita Menon, Rtn. Rema, Rtn. V. Sairam, Ann. Vijayalakshmi and First Lady Ann. Jayashree Parasuram**. Your commitment and teamwork truly brought the spirit of Christmas alive.

Together, we transformed the celebration into a wonderful blend of joy, fellowship, and the true Rotary spirit. 🎅 Looking forward to many more such memorable moments together.

Merry Christmas! 🎄



December Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

11th December - Ann's Meet

~ Rtn. Gita Menon

The **Ann's of RCA** met for lunch on **11th December 2025** at **Bombay Brasserie**, with a cheerful gathering of 11 members.

Our International Service Director, **Rtn. Mala**, shared her keen interest in organising an international trip and mentioned that the idea had already been discussed at the Board level. To brief us further, she invited Hari and Preeti from Rtn. Anjula's travel company to interact with the group. True to the saying "*the way to a man's heart is through his stomach*," Mala firmly believes that once the Anns are convinced, the Rotarians will surely follow! While waiting for Hari and Preeti to arrive, we placed orders for starters, mocktails, and soup. The menu offered a good variety and set the tone for a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon.



During the discussion, **Georgia** was suggested as one of the travel destinations, while one of the Anns proposed **Vietnam**. There were a few queries regarding the availability of vegetarian food, which were clarified—Indian restaurants are available in both countries. After addressing a few more doubts, it was decided that the travel team would revert with detailed itineraries for both destinations.

Adding to the joy of the day, it was **Ann Viji Hariprasad's birthday**. She walked in with a tray of tiny, beautifully gift-wrapped boxes and handed one to each of us, brimming with the excitement of a six-year-old distributing sweets and repeatedly saying, "**It is my Happy Birthday!**" Instead of a cake, a tiramisu was organised, and we all sang for Viji as she cut it. The tiny boxes contained delightful chocolates, making the moment even more special. The programme for the *Club New Year Celebrations on 3rd January 2026* was also discussed, and the **First Lady Ann. Jayashree** invited suggestions for games and activities.

This was followed by a lovely lunch with an excellent spread. The food was delicious, and among the many dishes enjoyed, the *Chur Chur Paratha*, *Chilli Cheese Kulcha*, and *Kulfi* were absolute favourites.

We had a wonderful time together, and the icing on the cake was celebrating Viji's birthday.

We missed those who couldn't make it and look forward to many more such warm and joyful get-togethers.



Our club members attended the **Engagement Ceremony** of our **Annette Tarun, S/O Rtn. K. Jayakumar and Ann. Hema**, held on **14th December** at **Mohana Hall, Velachery**.

The occasion was marked by warm bonding as members came together to bless the young couple and share in the family's joy.



Christmas Celebration spearheaded by **Rtn. Udaya Bhanu** at **Ambattur Rotary Hospital** on **December 25th**

A **Blood Donation Camp** was organised on **13th December** in collaboration with **RC Chennai Sagar and RC Kotturpuram**, in association with **VS Medical Trust, Chetpet**. The camp successfully collected **30 units of blood**, contributing meaningfully to this lifesaving cause. This was led by **Rtn. Udaya Bhanu**.

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A team of **TCS officials** visited our **TV Nagar School** on **17th December** and distributed stationery items to our primary school children, spreading festive cheer ahead of Christmas and Pongal.

The team interacted warmly with the children and organised engaging activities, including a Greeting Card-making session, which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Rtn. Rema efficiently coordinated the visit of the TCS team, and we thank her for making this meaningful initiative possible.

Our Ann and First Lady, Jayashree, along with **Meenal Karthik**, graciously hosted the visiting team.

The visit brought smiles, creativity, and festive joy to our young students, making the occasion truly memorable.



Christmas Celebration at Ayappakam After School Learning Center on December 23rd



As our flagship project SCAW will be conducted in January - February, **Rtn. Ravishankar** from our club conducted a **SCAW Orientation** for Green Rotarians of RC Ambattur and Presidents of RID 3234 on **December 26th**



The Club's **EGM** was held on **December 29th** as a closed-door meeting. The agenda included discussions on the various project accounts, proposed amendments to the club by-laws, recommendations of trustees for ARCT, and the selection and election of office bearers for the year 2026-27.

The meeting was well attended by 23 members, reflecting their commitment and active involvement in the club's governance and future planning.



The **Ayappakam After School Learning Center** conducted a "Community Flu Awareness Program" on **8th December** led by **Rtn. Kavithaa**.

A team of **45 students** and **7 staff members** actively participated in the programme, covering **20 houses** and reaching out to **40 community members**. The programme helped spread important information on flu prevention and community health, while also encouraging students to take responsibility and actively engage with the neighbourhood.



Hearty congratulations to **Rtn. Gita Menon** on winning the **Tamil Nadu Leadership Award**.

Gita Menon, Regional Director - South India, has been recognised as one of the **Tamil Nadu Women Leaders 2025** by the **World Marketing Congress Awards and CMO Asia**.



A Hospital That Heals More Than the Body

(An abridged Review by Ashok Menon)

~ The Full review can be seen on the Hospital Notice Board

My association with **Rotary Hospital, Ambattur** revealed the true meaning of "Service Above Self". What began as a need for post-operative care soon became a deeply reassuring experience marked by compassion, dignity, and humanity.

From doctors and nurses to attenders, therapists, and support staff, every interaction reflected genuine care. Whether in the wards, the dialysis unit, or the cerebral palsy wing, the hospital stands as a place where treatment is delivered with empathy and respect, ensuring affordability never becomes a barrier to life.

Having been admitted twice during vulnerable phases of my health, I found not just medical healing here, but emotional comfort and companionship. Rotary Hospital restores faith, dignity, and quiet strength—truly healing beyond the body.

With gratitude and warm New Year wishes to the Rotary Club of Ambattur, its donors, and the entire hospital team. Jai Hind

Ann. Mano Singh and Ann. Geetha Ravishankar

proudly represented our club at the District-organised **World Saree Day "Saree Symposium"**. We are delighted to share that **Ann. Mano Singh** was honoured with the *Classic Beauty Award*.

Hearty congratulations to our Ann's for their participation!



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

Birthdays

January 03 Rtn. Kavithaa Narasimhan
January 04 Annette Akash Raj
January 06 Ann Jayashree
January 06 Annette Trisha
January 07 Rtn. Paramkumar
January 07 Annette GV Tharak
January 14 Rtn. Mahaveerchand Dugar
January 15 Annette R Srilatha
January 18 Ann Sheela U B
January 19 Rtn. Ashok Rao
January 19 Rtn. K Suresh Babu
January 24 Annette Swathi U B
January 26 Ann Gunasundari
January 29 Rtn. P Sridharan
January 29 Rtn. S L Omprakash

V Sairam
T Parasuram
Rema Sakunthala
G Aravind
T R Mala
Udaya Bhanu
Udaya Bhanu
Mahaveerchand Dugar

Anniversary

January 18 Rtn. Dr. Winston & Dr. Veena Noronha
January 29 Rtn. A S Hari Prasad & Vijayalakshmi
January 31 Rtn. Udaya Bhanu & Sheela

Mark your Calendar! - Upcoming Events

Jan 03
(Sat)
6.30 p.m
(Dinner)

New Year 2026
Celebration
(Invite to follow)

The Buttery Bar,
Madras Gymkhana Club

Jan 20
(Tues)
6.30 p.m
(Hi-Tea)

Speaker Meeting
(Invite to follow)
The Presidency Club, Egmore

Jan 26
(Mon)
(Lunch)

Republic Day
(Invite to follow)
TVNES and ARH

Backing Dreams, Building Changes Because of You, AMBER shines in print.

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