



ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI TOWERS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3232

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July is Transition Month - each year Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Our leaders exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service. Serving as a Club or District officer or committee member provides an opportunity to enrich your leadership skills by sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.

July is also 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' Month



Bulletin Team :

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A matter of celebration and joy of giving hope.

As we step into the 26th year of our club, I am delighted to be at the helm of such a wonderful community of likeminded people who are passionate and empathetic to do good for the society. I would also like to congratulate IPP Rtn Satish Jupiter and team and all our past presidents for the recently won District awards, not an easy achievement. This also shows our club's commitment and how our club rocks! Looking forward for leading our club into greater heights. Reminds me of a famous poem by Robert Frost - "ROAD NOT TAKEN". Here's hoping all our members rally beside me and my team to overcome obstacles and have a successful and fun filled year ahead.

Regards

President
Rtn PK Binoy
2023-2024.





EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello RCCT and welcome to a brand-new year! After an illustrious Silver Jubilee year, studded with prestigious awards and experiences, we march on to the aftermath. With President PK Binoy taking the lead, this promises to be an exciting and interesting year ahead. With new ideas and perspectives, projects and fellowships and a whole lot of great things in store.

This year we the bulletin team, comprising of Anns Anuradha Prasad, Priya Vivek and yours truly, have decided to give our club bulletin a new twist. We have been and will continue to celebrate the success and achievements of RCCT projects over the years. So why not celebrate the people who made it happen, “the RCCTians”!! Like every drop makes an ocean, so does every individual member who makes RCCT what it is, a diverse community of committed, dedicated and fun-loving people.

We wish to pay tribute to each and every member and spouse of this prestigious club by featuring them on our cover pages through the year. So in alphabetical order, with no other particular preludes or positions or dwelling too far in its history, we celebrate our beloved club members, our own pet celebrities, RCCT is what it is because of you!

We will also feature the Rotary themes of the month, some Rotary trivia and a special feature (courtesy our club historian Anu miss) chronicling the history of the RCCT bulletin from its inception till date.

Here's hoping that you will enjoy the new 2.0 version avatar of our club bulletin!

Thanks and regards

Ann Alpana
Editor



INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT 2023-24

4th July 2023

PP Rtn. Krishnachander

Installation ceremony of Rtn Binoy and team - was held at Hotel Ramada Guindy on 4th July, 2023.

Rtn Binoy, after nearly 2 decades in RCCT, decided to accept the leadership mantle this Rotary year 2023/24. The efforts taken by him over the last 6 months promises yet another rocking year ahead for RCCT. Our Silver Jubilee Superstar President Rtn Satish Jupiter, called the installation function to order and delivered a crisp welcome address. He recognized the contribution of the Board, RCCT members and his family.

Secretary Rtn Manoj played a master stroke by presenting the club secretary's report in bullet points. The activities done by RCCT last year was humongous, both in terms of quality and quantity. Secy Rtn Manoj prepared a 130-slide presentation and circulated it to the club and the invited guests in the morning itself. He was able to summarize very quickly and efficiently.

Event chair Rtn Eashwar Prasad had coordinated very well and the MCs for the evening, Rtn Kailash Chabbria and Ann Riya Bajaj handled the event flow smoothly.

Chief Guest DGE Rtn Mahaveer Bothra presided over the exchange of collar and gavel. The new incoming President Rtn Binoy started his acceptance speech a bit nervously but captured everyone's attention with his humour and got a tremendous applause.

President Rtn Binoy introduced his new Board and they were pinned by DGE Rtn Mahaveer Bothra, Dist Secretary Rtn Rajagopal and our Club AG Rtn Sivachandran.

Two projects were executed at the installation function
- donation of 10 k to two deserving NGOs, namely Nansei and Kanyaraksha.

Chief guest Rtn Mahaveer Bothra delivered a wonderful speech, applauding the great efforts of outgoing team led by Pres Rtn Satish Jupiter. He motivated the Club to scale up the membership to higher levels. The program was well attended by 40 members of RCCT and their families and a good number of visiting Rotarians, including IPDG Rtn Dr Nandakumar, DGE Rtn Vinod Saraogi and DGE Rtn Dev Damodaran and about 20 HOPE presidents.

RCCT Secretary Rtn Jayshree delivered a short and sweet vote of thanks, recognizing the support of the hosts for the evening Rtns Amudha, Krishnachander, Rukmani, Sagar, Umapathy and Vinay Asrani.

Well begun is half done and Rtn Binoy and his Board have drawn up good plans, promising yet another rocking year 2023/24 for RCCT.







BOARD MEMBERS OF 2023-24



Rtn. K.P. Binoy
President



Rtn. Jayshree K.P.
Secretary



Rtn. Ajoy
Joint Secretary



Rtn. D. S. Shyam Sundar
Treasurer



Rtn. Satish Jupiter
I.P.P



Rtn. Vinay Asrani
Club Service



Rtn. Venakatesh
Community Non- Medical



Dr. Vignesh Pushparaj
Community Medical



Rtn. Aarth Varanasi
Vocational Service



Rtn. Padmaja Venket Ram
Foundation



Rtn. Sapna Dinesh
Youth Service



Rtn. Rukmani
Women empowerment and Literacy



Rtn. Amudha Jayaprakash
Public-Image



Rtn. Manoj T
Membership Development



Rtn. G.S. Prasad
International



Rtn. Sanjay Ahuja
Polio



Rtn. Sucherita Sagar
Club Advisor



Rtn. Krishna Chander
Club Trainer



Rtn. Eashwar Prasad
SAM 1



Rtn. Ram Krishna Mani
SAM 2



CLUB ASSEMBLY

13th July 2023

Rtn. Venkatesh

The RCCT Club Assembly was held on 13th July at Gandhinagar Club.

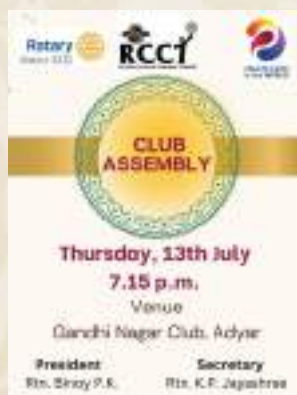
Newly minted president Rtn. Binoy welcomed the gathering and gave an update on the activities done since July 1st. He also gave a brief outline on his plans for the year and requested all the members to support the club in all avenues. President Rtn Binoy also spoke in detail about the Swach Bharath awareness event to be held at the Towers Park in Anna Nagar on 14th July and requested everyone to participate.

Each Avenue Director presented their detailed plans for the year as well as the budget requirements. Quite a number of new ideas for projects and fellowships were shared by the members, the Directors promised to look into the viability of these projects.

Treasurer Rtn. Shyam presented the budget and it was passed by those present in the room.

Secretary Rtn Jayashree read the announcements and gave the Vote of Thanks.

The meeting was followed by cocktails & dinner.





SPEAKER MEETING

27th July 2023

Rtn. Karthikeyan

The first RCCT Speaker Meeting of the year was held on 27th July 2023 at The Courtyard by Marriott with an awe-inspiring speaker, Rajasekar Pichai alias Kutty, (as he is fondly known).

He belongs to the Fishermen Community of Kovalam, he is an excellent surfer, volleyball and kabaddi player , and a fitness trainer with numerous wins as his accolades and now - the **First Tamizhan** to have achieved the remarkable feat of Climbing Mt. Everest.

He challenged people's idea of 'Surfing being easy' and decided to face the ultimate challenge of scaling Mount Everest.

It was spectacular listening to his journey from surfer to mountaineer, the various challenges faced from the Base camp to the Final Summit - avalanches, dropping Temperatures, low oxygen levels, glacier crevasses, altitude sickness, improper food, strong winds, heavy gear and not to forget his 6 Kg trekking boots.

Kutty strongly believes – Mental Fitness and Physical Fitness are equally important. It is worth mentioning his constant mind battles on deciding whether to climb on or turn back, at every dead body he saw and near-death instances he overcame. Including a heart wrenching moment when 30 minutes before reaching the summit, he watched the person just ahead of him fall off the trek line to his death and begin powerless to help him.

At 5:30 a.m. on May 20 2023, Kutty reached the Summit of Mt. Everest, standing tall at 8,848 mtrs. above sea level. Rightly shouting – I am at the top of the world!!!

Kutty acknowledged how significant the role of his Sherpa was in the success of the climb, strongly relying on his expertise to guide him in his journey.

His Euphoria and sense of accomplishment was so overwhelming, he lived his 5-minute glory on the peak of Everest hugging his Sherpa, at over -45 degree, fingers too frozen to click a picture, so windy- the Indian flag flew from his hands, so emotional tears wouldn't stop flowing! Etching his name among the many legends who have summited the Everest!

He is a 27-year-old who aims to conquer all the 7 Summits – the highest Peaks of the 7 Continents!

May he continue to inspire generations to chase their dreams relentlessly and scale new Heights in Life – Literally!!!



A cake cutting was organised to celebrate Ann Ektha's birthday.



COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Non Medical

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LITTLE DROPS PROJECT

2nd July 2023

Ann Monika

July 2, 2023, we started the year by providing a scrumptious breakfast for 420 residents of the Little Drops old age home in Somangalam, near Porur. Thanks to Rtn Ram, Ann Shoba Annettes Sanjana and Shraddha for doing this project every year consistently. We were also joined today by Rtn Venkatesh, Anns Anuradha, Monica and a few close relatives of Ann Shoba. A very satisfying day indeed.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago, under the leadership of Rotary International Founder Paul Percy Harris, initiated the first Rotary public service project: creating a public comfort station (also known as a public toilet). Flushing with pride (oh yes we did), this project launched Rotary onto its "service above self" path.



KANYARAKSHA FOUNDATION ("KRF")

4th July 2023

A not-for-profit organization that works to save girl's lives to end the atrocity of female gendercide (the illegal sex-selective abortion, killing, abandonment, or neglect of females due to their gender) in India. They have helped rescue over 1000 girls and provided them with better education and career opportunities and are now thriving.

RCCT handed over a cheque to extend support for their cause.



THE NANSEI EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST

4th July 2023

Established in 2017, is a registered Non-Governmental Organization. They are committed to providing educational support and uplifting underprivileged individuals in rural sectors. Additionally, the trust has been actively supporting families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The trust also promotes education and ensures that deserving students have access to quality learning by offering scholarships and opportunities to students from vulnerable backgrounds.

Another key focus area for the trust is uplifting underprivileged in rural sectors. Recognizing the significant disparities prevalent in these areas, the trust actively works to bridge the educational gap and provide resources that are difficult to for them access. RCCT handed over a cheque to extend support for their cause.



SWACHHTA BHARATH

14th July 2023



Spouse Prithvi

On the 14 th of July RCCT participated in a CSR initiative in association with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and the Times of India. The theme “Swachhta Pakhwada” which translates into cleanliness fortnight.

Swachhata Pakhwada is an offshoot of the “Swach Bharat” mission and was started in April 2016 with the objective of bringing a fortnight of intense focus on the issues and practices of cleanliness by engaging the various Government of India Ministries/Departments in their jurisdictions. They involved departments and Ministries and are expected to bring qualitative cleanliness and improvements in their respective jurisdictions.

The venue of the event was the Amphi theatre at the Vishweshwaraiya Tower in Annanagar. RCCT was represented by President Rtn. Binoy, Secretary Rtn. Jayashree. Past President Rtn. Sagar, Charter President Rtn. Sabu, Rtn. Rashmi Ann. Vidhya and spouse Prithvi.

The evening started with entertainment by “The Monks” a street band in the city setting the mood for an evening where serious intent started with a cheerful note. Following this was a skit by the children of families of BPCL. With participation from young children, the skit was amusing conveying the message of cleanliness in an interesting narrative.



Secretary Rtn. Jayashree spoke on behalf of the club bringing up the fact that India had managed a great deal of significant achievements and making India clean should be one that is to be achieved through our conscious efforts for which such initiatives and awareness building is important.

Also among the achievements mentioned was India's successful riddance of Polio and the role of Rotary Club in the eradication of Polio. The brief talk urged the audience to take a pledge that we 'Should not litter and not let others litter.'

Mr. Ajit Kumar Majhi the deputy General Manager of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. delivered a short speech appreciating the efforts taken by the participants and explaining why the cleanliness drive is important.

An evening well spent, with dividends for Chennai Towers: an event that meant good public relations, a community service initiative while also keeping up with Rotary's aspiration of creating hope in the world.

Let's hope & work for a cleaner India.



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DID YOU KNOW?

James Wheeler Davidson of Calgary, Canada was fondly called as MARCO POLO of ROTARY. He was responsible for establishing Rotary clubs in different countries Australia, New Zealand, Southern Europe, Egypt, Siam, Japan and India .

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NAGALATHUR PROJECT

22nd July 2023

This project was initiated by Rtn Della Mehta. We distributed pre loved clothes to the women and children as well as 20 liters of oil, 25 kgs of rice, 30 kgs toor dal (provisions sponsored by RCCT) and snacks were distributed to the ladies and children of Nangalathur tribe. Rtns Sapna and Della, Ann Manasa and annets Suhita & Rakshita were present for this project.



AKSHAYAM

29th July 2023

Hunger is a consistent problem but thankfully we have the resource to solve the problem. What we need to do is build awareness to the point that this is no longer a problem that can be swept under the rug....

RCCT started this Rotary year's Akshayam project on July 29, 2023. With the dream to not have hungry stomachs. project was spearheaded by Rtn Arathi Varnasi and Ann Biju. Hot idlis, vada, chutney, sambar and water was served to the needy. An amazing start for an amazing cause.





ANJUGAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

RCCT sponsored Anjugam school Toilet Roof rework. It was appreciated by School authorities as it was pending work .The students were very happy .





COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Medical

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MEGA MEDICAL CAMP AT CENTRAL PRISON, PUZHAL

1st July 2023

Rotary club of Chennai Towers Diabetes screening conducted on July 1, 2023. This screening was part of mega health camp organized by District 3232.

The District Community Service Health team along with their respective doctors screened over 300 inmates of Puzhal team.





VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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SURABI

26th July 2023

The first Vocational Service project for the year was held at Surabi on 26.7.2023. RCCT provided teacher's salaries for a three-month tailoring course. Course completion Certificates were given to all the ladies. The best students from the earlier batch were also given prizes. President Rtn. Binoy along with Rtns Sagar, Satish. K and Ann Vidya attended the project.





YOUTH SERVICE

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INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION

20th July 2023

Rtn Sapna Sriram

“In Learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn”. The Youth service team this year had our first installation of Interact club at KRMM school Adyar on 20th July 2023. The school Principal Mrs Vijaivalli was very welcoming and spoke highly of RCCT and instantly agreed to install the club. The school pupil leaders were nominated and elected with the help of teachers and principal.

The chief guest Rtn Nitasha Mugudan (district additional chair for interact schools and professional counsellor) addressed the gathering. She shared her insights and encouraged children to stay focused on learning as much as possible while in school. She extended her support on counselling children if needed.

The students, and team shared their plan of action for this year with assurance given by our President to support the team.

Annette Aditi shared her knowledge on photography and answered queries regarding the viability of the course. Students were informed about the upcoming district photography competition.

The program concluded with Ann Anuradha sharing the Rotary four-way test and Ann Archana and myself briefed the kids on upcoming sessions on effectiveness of communication and stress management.





WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

26th July 2023

Ann Shoba Sriram

“As part of the women’s empowerment team, Rtn Rukmani, Anns Radha and myself, identified a college, Don Bosco, in Keela Eral, Kovilpatti.

The Fathers there received us with great enthusiasm and extended gracious hospitality. We were supposed to interact with the girl students on menstrual health and hygiene and discuss their issues.

Since they had exams, we decided to visit Ettayapuram, the birth place of Mahakavi Bharathiyar. It was goosebumps all the way when we saw the handwritten notes, his letter in Tamil to Mahatma, his love Chellamma, his family tree, belongings, etc. Those days, when women were not allowed outside, he started a magazine and wrote journals on Women’s Empowerment which made me wonder even more, “Are we doing enough “!!

We returned back to the college and received a warm welcome from the young girl students. Rtn Rukmani spoke on health and hygiene. She touched on all the topics with so much clarity and captured their attention for nearly an hour. We had passed chits around so that the girls could ask doubts by writing them down in anonymity. This made them open up to us easily without the fear of being identified. Ann Radha and I interacted with them and further touched on a few more topics.

Altogether, it was heartwarming to hear the girls acknowledge that it was a very useful morning. The Principal then thanked RCCT and its contribution of sanitary pads. We distributed them and told them the importance of staying clean and healthy.

The Fathers requested us to help them set up a library and we promised to definitely work towards it. After shopping for some local delicacies we bid them adieu thanking them for the warm hospitality extended. A beautiful project with and for beautiful people!

Ann Shoba Sriram



DID YOU KNOW

Largest Maritime District in Rotary POHUTUKAWA coast District 9920 a geographic area covering a half of Auckland, New Zealand, the seven Pacific nations of American Samona, Cook Islands, Fiji , French Polynesian, Kiribati, Tonga and Samoa a total of Fifty three clubs doing meaningful projects.





LITERACY

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SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES AT ANJUGAM

14th July 2023

Rtn Rukmini

Spoken English classes for Anjugam primary school students for the year were resumed on July 14, 2023. This is our third consecutive year. We aim to empower these young learners with the confidence and ability to express themselves in English. Our classes will focus on conversational skills, vocabulary building, and pronunciation, providing a solid foundation for their educational journey.



Some of our RCCT members supported by paying the annual fees for two deserving students. Mohit studying in LKG in Kings Nursery and Primary school and Naren studying in class 7 in Don Bosco Higher secondary school, Aravaiurichi, referred by Rtns Hitesh and Amudha.





INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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INTERNATIONAL AVENUE

Rtn Samuel Mathew

During my official trip to the United States of America, I reached out to Ms. Celia, the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Brooklyn Bridge. She promptly responded and invited me to attend the End of the Rotary Year Picnic.

The picnic turned out to be a wonderful event filled with warmth, camaraderie, and meaningful connections. It was heartening to witness how Rotary transcends borders, bringing together individuals from different countries and backgrounds, united by a common purpose.

The following day, I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Celia and share some of the noteworthy projects undertaken by RCCT. I had the privilege to exchanged flags and establish new connects.

This experience serves as a reminder of the incredible network of like-minded Rotarians working together to create positive change in the world.





RCCT IN THE DISTRICT

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RCCT AT SUNANDHAM DISTRICT AWARDS

22nd July 2023

Rtn Rajie Vijay Sarathy

“It doesn't matter how many times you win an award, it is always very special-Zinedine Zidane”

The District Awards 2022/23 held on July 22nd at hotel Green Park, turned out to be a scintillating one for RCCT.

Silver Jubilee President Rtn Satish Jupiter and a few members of the Silver board along with their spouses- Rtns Satish Jupiter, Manoj, Shalin, Satish K, Rajesh Narang, Rajie Vijay, Capt Jayadevan and Sabu, Anns Hamsa and Alpana in their elegant attires were all set to sparkle at the District Awards Nite.

The men in dark suits and the women in bright sarees looked dapper and resplendent as always. We literally stood out amongst all the clubs not just with our appearance but also winning almost all the coveted Awards for the Rotary year.

From the moment the ceremony started, President Rtn Satish Jupiter had no time to sit. He was on his toes striding up and down the dais to collect the awards much to the envy of all the other clubs of the district.

To name a few awards won were :

Best President - Rtn Satish Jupiter.

Best Secretary - Rtn Manoj

We won Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as well in almost all the Avenues.

District officials who were recognized:

Rtns. Krishnachander, Rajesh Narang, Gopal, Rajie Vijay, Sabu, Manoj, Anand, Padmaja, Sam, Srikumar Anns. Shoba and Alpana.

The pinnacle was our club winning the Platinum Award.

We made a clean sweep of the District Awards for the year 22-23. What a great way to celebrate the accomplishments, efforts and hard work done by the respective Rotarians and Anns of our prestigious club. Here's wishing the incoming team all the very best, may this winning trend continue!

Rtn Rajie Vijay Sarathy

AWARDS WON BY RCCT IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2022-23.

- **Club-Service** - Best Bulletin. Best Attendance / Family Participation , Record Keeping Club Basics .
- **Membership** – New Clubs Formation.
- **Vocational Service** – Best Vocational Service Award, Career Guidance (Micro Credit \ Skill Development \Job Fair).
- **Community Service** – Health Blood Donation Camps \Highest Collection of Units, General Medical Awareness programs.
- **Community Service Development** – Infra structure assistance Training and Financial assistance \ Road Safety\ Book Bank \ Educational assistance, Homeless \Old age Homes \ Industrial Safety Awareness\ Re- Green\Go-Green \Environmental Activity.
- **Literacy Project** – School Blocks Construction \Literacy activities
- **Youth Service** - RYLA with a DIFFERENCE .
- **International Service** - Working with Sister Clubs \Friendship Exchange ,

PARTICIPATION IN ROTARY CONVENTION.

Area of Public Image – Outstanding Public Image Project \Press \ Social Media Coverage.

RECOGNITION OF INNOVATIVE CLUB PROJECTS –

Voice of District , VIT Project for ABA , Six Alert Safety Camps , Project Kannoli for Cataract free village.

RECOGNITION IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES -

- Capital to the TRF Annual Program Fund
- Partnering in Global Grant Project during the Rotary Year 2022-23.
- Contributions to TRF Creating Endowment Directed Fund during the Year and to TRF Polio Fund .

CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR THE SERVICES RENDERED TO R.I DISTRICT 3232 DURING THE ROTARY YEAR 2022-23

- Rtn. Rajesh Narang – Assistant Governor
- Rtn. Sri-Kumar – Additional District Secretary
- Rtn. Shobha Sri ram- District Partner's Committee
- Rtn. Padmaja Venket and Alpana Manoj towards Purple Reign Bulletin Team
- Rtn. Gopal K towards Chairman Family Participation .
- Rtn.Rajalakshmi Vijaysarthy as Chairman for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Rtn. Sabu Balagopal as Chairman Fellowship of Wine Loving Rotarians
- Rtn. Manoj T. as Chairman Fellowship of Beer Loving Rotarians

AWARDS FOR VARIOUS AVENUES .

- Bronze Award for avenue of Public Image in recognition of meritorious work done.
- Silver Award for avenue of International Service .
- Gold Award for the following avenues – Club-service, Community service Development, Vocational service and Literacy and Wash.
- Rotary Action Trophy Platinum to our club for the meritorious performance across all Avenues .
- Best Club Secretary Award to Rtn. Manoj T.
- Best Club President Award to Rtn. Satish Jupiter
- The most valuable Rotarian Award to Rtn. Krishna Chander
- The Outstanding Champions of the District was presented to Rtn . R.Anandrishnan .





RCCT BULLETIN AWARD

29th June 2023

Rotary club of Madras Metro institutes an award for best Bulletin amongst the clubs in the district. The award ceremony this year was held on June 29, 2023 at the Presidency club. RCCT won the prestigious “**GOLD AWARD**” for the best content and maximum number of pages. Categories of awards were below 50 and above 50 members.

The Bulletin Team Editor Rtn Jayshree , Ann Parul Shah and Annet Neha Jayadevan .





RCCT IN THE NEWS

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IPP Satish Jupiter met the Hon'ble Mayor of Chennai Ms R Priya at the Rippon Buildings and also the new Health Secretary Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bedi I.A.S. at the Secretariat.

He mentioned about the Mobile Van Health on wheels project of RCCT.





ACHIEVEMENTS

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DR. VASUMATHY

2nd July 2023

It was an honor to be conferred the community service award by IMA Tamil Nadu state by Dr Narayanasamy , The Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University and Dr. Sentamil Pari , IMA state president at Hotel Hyatt Regency .



ANNETTE JAYDEN

16th July 2023

Annette Jayden son of Rtn Sam and Ann Monika , won the semifinal U13 championship organized by Chennai District Badminton Association on July 16th. Congratulations champ.



ANNETTE GOKUL

Annette Gokul , son of Rtn Karthik and Ann Geetha , represented the Chennai Rifle Club at the 48th Air Pistol Shooting Championship held by the Madurai Rifle Club, Madurai. He won 3 Golds , 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals . There were over 127 Air pistol shooters from across Tamil Nadu .



Congratulations.



ONGOING PROJECTS

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ANBAGAM

29th July 2023

RCCT continues to contribute monthly provisions to Anbagam, a home for the mentally challenged destitutes.

The donors for the month of July 2023 are Anns Vidya Sagar, Mrinalini, Abha and spouse Ravi Varanasi



RETTARI DIALYSIS CENTER

Rcct continues to provide free - medical care at our Dialysis centre .

July - 50 patients/506 Dialysis



ANNIVERSARY WISHES

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RCCT extends warm wedding anniversary wishes to the lovely couples celebrating their special day.



Rtn. Rajie Vijay Sarathy
and
Spouse Vijay



Rtn. Anand Krishnan
and
Ann Saranya



Rtn. Eashwar
and
Ann Shalini



Rtn. Dr. Vidya Dharan
and
Ann Mrinalini

RCCT extends congratulations and warm wishes to Annette Sanjana and Arun on their wedding.
Happy married life ! God bless



NEW FEATURE

HISTORY OF OUR BULLETIN

As a new feature this year, we the bulletin team for the year 2023-24 would like to pay tribute to the 'UNSUNG HEROES' of our club "the editors and members of the Towers Times !"

To quote some of the initial challenges faced by of the founder bulletin team member Rtn Sabu,

"The journey of Towers times from TYPEWRITER era to DIGITAL eraI have seen it all, anxious moments of receiving hand written articles , type setting the page , bulletin team members trying to insert pictures here and there!! " And many more details documenting the obstacles and solutions, are expressed in his article about the RCCT club bulletin's journey from its inception till date !

We would like to invite few members who have been silently and diligently working all these years as part of bulletin team, to share their experiences with us and inspire the new members to take on the mantle by becoming a part of RCCT Bulletin team in the future.

Ann Anuradha Prasad

Team Bulletin 23/24



Editor 1998-99. - SABU

The year 1998, computers were very rare, email was even rarer and the only method of communication was the time-tested courier service. Mobile phone was only for the rich and famous and was only to make calls for urgent matters due to its prohibitive cost.

With a new Rotary Club consisting of all new members the only way to communicate among the club as well as the 58 other clubs in the district was to have a single source of communication (now replaced by group mail, WhatsApp etc.) that reaches all the members in RCCT, the other club Presidents of the district, and other important district officers.

Thus was born Towers Times within 15 days after the club was formed. An 8-member editorial team worked hard to get articles from all the family members of RCCT.

The articles were mostly either handwritten or typed on a manual typewriter.

They were collected by various members of the editorial team and sent to my office.

I used to segregate them get whatever was handwritten typed and it was all sent to a manual typesetter who also had an old hand printing machine. He was always full with work and we had to cajole, coax and beg him to take up our work since we could afford only lesser rates.

It would be printed and then kept for drying for a day...when it rains it used to take longer time to dry.

They were then collected brought to my office, individually put in a large envelope to avoid folding the bulletin and sent by courier costing Rs. 3/- per envelope every month to almost 300 people in the district every month on the dot...The addresses were typed together in A4 sheets, several copies of which were kept ready always and they used to be cut and pasted with glue on each envelope..

It used to be quite a task to also read more than 40 bulletins that I used to receive every month..my post box in my house used to get filled with bulletins almost every day along with several letters, invitations etc. from other clubs....All this was in the last century ..we have come a long way now...I still have a smile remembering those exciting days of creating Towers Times and feel so happy that it has become the Talk of the Town in Rotary circles thanks to some fantastic teams who carried it forward.



Sabu Balagopal

BULLETIN TEAM

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Ann Anuradha Prasad



Ann Priya Vivek