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KINDNESS, COMMITMENT AND COURAGE - THE PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR - Rtn KARTHIKEYAN



The textile gene runs in him as Rtn. Karthikeyan comes from a family that has soaked in the business for eons in Karur District, Tamilnadu. A commerce graduate from Pachaiyappa's, Karthikeyan recently completed his B.A., LLB degree and has registered as an Advocate in Bar Council of Tamilnadu and Puducherry.

A humble, grounded and socially sensitive Rtn. Karthikeyan is a self-made, committed and hard-working person and that has made him a successful entrepreneur today. He is the CEO of REKA EXPORT, a company that exports and supplies garments to various countries and is involved in online marketing as well. Rtn Karthikeyan is empathetic and supports

cancer patients, has motivated friends and family to donate their eyes and has been instrumental in getting a claim of 20 lakh for an accident victim with constant follow up that's made the victim self-sufficient. He has also enabled him establish his tailoring business that he runs successfully today.

Ann Revathi is his not only his Lucky Charm, she is also an amazing and warm hearted lady who supports Karthikeyan in all his endeavours wholeheartedly be it Rotary, business or family. With her simplicity and positive demeanour, she has won the hearts of everyone without an exception. She will ensure the Anns participate in all events of the club this year. Rtn. Karthikeyan is blessed with a son Annette Prithvirajan, who holds a B.E., degree with EEE as major and did his masters in Data science at New York State University & currently pursuing Phd (Data science) at Cumberland University.

His Daughter, Annette Kavya is pursuing her third year in Bachelor of Fashion Technology in National Institute of Fashion Technology at Taramani, Chennai.

Rtn. Karthikeyan joined Rotary Club of Madras Chennapatna in the year 2014 and has held various positions like Secretary, Treasurer, Director - Youth Service, Vocational Service, and Community Service and is groomed well for his role as President.

We look forward to a glorious year for Madras Chenna Patna as he steers the club forward!

Ann Sukanya Sriram



*A Warm Welcome to
District Governor
Rtn. N.S. Saravanan
&
First Lady Bharathi*

Board Members 24-25



PROMISING Rtn. PARESH KHATRI - SECRETARY

Rtn. Pares P Khatri embarked on his journey with Rotary in 2008, driven by a passion for community service and philanthropy. Armed with an MBA in Finance from LIBA, he for long has been handling the kitty of the club. Pares is married to Khushi and is blessed with delightful twin daughters, Saisha and Sufi, who are five years old. Pares is an avid cricketer, badminton player, a foodie and loves to travel. As club secretary Pares will certainly give his best to the President, participating and supporting with a lot of enthusiasm.



VIBRANT Rtn. VIDYA ALAGUPERUMAL – IPP AND TREASURER

An Immediate Past President, Vidya has donned the role of President for two consecutive years in times of crisis. Equipped with BL and MBA degrees, Vidya is a practicing Advocate at the Madras High Court and serves as External Member of PoSH IC Committee to several companies. She is married to Dr. Alaguperumal, Associate Professor in LIBA and has a daughter named Moksha, studying Law in NLU, Tiruchirapalli. Vidya is sure to manage the kitty well with her experience and wisdom.



SUPPORTIVE Rtn. SURYA BASKER – DIRECTOR CLUB SERVICE

The best friend to the President, Surya will lend his support unconditionally. A kind, strong and warm-hearted Surya will share his knowledge and expertise to serve as the Club Service Director this year. A seasoned Rotarian, Surya is an importer of exotic fruits and fondly addressed as the 'Steve Jobs of Chenna Patna'. Married to Geetha, he is blessed with a talented daughter Viharika who is an MBA graduate from Symbiosis, Hyderabad campus.



SUAVE Rtn. SYED AKBER – DIRECTOR VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Syed Akber (Popularly and Affectionately known as Syed or Akber a green Rotarian will don the role of Vocational Service Director. He currently Heads L&D and Workforce Management for one of HCL's large business units and his corporate experience and a passion for excellence will certainly be an asset in his new assignment as the Vocational Service Director. Syed enjoys trekking and travelling and loves meeting new people and making new friends. His better half Mubeena is a holistic English faculty at PSBB.



ADMIRABLE Rtn. AZHAGIRI GOVINDARAJU – DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

A green Rotarian Azhagiri Govindaraju is a senior leader and currently working as Senior Manager at Philips GBS located in Chennai. A seasoned IT person Azhagiri is committed, gifted with a great sense of humour and is an asset to the club. A quick learner, he will surely make waves in his new role as Director - Community service Development. Married to Jebarani, the couple are blessed with two children, son Inban Azhagiri is a third year Engineering at VIT, Chennai and a daughter Vennila is in class seven St. Britto's Academy.



DYNAMIC Rtn. DEBASISH MOHANTY – DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICE HEALTH

Debasish is a Chartered Accountant by qualification, currently into business consulting. He is management consultant for some corporates and business houses. He is also an independent Director for a few companies. An active member

of Madras Chenna Patna, he was chairman for Para TT National championship year 2023-24. Committed Debasish will surely do his best as the Director Community Service – Health. Happily married to Preeti, a computer software professional, the couple are blessed with two children Dhyan and Dhruv.



GRACEFUL Rtn. GOPALAKRISHNAN – DIRECTOR YOUTH SERVICE

Rtn. Gopalakrishnan is a seasoned and held all positions at the club level and several positions in the District level. He is a Business Consultant by profession and voracious reader and an avid Bridge player. Currently he is the District Chairperson for Club Service this year. With his rich experience he is sure to bring more laurels to Madras Chenna Patna's Youth Service which is the stronghold of the club. Married to Muthulakshmi the couple are blessed with two daughters, Parvathy the elder one is a fitness trainer and Preethy, the younger one is a solutions manager in a Broadcom company.



RADIANT Rtn. RAMANATHAN – DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ram is a seasoned banking transformation leader with global experience. As an entrepreneur, he is part of the board and also has cofounded multiple start-ups and is a true believer in the power of technology and AI. Ram has been actively championing various Global Grant and social impact projects in Rotary over the last seven years and an active member of Madras Chenna Patna. He, with his global connects is sure to bring laurels to the club as the International Service Director. Ram is married to Deepa and they have been an integral part of the Chenna Patna family and actively participate in club programs.



PROACTIVE Rtn. PRABHAKAR – CHAIR – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A Civil Engineer with versatile experience in construction industry, Prabhakar is the managing partner for Disha Constructions. Another seasoned Rotarian, he has held various roles in the District with aplomb. A friend for all, Prabhakar is a champion when it comes to Membership Development. Married to Sasibanu, a Post Graduate teacher in Chennai Higher Secondary School and is fondly called the nightingale of Madras Chenna Patna. The couple are blessed with two sons Sandeep Narayan who recently completed his MS and employed in Finra USA and Kapil Vignesh is pursuing his third year Engineering.



SUPERSTAR Rtn. SAPTAGIRI – CHAIR – ROTARY FOUNDATION

A true asset to Madras Chenna Patna, Saptagiri is a Chartered Accountant with over 36 years of practice in this profession. A Charter Member of the club he has served the District in various positions and was the president in the year 2001-02. Happily married to Anandhi, they have two children Abishek and Aarthi. Giri is a down-to-earth, warm-hearted and committed Rotarian who will truly excel as the Foundation Chair making us all proud Pattinathars.



DILIGENT Rtn. DILEEP KUMAR – CHAIR – DEI

Dileep is a star in his own way. A Real Estate Consultant by profession, he will continue to be the Chairman DEI - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, the latest concept being promoted by RI to bring practices and policies intended to support people who come from varying backgrounds. With

his rich experience as a Rotarian for nearly 30 years, we can expect more action from his end this year also as he continues his stint as DEI Chair. Married to Anitha, the couple are blessed with an intelligent and smart daughter Nivedita who has graduated from IIT, Madras.



SMART Rtn. SENTHAN AMUTHAN – CHAIR – PUBLIC IMAGE

A silent yet efficient person, Amuthan is a team player. He is an avid swimmer who runs two businesses of Event Management called Master Crafts and a travel business in the name of Impressario Tours & Travels. He is balanced in his approach to any situation and with his contacts he can multitask and work efficiently to build the image of our club. Married to Vanitha the couple are blessed with two children, daughter Shivani who is pursuing her masters in the US and son Harishwa is doing his engineering in Chennai.



RESILIENT Rtn. RAJA SRIRAAM (SRIRAM MAHADEVAN) – SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Charter Member of Madras Chenna Patna, Raja Sriraam is a qualified gemmologist who runs a diamond and precious stone jewellery manufacturing business Madras Blue Diamonds. A seasoned Rotarian Raja is a friend for all and enjoys Rotary to the core. As Seargent-at-Arms he knows bring about discipline if need be. Married to Sukanya, the couple are blessed with a daughter Swathi, a UX writer who lives in Berlin, Germany with her spouse Karthik.



KEEN LEARNER Rtn. DR KANNAN – VICE PRESIDENT

A general physician, Dr. Kannan is a sports enthusiast, he helps underprivileged and people with disability. He is an avid reader and is also fond of travelling. He will learn and absorb this year to spearhead the club next year. Dr Kannan is happily married to Dr. Latha, who is a Gynaecologist. They have a son, Vivek Krishna, who is an Electronics engineer living in US.



AFFABLE Rtn. ANTONY KUMAR - CHAIRMAN POLIO PLUS

Rtn. Antony Kumar joined the Chenna Patna Club in 2023. He is an accomplished HR professional with nearly 27 years of experience in the field. Antony is the Director of Config Solutions (P) Ltd., an IT staffing company.

A green Rotarian, Antony is enthusiastic and will do his role well as the Polio Plus Chairman. He is married to Mariaselvi, a dedicated language teacher. They have two children: Jessica Caroline, who is in the 11th standard, and Jeffrey Davis, who is in the 10th standard. Antony is passionate about social service, music, and travel.

The Street Food of Madras!

The Fellowship Culinary Art Loving Rotarians (FOCA) had organised this very first trip and I also joined them to explore the street food of Madras aka Chennai. Kai yendhi Bhavan, vandi kadai, gaadi dhaba, all of them are unique! They sell street food! In Mumbai there are Kau Gallies only with street food vendors and no other shops and no vehicles are allowed inside, one can only walk through like the Walking Street of Pattaya.

These cart owners are people who do not have the wherewithal to invest and run a full fledged hotel but are specialists in their own little way. They make the delicacies instantly, sell and make their collection for the day and one can be assured it's genuinely fresh since none of them have refrigerators to store.

We started off with Ankur Malaai at the Agarwal Bhavan on a sweet note, and proceeded to Shiv Shakthi chat bhandar, the bread bajji wala who is located at the inter junction of Govindappa Naicken street and Narayana Mudali lane, fresh bread bajjis and kachoris with masala inside were gobbled up, with the tingling mirchi taste asking for more!

Then we entered into Mint street, only to find ourselves at Anmol Lassiwala, who serves fresh thick lassi with kesar badam mix, a real treat to the young. he serves it in a 400 ml lotta and one allowed consume more than half!

The next of course was the Kakada Ramaprasad joint, where we tasted the fresh hot Jilebis, Pani puri, Bhel puri and we moved to the next spot, Chinnappan Murukku sandwich, located at the inter junction of Devaraja Mudali street and NSC Bose road. The Murukku is just about 30 mm dia, with one at the top and one at the bottom with a slice of cucumber, tomato, cheese, onion and some masala carefully stuffed with a topping of sauce that was optional. It was so yummy and after emptying half a dozen water bottles, we moved to the very next shop where fresh karumbu juice of our choice was available. The next sojourn was Mehta bros at Mint street, about 15 buildings away from Chinnamma Kovil where we to had a taste of fresh vada paav, the highlight here was of course the fried fresh green chilli that was as accompaniment to it which was an inviting add on!

The last leg of the evening saw us move on to Cheena Bhai (Actually the owner is Srinivasan, aka Cheena) hotel located opposite Krishnaprasad only to taste the fresh dosas and Oothappams of all varieties made to our specs and after finishing all of that, to quench the thirst and for a feel good factor, we moved to the very next shop where there was excellent elaneer payasam. This was the last leg of the trip!

With our stomach and hearts full, we took pictures and we all disbursed and I felt I needed to walk atleast a few kilometres to make good the extra calories! This was truly a visual, olfactory and a gustatory experience that will stay in my mind and memory forever!

Rtn. Raja M Sriraam

PATTINATHARS IN THE DISTRICT

Rtn. Saptagiri

- Rotary Foundation – Endowment Chair
- Advisor – Club Service
- District Conference – Additional Chair
- CSR Committee Member

Rtn. Gopalakrishnan

- District Chairperson – Club Service District Conference – Program committee

Rtn. Senthana Amuthan

- Associate Chairperson – Public Image

Rtn. Prabhakar Associate Chairman – Club Service

- Associate Chairman – Conference (Venue)

Rtn. Vidya Regional Secretary – Zone 7

- Additional Chairman – Women Empowerment



RI President Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick

Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick is the Rotary International (RI) President for 2024-2025, and she took office on July 1, 2024. Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray in Pennsylvania, and has previously served as an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has a doctorate in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and has worked in higher education, consulting, and entertainment. Urchick is also involved in partnerships between US clubs and districts and Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

ROTARY THEME - 'The Magic of Rotary'

RI President Stephanie Urchick, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.



“One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, ‘Show me the magic again,’” she said. “Obviously, the water filter wasn’t magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life.”

Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. “It’s up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member.”

🌀 BIRTHDAYS 🌀

Partner R. Alaguperumal	-	5 th July
Annette Kapil s/o Rtn. Prabhakar	-	5 th July
Rtn. Rajasekar	-	8 th July
Ann Sharmilee w/o Rtn. Ganesh Janakan	-	9 th July
Annette Lavanya d/o Rtn.Shankar	-	18 th July
Rtn. Vidya Alaguperumal	-	18 th July
Annette Smyrna d/o Rtn.Ani Grace	-	20 th July
Rtn. Surendra	-	22 nd July
Ann Mubeena w/o Rtn. Syed Akber	-	24 th July
Rtn. A.V.S.Rau	-	26 th July
Annette Sandeep s/o Rtn. Prabhakar	-	29 th July

🌀 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 🌀

Rtn. Senthana Amuthan and Ann Vanitha Amuthan	-	6 th July
Rtn. Surendra and Ann Usha Surendra	-	12 th July