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**RCM 26<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY MEETING**

**ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS WEEKLY MEETING**

**Tuesday, 2nd January 2024 | 1.30 pm**  
at Hyatt Regency, Chennai.

An interactive session with the Author  
**Dr. Sibichen K Mathew** IRS  
(TEDx speaker, Blogger and author of 'You Just Got Cheated', 'When the Boss is Wrong', 'Making People Pay' and many others.)



*Please note that spouses are cordially invited for this meeting.*

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## Minutes of the 25th Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras

held at the Hyatt Regency on 26.12.23

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Rotary Club of Madras convened on December 26, 2023, at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Teynampet, Chennai, commencing at 1:30 PM. President Ravi called the meeting to order, with PP Rtn. Mohan Raman P.V. collaring him in a symbolic initiation.

The session commenced with a moment of silent invocation, followed by confirmation of the 24th weekly meeting held at Hyatt in the preceding week. Rtn. Vikram Chesetty made announcements regarding an upcoming Amritsar trip, presenting options for a 3-night or 2-night stay, and addressed inquiries about the visa process for Pakistan.

**Vocational Service** Director Rtn. Vijay Balaji shared insights into the HAL trip, emphasizing the success of a recent industrial visit to Bangalore. Rtn. Jacob Kurien discussed the Rotary golf tournament, expressing gratitude for sponsor support and encouraging contributions for key box sponsorships.

Rtn. Ashwath Kumar Reddy conveyed appreciation for the overwhelming response to the Baku trip, providing detailed updates and thanking participants for their involvement.

Honorary Secretary Rtn. Sesha Sai made regular announcements, including updates on disaster relief efforts and upcoming medical camps. The meeting acknowledged birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations.

Three distinct Annual General Meetings (AGMs) were conducted for Boys Town Society, Charitable Trust, and Club Funds. Audited financial statements were reviewed, and resolutions were passed.

President Ravi extended thanks to sponsors, donors, and members for their contributions to various initiatives. Updates on club activities and plans for the upcoming 100th-year celebration were provided.

**Recognition was given to SNS Associates**, Chartered Accountants, represented by Rtn. Nagarajan, for their significant contribution to auditing and mentorship. PP Rtn. V.K. Chandrakumar was acknowledged for over 20 years of assistance in highlighting FCRI returns.

The announcement of the **quorum of 81** members present was followed by President-elect Rtn. Chella Krishna taking over to discuss the election process and nominations for the next year's vacancies. Nominees for various positions were announced, including Rtn. Rajesh Mani for Secretary, Rtn. Shiv



Kumar Easwaran for Asst Secretary and Bulletin Editor, Director CSR Rtn. Ganesh, Rtn. Gooch Kumar for Treasurer Charitable Trust, and President Nominee Designate Rtn. Balakrishna (Bobby).

The meeting included clarification of a proposed bylaw amendment related to the election of office bearers, along with a request for a proposer and seconder for the bylaw amendment. Subsequently, there was a discussion and approval of the proposed bylaw amendment.

Further discussions involved addressing an erratum in the notice of the published accounts and its resolution. Plans for the 100th-year celebration in 2028-29 were announced, accompanied by the formation of a committee to nominate the 100th-year president. An appeal was made for members to provide input regarding the 100th-year president nomination.

The District Governor election would be soon announced, with a request for the club's support for the candidate PP Rtn. Arulmozhi Varman Dr. The floor unanimously passed a resolution to support PP Rtn. Arulmozhi Varman's Dr. candidature for District Governor.

Expressing gratitude and appreciation, President Ravi's leadership in achieving a significant commitment of 8.02 crores was acknowledged. President-elect Rtn. Chella Krishna highlighted the generous contributions of members for CSR projects and global grants.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Secretary Rtn. Sesha Sai, and President Ravi adjourned the session, marking the conclusion of a comprehensive and impactful AGM. ■

From the 25th Meeting of Rotary Club of Madras December 26, 2023







Dear Rotarians,  
On behalf the President and Board members, I want to express my gratitude to the RCMers from Madras club for the delightful Christmas party. The event was brimming with happiness, joy, and music. The president Rtn. S Ravi, delivered an outstanding speech, and Brother Jacob Kurian did a fantastic job as the emcee. Special appreciation to Brother Paul and Tanu for their phenomenal curation of cuisine and decor. Finally the choir was just divine. With over 160 attendees, we had a fabulous Christmas celebration. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Rtn. Sesha Sai**







## BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 25th - Rtn. Karthik Srinivasan  
 Dec. 29th - Rtn. Avali Srinivasan
- Dec. 18th - Ann. Sridhar K. Spouse of Rtn. Jayshree Sridhar  
 Dec. 28th - Ann. Priya Menon, Spouse of Rtn. Shankar Menon P.  
 Dec. 29th - Ann. Dr. Saswati, Spouse of Rtn. Bhaswar Mukherjee  
 Dec. 29th - Ann. Karina, Spouse of PP Rtn. George B. Cherian

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 25th - Rtn. Jayant Hemdev & Dimple  
 Dec. 25th - Rtn. Fharzana Siraj & Siraj  
 Dec. 26th - Rtn. Ashish Gupta & Rucha  
 Dec. 28th - Rtn. Shibu Isaac Capt. & Susan Isaac  
 Dec. 28th - Rtn. Vivek Harinarain & Sangeeta  
 Dec. 28th - Rtn. Suresh Amirapu & Rukmini  
 Dec. 29th - Rtn. Nimish C Tolia & Sushma  
 Dec. 29th - Rtn. Tareen A.K. & Sanobar  
 Dec. 29th - Rtn. Ravi Prakash Singhee & Manisha Singhee



### **A Note to the RI President and TRF team**

I joined Rotary Club of Madras in 1995 and got elected as the President of the Club in 2018 - 19. Thereafter my team of Directors was so enthusiastic and motivated that they took on projects which they themselves were not confident of fulfilling the desired results, but by the sheer dedication and hardwork, they not only achieved the said targets but also surpassed the same. Thereafter I got so motivated that I should contribute to the TRF, as our own Club was getting manifold benefits year after year.

Then why TRF I chose to contribute? The reasons are very simple. The key persons at TRF are straight forward and with high integrity. Apart from this the Charity Navigator in US have recognised TRF as a four star rated Charitable Organisation. TRF as a Charitable organisation has the lowest overheads spend (approx. less than 5%) on their total deployment of funds. My choice and my advise to Rotarians around all Clubs is that they should contribute and contribute liberally to this fund, be it 100 / 200 or even 500 dollars, quantum should not be a criteria. It is the essence of giving which is important.

Regards,  
**Rtn. PP Ranjit Pratap**



**RID C. Basker, President Vijay Jatia, President of Rotary Club of Madras Ranjit Pratap and PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla et al**



## **CLOTHES DONATION DRIVE**

Join our CLOTHES DONATION drive this month! Let's come together, declutter with purpose, and make a positive impact on the lives of others. We are happy to take gently used clothing, including jackets, sweaters, shirts, pants, shoes, socks, undergarments (in a separate cover), and blankets. Consider all age groups and seasons, providing a variety for those in need. Clean out your closets to make a difference!

#cleanerplanet #clothesdonation  
#reducepollution #greenplanet #makeadifference

## OLD CLOTHES COLLECTION DRIVE



## MEDICAL CAMP AT SDNB VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN organised by RCM jointly with Sundaram Medical Foundation and UMA Eye Clinic



# DEC Firesides

## Fireside No 15

### Hosted by

**Rtn. Rajesh Somasundaram & Midhuna**

on Sunday, December 3

Attendees:

Rotarians : 25 | Spouses : 16 | Total : 41

## Fireside No 16

**Hosted by Rtn Dr Anuradha Ganesan & Dr A.S. Ganesan**

on Saturday, December 16th

Attendees:

Rotarians : 17 | Spouses : 13 | Total : 30

Total firesides in December : 2

Attendees: Rotarians: 42 | Spouses: 29

Total: 71 (excluding hosts)





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