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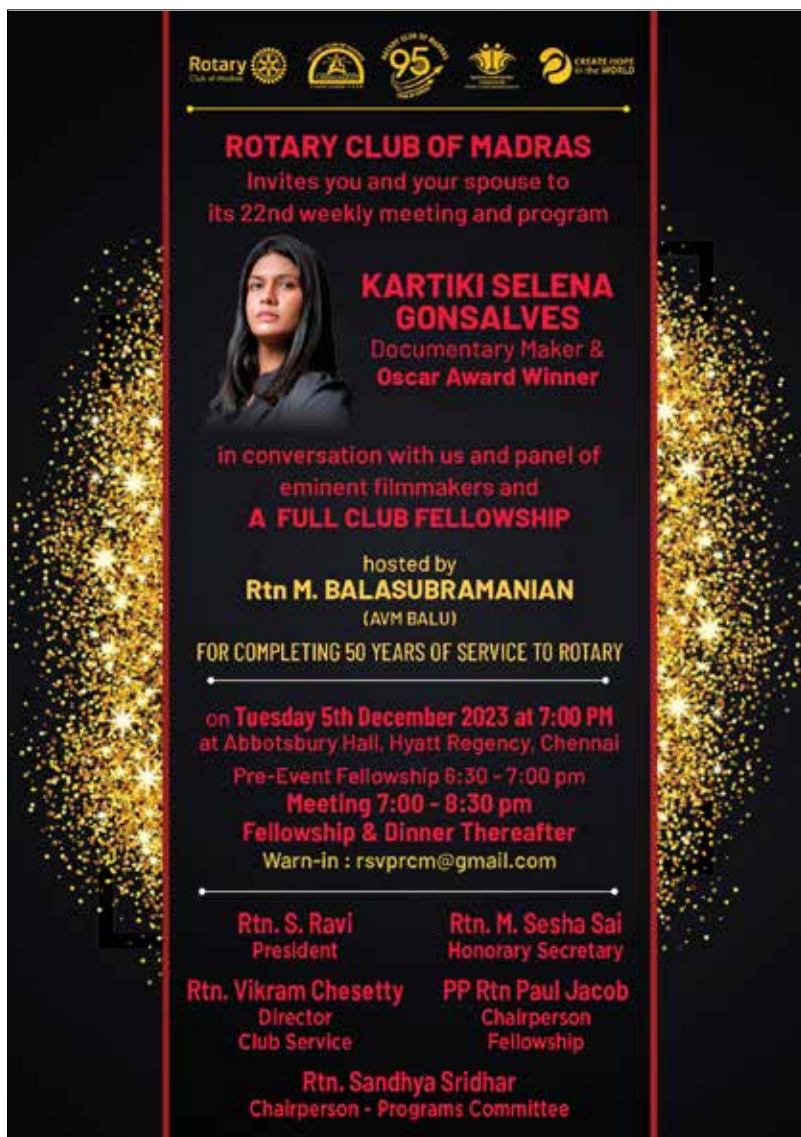
Dear RCMers,

Greetings!

An inspiring talk by RI President Nominee,
Rtn. Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo,
has been encapsulated as excerpts.

As we go into the last month of the year, it's a great
time to take stock of the year gone by and reflect on
our contributions to society as Rotarians.
Let's persevere in making the next year count.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Sunita Suresh



Rotary Club of Madras
Invites you and your spouse to
its 22nd weekly meeting and program

KARTIKI SELENA GONSALVES
Documentary Maker &
Oscar Award Winner

in conversation with us and panel of
eminent filmmakers and
A FULL CLUB FELLOWSHIP
hosted by
Rtn M. BALASUBRAMANIAN
(AVM BALU)

FOR COMPLETING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ROTARY

on **Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7:00 PM**
at Abbotsbury Hall, Hyatt Regency, Chennai
Pre-Event Fellowship 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Fellowship & Dinner Thereafter
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Minutes of the 21st Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras

held at the Hyatt Regency on 28.11.23 | 07:PM P.M IST | Platform: Zoom

Attendance:

Rotarian Mario Ceaser Martin

(Guest of Honour)

President **Ravi Sundaresan**

District Governor **Ravi Raman**

District Governor Elect **Saravanan**

District Governor Nominee **Vinod Sarogi**

Past President **Gopinath**

Secretary **Sesha Sai**

Director Club Services **Vikram Chesetty**

President Elect RCM **Chella Krishna**

President Nominee RCM **Nikhil Raj**

Sabina Narayan (Sergeant at Arms)

Rtn. Ravi (95th President from Japan)

and other dignitaries, rotarians, and guests

Meeting Commencement:

Invocation song: Tamizh Thai Vazhthu.

Welcome by Prabha Srinivasan,

the Treasure of Rotary Club of Madras.

Introduction of the 21st weekly meeting with a unique format.

Dignitaries Present:

District Governor **Ravi Raman**

District Governor Elect **Saravanan**

District Governor Nominee **Vinod Sarogi**

President Elect RCM **Chella Krishna**

President Nominee RCM **Nikhil Raj**

Past President **Gopinath**

Secretary **Sesha Sai**

Director Club Services **Vikram Chesetty**

Rtn. Ravi (95th President from Japan)

(Sergeant at Arms) **Sabina Narayan**

Guest of Honour:

Rotary International President Nominee

Mario Ceaser Martin from Sao Paulo.

Collaring of the 95th President:

Sergeant at Arms, **Rtn. Sabina Narayan**,

collars President **Ravi Sundaresan**.

President Ravi Sundaresan's

Opening Address:

Confirmation of the 20th weekly meeting held on 21st November.

Introduction of Rotary Club of Madras and its history.

Overview of the club's achievements, contributions, and ongoing projects.

President's message on building responsible communities and creating hope in the world.

Request for **Sabina Narayan** to highlight upcoming projects.

Sabina Narayan on RCM Projects:

Overview of Rotary Club of Madras projects in various areas of focus.

Emphasis on promoting peace, fighting diseases, providing clean water and sanitation, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and protecting the environment.

Mention of specific projects and their impact.

Tech Team Presentation:

Presentation of videos showcasing Rotary Club of Madras projects.

President Ravi Sundaresan's Closing Address:

Acknowledgment of teamwork and collaboration in Rotary.

Expression of gratitude to all participants.

Sharing of Mera Johnson's quote on the purpose of Rotary.

Formal Invitations by Past President N.K.Gopinath :

Recognition of special guests from various Rotary clubs globally.

Mention of notable attendees and their affiliations.

Birthday and Anniversary Announcements by Sesha Sai:

Recognition of members and their family members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming week.

Introduction of District Dignitaries:

Introduction of District Governor **Ravi Raman**,

District Governor Elect **Saravanan**, and

District Governor Nominee **Vinod Sarogi**.

Remarks from District Governor **Ravi Raman** on the event.

Remarks by District Governor Elect Saravanan:

Acknowledgment of Rotary Club of Madras' exemplary projects.

Appreciation for the Boys Town project and other initiatives.

Remarks by District Governor Nominee Vinod Sarogi:

Overview of District 3232's achievements, focusing on global grants and various projects.

Invitations to visit District 3232.

Introduction of Rotary International President Nominee

Mario by President Nominee Nikhil Raj:

Background information on Rotary International President Nominee **Mario Ceaser Martin**.

RI President Nominee Mario's Address:

Sharing insights on his vision for Rotary International.

Expressing gratitude for the warm welcome and acknowledging the impressive work of Rotary Club of Madras.

Closing Remarks by Rtn. Chella Krishna:

Thanks to President Nominee **Nikhil Raj** and Rotary International

President Nominee **Mario** for their contributions.

Handover to **Prabha** for further proceedings.

Acknowledgment by Rtn. Prabha Srinivasan:

Acknowledgment of **Gopi** for facilitating international participation.

Transition to Secretary **Sesha Sai** for the vote of thanks.

Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Sesha Sai:

Expressing gratitude to all participants, dignitaries, and guests.

Appreciation for the engaging presentations and discussions.

Closing remarks on the spirit of Rotary and fellowship.

Next weekly meeting is on 05-12-2023 Dinner Meeting & FCF

Speaker: Mr.Kartiki Selena Gonsalves - OSCAR Winning Director of Elephant Whisperer at Hyatt Regency Abbotsbury Hall. ■

"My Vision of Rotary"

Rtn. Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo **Rotary International President Nominee**

Excerpts from the virtual meeting:

Taking into account, adversity, enlarging clubs and growing memberships are all related to respect for each other. Diversity is one core value that mitigates the differences in culture, food, places and beliefs. The main objective of any president is to have sustainable healthy membership growth.

Rotarians being the main assets of the club, India remains a main positive example of growing club members in a healthy way. The focus should be on the clubs that are not doing well.

Evolution of Rotary Clubs - Innovation & rejuvenation is the key to the Club & necessity of young people and the dynamics they bring to the club. His own Rotary journey started at the age of 23.

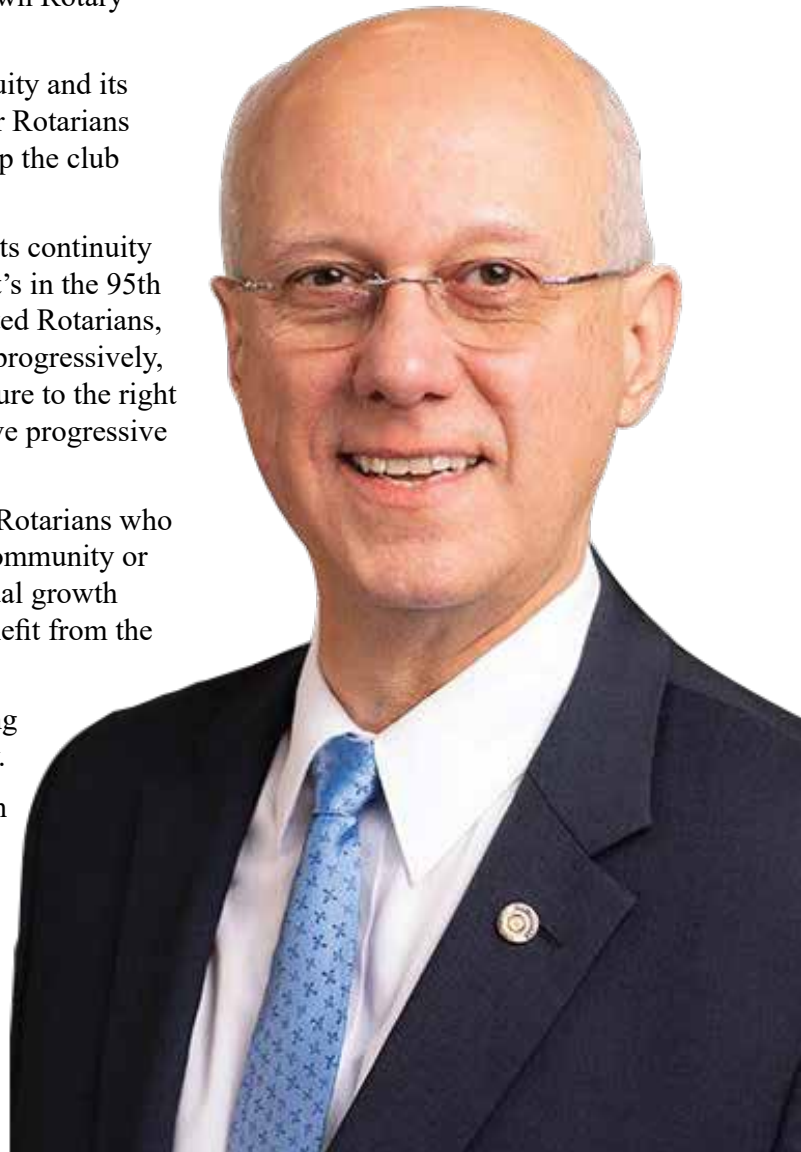
Rtn. Mario Cezar also spoke about continuity and its importance and how he can motivate other Rotarians once he is on board and how unity can help the club grow.

The Rotary Club of Madras is known for its continuity and that's the first priority, which is why it's in the 95th year. He wants to encourage only committed Rotarians, which ensures healthy growth every year progressively, and he is sure it can be achieved by exposure to the right set of people, as it is very important to have progressive growth.

Rtn. Mario Cezar is keen on encouraging Rotarians who are interested in the development of the community or collective environment instead of individual growth and wishes that every Rotarian should benefit from the connections enrolled.

His favorite quote, "Once you stop learning you will start dying" is a credo he lives by.

Rtn. Mario Cezar said he will visit India in a couple of weeks, and he will try to meet as many Rotarians as possible during his scheduled visits to India from now until June 2024. ■



OCT Firesides

Fireside No 13:

Hosted by

Rtn Maya Thiagarajan &

Ritwik Bhattacharjee on

Friday, November 3 rd 2023

Attendees:

Rotarians: 16 | Spouses: 5 | Total: 21

Fireside No 14:

Hosted by

Rtn. Lala Mathai & Thangam on

Friday, November 17 th 2023

Attendees:

Rotarians: 39 | Spouses: 20 | Total: 59

Total firesides in November: 2

Attendees: Rotarians : 55

Spouses : 25

Total : 80 (excluding hosts)





THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS ORGANIZED A MEDICAL CAMP AT DR.R.S.M.GIRLS HIGHER,SEC,SCHOOL

The Rotary Club of Madras organized an Eye Camp in North Chennai – Linghi Chetty Street, Mannadi, at Dr.Rathinavel Subramanian Muthialpet Girls' Higher Secondary School.

Talking to Principal, Mr. Anand, he said the children studying here are all children of Street Dwellers, Manuel Laborer's of Port, Truck Operators, Auto-Rickshaw, Bullock Cart Drivers. This has become a complete business center and most of the past middle-class dwellers in houses have shifted elsewhere.

Medical Camp Report at Dr.R.S.M.Girls Higher, Sec,School, Mannadi

Organized by Rotary club of Madras

Total No Of Students screened – 522

Total No Of Students Referred for detailed Refraction – 46

Total No Of Students Glasses Prescribed – 31

Free spectacles and further diagnosed at the hospital, free of cost were provided for the children.

We Thank Vision Foundation for the Support.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 29th – Rtn. Shoukath Sherif

Nov. 29th – Rtn. Udayanarayanan G.M.

Nov. 29th – Ann.Uma Varman, Spouse of Arulmozhi Varman N.V. Dr.

Nov. 29th – Ann. Arun Krishnan, Spouse of Nandita Krishnan PP

Nov. 29th – Ann. Somna Sachdev, Spouse of Vipin Sachdev

Nov. 30th – Ann. Kamala, Spouse of Sesha Sai.M

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 27th – Rtn. Gopal Ratnam PP & S.L. Ratnam

Nov. 28th – Rtn. Gooch Kumar & Sangeetha

Nov. 28th – Rtn. Rohit Toshniwal & Ruchika Toshniwal

Nov. 29th – Rtn. Ravi Bhatkal & Priya

Nov. 29th – Rtn. Sanjay Tulsyan & Priya Tulsyan

Nov. 30th – Rtn. Suniel U Lulla & Brinda

Nov. 30th – Rtn. Kishor Dandeker J. & Meghana



Join us this month by participating in the e-waste collection drive. This initiative not only addresses the mounting issue of electronic waste but also promotes responsible disposal and recycling. We accept a wide range of electronic items, like old computers, laptops, smartphones, tablets, printers, monitors, keyboards, mice, cables, and other peripherals. Additionally, household appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, and microwaves are accepted. The goal is to divert these items from landfills, ensuring they are recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner to reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste.

#ewasteclectiondrive
#cleanerplanet
#Reduceewaste

Drop off point:

Wasted 360 Solutions,
T.Nagar,Chennai:600017

Google Map Link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/zDrpausVvV9fCcz97>

Do fill the google form once you send for our team to quantify and know you participated:

<https://forms.gle/WB4LfjahdsLYpi59A>

Thank you so much!

Environment Committee

Rtn. Gautam Reddy

Rtn. Dr. Vani Vijay



WALK THE TALK:

E-Waste Collection Drive

November 2023 Update:

Rtn. Suresh Amirapu collected all his E-Waste and deposited at the premises of Wasted 360 Solutions. Here the e-wastes are collected, recycled, reused and other disposed in an environmentally benign manner instead of ending up in a landfill.






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